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The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Indiana

**President’s Message**

    Hunting season has just finished up and we are already well into a busy year of club activities for 2004!  I want to thank everyone who came out to the annual meeting on January 25 at the Brickyard Crossing in Speedway.  We had such a good turnout we had to increase the room size.  It was an excellent meeting and much was accomplished which was good because there is a lot going-on this year.

    We had another successful specialty show with a good entry.  Both Barbara Burns (Sweeps) and Betsy Yates (Breed) fulfilled their assignments with their usual professional competence with a very competitive entry.  I was very gratified that my veteran dog, Ch. Huntabird’s Riverside Reason JH (Cutter) was awarded Best of Opposite Sex to Ch. Shomberg’s Some Like It Hot (Monroe) one of the top-ranked specials in the country.  Just because a dog has a little gray on his face doesn’t mean he still can’t strut his stuff!

    We just wrapped up manning the GSPCI booth at this year’s Boat, Sport, & Travel show this past weekend and while I don’t have a complete report, I have been told that we have made a lot of contacts and had lots of opportunities to expose people to our breed and provide a little education.  These shows are a lot of fun and you can always find all kinds of interesting goods.  Larry Sowinski, who is always on the prowl for a bargain, found a booth that had really good deals on all kinds of carry bags so naturally we each had to make some purchases.  Plus how you could pass up an opportunity to see Twiggy, the waterskiing squirrel?  If you have any interest in outdoor leisure activities this definitely is a show you need to attend.  My thanks to everyone who donated their time working in our booth.

**Our spring hunt test is already upon us (see enclosed premium).**  Please make plans to attend.  This event is always an excellent opportunity to get those performance titles we are striving to put on our dogs

    After that is our National Specialty Show in Lancaster, PA the week of May 10 – 15.  This is going to be a great National to attend if you have never gone before.  Our club will be heavily represented and it should be a lot of fun.

    As you can see this is already a busy, busy spring so if you haven’t attended anything yet now is the time to start.  See you at Glens Valley!!

Charlie

**Happenings & Brags**

    Here are a few tidbits that will launch you and your dogs off the couch and into a quest for fame and glory.  ‘Cause if some of the youngest, and also (how to put this delicately?) more seasoned among us can do what these folks have been up to, then none of us nor our lazy dogs have any excuses!

    Mike Stovall wanted to try his hand at field trials to see what that’s all about.  Unfortunately his #1 hunting dog, Maddie could not run having inconveniently come in season.  Undaunted, Mike went ahead with his eight month old pup Chip, one of those “show dogs”.  February 28 at the Gateway GSPC Walking Trial Chip placed 4th in an entry of 7 in the Puppy stake. Despite Mike’s handling him in too close for field trialers’ taste.

    June and Johnny Johnston are making me tired just trying to remember all they’ve got going on.  Both Shorthairs are running in Master Hunt Tests, young Sonny just getting started, and Jane needing just a leg or two to finish.  Since that is more Johnny’s thing, June needed to be busy too, so she has two Pointers in conformation, and one Pointer and two Pugs in agility.  That’s I believe after putting a Tracking title on the Pointer.

Just try to picture it if you can . . . . .

“Scooter”

**Specialty Show at Indy Winter Classic**, by Mike Stovall

                Our club’s regional specialty took place in Indianapolis, Indiana on Friday February 6th.  Some were old, some were new.  Some won purple, some won blue.  The club specialty is over and we can all breathe a sigh of relief.  The judging brought back past glory as Charlie Edwards won a BOS ribbon with his veteran dog Cutter, CH Huntabird’s Riverside Reason JH.  Many new puppies brought attention as the next generation was in the ring.  Now let’s find who won the ribbons.

    Puppy Sweepstakes was judged by Barbara Burns of Freeport, IL.   From a strong entry of very good youngsters she pulled Springrun’s Color Me Huntabird as Best Puppy in Sweeps, and White River Beau Regard Best of Opposite Sex.  Info on both appears below.  Veteran sweeps honors went to CH Huntabird’s Riverside Reason, JH with Ch Rising Star’s White River Debut, JH Best of Opposite.

    Betsy Yates, a GSP Breeder and National Judges Education Coordinator for the GSPC of America judged our regular and non-regular classes, awarding the following:

6-9 mos. Puppy Dog

1/RW              Smokyrow’s Hoosier Daddy-owned by Al and Robin Kempema

2                     Smokyrow’s Real Bad Boy-owned by Connie and Tom Crump

3                     White River Beau Regard- owned by Jason Barile

4                     Montgomery Bleu of Willow Run-owned by Bill and Tracy Moore

12-18 mos. Dogs

1         Dewwel’s Double Barrel-Owned by Ruthann Dewey-Weldon and Tina & Larry Potasinski

2         Dew-Wel’s A New Day Has Come-owned by Ruthann Dewey-Weldon and Tina & Larry Potasinski

Bred by Exhibitor Dogs

1                     Dreamquest Sergeant Major-owned by Laura Portee

Open Dogs

1/W        Smokyrow’s Where I Come From-owned by Travis Crum and Corrie Rogers

2                     Sandy Creek’s Prairiestar-owned by Janice and Perry Hahn

3                     Paradice N Vonwey’s Erick-owned by Giles R. Hoyt

4                     Artemis Sam I Am Huntabird-owned by Ms. Christy D. Douglas-Featherston

6-9 mos. Puppy Bitches

1         White River Let’s Dance-owned by Char & Phil (aka Harvey) Rutar and Rebecca R. Feigh

2         White River Dancin A Jig-owned by Jay and Ann Snyder

3         Starr’s Rollin Lizzy-owned by Steven Mather

9-12 mos. Puppy Bitches

1/W/BW          Springrun’s Color Me Huntabird-owned by L. Jane Handschumaker

2              Springrun’s Triple Play-owned by Sue Campbell

12-18 mos. Bitches

1         Sunrise Dark Lady At Artemis-owned by Ms. Christy D. Douglas-Featherston

Bred By Exhibitor Bitches

1                     DreamQuest Tough Enough-owned by Laura L. Portee

2         Artemis Hot Dam Sam Im Huntabird- owned by Ms. Christy D. Douglas-Featherston

3         Willow Run’s Viloet Moon-owned by Kari Ann M. Sowinski & Lawrence L. Sowinski

4         Starr’s Rollin Lizzy-owned by Steven Mather

Open Bitches

                1/RW      Springrun’s Legend of Zelda-owned by Judith E. Conyer’s

                2              Huntabirds I’v Arrived-owned by Ms. Christy D. Douglas-Featherston

                3              Cebourn’s Just Awesome-owned by Charles E. and Lynn Blackbourn

4              Foxglove’s Mad About You JH-owned by Lisa K. and Michael F. Stovall

Veteran Class Dogs

1/OS    CH Huntabird’s Riverside Reason JH-owned by Charles Edwards and Patti Keller

2                     Rising Star’s White River Encore JH-owned by Becky A. and Rick Feigh

Veteran Class Bitches

1         CH Artemis Hot Dam I am Huntabird-owned by Ms. Christy D. Douglas-Featherston

2         CH Rising Star’s White River Debut JH-owned by Charlene Rutar and Sharon Darrow

3         Isabella Marie Freitag-owned by Allison Lee Moos and Patricia Keller

Best of Breed or Variety

B             CH Shomberg’s Some Like It Hot-owned by j. Logan and S. & S. Datillio and P. Crowley and M. Fitzgerald

**Congratulations to everyone that placed.  Thanks to all who participated.  Also thanks to those who made the event possible.  See you at the hunt test.**

**THANK YOUS**

    We think we say that enough.  Of course we say it all the time in a Club like this, don’t we?  But there is so much work that needs to be done so our members and our guests can enjoy our events.  **Thank You** Becky Feigh for organizing and orchestrating the Specialty Show.  There’s paperwork, and phone calls, trophy shopping and shipping,  securing and caretaking of the judges, food coordinating and hauling, and meeting and greeting newcomers with a  smile.   **Thank You** Dale Suhre for serving as our Chairman, watching over our ring, transporting judges, etc.   **Thank You**  Christy Featherston for your annual early trip down to the fairgrounds to make sure the GSP group had great reserved space in the grooming area.  **Thank You** Claire Slagle for your generous donation of the hand made Best of Breed Trophy,  and **Thank You** Delores Hoyt, Char Rutar, Steve Mather, Kari Sowinski, Christy Featherston, and Dawn Moos for food donations and help with the setup and clearing up.

    Larry Sowinski sends his **Thanks** to the long list of members who manned the Boat Sport & Travel Show booth.  The crowds were large and appreciative.  Andy Giegold and Ron Ferris pulled off what the Amo Bird Dog Club guys always had trouble with; that is putting on a decent demonstration of gun dog work indoors in front packed bleachers.  We are probably sending this newsletter out to several new members reached through everyone’s efforts at the Show.  Now lets hope some of them will want to join this active list of names who contribute to making what we do happen.

**Thanks** to Chris Snyder who is planning a fun field training day you all can put on your calendars for July 11 at Glens Valley.  And **Thanks** to Jason Barile who has pulled together the Hunt Tests advertised in the enclosed premium lists.  Am I stretching my luck**Thanking in Advance** the person or persons who might step forward this spring and help provide lunch at the Hunt Tests?  Call Jason at 317-882-8862 to take that load off his mind.  We don’t care if it’s gourmet catering or Happy Meals, we just need the help.  The Club will reimburse all costs, and has a pretty good stash already of plates, plasticware, coffee, etc.  We just can’t ask Anna to cook for us eight months pregnant!!!

**Thank You** all for paying your 2004 dues.   For the inattentive, our annual dues are $25, payable to the GSPC of Indiana.  Send them in to Becky Feigh, 18 Thornhurst Dr, Carmel, IN  46032.  If you dally now, you will not see another of these literary masterpieces we call our Newsletter.  2004 Membership Roster will be printed in the next ***GSPN.***

    It is unclear whether anyone can or should be thanked for the nonsense depicted below.   Pictured seated is our esteemed Speciaty judge, Betsy Yates (who has acquired a reputation as a hog caller).  Back row is Char Rutar, Becky Feigh, Charlie Edwards, Christy Featherston, and Gwen DiMilta (handler of the Best in Specialty Show winner).