



# **GSPC/News**

## **Newsletter for the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Indiana**

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### **President's Message**

As we read through the pages of this Newsletter, reflecting on recent club events, or focusing on our future outings, I wanted to pause here between the pages of the "Club's Calendar of Events" and ponder just what it is & why it is, that this indescribable bond between us & our noble GSP has pushed us to the edge of even being considered "Normal" in the eyes of our friends, families, & co-workers.

I used to think it was just me, but every time I hear a story of someone leaving strips of un-mown grass in their yard, so they have a place to plant pigeons, or stories of hauling boxes of birds, hundreds of miles, in your brand new SUV, or even the tale I heard of a club member planting live quail behind the couch in the living room of their apartment so the family GSP could brush up on his pointing before his JH Test, I realize it's not just me anymore! It's a very contagious disease that we have all been exposed to from the first minute that we came into contact with that adorable speckled pup that now controls our lives!

It all started for me several years ago with a simple trip to southern Indiana on a rain-out day from work, with intentions to pick out a puppy & be back in time to surprise the kids when I picked them up from school. Evidently, mud & rain are the surfactants that assure that the dose of this disease is terminal? The whole family came down with the illness very quickly & at a very young age. Over the counter doses of , Westminster, CD, Berettas, Eukanuba, MH, Tritronics, Zinger Winger, CH, & NAVHDA Plaques, only seem to mask the pain, as the condition exaggerates & worsens steadily!

Unfortunately, I have not run across anyone to date, which has insurance that covers this disease. At best, all we can do is just rest assured that being quarantined to the GSPC INDIANA leaves us in a group where misery loves company, and hope & pray that they never find a cure!

...Tim Conley

### **2008 GSPCIN Calendar of Events**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> – WITO** (Women in the Outdoors)

**June 18<sup>th</sup> – Karl Kelly Camp**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Atterbury Sporting Clays**

**July 20<sup>th</sup> – Club Pic-Nic/Fun Day** – Glenns Valley Conservation Club

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> -Directors / membership meetings**

-Greenwood Gander Mountain meeting room

**September 1<sup>st</sup> -Newsletter** (deadline August 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**September 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> -Fall Hunt-Test** – Glenns Valley

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> -Directors / membership meetings**

-Greenwood Gander Mountain meeting room

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – Newsletter** (deadline November 22<sup>nd</sup>)

**January 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 -Annual Meeting**

### **GSPC of IN Welcomes our Newest Members**

Please Join me in welcoming our club's newest members: **Richard & Linda Beverly** from Brownsburg IN, **Michael & Carrie Brown** from Martinsville IN, **Matt & Sara Clark** from Indianapolis IN, **Paul & Barbara Creech** from Greenwood IN, **Terry & Jera Schwer** from Richmond IN and our new CORPORATE MEMBER: **TERRE HAUTE GANDER MOUNTAIN**

### **Meeting Minutes:**

GSP CLUB OF INDIANA DIRECTOR/GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 17, 2008

A club meeting was held at the Boat/Sport/Travel show in Indianapolis immediately following the dog demos. There were 12 members present. Those attending were Tim Conley, Ron Ferris, Andy Giegold, Christin Swinford & husband, Christy Featherston, James Kershaw, David & Candy Tharp, John Kennedy, Steve Hammond, and Donna Conley.

The minutes from the annual meeting and the treasury report were approved as presented. President Tim Conley gave a brief overview of club's activities. He submitted a proposed budget for the upcoming year. The budget was given to members so everyone could have an idea about necessary funds needed to keep the club functioning. The need for possible fundraisers was discussed. Tim suggested the use of budget sheets for committee events and activities.

Committees/Events/Member Participants were announced by the President:

Show - Charlie Edwards

BSTS - Ron Ferris

Hunt Tests - Tim Conley

Meet the Breeds - Christin Swinford

Membership - Tim & Donna Conley

Email Communications - Tim Conley

Newsletters/Website - Lisa Stovall

Nominating Committee - Dave Tharp

Political/Legislation - Gary Marlin

Dock Dogs - Schroeders

Scholarship - Hoyt, Giegold, Edwards

Picnic - Jason Barile

Sporting Clays - Larry Harris

Youth/Ladies Hunt - Alan Montgomery

Training - Steve Hammond

DNR/BOW - Matt Sanders

Karl Kelly Youth Camp - James Kershaw

Outdoor Women/Fort Wayne - Dave Troup

All committee/lead persons were approved except show committee. It was decided and voted to table the selection of show committee chair.

Ron Ferris thanked everyone for their efforts at the BSTS. He said everyone was pleased with the dog demos. He will continue to work on scheduling for the remainder of the event. Someone was still needed to volunteer for tear down. Tim said he would help with that if needed.

Andy Giegold reported that the price for a new or rented display would be too costly. He said that his shop class could build a new one for the club to have for next year at the BSTS.

Tim Conley stated that spring hunt test premiums were out on the web now. He also gave the fall hunt test dates of September 27 & 28.

James Kershaw let everyone know about the upcoming Perfection Kennel training seminar. There are still spaces available so register soon. Post on web site.

Christin Swinford will be working on lining people up for the "meet the breed" event. If interested please contact her.

Tim Conley called on all members to be actively involved in getting the club's renewal members to renew. He read the many names of those who have still yet to renew their memberships. He asked everyone to call / email / or send a note to remind them.

Fundraiser ideas were discussed. Corporate memberships, sponsorships, yearbooks, raffles, 50/50. We need to be looking for other avenues of revenue.

The goal for newsletter will be to have four per year.

The club is still interested in the Sportsman's Roundtable/should re-join.

With little club member experience, and lack of interest, it was decided to shelf the club's intentions to become involved with field trials at this time.

A 2008 goal has been set to update/review/modernize the club's by-laws. Charlie Edwards will help work on this with the board of directors.

The following meeting dates have been set for 2008 - May 4th, Aug 3rd, and Nov 2nd. Probable location will be Gander Mountain, Greenwood. Approximate time 230PM

It was also decided to shelf the suggestion to buy club training equipment until more progress on fundraisers has been realized.

Changes/additions to the AKC officer listing were agreed upon as follows: Christy Featherston - Referral, Ron Ferris - Rescue, Christy Featherston - Public Education, and Editor - Lisa Stovall.

A dog trainer listing will be added to the web site for members wishing to be listed.

Christy Featherston was happy with February show. There were good results and a profit listed. It was completed for 2008, and we should be receiving a check for our specialty. Meeting adjourned.

### **Spring Hunt test Report...**

Tim Conley  
The GSPC INDIANA Spring Hunt-Test was again, well attended on March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, held at Glens Valley Conservation Club, Waverly IN. Participants, Volunteers, Judges & "Man's Best Friend", all braved the cold / wet / blustery week-end along with soaring gasoline prices to continue the success for the Club at this event. I would like to personally thank AKC Judges Damon Lumpkins, James DeMarco, & our very own, Lisa Cleveland & Ron Ferris for their outstanding services on Hunt-Test week-end. An extra "THANKS" is extended to James DeMarco for not only lending us his judging expertise, but for also lending us his Hunt-Test Horses for the entire week-end !!! As always, these events are only as successful as the large group of Club Members / Volunteers that keep everyone looking forward to the next one .. THANKS for all your hard work!!!

The Fall Hunt-Test is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> @ Glens Valley Conservation Club.

Congratulations to all listed below that were successful @ the tests, but to those who weren't quite so "lucky".... Always remember: *"Experience" is what you get, when you don't get what you really wanted...!*

### **Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Junior Qualifiers:**

[Kmk Peyton V Greif](#), GSP, C Blackwell

[Knox's Big Footed Boomer](#), GSP, R Knox

[Palimar Hrh Wigglebutt](#), Weim, M Lester/P Lester

[Pm's Kick Em Up Montana Skye Lhc](#), Weim, D Miller

Sf Gretchen Mariel, GSP, J Stover/L Stover  
Thunder Rocks Silver Sage, GSP, S Pelham/J Pelham

**Senior Qualifiers:**

Bonnie Vom Montgomerycreek, GSP, D Tharp  
Cecil Vom Montgomerycreek, GSP, B Wise  
CH Reign Over Roam Acres CD JH, Wirehaired Pointing  
Griffon H Mcvicker/C Mcvicker

**Master Qualifiers:**

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**Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Junior Qualifiers:**

Ashleys' Etta Girl, Vizsla, T Ashley/T Ashley  
Birdacre's Alexander The Great, GSP, J Klase  
Birdacre's Bouncin Baby Brynn, GSP, J Klase  
Brimar Crown Royal, Brittany, R Woods/M Woods  
Dago Vom Heldenhain, Weim, D Miller/R Zobel  
Dream Weaver Totem, Vizsla, J Wallace  
Gunshot Ashley Von Ferronhaus, GSP, B Gemlick  
Gunshots Just My Imagination, GSP, A Giegold  
Kmk Peyton V Greif, GSP, C Blackwell  
Melody's Allie Oop, GSP, M Montag/J Montag  
Sf Gretchen Mariel, GSP, J Stover/L Stover  
Thunder Rocks Silver Sage, GSP, S Pelham/J Pelham  
Top Shot's Anja Mae, GSP, B Fleetwood

**Senior Qualifiers:**

Bonnie Vom Montgomerycreek, GSP, D Tharp  
Cecil Vom Montgomerycreek, GSP, B Wise  
Knox's Big Footed Boomer JH, GSP, R Knox  
Lot Of Heart's Gertie Mae JH, GSP, J DeMarco  
Palimar Hrh Wigglebutt JH, Weim, M Lester/P Lester

**Master Qualifiers:**

Antares Czeszka SH, Gordon Setter, M Lear  
Charko My Czeszka SH, English Setter, M Lear  
Shooting Starr's Go Go Gadget, GSP, A Libertore

**Perfection Seminar...James Kershaw**

**Perfection kennel seminar**-Jon and Cindy Hann, from perfection kennels, put on a very informative seminar April 11th-13th. Although the weather was less than cooperative, the seminar was well attended. The seminar seemed to be a success and a lot of quality dogwork and training occurred. Thanks to everyone that attended and helped make this a success.



**Raffle:** The club will be raffling off a Tritronics Pro 100 training collar as one of it's first fund raisers of the year. Tickets will be limited to 100 and they will be \$10 a piece or \$25.00 for three. This is a great opportunity to support the club and get an opportunity to win a high quality collar that will serve you for years to come. Tickets and more information will be available very soon.

**BOW Chukar Hunt... by Matt Sanders**

On May 3rd the GSPC of Indiana was very well represented at the Becoming an Outdoor Woman (BOW) camp held in Lafayette. Club members Tim & Bub Conley, Dave & Tyler Tharp, Steve Hammond, Brad Wise, Ross & Lauren Newhouse, and Matt, Vicki & Hunter Sanders all brought their dogs to help with this event. I want to first and foremost thank them for their time and experience that helped make this a smooth and exciting event.

We had a very short classroom training session and then we went right to the bird field. After an intro and safety talk, I used the Alan Montgomery patented "pass it off to Conley technique" and Tim showed some beginning training work with the Newhouse's 13 wk old pup Blaze. We then had two dogs in the field with their handlers while two shooters were escorted by two

other club members to make sure this was a safe event. There were 12 women with degrees of experience varying from none to "seasoned" hunters. Two of the women shot their first bird ever and one kept it to be mounted by a taxidermist. Every time a bird fell, there were shouts of praise from the gallery. All of the women were impressed with the dog work which was represented by three generations of the Montgomerycreek bloodlines. We had master, senior and junior hunters that all showed their stuff. One participant just wanted to walk and watch the dogs. After our time in the field we went to lunch with the participants and they had their chins raised high as they explained their accomplishments to the other 200 women at the camp. The event coordinator said that this particular portion of the weekend camp is always one of the first to fill up. We were immediately invited back next year and I encourage anyone that hasn't helped with this type of event to volunteer. Introducing these fine folks to our breed and the sport of hunting made this one of the best Saturdays I have spent in the field in a long time. Thanks again to the volunteers! See pictures from this event at the end of the newsletter.

Voglein's Sure Point Smok'n SH and NMK's Sure Point Sensation JH. She took Winners Bitch handled by Sharon at West Allis Kennel Club (picture below) on March 1, 2008. The next day she took Reserve Winners Bitch. On March 14, 2008 she took Winners Bitch for a major at the Louisville KC, one of the largest and most competitive shows of the year to complete her Championship.



### GSPCIN Happenings & Brags



\* NEW MASTER HUNTER - **Top Gun Billion Dollar Baby MH** (Cooper, pictured above) at age 3, finished his AKC Master Hunter title in Nova Ohio on Sat Dec 1, 2007. Cooper picked up all 6 legs this fall passing tests in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Ohio. Cooper is owned, and handled, by Dave Troup of Power Point Kennel Goshen Ind. Copper is the 3rd straight master titled dog from Power Point Kennel.

Ron & Sharon Fitzpatrick have 2 NEW CHAMPIONS!!  
 \*NEW CHAMPION - **CH Sure Point Smok'n Sensation JH** - Skye (bred & owned by Ron & Sharon Fitzpatrick) is now CH Sure Point Smok'n Sensation JH. Skye is our first Champion out of our very first litter and we couldn't be prouder. She is out of our CH



With her Championship completed we headed up to Oconomowoc, WI for the GSPCA National Specialty Show (picture above) and there Skye took 4th in the Hunt Test Bitch class. She also took 2nd in the Hunt Test Bitch class at the GSPC Of WI Regional Specialty the next day. Now she can get back to the field to start working on her Senior Hunting title.



**\*NEW CHAMPION - CH White River Sure Point Pizzazz** (pictured above) - Our other little girl, Zea decided she needed to catch up with her kennel sister and received her second major handled by Sharon at the Clinton Iowa KC by going Best of Winners on March 30th. She then finished up her Championship going Best of Winners once again at the KC of Yorkville on April 6th. Just for fun we headed to the Steel City KC on April 13th and took Best of Opposite! What a thrill! Zea is owned by Ron and Sharon Fitzpatrick and Char Rutar. Thanks to Char for sharing this sweet little girl with us.



**Dinges' Pntsttr Voodoo Child** – otherwise known as Jimi (pictured above)- owned by Charles Edwards & Amy Johnson-Edwards at the GSPCA National Specialty show was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 9-12 puppy dog class.

### Editor's Closing note

As always, I welcome your contributions for consideration for the newsletter. Please send me your happenings & brags, litter announcements, informative articles, trivia tidbits, pictures, or anything else that you would like to see included in the newsletter. I can be reached via email at the following addresses: [mflkstovall@omuonline.net](mailto:mflkstovall@omuonline.net) or [mflkstovall@hotmail.com](mailto:mflkstovall@hotmail.com) please send large files to the hotmail account.

Thanks, Lisa



**CH Pointsetter Steal The Thunder** – a.k.a. Summer (pictured above), bred/owned/handled by Amy Johnson-Edwards & Charles Edwards received a Group 3 placement on April 27, 2008 at the Clarksville Kennel Club show. At the GSPCA National Specialty Show, Summer received an Award of Merit and was also named Second Runner up in the GSPCA Top 25 competition. On May 31, 2008 at the Southern Indiana Kennel Club show Summer was awarded yet another Group 3 placement.

The following pictures are from the BOW hunt:



