



SHORTHAIR TALES
Newsletter of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club
Of Greater Portland
December 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, fellow Katahdin-ites!

As I write this, snow and winter weather is forecast for tomorrow, and it looks like winter will finally arrive in the northeast. It sure was strange to go grouse hunting Christmas weekend with only a shirt and vest. After saying I was going to do it last year, I am actually going to force fetch the Twerp this winter, and am looking forward to ramping up his training (and mine..), better late than never I suppose.

Katahdin will be having several field training days this spring, you can see our event dates for 2016 (and all Sharp's Farm events) at our website <http://www.katahdingsp.org/heldca-.html> , more details and signup forms to follow in the next newsletter. In addition to training days in April and August (so far), our GSPCA Water Certificate test is scheduled for June 26, with a training day at the same site on June 25. Also, our fall hunt test will again be a joint event with the NNEBC at Sharp's on Sept 10 and/or 11 (we haven't discussed yet whether we each want one test a day, or 2 tests in one day for each club). I believe we will have a specialty show in Keene again in August as well. Lots going on, and lots to plan.

Finally, we all love photos of our dogs, if you want yours on the website or our Facebook page please send them along.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all of you!

Steve



Braggs, etc.

From Pam Parshall:

In November Joni earned her 1st leg on her SHA title with 8s across the board. (CH Roggenfeld's Jonayla of Mariah BDN CD, RN, SH, CGC, VC)

From Sam Tompkins and Frank Fowler:



We are very proud that Kenai achieved her Master Hunter title this year!

From Susan Fuller:



Dena's last accolade was the water test! However, we did have some good hunting adventures this past fall. Here's a pic of her in September pointing a covey of birds, hunter flush and shoot, and her retrieve on a Sharptail grouse in Montana ... nothing like bringing the training to a successful reality with your four-legged bud!

From Louise Shaw and Fred Doctoroff:



Fred and Louise welcome SharpeMtn's Primary Colors at QuailRize "Nora". Nora is out of MBISS AM/NSS Can CH Buckley Nectemere SH NRD and CH Southwind's Special Edition

From Pat Russell:



Ranger (CH Birdland's Playing the Field JH) finished his show championship over the 4th of July weekend, taking three BOW majors.



His littermate TJ (CH Birdland's Maximum Ride JH) completed his Junior Hunter Title this fall.

From Sherry Kapitan:

It has been an exciting year for Hedgehog Hill Shorthairs Reg Inc. with our Rio puppy, Can CH HHH Top Gun. Shown on a limited and select basis in the BBE class, Rio made his debut at the Mayflower GSP Specialty show, going Best in Sweeps and RWD to the major. Rio was WD at the Specialty on Cape Cod and was Best of Opposite in Sweeps at the GSPCA Regional Specialty show in September and is pointed in the US. Following in his mother's Best of Winners footsteps from 2013 at the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Canada National Specialty show, Rio didn't stop at Best of Winners. He was also Best Puppy and Best Bred by Exhibitor at the National Specialty. At the GSPCC Regional Specialty the next day, he was Best Puppy and Best of Winners shown by pro handler Rhoda Ace!

Back in Canada for the big sporting specialties at the Stormont Dunross and Glengarry weekend in Ontario, Rio finished his Canadian Championship.....and besting his grandmother Izzy's puppy sporting group win, he won the puppy Sporting Group TWO days in a row! His first day out as a special he went Select dog over some top specials for his first Grand Champion points!

Rio is sired by MBISS Gold GCH Schutzen's Son of a Gun CD BN RE SH CGC VS NRD NA Pz 1 and out of our Charlotte, BISS GCH HHH Silver Sun.



BISS GCH HHH Silver Sun 5 finished her GCH this summer. Charlotte is shown on a limited basis, she also went to the GSP Club of Canada National Specialty in August and was Specialty Best of Breed over top specials at the GSPCC Regional Specialty.

Charlotte is home at present with a Christmas litter of 7 Royals, sired by Showboy Roy, GCH Stelor's Royalty Remembered. See them at www.hedgehoghillshorthairs.com or FB HHH Shorthairs, we are expecting great things from this litter!





Over the Rainbow Bridge

From Pam Parshall:



CH Mariah BDN Ayla Stole My Heart CD, RN, MH, NRD, CGC, VC, & 3 legs
toward her MHA

Born: 2/14/2005 Died: 12/22/2015 You were my "once in a lifetime" dog, the best Shorthair I have had in 40 years of hunting, showing, obedience trialing, and running hunt tests. You truly stole my heart and will be sorely missed. RIP my love bug.

From Pat Russell:



Sweet Georgia Brown JH. June 27, 2004
– December 18, 2015. Mother,
grandmother, friend - she will be missed.

Water Tests Qualifiers

The following dogs successfully completed the test for the **Novice Retrieving Dog** certificate title:

1. Bear Mtns Wild Apple McIntosh (Macky), owned by Jeremy Thompson
2. Big Rock What's Your Point at Twin Meadows (Meghan), owned by Larry Sanchez
3. HHH Destiny's Little BB Gun (BB Gun), owned by Joe and Linda Mscisz

The following dog successfully completed the test for the **Retrieving Dog** certificate title:

1. Skypoint's Yarmouth Winter's Dream (Dena Dream), owned by Susan Fuller

The following dog successfully completed the test for **Retrieving Dog Excellent** certificate title:

1. Woodland Reflection SH CD (Kenai), owned by Cassandra Tompkins and Frank Fowler

Pictures of the Water Test can be found on our Facebook page



Check it out!

Members Susan and Paul Fuller are actively taking videos and providing training hints while traveling across the country. There are even some of Katahdin, which can be found on the website www.birddogsafield.com.

Katahdin Events Calendar

April 23, 2016 – Training Day at Sharpe's Farm

May 28-29, 2016 – New England Sporting Group Association Show, Keene, NH

June 25, 2016 – Training Day for Water Test – held at Sharpe's Farm, Dike side.

June 26, 2015 – GSPCA and AKC Water Tests – held at Sharpe's Farm, Dike side

August 7, 2016 – Cheshire Kennel Club Show – Keene, NH – Conformation (Katahdin Specialty Show)

August 20, 2016 – Training Day at Sharpe's Farm

September 10, 2016 – Katahdin Hunt Test

September 11, 2016 – Katahdin Hunt Test

Helpful Links

www.gpsrescuene.org – German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue New England

<http://nhdogs.org> – Dog Owners of the Granite State – protects dogs through active involvement with legislation

www.granitestatedogrecovery.com – reunites owners with lost and found dogs in New England. As of December 1, 2015 they had reunited 724 dogs in 2015 with their owners.

<http://fairyydogparents.org> – also on Facebook – helps dog owners who do not have financial resources for special care

www.gspca.org – German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America – parent club for us

www.akc.org – American Kennel Club

www.infodog.com – upcoming dog shows, etc.

On Facebook: K9NE -dog related events in New England
American Kennel Club Pointing Breed Hunt Test
The Dog Show Judges Report
German Shorthair Pointer
GSP Rescue New England
Dog Showing and Handling
Dog Show Forum
Bird Dogs and Fly Fishing
Hunting G.S.P.s
I love my German Shorthaired Pointer
Dog Agility
Field Trialers
Canine Health, Breeding and Puppy Care
Pointing Breed Hunt Test Help and Info

Legislative Update

The Massachusetts Joint Committee on Financial Services is considering a bill that would protect responsible dog owners by prohibiting insurance companies that offer homeowners insurance from refusing, cancelling, or imposing an increased premium on clients due to the specific breed of dog(s) kept on the property.

MINUTES

December 13, 2015

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday December 13, 2015 at Pat Russell's home in Hancock, NH. In attendance were Steve and Pauline Marcq, Larry and Andrea Sanchez, Megan and Ben Arey, Fred Newcomb, Sam Tompkins and Pat Russell. The meeting commenced at 10:20 am.

President's Report: Steve reported that we have had good contact through the website – 987 separate visits. We have also received requests for information on available litters or young dogs, which have been not only answered, but resulted in the placement of young dogs.

Secretary's Report: Pat reported on efforts with the GSPCA to have the results of our water test published. Hopefully they will be in the next issue with pictures. We are current with our GSPCA membership.

Treasurer's Report: Jeremy was unable to attend, but sent in a report – our bank account continues to be healthy.

New Members: Kevin and Megan Moriarty – welcome!

Show Committee: We will not be holding a Supported entry at The New England Sporting Dog Association since the GSPCA Nationals will be held the same weekend in PA. Sandra Kretz is donating some trophies to the NESGA to support us. We are hoping The Cheshire Kennel Club will hold its August show in Keene, NH, and we can hold our Specialty there.

Hunt Test Committee: The double header hunt test with the NNEBC went very well – resulted in nice entries for both clubs, and we plan to do it again next year. There are different ways to hold a double header and we will be meeting with the Brittany people to determine what worked best and what we might consider changing.

Water Test: The Water Test will be held again the end of June, preceded by a training day at the dam. Tom and Sam will be our judges again. Ducks will be available for training.

Training Days: We're planning our first training day in April. Quail might not be available, so we will be using chukar. There will also be chukar available for purchase, just let Steve know ahead of time.

Old Business: The Katahdin embroidered merchandise (shirts and caps) has been selling well. Several custom orders have also been filled. The logo can be put on any piece of clothing – let Pat know what you want and she'll order it for you.

New Business:

- HELDCA is considering leveling out the Junior Hunt Test field at Sharpe's. The Club would contribute toward the cost.
- Sam proposed a Veteran Dog Hunt Test, which met with great approval. It could also be open to other pointing breeds. There would be different levels depending on the ability and age of the participants, and prizes would be given for such accomplishments as Most Mangled Bird, Longest Retrieve, Loudest Handler, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Russell, Secretary



SNIFF 'N GO

Nose Work Mock Trial

SUNDAY February 14, 2016



All levels of experience on odor welcome.
 Interesting search areas.
 Interiors - Containers - Exteriors - Vehicles
 Level appropriate hides per NACSW rules.



Pre-registration required – Limited entry – Entries Close February 9*.
 Start time to be determined by entry.

Running order will be posted on our website a day or two prior to the event.

<small>Mail entry with fee payable to Performance Plus K9 Activity Center-57 Commercial Street-Raynham MA 02767</small>				
Name				
Email			Phone	
Dog's name		Breed		Is your dog Reactive? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Enclose appropriate FEE per level per dog	<input type="checkbox"/> NW 1 \$32	<input type="checkbox"/> NW 2 \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> NW 3 \$38	Total Enclosed \$
Odors:	Birch	Birch and Anise	Birch, Anise, and Clove	
<small>Refunds: prior to February 9th are subject to a processing fee of \$15-No refunds after February 9th.</small>				
For Company Use:	Date	Check #	Amount	Processor

Note: Reactive dogs must wear identifying Red Bandana while attending event. No special parking or exercise area will be provided for reactive dogs. No indoor crating space—plan to work out of your car. Bring your own shade, water and warmth. Be prepared for the weather.

For directions visit our website www.performanceplusk9.com

Performance Plus K9 Activity Center – 57 Commercial Street – Raynham, MA 02767