

SHORTHAIK TALES

MAY/JUNE

2009

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We have definitely had our share of odd weather between the power outages, huge snow/ice storms and now all this rain! It all brings me back to three more reasons I love my dogs.....first would be they made great camp buddies during the power outage, second they made awesome bed warmers during those cold winter snow storms, but best of all, they absolutely love the water! and we have had enough of that to do retrieves in lately.....we should see more great water retrieves at the championship this year!

I had a great time at our Gspca National show this year in Denver, Colorado. As you can see by our cover photo, it was breath taking! We saw the land where the Buffalo roam (literally) then back in time to the old mining towns. As for the show, it was a masterpiece of organization. You did not "want" for anything. The location and accommodations were superb.

Back to the east, our own club has been running like a well oiled machine. Every one has been busy with finalizing our events for this year. Please stop in to any or all, which include our Show Specialty for this year in August at the new location in Keene, our Club championship and Hunt tests in September.

Many thanks again to all those who have been, and will be, working so hard to keep everything in order along with all the "side jobs" they do to keep our club active with new ideas, and tending to legislation issues enabling us to continue enjoying what we and our dogs love to do best.

Deb

2009 SPECIALTY SHOW

This year we were able to join

Cheshire Kennel Club,
Inc. for our annual
specialty show.

It will be held on Sunday
August 2, 2009 at

Wheelock Park,

Park Ave., Keene, NH

Anyone wishing to donate
an item to the raffle can
do so that day or by
contacting Pauline at
spmarcq@comcast.net

Any donation to the food
table can be brought that
day

Join us for a day of fun!!

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 COLORADO
 ROCKY MOUNTAINS

PICTURE TAKEN BY THE VERY NERVOUS DEB ON THE
 EDGE OF THAT CLIFF!

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorhaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday June 7, 2009 at the home of Pat Russell and Fred Newcomb. In attendance were Deb Broad, Pat Russell, Fred Newcomb, Peg Gagnon, Lou Gagnon, Scott Neal and Lynn Milewski. The meeting was called to order at 1pm. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the last newsletter.

President's Report: Deb attended the GSPCA National in Denver, Colorado and reported information from the meeting held there which included the vote on black gsp's, judges for upcoming nationals and site location results. Thank you to Lou for the article in the last news letter. It is important to know how the club got its start, our "Roots"!

And another big thank you to Dave Gagnon for helping Deb with the GSP yearbook mailings. It is a huge job and he excels in the task!

Secretary's Report: Lynn passed out the membership list with updates. She will also be creating a "thank you" card for us to send out for all those great contributions to our club. We got a preview of the design and it is fabulous.

Treasurer's report: Steve could not attend. We will forward the reimbursements for our supported entry events with Carol County KC and the NE Sporting Group, along with membership renewals.

Election of New Members: none at this time.

Show Committee: Fred is chair for our specialty show along with Cheshire Cty KC, Quite a few pledges were collected and thank you to all donors. We will have our famous raffle table run by Pauline and Steve Marcq. We will not be doing a supported entry with Carol County this year to cut down on the work involved in having all the other events grouped so closely in August and September. We will resume next year. We had a talk on the differences between all the competition events offered by AKC including, and not limited to, Specialties, Supported entry shows, Hunt tests, Field trials, Sweeps etc.

Hunt Test Committee: Scott Neal is chairperson and Pat is secretary. The committee has been chosen and all is in order. Deb presented an idea for future hunt test that was discussed at Nationals between herself and a couple other club members there. It was the running of tests by 2 clubs on the same weekend at the same location. With the current economy this would help both clubs and entrants alike by cutting down the

expense incurred in doing these events. It was approved by AKC for clubs out west. We will need to explore this further with AKC and another clubs. Lou will e-mail Deb any questions to check with AKC.

Team Shoot: Cancelled

Club Championship: Will be on Sunday September 20th. Scott was asked to assist in the organization of this years event. He will start with getting the judges with Lou and will continue with all the other preparations. Deb will get him all the information he needs and be there that day to assist in all the areas needed. "Thank you Scott"!!!

Training Days: Lou offered to have some at his house possibly in August and will keep us posted. He also gave us information on and to take advantage of NAVHDA training clinics. He said this would be a good opportunity for those who would like help. Lou will give Deb the dates and location. He also gave a short talk on what this organization and how it would benefit anyone that might be interested.

Rescue: Peg reported that a rescued dog that had gone to a new home as a younger dog was given the special gift of having a wonderful life with a family and how very rewarding it can be to give them this good life before having to be put down at 15.5 yrs. New England Rescue is doing well and looking for foster homes. Contact Peg or GSP rescue.

Old Business: Lou talked about the wilderness membership. Prices will be the same as last year. We now have 7 people interested. Each group is limited to 5 people, then the next 5 would form another group. The first 5 will need to get money in by July 1st. Those that do not reply will forfeit and those spots will be offered to the next on the list. Lou will e-mail the ones interested. Steve will need to know the names. Pat checked into June fest at Kittery Trading Post and has not got a response. Suggestions were made to contact Cabela's and look into if they have any events that would like to have us come with our dogs or have a table set up there.

Lynn will check out Pet Quarters and Four Your Paws Only.

Legislation: Pat spoke on Oregon trying to do a class action against the state taking away 4th & 5th amendment rights.. Pat will do a write up for the newsletter.

New Business: Thank you Lou for an awesome article. Linda Mscisz will do an article for the next newsletter. Lou gave a discussion on legal issues with dog clubs and is also researching the possibility of being part of The National Hunting and Fishing day expo, and NH tour. It would give people the opportunity to come by our hunt test and observe pointing dogs along with answering any questions they may have. This would be great exposure.

Next meeting: July 26, 2009 at Peg & Lou Gagnon's home. Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Lynn Milewski, Secretary

What a versatile breed - these Gsp's

by Linda Mscisz

Hello, My name is Linda Mscisz and my husband is Joe. Deb asked if we could write a bit about different things we do with our GSPs. My main area of interest has always been Pet Therapy. Our 2 older GSPs are retired, one a rescue that my husband put a CDX on, and my first competition dog who struggled to Utility with me from our Novice A days. Our current guy is 3 years old, just back from the hunt tests at Darien NY to finish his Senior Hunter title. He also has lower level titles in CPE (Canine Performance Events) agility, www.k9CPE.com, his Canadian CD, his AKC & UKC CDX and is learning towards his Utility title. . Doc's full name with titles of all the registries we do is; UCDX,TAN,UCH Sunrise Crystal Blue Persuasion, CDX, RE, SH, NRD,CGC

By now if you're like me, you're yawning at all the initials that you don't know about and care even less. That's how I always felt too....just give me obedience and don't bore me with hunting talk, breed, or agility or rally..... whatever you've joined the club to do, you joined for your interests, not anyone else's and that 's the info you want to see covered.

We do so much with our guy that it takes the 2 of us, Joe does the Rally and Agility, I do the Obedience and Hunting. The hunting was Doc's idea, and he gets a day a week to just kick back and do his favorite sport....but if we don't try different things, how do we know what they'd really love to do? You may be strictly a hunter, but your kids would probably love agility. And you know your spouse loves the breed ring! What about swimming? GSPCA has a water test with 3 different levels for members and their dogs.

UKC has a Premier that's their Westminster, but more like a family fair with all kinds of performance events including dock diving & try its--as well as breed shows.

CPE has their biggest agility trial of the year this month in Greenfield Mass.! There's so much more to do than just hunting or breed ! Doc has his first level water title, but the next 2, require real training, what better thing to do in the summer than water work??

Next test is August in upstate NY -let me know if you want info.. For agility, you all probably have an understanding of the basics, just as we do, but CPE agility is such a fun way to learn before you start AKC....you get 4 or 5 turns a day and it's cheaper.

Then there's UKC, www.ukcdogs.com click on hunting programs. Some pretty rare, but fun titles, like TAN, the same as JH but only one pass needed for a dog under 3...there's plenty of UKC breed shows and professional are NOT allowed so it's nicer for the person who just wants some experience. And UKC obedience is fun too...dogs get to jump a jump coming to you when called for their CD..

If you're interested in Therapy Dog work, I'm a 14 year member of Therapy Dogs International www.tdi-dog.org Feel free to call or email if there's anything you'd like more information on. I'll be looking to Katadhin to help me with learning Masters, hopefully I can help in expanding your activities too! Linda & Joe Mscisz 603-336-7797 or sysa@sover.net



LEGISLATION REPORT

The key drivers of legislative efforts are PETA and HSUS. According to Marc Folco, an award winning New England outdoor writer, HSUS took in \$34 million for reuniting owners with pets after Katrina, but only spent \$7 million on it, leaving \$27 million to be used for other ventures. They are pushing to get 41 dog bills enacted in 26 states that are disguised as eliminating puppy mills, but go to extremes: mandatory spay/neuter or large fees for keeping intact dogs, reporting puppy sales, restrictions on dog ownership, potential confiscation of dogs, etc.

Some more states have had recent activity with regard to prospective changes to laws regulating the ownership and breeding of dogs. Oregon has proposed restrictions on the number of dogs, mandatory inspection of kennels, confiscation and potential euthanasia of "excess" dogs, etc. Ohio has a proposed "Kennel Authority" which would control virtually everything associated with dogs owners, including creating regulations. Only one breeder would be on the board. Proposed restrictions are items such as obtaining tax vendor numbers, paying sales tax for selling even 1 dog, posting of insurance or a bond to cover the cost of enforcing the law, and anyone who buys/sells/gives away 9 or more dogs a year would be intensely regulated and licensed. California is proposing draconian spay/neuter legislation. Pennsylvania is proposing onerous new kennel regulations. Wisconsin has a bill which attempts to eliminate the breeding of purebred dogs. As for New England, thankfully things have been relatively quiet after this Spring's flurry of activity. I expect things will heat up again in the Fall.

I have a group to whom I pass on information I receive about potential legislation. If you are interested in joining this group, please email me at prussellpr@yahoo.com and I will add you to the list.

Pat

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26 STATES*

Club Championship September 20, 2009

We're ready to go!! Enclosed are applications and information for this year's Club Championship, to be held at Sharp's Farm in Hopkinton, NH. As always, competition is for Katahdin GSP club members and their dogs only. We do, however, encourage non members to join us that day to watch as guests of any member.

Starting Times	8:00	8:00	8:00
	PUPPY	INTERMEDIATE	CHAMPIONSHIP
	Conformation	Water	Field
	Water	Field	Conformation
	Field	Conformation	Water

This is approximate depending on the amount of entries for the day.....

Field events will be based on the AKC Hunt Test format. The Puppy and Intermediate classes will run on the junior hunter course, while the Club Championship class will be run on the senior/master test course for those dogs at a Senior/Master hunt test level. Dogs with Senior/Master titles/legs must compete in the Championship level. Quail will be stocked for all classes unless Chukar is available for the Championship level.

In **Conformation**, all dogs in the same class will compete in the ring at the same time unless the amount of entries warrants a different procedure. All dogs/levels will be scored in the same eight categories.

Water events:

- a **Puppy:** Water retrieve of a dummy thrown by an assistant at least 10 feet and no more than 25 feet with a blank gun fired. Puppy must enter the water within 1 minute. Can be encouraged to return.
- Intermediate:** Water retrieve of a dead bird through decoys, thrown by an assistant more than 30 ft. with a blank gun fired. Must enter the water within 30 seconds, should swim a straight line to the dummy and back, and return it within a 6 foot radius of the handler.
- Championship level:** While waiting for the command to "fetch", dog should remain calm and well mannered. The handler will call for the duck to be thrown, dog should get good mark on the bird, then handler will fire blank gun. The handler will then release dog for the retrieve. Dog should enter without hesitation. Manner of entering the water is not scored differently. Dog must be bold and immediate. Dog will swim in a direct line to the duck (approx. 25 yards) and return it to hand. Having to pick the duck off the ground or forcing it out of the dogs mouth will count against the dog in scoring.

Field events:

- Puppy:** The pup should not show any signs of confusion or be under foot, but should move out in front of the handler and show interest in hunting. Should search for birds in cover and by using it's nose. Pup should demonstrate obedience to the handler's commands. Live birds will be used. Blank gun only will be fired. Dog should not show any gun shyness. This level will be judged like a Junior Hunt test but with different maximum scores in each category. Time limit of 15 minutes.
- Intermediate:** Dog should search in appropriate cover, should not be underfoot, and points should be staunch. Live birds will be used and only blank guns fired following flush of the bird. Dog should not show any gun shyness. This level will be judged like a Junior Hunt test but with different maximum scores in each category. Time limit of 20 minutes.

Field continued:

Championship: Dog should demonstrate good hunting skills, using cover and wind, displaying a pattern and independence in it's search. On point, the point should be staunch, scored higher for steady through wing and shot, and will fetch only on command of the handler after the fall of the bird. Retrieves should be to hand with minimum of commands. Dog must honor and call back will be required if needed. Time limit of 30 minutes.

Club Championship scoring example:

(intermediate level)	Possible	Minimum	Crystal	Bailey
Field	140	94	112	135
Water	50	34	39	30
Conformation	160	107	125	150
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Totals	350	235	288	315

Crystal would be the winner due to her meeting the minimum in each category in spite of not having the highest overall scores. Bailey's total was higher, but he did not meet the minimum score in the water.

Prizes:

Ribbons will be awarded to the top four (4) dogs in each event at all three levels.
Rosettes will be awarded to the highest overall scoring dog at each level.
The overall Club Champion will also receive the John Sarna carved woodcock perpetual trophy

Entry fees will be \$15.00 for puppy, \$20.00 for intermediate level and \$30.00 for Championship level.
Puppy level is for dogs 6 months of age to, and including 18 months of age.

Help will be needed for various tasks, such as: Conformation steward, bird planters, score keeping, etc.
Even if you aren't running a dog at this year's event, come out to lend a hand and socialize with the members of YOUR club. Food will be served but any donations will be greatly accepted.

**AND FOR THE SECOND YEAR
VETERANS LEVEL**

This level is for our veterans to come back out and enjoy being part of the fun again, strutting their stuff like they used to do. Age minimum is 10 years old. They will follow the intermediate and championship level courses that they qualify for, but they will only be required 1/2 the distance in the water retrieve and field course. Scoring will be the same as for regular levels.

Club Championship Entry Forms

Owner _____ Phone/Email _____

Address _____

Dogs Name _____ DOB _____ Sex _____

Level/Puppy (up to and including 18 mths) _____ Intermediate _____ Championship _____

Veteran (10 yrs & over) _____

Owner _____ Phone/Email _____

Address _____

Dogs Name _____ DOB _____ Sex _____

Level/Puppy (up to and including 18 mths) _____ Intermediate _____ Championship _____

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Address _____

Dogs Name _____ DOB _____ Sex _____

Level/Puppy (up to and including 18 mths) _____ Intermediate _____ Championship _____

Veteran (10 Yrs & over) _____

Please Mail entries and payment to:
(checks made out to KGSPC of GP)

Deb Broad, 39 Mountain Rd, Deerfield, NH 03037
email with any questions: bearnt@grolen.com

Puppy Level - \$15.00

Intermediate Level - \$20.00

Championship Level - \$30.00

Veterans Level - Intermediate - \$15.00

Championship - \$20.00

If your dog is hunt test titled or has qualifying legs in that level, it must compete in the levels accordingly, or can be moved up to the next level if you would like to do so.

Upcoming Events

7/10-7/12 - VT Cluster
7/25 - Providence Cty KC cluster
8/1 - Pioneer Valley KC - Nutmeg GSP Specialty
8/2 - Cheshire KC - Katahdin GSP Specialty
8/5 - 8/9 - Ballston Spa, NY cluster
8/15 - 8/16 Wachusett KC Fitchburg, MA cluster
8/20 - 8/23 Springfield, MA cluster
8/27 - 8/30 Cumberland, ME cluster
9/6 - 9/7 - CCKC, N Conway
9/10 - 9/13 - Falmouth, MA cluster
9/20 - NWCDC, Goshen, CT
9/26 - 9/27 - Topsham, Me

NAVHDA training days at Sharp's farm

June 13th, July 18th, July 25th (water clinic), August 2nd, and August 29th!

BRAGS

Izzy does it again! At the 2008 Canada Nationals, she started the Nationals weekend with a 5 point major, Best Puppy in Breed and Best Puppy in Sporting Group. She went over the border in again June 2009, taking a BOB at the St Francis Kennel Club. Izzy finished the the last show of the 2009 GSPCC Canadian Nationals weekend by going BOW for another five point major to become Can CH HHH Ante Up. She was shown by her owner, Mary Beerworth of Long Trail Kennels. At just sixteen months, she's back home to focus on her AKC Championship and of course, getting ready for bird season! One of our 2008 Crazy Eights solid liver litter, Izzy has a wonderful fun temperament. When combined with a beautiful dark correctly textured coat and great reach and drive, she gets herself noticed!!! Take a peek at her win photo on the News page of hedgehoghillshorthairs.com **Sherry Thrall**

From Bearmt, Deb and Steve Broad

In June, **"Boomer"** Bear Mtns Blueridge Illusion, JH, took back to back wins at the Topfield, Ma shows. He was Best of Winners, Best of Opposite and Best Bred By Exhibitor dog the second day for another major win. He is by our favorite ticked boy **"Griffin"** Ch Wildapples Griffin, JH owned by Jeremy and Sandy Thompson, out of our favorite liver girl **"Kerry"** Ch Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH.

And from **Bearmt (Broad) and Prairiestar (Ogorek)**, our boy **"Louie"** Bear Mt Prairiestar Reflection, at his first regular show, after his spectacular debut at the nationals, took the ring by storm again going Winners, Best of Winners and Best of Breed! Handled by his other mommy Marilyn. (See his group ring photo under the Keene show ad on page 4. A huge thank you to Jessie for the awesome photo!) Louie is now 14 months old and is by our **"Boomer"** out of our **"Lulu"** Ch Bear Mtn Sierra Hi-Resolution, JH.

Tucker "CH Roscommon's Northern Lights CGC CD JH RN" Finished his Rally Novice Title with a 4th Place. **Jessie** "CH Roscommon's Solar Winds CGC CD JH RN" Finished her Rally Novice Title with a 3rd Place. Jessie and Monti's "BISS/CH Roscommon's Sports Edition JH" puppy **Scarlet** is now at 15 months a BISS/CH Skypoint's Our River Runs Free owned by Frank and Lenore Delprete. Handled by Alessandra Floz & Clifford Steele and Her sister, Jessie's and Monti's puppy, **Moxie** "Skypoint's Dream on Irish Gal" got Winners Bitch for 2 pts in Wrentham MA on Saturday and WB/Best of Winners for 2 pts in Wrentham MA on Sunday. She was handled by her owner Megan Borden. **Jessie** and **Winter** "Skypoint's Winter Wonderland" took Best Brace in Show at Cumberland County Kennel Club. **Julie Smith/Skypoint**



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