

SHORTHAIK TALES

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

WE ARE COMING TO THE END OF ANOTHER EVENTFUL AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH OUR BELOVED FUR KIDS AND GOOD FRIENDS.

WONDERFUL IDEAS FOR 2009 HAVE ALREADY STARTED COMING IN. PLEASE LET US KNOW YOURS. WE HAVE ADDED A FEATURE ON OUR WEBSITE THAT ALLOWS ANYONE TO ACCESS THE BOARD MEMBERS EMAIL ADDRESSES BY CLICKING ON THEIR NAMES. THERE IS ALSO ONE TO EMAIL THE EDITOR WITH ALL YOUR GREAT STORIES, ADVENTURES AND HISTORY. I URGE ALL TO JOIN US. AND WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP AND SUGGESTIONS

OUR FIRST ADVENTURE STORY IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER WAS SUBMITTED BY NEW MEMBER MARK MOSER. IT BROUGHT US ALL BACK TO THE MEMORIES OF ONE OF OUR OWN. IN THIS MONTHS, WE WILL HIGHLIGHT LONG TIME (LIFE) MEMBERS AND GSP BREEDER/OWNERS PAUL AND ELEANOR FAIRFIELD. I HAD THE PLEASURE OF SPEAKING WITH PAUL RECENTLY WHICH BROUGHT BACK WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF MY OWN EARLY DAYS WITH THE BREED. I HAD TO HAVE SAID "I REMEMBER!" A ZILLION TIMES AS HE SPOKE. I WANT TO THANK THEM FOR SHARING THEIR STORY WITH US IN THIS NEWSLETTER.....

SO SIT BACK IN THAT COMFORTABLE RECLINER WITH ALL YOUR FURKIDS AND ENJOY! HOPE EVERYONE FINALLY GOT THEIR POWER BACK.....AT OUR HOUSE WE DID "SIMULATED" CAMPING FOR 8 DAYS.....NOT BAD SHORT TERM BUT 8 DAYS WAS A BIT MUCH.

DEB

Okay.....What ARE you laughing at !!



SUPPORTED ENTRY IN MARCH

Everything is in place for our supported entry with the NE Sporting Dog Association

March 13-14, 2008

Fitchburg, Ma

There will be puppy and veteran sweeps

Regular classes along with

Gun Dog classes

Join us for a day of fun!

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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE:

COACH ROADS JEWEL RULES SH
 COACH ROADS MAKEN' MAYHEM JH
 COACH ROADS ABOUT TIME MOLLY MH
 COACH ROADS COME BACK ZACK SH

ZACK IS ACTUALLY HOLDING A REINDEER.
 IT WAS HIS FAVORITE.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday November 30, 2008 at the home of Deb and Steve Broad. In attendance were Deb Broad, Peg Gagnon, Lou Gagnon, Steve Marcq, and Pat Russell. The meeting commenced at 1:30 PM. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the last newsletter.

President's Report: Deb commented on all the great events we had during the year and gave a big congratulations to all members for their doggy accomplishments. It is great to see new members become involved. She also gave a special thank you to Lou and Steve for always being there to set up the Hunt Test field, and to Pauline for her great kitchen – especially her new breakfast sandwiches!

Secretary's Report: Tabled, as Lynn was unable to make it.

Treasurer's Report: Steve was reported that our insurance has been paid, and the premium was slightly less than last year. We have very few upcoming expenses and financially are about where we were last year. We are still looking for AKC reimbursement for having to copy all their material for the Hunt Test seminar, since their materials didn't arrive.

Election of New Members: A hearty welcome to our new members, who are Julie Smith's puppy buyers. We got to meet many of them at the Club Championship and Fall Hunt Test.

- Tracy & Graham Heath
- Marc & Michelle Moser
- Frank & Lenore DelPrete
- Megan Borden & Donald Borden
- Erin Kate Johnson
- Mike & Martha Benoit
- Mike & Susan Macri

Show Committee: No current activities, but we are busy planning our Specialty and Supported Entry opportunities for 2008, and deciding upon trophies. We are all set for the New England Sporting Group Association in March.

Hunt Test Committee: Pat reported that entries were lower than in the past, but that didn't stop it from being a fun weekend. Merchandise sales were good. Steve will be doing a balance sheet, but we might not have made any money on the tests. Our fixed costs remain the same and we need good entries to make money. It was proposed, and agreed to, that we only hold one hunt test in 2009 – in the Fall. There should be enough hunt tests sponsored by other clubs in the Spring to keep our dogs busy, and we will use one of the Spring days for a training day, with perhaps the Team Shoot on the other.

Team Shoot: Tabled.

Club Championship: All agree that the later date worked well this year. – better weather. Steve will be participating in the HELDCA drawing in December and will see what date he can get.

Training Days: Tabled

Rescue: No report – we still have money in the bank to be used for rescue activities and needs.

Website: Tabled.

Old Business:

- There has been a good response to the call for articles for the newsletter. Many thanks to Marc Moser for his great contribution to the last newsletter.

New Business:

- It is time to begin considering a slate of nominations for the upcoming annual election in March. The positions that are up for consideration are Vice president and Secretary.
- A discussion ensued about wanting to do something with Wilderness Adventures.
- Steve Marcq will be creating his fabulous plaques for our dogs' accomplishments in 2008 so we will put a notice in the newsletter for people to get their titles to Steve by mid-February.

The next meeting will be held at Peg and Lou's home on Sunday, January 25th, 1pm. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

ITS 2008 PLAQUE TIME

It's time to get a plaque, or additional tags if you already have one, for your GSP's titles earned during 2007. Was Fido a JH, an SH or MH?

How about a NAVHDA Prize?
Agility titles? Obedience Titles?
Therapy Dog?
Certified Couch Potato?



Heck, we don't care what it was - whatever the title is, get some recognition for it! If you have a plaque already, specify the title earned, and date, and the Katahdin Club will provide the brass tag at no cost to you. If it is Buster's first title, you will get the tag attached to a spiffy new hardwood plaque (made by yours truly) with his/her AKC name handsomely engraved on a KGSPC headplate, also at no charge to you. If you didn't get any titles in 2008, send \$5 and we'll make one up for you that your dog won in an alternate reality. Just kidding on that last part.

I need your name, the dog's name (duh), the specific title earned with date, and whether you need just the add-on tag because you already have a plaque, or you need the whole wooden plaque thingie too. Email spmarcq@comcast.net, or (if you are actually the last person on earth without email) snail mail to Steve Marcq, 44 Birchwood Drive, Allenstown NH 03275, and we'll get you fixed up right away. If you have a wood choice, let me know and I will accommodate - I have cherry, maple, walnut, bird's eye maple, curly maple, oak, wenge, and mahogany laying around.

Oh, and be right quick about it - there is a cut off date of March 1st, 2009 to place the engraving order, OK?

Steve

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/29 - 2/2 Cluster shows Wildwood, NJ
- 2/6 - 2/8 Big Apple Sporting Dog assoc/
Eastern Gsp club/Sleepy Hollow/
LI Gspc, Secaucus, NJ
- 2/9 - 2/10 Westminster KC show
New York, NY
- 2/14 - 2/15 Elm City/First Gov's Footguard
Hartford, CT
- 3/14 - 3/15 NE Sporting Dog Assoc
Fitchburg, MA
Katahdin GSP supported entry
Nutmeg GSP supported entry
- 4/3 - 4/4 Trap Falls/Troy KC
Springfield, MA
- 4/10- 4/12 RI Kennel Club/Providence Cty
Lincoln, RI
- 4/25 - 4/26 South Cty KC, Lincoln, RI

Don't Forget....
Start composing those stories
of your history with the breed
or memorable moments
for upcoming newsletters!
Our next story for Jan/Feb is submitted
by Wilma Sarna

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

“OUR DOG YEARS” FROM PAUL & ELEANOR FAIRFIELD

It was the spring of 1972

The Telephone Rang.

We (Eleanor and I were living in our home on Lake Wentworth, Wolfeboro, NH).....Hello! “Hi pop, this is your older son Phillip. I have some news for you and mom. I have resigned from my teaching job in Andover High School, Mass. And Ruth and I are going into the dog business.”

Astounded I retorted, “you’re going to the dogs? What are you going to live on?”. He explained, “We’re going to build some kennels here in Boxford. I’m going to learn how to be a judge in the American Kennel Club. Before that, Ruth (his wife) and I are going to board, train, and raise dogs, and I am going to be a dog handler at shows.”.....I replied “and eat dog food?” He replied “don’t be smart!”

Well, they did and really, that was when we realized that dogs were in need of educated handlers too!. Several months later the phone rang again, “Hello pop. Tomorrow I am shipping you a puppy. It will arrive at Boston airport - American Airlines at 11:00am. Please drive down and pick him up. We all love you!” The phone clicked.....

I didn’t sleep well that night but Eleanor and I drove to Boston airport and stopped at the airline hanger. “Do you have a puppy that our son shipped up from North Carolina?” I asked. “We sure do” the baggage man said, “if you don’t want him, several passengers are ready to buy”.

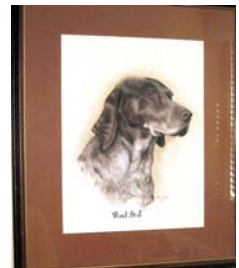
Needless to say, we respectfully said no and he wheeled out a cage with a male German Shorthaired Pointer in it, and we were hooked!.

Michelob was christened and immediately took over our life, home and spare time. I got books, information, teaching manuals and spent time in training for this young tiger. He was wonderful and learned a great deal of the various moves needed in the show ring and obedience ring, and got his certificates. He was a large dog and when he moved around the ring, everybody stepped back!

The days, weeks and months continued and almost every weekend we were either traveling with Michelob, meeting other owners, seeing every shape, size, short and long haired, every breed possible. But of course Michelob was tops. We proudly helped break the color bias by breeding, training and showing all liver colored GSP’s and being rewarded with blue ribbons and championships.

Pretty soon we became interested in breeding and Michelob. He and a

SOME WENTWORTH GSP’S



FORMAL PICTURE OF
CH. WENTWORTH’S
PEARL GIRL
WINNER CANADIAN INT.
TRACKING COMPETITION



PAUL WITH PEARL GIRL
HER WIN AT THE INT’L
TRACKING
COMPETITION



THIS IS A NEEDLE POINT
MADE BY
ELEANOR FAIRFIELD
OF THEIR FIRST GSP
CH WENTWORTH’S
MICHELOB
1982

GO G.S.P’S
AND
DON’T QUIT!

friend produced 12 GSP's. My wife was upset, "What are YOU going to do with

this number of dogs?" I gulped and said "Don't worry WE will get rid of them." She returned with a slogan of "Forget the WE business.".....I was right, we sold all of them to all types of people.

I was retired at this time so I was busy while Eleanor continued as Guidance Counselor in the high school. On weekends she was the "Kennel Captain" at shows, while I had the pleasure of showing.

We kept one female of the litter and named her "Wentworth's Pearl Girl". She was the living end!. Small, bright, smart, loving and pretty. She was well structured and all dog. She had no trouble in the show ring and she would have enjoyed agility if it had been offered. I had heard of TRACKING and we worked on this with a friend of ours Lisa De Forest who lived close to us in New Durham. Her breed was Vizslas as well as horses and pigs!. By the way, Lisa is still showing and does have wonderful Vizslas. Pearl Girl and I entered the Canadian-American tracking event, our international competition, and were awarded the Blue Ribbon!

All this time we were meeting wonderful owners of GSP's like Wilma and John Sarna of Harpswell Maine and friendly GSP fame, and so many more. We drove our neighbors "bananas" until they got a fine GSP, and Jim and June Burns are still involved. Jim is an AKC judge, and has traveled internationally to officiate the finest of shows! There are others and so many wonderful people owning and showing our breed. We are fortunate.

We got the bug and bought a thirty foot camper, designed the interior so several dog crates could be fit in for long extended trips. When Eleanor retired, we did the USA! We showed two of our dogs at Myrtle Beach, the Florida Circuit, drove along the southern shores of California. We showed at Fort Pendleton, Los Angeles and then headed east to many other states. We had a great time, never to be forgotten. We would camp at night and our dogs were our sentinels. They loved the travel and their cages were not used a great deal. The dogs loved to sit on the seats and look out the windows as we drove. The even had a signal when they needed to find a tree or a soft plot of ground!

To this day we have fine recollections!

1. Being members of dog clubs, volunteering and offering our services to help other dog owners
2. Continually teaching your dogs new opportunities to learn. There are so many programs now.
3. Participate at shows, run programs, help, aid and assist for the sake of the dog!
4. Make certain that you make your dog a member of the family! They are so interested in being loved.
5. Take trips and don't forget to take your dog. They will fit in and make your trip a lot better
6. Keep a "Dog Diary" of all the important dates, activities, shows and championships. It's much easier to look up than to Remember and then forget.

Of all the trips I still remember, the show that John Sarna and his dog Spencer won Best-in-Show.(GSP Nationals). After the presentation, he and I sat down and cried. Who should come over but Spencer and he gave John several tongue licks as if to say "Thanks Pop!".....those years with our dogs are unforgettable.

We wish you all the best as you train your dog, and remember he is as humane and understanding as we are.

GO G.S.P'S AND DON'T QUIT!

Sincerely,

Paul & Eleanor Fairfield
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BRAGS

Tony (CH Sunrise Mad About You Too RN) completed his CD at the Springfield shows in three straight trials! Tony is owned by Lorie Crain and Sam Honaker. And in a belated brag Blueberry finished his OTCH! He's now OTCH/CH Sunrise N Shannon The Big Chill UDX TD JH NA NAJ. Blue is owned by Linda Montgomery and Lorie Crain. He's the breed's 11th Obedience Trial Champion. Both boys are out of CH Shannon's Ripple Effect CD. **Lori.....Sunrise GSP's**

Sandra and I are proud that **Bodo of Birdland Kennels** completed his junior qualification so quickly. And we are just as proud if not more so that Bodo was asked to run with Lou Gagnon's Ivy for her Master qualification trial. We are looking forward to working on Bodo's next level.

John & Sandra Manni

(picture)



Deb & Steve Broad

November 9th in Fitchburg, **“Boomer” Bear Mtns Blueridge Illusion, JH** took Winners Dog, Best of Winners and Best Bred By for a 4 point major. Proud mom is our liver girl “Kerry” Ch Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH, by our favorite ticked boy “Griffin” Ch Wildapple’s Griffin, JH, owned by club members Jeremy and Sandra Thompson. A huge thank you goes to Peg and Pat for again being there for us.

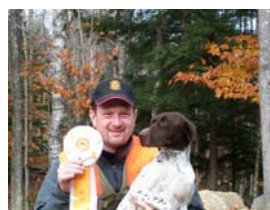
The following week, Boomer’s 6 month old son **“Louie” Bear Mtns Prairiestars Reflection** took Best of Breed Puppy and Group One his first time out at a very large puppy match handled by co-breeder/owner Marilyn Ogorek. Louie apparently was out there hamming it up like a GSP does. He is out of our “Lulu” Ch Bear Mtns Sierra Hi-Resolution, JH.

“Boomer” was back out for the Mayflower GSP specialty show in Boston, receiving reserve winners dog to the 5pt major.....(also reserve to a 4pt major two weeks earlier).

Big Buck's Lucy Belle qualified for her fourth leg on Saturday at the TarTan Gordon Setter Club Hunt Test. She's a Junior Hunter but I understand that the real work starts now. The icing on the cake was Sunday, she scored a 39! Not bad for a dog that once grabbed a bird and ran off the field.

Thanks for letting me brag **Scott Neal**

(picture included)



At the Queensboro Show on October 24th **Rudy (Birdland's Rudy of the Valley)** won Winners Dog and Best of Winners for his first major. On the following day he took Reserve Winners Dog to the major. **Georgia (Millbrook's Sweet Georgia Brown)** finished her qualifying legs at the Tartan Hunt Test to earn her Junior Hunter designation. Thanks, **Pat**

Joni (Roggenfeld's Jonayla of Mariah BDN) completed her JH on Sat. Nov. 22 at the Pointer Associates of New England hunt tests at Flaherty Field, CT. She had just turned 10 months old on the 20th. Owner: Pam Parshall, Breeders: Pam Parshall, Sandra Kretz, & Ann Michaud. Joni is out of CH Mariah BDN Ayla Stole My Heart CD, RN, JH, VC by NSS CH Roscommon at Birchwood JH.

Pam Parshall

Belated results from **Sherry Thrall and Bob Kapitan** at Hedgehog Hill Shorthairs on the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Canada Nationals, held in August 2008 in beautiful Long Sault Ontario.

We were very proud that our solid liver boy **Jammer**, aka Am Can BIS CFC CH HHH Jam On The Brakes CHIC took the first Award of Merit at the Canadian Nationals! At just 2.5 years old, Jammer has already accomplished many goals, included his AKC CH from BBE, a GSPCA National Futurity placement, his CKC and CFC Championships, a CFC Best in Show, his CHIC certification and now, a GSPCC Award Of Merit!

Not to be outdone just starting out, **Little Izzy, aka HHH Ante Up**, one of our Crazy Eight litter owned by **Mary and John Beerworth** also took the GSPCC weekend by storm. On the first day of the circuit, from the junior puppy class, solid liver Izzy was WB for five points, Best Puppy in Breed, and Best Puppy in Sporting group ! She won both her nationals sweepstakes class and regular class and was Best Puppy each day in the Stormont shows!

This month, on the home front, **Jammer's** first litter has also arrived, known as "That 80's Music Litter"!

Take a peak at our newly updated website at www.hedgehoghillshorthairs.com

Happy Holidays to all!

Julie A Smith

Eastern Dog Show on Dec 6th, 2008 in Boston MA

Skypoint's Our River Runs Free by CH Roscommon's Sports Edition JH – CH Roscommon's Solar Winds JH CD.. took Breed/Best Puppy/Group 3/Puppy Group 1 for a 5 point Major from the 6-9 Month Puppy Class. Scarlet is owned by **Frank and Lenore DelPrete** and bred by Julie A Smith.

Scarlet's mom **Jessie** took first place in her Veteran's Class and Scarlet's dad Monte took Best of Opposite.

Monte also took the Stud dog Class with his two get Scarlet and Moxie - Skypoint's Dream On Irish Gal

Jessie also took the Brood Bitch class with Moxie and Cassie- Skypoint's Wild Rover

Skypoint's Winter Wonderland by Roscommon's Go The Distance JH – CH Roscommon's Northern Lights JH CD ... took 1st place in the Bred-By class and went on to take Reserve winners Bitch.

SINCE WE ARE IN THE "WINTER" MODE, I THOUGHT THIS GSP STORY WOULD KEEP US SMILING THROUGH ALL THE SNOW AND ICE.

I WAS TALKING TO A GSP FRIEND DURING THE TWO LAST SNOW STORMS, AND SHE TOLD ME AN ABSOLUTELY HILARIOUS STORY ABOUT THE ANTICS OF HER FIRST GSP DURING A 41 INCH STORM IN CHICAGO MANY YEARS AGO. YES, 41 INCHES. YIKES!!

APPARENTLY WITH THE HOWLING WIND, THE SNOW HAD DRIFTED QUITE A BIT, IN FACT, UP TO THE ROOF OF THE NEIGHBORS HOUSE. WHILE OUTSIDE THE NEXT DAY TRYING TO CLEAR THEIR OWN YARD THEY NOTICED THEIR GSP UP ON THE ROOF OF THIS NEIGHBORS HOUSE, LEAVING THEM A "ROOF TOP" DEPOSIT.....
WHEN YOU GOT-TA GO - YOU GOT TO GO!



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