

SHORTHAIR TALES

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I WOULD SAY THAT MY TRACK RECORD ON REPORTING THE COMING WEATHER IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER MESSAGE WAS AS ACCURATE AS MOST WEATHER PERSONS, SINCE, WHEN I PREDICTED THE COOL WEATHER COMING OUR WAY.....I WAS DEAD WRONG!

HOPE EVERYONE DID WELL OVER THE HALLOWEEN BLIZZARD. I CANT REMEMBER WHEN WE HAD THAT MUCH SNOW IN OCTOBER, NOR WHEN WE WORKED ON OUR TAN IN NOVEMBER.....

I THOUGHT "I" WAS CONFUSED, BUT MY DOGS COATS ARE GOING CRAZY I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THEY PUT INTO OUR RECENT HUNT TESTS AND HELPED US ACHIEVE ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL EVENT FOR THE CLUB.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE QUALIFYING TEAMS!

HAPPY HUNTING (IN ALL VENUES), AND STAY WARM/COOL.....

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OUR
"LIFE LINE"
PAT RUSSELL
HARD AT WORK
AT OUR HUNT TEST
(LAST PAGE/COVER)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Saturday September 17, 2011 at Sharpe's Farm in Hopkinton, NH. In attendance were Steve Marcq, Deb Broad and Pat Russell. The meeting commenced at 2:30 PM.

President's Report:

Deb commented on how nice it was to have a good turnout for the Hunt Test.

Secretary's Report:

GSPCA dues are due the beginning of the year.

Treasurer's Report:

Tabled.

New Members:

No new members

Show Committee:

Pat reported on our Specialty at the Cheshire County show August 7th – we had a good turnout and another wonderful raffle. Thank you Pauline!

Hunt Test Committee:

Results are elsewhere in the newsletter. Lots of new faces, which is great!

Club Championship: Tabled

Training Days: Tabled

Legislative Report: Tabled

Old Business: None

New Business:

Tabled

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM. The next meeting will be held at The Common Man in Concord on Sunday, November 20th at 11 AM.

All members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Russell, Secretary.

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

A HUNTING STORY FROM A PROUD BREEDER TO HIS NEW OWNERS

Subject: Ocean's 10 Update

I hope all are having a good hunting season and that your pup is getting as much exposure as possible. It's been great to hear some great stories and updates. Before getting into the hunting I wanted to let you know that the last reported weights ranged from 38 lbs (Lulu) to Bo at 52 (Bo) both those were 3 weeks ago. Gabbie and Cooper more recently weighed in mid 40's. Good news is that all puppies remain healthy and have yet to hear any issue reported from anybody.

Gracie, Lulu and myself have had some great hunting the last couple of weeks. We were out to South Dakota for pheasant and grouse hunted in Minnesota. By the 3rd day in SD it suddenly clicked for Lulu and she became a hunting dog. She worked a rooster for 5+ minutes in and out of cornstalks and taller grass. Unfortunately when it did go up it did so into the sun so no cigar on that one. Day after I did shoot the first bird that Lulu had worked on her own.

As we moved on to Minnesota Lulu did not miss a beat. Her search and use of nose left me in awe. She did end up busting a whole bunch of birds and for every busted bird her points got more intense and longer. She also started honoring Gracie's points. Her points and honor are not 100% steady, there is still just so long a puppy attention span lasts. I'm planning to get her in more controlled environment with planted birds to make sure we firm up what is an excellent start and don't develop bad habits which will take long to unwind later.

This weekend we were up in NH. Last bird of the day was a cripple that Lulu ended up tracking down and retrieving. It would be a stretch to say she retrieves to hand but after a couple of stops the bird made it back to within a foot or two of where I was standing. That was a wonderful ending to an awesome day. We got our bag limit by 1 pm and that despite Lulu still busting a significant number of birds. Actually Gracie went on point and I did not particularly hurry since it was pretty far in and in the middle of young saplings so I figure by the time I got there the bird would be gone. Lulu beat me by just a little bit and it turned out there was a covey of about 15 birds and they were flushing in all directions and making all kind of ruckus trying to get airborne. Lulu, not knowing what to do, started barking at the birds as they headed out (Gracie remained on point throughout this, of course).

To sum it up with Lulu I am happy to see her working independently (she will often go off in opposite direction to Gracie), ranging (she goes further out than Gracie much of the time), breaking cover (she will not hesitate for any vegetation or hurdle). Today she also had an absolute picture perfect point.

Gabbie seems be "the Natural" in the litter. She hunts independently, is solid on point and retrieves to hand and even before she left her she was swimming like a lab. She is getting a lot of exposure as her owner Dana is a Maine Guide and gets out hunting more than most of us.

We had the pleasure to meet up with Bo and owner Andy for some hunting 3 weeks ago. It ended up being mostly Woodcock hunting as both Andy and I got our bags full. At that point it was really the result of Gracie's hunting. However on the first 2 birds Gracie did not get a mark and went off in the wrong direction. As I was trying to direct Gracie to the right area I ended up looking down and next to my knee was Bo standing with bird in his mouth waiting for me to take it. I here he continues to do a great job retrieving and sniffs out birds that have been hidden away (good indication of good use of nose).

I know both Cooper and Shadow have been out on the bird trails but have heard no detailed reports. The exposure the puppies are getting during this hunting season is going to be invaluable for later training so I certainly hope you try and get yours out whenever possible.

Please continue to share stories and pictures and as always feel free to call anytime with questions or concerns.

Happy Hunting!

Anders





HUNT TEST RESULTS

Saturday Hunt Test Passes

Junior	Luna (Brit)	Thayer
	Bijou (WPG)	O'Clair
	Morey (GSP)	Russell
	Kupa (Brit)	Rakoski
	Sookie (GWP)	Waldron
	Lulu (GSP)	Broad
	Tide (GWP)	Jacobs
	Spencer (GSP)	Broad/Desjardin
Senior	Pokey (WPG)	Fee
	Bandit (GSP)	Hayes
Master	Max (GSP)	Shaw
	Doc (GSP)	Mscisz

Sunday Hunt Test Passes

Junior	Morey (GSP)	Russell
	Bella (Brit)	Rollins
	Scooby (Brit)	Short
	Starr (Brit)	Stepanian
	Luna (Brit)	Thayer
	Bijou (WPG)	O'Clair
	Kibo (GSP)	Casey
	Nash (Brit)	Stepanian
	Lady (ES)	Parsons
	Tide (GWP)	Jacobs
Senior	Jack (Brit)	Short
	Tess (WPG)	Bruk
	Bullet (Brit)	Short



ONE OF OUR BIRD PLANTERS
FRED NEWCOMB



EVERY DOGS PREFERRED SEAT TO
WAIT FOR RESULTS!



FRIENDS
AND GOOD CONVERSATION

BRAGS

Birdland's **Obie** Wan Kenobe has made his glorious entrance into the show ring. He is gaining ground and showing his prowess. The first judge was duly impressed by his clever backing motion when approached by his first-ever judge. Recognizing the cleverness of that move and as an inspiration of youth, the judge knew he did not need to check the teeth and bite, since such a clever dog would surely have superior chops.

The second day showed even more major improvement, as once having demonstrated to the show world he was already fully in possession of the now famous Obie backward stomp that I'm sure we'll see copied at Westminster sometime soon, he actually let the judge touch him! Well, I can tell you, the crowd went wild.

So far, this appears to be like finance, most startups start up in the red.

Fred Newcomb for Obie, who is simply blown away with all those dogs in one place because he's sure that at any moment he'll be going out in a brace with one of them in the field outside the show where between inside appearances he is pointing birds.

Deb & Steve Broad: Bear Mountain Gsp's

Our "**Boomer**" Ch Bear Mtn Blueridge Illusion, JH earned another win toward his grand championship in October.

Brother **Spencer**, told by mom **Barbara Desjardins**, says he has been in class for 2.5 months. and was entered in ADPT level 1 nov 5 and 6. He received his 1st ribbon and came in 4th by points ahead of 12 dogs and the handlers have done these trials many times. This was my 1st ever and I did not understand all the rules He would have had a second ribbon but we lost by 10 seconds

"I am every happy with Spencer," "He has to qualify 2 more times under different judges to get his first leg then moves up to level 2"

Both boys are by the Thompson's "Griffin", Ch Wildapple's Griffin, JH, out of our "Kerry" Ch Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH.

Morey finished his Junior Hunter this September and is now Birdland's More Than You Know JH,NRD. -
Pat Russell

Lynn Milewski

Samistic's Tickle Me Pink graduated from pet 101 obedience! **Tic** is now working on pet 102 from Telling Tails.



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