

SHORTHAIR TALES

AUG/SEPT

2009

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hunting season is upon us and the summer is coming to an end. We had a very successful Specialty Show at our new location and thank everyone who helped make this transition run so smoothly. Special thanks to Pat and Fred for organizing this huge undertaking with such perfection!

We greatly appreciate all those who donated to the trophy fund and to Pauline for her fabulous raffle! As usual we had a wonderful array of quality items to bid on! We send our congratulations to all the winners and hope to see everyone again next year.

Shortly we will be having our last two events for the year. Our club championship and hunt tests. We would love to have you join us, and if you have already finished a title or are still in training, we can always use your help. But, in any event, we would enjoy just having you stop by and visit! We will be having a short meeting when we break for lunch at the championship, so come and share your ideas. Lou has arranged to have our hunt tests included in an program that the NH Fish & Game is having the same weekend. People will be able to stop in to see what we do, ask questions and meet our dogs. Thank you Lou for doing all this for us! It's great exposure for the club and what we love doing with our breed!

Deb

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NOW THIS IS CONTROL!



JOIN US FOR OUR
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
SEPT 20, 2009
&
HUNT TESTS
SEPT 26-27
2009

FOR THOSE WHO WERE
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OVER THE YEARS
THIS PUBLICATION
HAS BEEN A WEALTH OF
INFORMATION
ON OUR BREED.
WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE
YOUR DOG
BE A PART OF THAT!

**COVER PHOTO
ONE OF THE LINE UPS AT OUR SPECIALTY
BRED BY BITCH CLASS**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday, July 26, 2009 at the home of Peggy and Lou Gagnon. In attendance were Deb Broad, Scott Neal, Peggy Gagnon, Lou Gagnon and Pat Russell. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM. Upon motion made and seconded, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the last newsletter.

President's Report

Nothing really new to report, other than things are going well with all our various activities. A big THANK YOU to everyone for getting things done for our upcoming events - especially Scott, who has jumped into the Hunt Test arena with both feet!

Secretary's Report

Tabled, since Lynn was unable to attend.

Treasurer's Report

Tabled, since Steve was unable to attend

Election of New Members

None to report

Show Committee

Pat reported that we are ready for our upcoming Specialty with Cheshire County on August 2nd. There are 45 GSPs entered. We are also in progress for the Sporting Dog Association show in March.

Hunt Test Committee

Scott reported that we are all set for September's tests - approvals have been received from the AKC. Deb said that she has done a little more inquiry on the possibility of running tests by 2 clubs on the same weekend, but is still exploring the rules.

Club Championship

Lou has the judges arranged for the Club Championship on September 20th. The entry form was included with the last newsletter. We will need to know how many

plan to attend so that we can arrange for the right number of birds.

Training Days

We will have a Training Day at Wilderness Adventures in Hillsborough on August 23rd, starting at 9AM. Sporting clays will be available for those who would like to use them. More information will follow.

Rescue Committee

Peg reported that recently the New England GSP Rescue has primarily been looking for volunteers to help transport GSPs to their new homes from other parts of the country.

Legislative Update

Pat reported that it has been pretty quiet in New England this summer, but we will be watching what starts up in the Fall. There is a lot of concern about the person nominated by President Obama to be the regulatory czar. Numerous aspects of Mr. Sunstein's record are troubling, specifically the fact that it has been reported that he wants to establish legal 'rights' for livestock, wildlife and pets, which would enable animals to file lawsuits in American courts.

Old Business

None

New Business

A discussion was given on the pending division of the Sporting Group by the AKC into 2 groups.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held during the Club Championship on September 20th. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pat Russell, Acting Secretary

FOR UPDATES, NEWS, UPCOMING EVENTS
AND PUPS AVAILABLE, PLEASE VISIT OUR
WEBSITE AT WWW.KATAHDINGSP.ORG

Don't Forget....
Start composing those stories of your history with
the breed or memorable moments
for upcoming newsletters!

BATS, BATS AND MORE BATS!

Everyone is on vacation so we will take a short break on our wonderful stories for this newsletter, but I have a clip that I wanted to share with you: Beware if your dogs go on point in your house.....!

For some reason we have a resident Bat that has decided he likes to fly in and visit instead of staying outside where he/she belongs. The first visit consisted of a lot of screaming and ducking by yours truly as I got my husband to come home from work to escort it outside for me. No way was I doing THAT job!

It wasn't weeks later that, after working on my rockway, leaving the door open for the dogs to go in and out to watch me work, that I decided to call it a night to settle in for the evening. Several hours later after we all ate, cleaned up and checked e-mail, I noticed that the dogs were acting very strange as I sat in the livingroom. Peering over my laptop screen I noticed their noses in the air, they were standing very still and tails were puffed as they looked behind me. At first I thought they had caught scent of something roaming the yard, which happens, but they are usually more in the "protect" mode, trotting back and forth than what they were doing this time.

Not realizing it right away, they were really all on a point, on what they thought was a bird, but it didn't smell the same as what they were use to! I got up to check out what they might be scenting, and as I turned the corner to the dinning room I was dive bombed by our resident Bat! Have you ever seen 9 bird dogs with a Bat in the house when their mother starts screaming and ducking? I have to say, the house is now about an inch off the foundation! I could see their thoughts in their eyes, probably saying, "this has to be a BAD bird, mom doesn't like it!" ... "protect mode!"....

I moved them outside to have better footing and proceeded to walk in the "chimpanzee" position to the ground with a broom and a butterfly net to see if I could be brave enough to deal with this myself. "WRONG!" It could have been in any corner or worse yet, hanging from one of the beams eyeing me over, ready to attack. It continued to dive out, buzz my head then go into hiding again, and I continued to scream. I think I kept repeating "get it out of here!" but, of course, no one was here to do that or hear me. I decided that I was too scared to do this job, crawled over to the portable phone to call my husband for advise. Just as he answered the phone, the bat flew over and I screamed again, loudly, then realizing I had screamed into the phone without a "hello, its me" (He must have thought I was being murdered) I finally got the words out to him. He thought I was joking being it hadn't been that long since it was in the

*BEWARE IF
YOUR DOG(S)
GOES ON
POINT IN YOUR
HOUSE!*

house before. NOW I had to try to convince him that it was really happening again as he continued to chuckle.! However, I was NOT amused!.

I decided again to try to be brave and also try to remedy the problem myself, feeling very sick to my stomach at the thought. It just wasn't working, I just couldn't do it so I called a neighbor friend to help out. We both scoured this house several times tapping every spot with the nets to get it to move out and, nothing. He informed me that he thought it come in where I had not put the foam seal over the air conditioners and had probably left the same way. I REALLY had a hard time with that theory but said I would put the seals in when he left. My biggest fear was now reality. I was going to be alone again in this house with a Bat! I JUST KNEW IT!

He left and I proceeded to go upstairs to put the seals in since that is where it seemed to keep flying to and from. SURPRISE! Not two steps into my bedroom and it dive bombed me again!! The screaming started again but I was ready this time and brave. LOL.....I had the butterfly net backwards so only knocked it off balance the first time. On the second try, I got the net right and caught it. YUK! Now I had to figure out how to get it outside without touching it. Bad enough I was looking at it face to face.....DOUBLE YUK! After reaching over to get a flat item to slip the net and "it" onto, I carried it down, TRIPLE YUK, opened the front door and threw the whole package right out on the landing! I informed all involved that the deed was done, but, if there was a next time, I would have the double barrel shot gun ready just in case. For some reason my husband didn't find THAT part amusing. My dogs have now learned to "squeeze" in and out of the double doors and "hurry" so that we don't get another visit.

At the neighborhood BBQ I had to endure, not that there was a bat in the house, but that I looked like a commando skulking around on the ground in my camo pants and a butterfly net! Next time I must get some one to help me that doesn't know everyone!

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/20 - KATAHDIN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

9/26 - 9/27 - Topsham, ME

9/26-27 - Sharps Farm - Katahdin hunt tests

10/16-18 - Springfield, MA Albany/Troy KC

10/23-24 - Springfield, MA Queensboro KC

**11/5-11/8 - Cheshire/Framingham/Souhegan KC
Fitchburg, MA**

11/19-22 - Springfield, MA Holyoke/So Windsor

11/28-29 - Fitchburg, MA Worcester Cty KC

**12/5-6 - Providence, RI Eastern DC new location
for more info visit www.infodog.com**

KATAHDIN SPECIALTY - AUGUST 2009

Report on Specialty Show:

Our Specialty Show, held in conjunction with the Cheshire Kennel Club on Sunday, August 2, 2009 at Wheelock Park in Keene, NH was a great success. There were 44 entries, and majors were earned in both dogs and bitches, with the bitches having a 5 point major! It was good to have so many club members participating, as well as welcoming many new exhibitors to New Hampshire. Katahdin members contributed lunch for all exhibitors and friends, and Pauline set up her fabulous raffle. Thanks to everyone for contributing to the day's success and congratulations to all the winners.

Fred Newcomb - Show Chair



BRED BY DOGS



VETERAN BITCHES



SWEEPS JUDGE

BRAGS

Peggy and Lou Gagnon

We're proud to announce that Coach Roads **Jewel** Rules, SH qualified to earn her NAVHDA Utility title at the Merrimack Valley Chapter of NAVHDA test at Sharp's Farm on September 4th., at the age of 9. This was her first attempt at this test. Jewel is out of Abbagadasset's Marcus Isaiah, JH and Coach Roads About Time Molly, MH.

From **Pat Russell**: **Morey** (Birdland's More Than You Know) took Winner's Dog at the Wachusett Kennel Club Show.

From Bearmt (**Broad**) and Prairiestar (**Ogorek**) our "**Louie**" Bear Mt Prairiestar Reflection took four more Best of Breeds from the classes at 15 months old. He is out of our "Lulu" Ch Bear Mtns Sierra Hi-Resolution, JH by our "Boomer" Bear Mtn Blueridge Illusion, JH.

In August our "**Flashy Girl**", Bear Mt Still Flash Frozen, was Winners Bitch and Best of Winners and is by our favorite solids, A/C Ch Longacres Blue Ridge Walker, TT, CGC - "Luke" x Ch Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH - "Kerry".

Cassandra Tompkins

Frank Fowler

Timber Ridge's Woodland Sniper, SH,CD, CGC is now a MASTER hunter !!! We are soo proud of her! She is our first shorthair, and has exceeded all expectations! We would like to thank all the club members that helped us train her, and encouraged us, it means a lot to us !



**KATAHDIN GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB
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TO:

**NEWSLETTER
OF THE
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