

SHORTHAIR TALES

MARCH/APRIL

2008

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

The mounds of snow and glaciers are finally melting – the sun is getting warmer, and the excitement in our furkids rises as they anticipate the beginning of another full year of fun, doing what they do best – absolutely everything!

We had our annual meeting where we talked about upcoming events and awarded those for completing new titles with the beautiful plaques made by member Steve Marcq. A real treasure! The food was wonderful and seeing everyone again is always such a pleasure.

I would like to thank Pat for a great two years as president, you did an outstanding job, and everyone that has kept our club active and interesting throughout 2007, for us as well as for our dogs. To see the joy in them is our biggest reward.

We have added many events this past year. As usual, our talented members have excelled in organizing, making sure each ran smoothly, was fun, as well as profitable. We are growing at a tremendous rate and welcome any help, new ideas and suggestions. This club is yours, let's expand even further, to the next level. We have many more members out there that I am sure have their own special talent to offer. Join us at a meeting and give us those ideas.

Here's to another great year ahead and to our wonderful breed that keeps us young and active!!

Deb



**Katahdin
German
Shorthaired
Pointer Club
"Mock Hunt
Test"
and training
day**

**Saturday
MAY 10, 2008
8:30AM-3:00PM
(RAIN OR SHINE)
AT SHARPE'S
FARM, LITTLE
FROST RD OFF
ROUTE 202/9,
HOPKINTON, NH**

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for additional
information
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PICTURE OF MEMBERS AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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The Annual Meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday March 30, 2008 at the home of Pat Russell and Fred Newcomb. In attendance were Fred Newcomb, Lynn Milewski, Jeff Phillips, Tom Dwyer, Peg Gagnon, Lou Gagnon, Steve Marcq, Deb Broad, Jeremy Thompson, and Pat Russell. Proposed member Anders Nilsson was also in attendance. After lunch, the meeting commenced at 2:30 PM.

President's Report:

On motion raised and seconded, the minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the last newsletter. They are also on the Internet. Pat welcomed Anders to the club and touched briefly on the accomplishments of the club over the past year, commenting on the recent Hunt Test seminar held at the Kittery Trading Post. She also reported that a club member has asked if we could determine meeting dates far in advance, such as 6 months ahead. After consideration of the request, it was determined that would not be possible, due to fluctuations in everyone's schedules.

Secretary's Report:

The Secretary reported on dues received to-date and those who have not yet paid for 2008. A hand-written reminder will be placed on the newsletters when they are mailed out to those in arrears. She also reported on the National club's request for a basket contribution, and calendar sales program. Upon a vote of members present, it was decided against contributing a basket to the Nationals. She also reported on a ballot received from the GSPC on officers proposed for election and a change to the breed standard. Those in attendance voted on the officers proposed and voted for the change to the breed standard to allow GSPs with black. . Sandra Kretz will be the

club's delegate to the Nationals.

Treasurer's Report:

Steve reported on the current balance, stating that it is the highest it has been in years, and walked through some of the details of 2007 activity. One of the reasons for the high balance is the change in trophies. We would like to get back to the elegant trophies of the past, but need time to bring our balance up so that we have a decent cushion.

Show Committee:

The future status of Fitchburg as a show venue is still unknown, but Sandra reported in an email that the New England Sporting Group Association just voted to move their events to Springfield, citing issues with the hotel and the proposed water park. Also in her email, Sandra said that the Eastern Dog Club has confirmed our judge for our Specialty.

Hunt Test Committee:

The hunt test chair (Pat) reported that our paperwork is in and approved for the May 31 and June 1 hunt tests. Steve commented on the problems getting birds this year, and many members offered potential resources. Praise went to Jeremy and Sandra for the successful Hunt Test seminar at the Kittery Trading Post. We had about 60 participants and have established a good relationship with the KTP. 3 people have asked if they could be apprentice judges for the Spring test. KTP has asked if we could participate in the JuneFest on June 21st – presenting information about GSPs. Jeff, Anders, Fred, Steve, Lynn and Pat all volunteered to help at the event.

Team Shoot:

The Team Shoot will be held in the fall this year – on September 14th – we need someone to volunteer to run it.

Rescue Committee:

Nothing to report.

Website Committee:

A request has been received for us to put HELDCA information on the website and give access to a non-club member to post the HELDCA information, running orders, etc. After substantial discussion it was put to a vote, where the majority approved the concept, pending a discussion with the webmaster, who was unable to attend. *Follow-up: the webmaster provided reasons why we should wait until next March when the domain is up for renewal and the process might be changed. In the meantime, she will be happy to put the information on the website for HELDCA.*

Training Committee:

Jeremy reported that we have a training day scheduled for 4/20 but that it probably won't happen due to water at

Sharpe's Farm and the lack of birds. The second part of our Hunt Test seminar is a mock hunt test at Sharpe's the morning of May 10th. This will involve staged JH, SH and MH runs, which will be judged by 3 experienced judges. Participants will be in the gallery and discuss the judging and scoring with the judges. In the afternoon there will be a club training day, in which guests from the morning may bring their dogs and participate. A small fee will be charged to cover the facility fee and the cost of birds. Additional training days will be planned later in the year.

Election of Officers:

The positions of President, Treasurer, Vice President, Secretary and Board Member were up for election. The Nominating Committee proposed Deb Broad for President, Peggy Gagnon for Vice President, Lynn Milewski for Secretary, Steve Marcq for Treasurer and Sandra Kretz for Board Member. Upon motion made and seconded, a vote was taken and the slate of officers approved.

Election of New Members: Applications have been received from Anders Nilsson, Tim and Dara Dalmata (Parshall puppy buyer) and Jeryl Williams (Parshall puppy buyer).

Old Business:

Jeremy has explored what other clubs do with regard to paid advertising on their websites and only NAVHDA advertises. It was proposed that we charge a minimal rate similar to theirs.

New Business:

Fred suggested a seminar in the proper use of training collars, which was well received. The club will consider it for later in the year.

Annual Awards

Steve Marcq's handsome wooden plaques, and brass tags, were handed out to owners whose dogs had achieved a milestone during 2007.

A gift certificate was given to Pat Russell in appreciation of her leadership as our president.

Next meeting to be held at 2:00pm May 25th at Peggy and Lou Gagnon's house.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Russell
Acting Secretary

Jeff Phillips with his award
at the annual meeting



Upcoming Katahdin Events

May 10 is Mock hunt test/HTS followup day

May 31/June 1 Spring Hunt Test

August 30 Kittery TP September Fest

September 6 GSP Supported Entry/CCKC

Sept 13 Club Championship - members

Sept 14 Team shoot

Sept 28/29 Fall Hunt Test

All Breed Shows

April 26/27 Rhode Island show cluster

May 3/4 York County KC, Acton Me

May 9/10/11 N Stonington Ct & Woodstock Ct

May 17 & 18 Vacationland DC, Scarborough, Me

May 31 & June 1 Wrentham, Ma shows

June 7 Greenwich KC, Norwalk Ct

June 13, 14 & 15, Topsfield, Ma

June 21 & 22 Penobscot Valley KC, Cumberland, Me

June 27 & 28 Hockamock KC Wrentham, Ma

June 29 & 30 Wampanoag KC, Wrentham, Ma

For more information on any AKC event, go to www.infodog.com

BRAGS

From Peg and Lou Gagnon

Coach Roads Wildapple Ivy took winners bitch and best of winners out of the bred-by class at the Warwick Rhode Island show. She is out of our Coach roads Jewel Rules SH and Jeremy and Sandy Thompson's CH Wildapple's Griffin JH

Our Coach Roads Wildapple Ivy went winners bitch and best of winners for a 3 point major at the South Winsor kennel clubs show. This makes it her 3rd major with all her points out of the bred by class! Special thanks to Deb and Alison for their continued support and watchful eyes on me to make sure I keep making it home in one piece. And for not letting me get too discouraged. Ivy is out of Jeremy and Sandy Thompson's handsome Ch. Wildapple's Griffin JH and our Coach Roads Jewel Rules SH

Pat Russell

My boy Rudy (Birdland's Rudy of the Valley) won Best in Match at the Granite State GSP match on April 6th, and at the All Breed Fun Match later in the day won Best of Group. The whole time he was handled by my 11 year old niece, Isabel Russell, who had never handled before. She also won Best Junior Handler at the Fun Match. Her sister, Claire Russell, acted as Steward.

Lynn Milewski / Samistic Kennels

Birdlands Sweet Lilia of the Valley. Was shown at the Elm City Kennel Club in New Haven, Conn on Feb 16th. Lilia won her class, took Winners Bitch, Best of Winners and Best of Opposite Sex. She also earned her first point!

April 5th at the Troy Kennel Club in West Springfield, Mass, Lilia won her class. That night she was entered in a Santional Match and won Best of Breed.

Sherry Thrall and Bob Kapitan of Hedgehog Hill Shorthairs are pleased to announce that it is now

Am Can CH HHH Jam On The Brakes! Our solid liver boy Jammer finished his CKC championship at the Club Canin L'Estrie shows with BOB all three days and a Sporting Group 4th!

Deb and Steve Broad/Bear Mountain Gsp's

couldn't leave out that: the 1/2 siblings "Boomer" Bear Mtns Blueridge Illusion, JH and "Flashy Girl" Bear Mt Still Flash Frozen both took major reserves on the same day at a springfield show. They are both out of our solid liver "Kerry" Ch. Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH and sired by my two favorite boys.... liver boy A/C Ch Longacres Blue Ridge Walker, TT, CGC "Luke" and ticked boy Ch Wildapples Griffin, JH.....

From Sandra Kretz and Ann Michaud.

At the New England Sporting Group Association show on March 16, our Blitz, Mariah BDN Meant to Be, won Best of Breed at the Nutmeg Supported Entry. Blitz subsequently finished his JH on April 13 at the Southern New England Brittany Club test. He is our 4th generation of Hunt Test titled dogs.

Katahdin's First Ever Hunt Test Seminar

Almost 60 Hunt Test enthusiasts and judges, representing most of the pointing breeds, attended the AKC Hunt Test Seminar sponsored by the Katahdin Club on March 8. The meeting room at the Kittery Trading Post in Kittery Maine was filled to capacity, as attendees heard an all-day presentation by AKC Field Rep Gary Sadler. Discussion focused on the new AKC Hunt Test rules effective January 1, 2008. There was much give and take as experienced judges gave examples from their own judging experience, as well as the examples given by Gary. Everyone enjoyed his informal and humorous manner. It seemed as if he had trained a dog who fit every instance and problem, and by the end of the day, when Gary would begin a sentence with "I once had a dog ... laughter would ripple through the room.

The Kittery Trading Post generously gave attendees coupons for a discount on any purchases the day of the seminar, and many people were seen leaving with Kittery bags at the end of the day. In addition to a day of learning and comradery with other dog lovers, the event generated over \$700 for the Katahdin treasury.

The seminar was the first of a three-part program by Katahdin to provide Hunt Test learning opportunities to members and friends. The second part will be a Mock Hunt Test on May 10 in which participants will be able to follow braces of dogs performing at various levels with experienced judges and listen to their critique. The third will be apprentice judging opportunities at the Katahdin Hunt Test on May 31/June 1. These opportunities will help those wishing to become Hunt Test judges to rapidly move through the qualification process.

Sandra Kretz and Jeremy Thompson

Seminar Coordinators

I also just received a note that our training day on April 20th at Sharps was quite a success. Many people attended and got the chance to learn from and/or work with our many talented field training members.

Jeremy got a lot of good feedback and felt everyone went away happy that they attended.

A huge "thank you" to all

that donated their time and knowledge to help make this happen, and again, run so smoothly.

We appreciate you very much!

For upcoming events, recent updates, additional information or litters available, please visit our website at www.katahdingsp.org



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