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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It is with a heavy heart we say good-bye to member and dear friend, Peg Gagnon. We will truly miss her, she was an angel.

We will be dedicating our August Specialty show in her memory. In the mean time, please send your “memories of Peg” to me for our next newsletter.

We are excited to announce the addition of a Water Test to our schedule this year. Please see the enclosed article and contact Cassandra with any questions. We are in need of volunteers to help, so also let her know if you can...

Scott has put together another hunt test seminar for those who want to pursue being a judge or even just learn more about the hunt test process. Our last one was a hit and very informative. Please join us again for another fun filled day and contact Scott to save your spot.

It won't be long before the glaciers are melted and we are back out with our favorite furkids.....be well, and.....

Don't forget to send in your dues! Deb

KATAHDIN
EVENTS
FOR
2011

SUPPORTED
ENTRY IN
MARCH

HUNT TEST
SEMINAR IN
APRIL

WATER TEST
IN
JULY

SPECIALTY
SHOW
IN
AUGUST

HUNT
TESTS
IN
SEPTEMBER

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John Manni's Hunting Trip (Picture on last page)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Saturday January 29, 2011 at The Common Man in Concord, NH. In attendance were Lou Gagnon, Scott Neal, Deb Broad, Steve Marcq, Pauline Marcq, Alison McLean, Kim Leeman, Linda Mscisz, Joe Mscisz and Pat Russell. The meeting commenced at 12:20 PM.

President's Report: The minutes were accepted as printed in the last newsletter. Deb noted how nice it was to have an expanded group attend – and hoped that more members would attend our meetings.

Secretary's Report: Pat reported a request from the National Specialty for an ad – the group voted and decided not to place an ad this year. Pat also reported on the new North East German Shorthaired Pointer Clubs website: negsp.com. She has put Katahdin on the website and following today's meeting and determination of upcoming event dates, will submit those as well. She will send out email reminders to people who owe 2011 dues.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported on current finances. All expenses are paid, including insurance. The only thing coming up will be a deposit on the birds we need for our events. He received a check from the AKC in the amount of \$35 for "manual refund."

Election of New Members: No new member applications

Show Committee: We are all set with the New England Sporting Group Association show in March, and working on the Cheshire County Kennel Club show in August.

Hunt Test Committee: Our Hunt Test is scheduled for September 17 and 18.

Water Test: Linda led a discussion of the GSPCA water test. It was decided to have a training day on July 30th and to hold the actual test on July 31st. It will be held at the HELDCA site in Hopkinton, NH

Training Committee: Tabled

Club Championship Committee: tabled

Rescue Committee: Tabled

Nominating Committee: The positions of Vice-President and Secretary are open. The Board appointed Kim Leeman acting Vice-President until the election of new officers. The Nominating Committee (Scott Neal, Steve Marcq and Alison McLean) will be propping a slate of officers for the open positions. Members are encouraged to contact committee members if they have suggestions.

Old Business: none

New Business:

- Steve Marcq reminded people to get their dogs' achievements to him so that he can make the plaques for the Annual Meeting.
- Steve has been elected President of HELDCA. Our dates for Sharpe's so far are: 5/15, 8/27, 9/17 and 9/18.

The next meeting, which will be the Annual Meeting, will be held at 11:30 on March 12, 2011 at Pat Russell's home. All members are encouraged to attend. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Pat Russell, Secretary

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IT'S
PLAQUE
TIME
AGAIN!
FOR
2010



It's time to get a plaque, or additional tags if you already have one, for your GSP's titles earned during 2009. 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 2009, 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 registered 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, 2010 to place the engraving order, OK?

Steve

WATER TEST
COMING TO
NEW HAMPSHIRE

Hello fellow GSP enthusiasts, we are happy to announce that we will be hosting a GSPCA water test at Sharpes farm/dam side on July 31, 2011. We are also planning a training day on July 30th. The GSPCA offers 3 levels of water work titles, NRD..novice retrieving dog, RD, retrieving dog, and RDX, retrieving dog excellent. All of the details regarding these tests can be reviewed at the GSPCA website. In order to obtain these titles, you must be a member of the GSPCA.

This is a wonderful summer activity for you and your shorthair! It gives us the opportunity to prove how truly versatile our breed really is! This will be the first water test offered in the New England area, and we hope it will become an annual event, so here is what we need from fellow members...help.., if you can give us 15-20 minutes of your time, things will run smoothly, if I know who you are, I can grab you, and ask you to do one thing or another! So, if you know you will be attending, heres what I'd like you to do, contact me. Let me know what level you'd like to enter, and if you can help out. This will help us determine how many entries we are likely to have, and I must tell you, entries will be limited. A premium list and more info will follow.

On a side note, is there anyone who will be attending that has a kayak or small boat we could use? And does anyone know of a used "winger zinger" that may be for sale? Although we are all set for the test, the club would be interested in purchasing one, and new ones are quite expensive!

So, mark your calendar, and think summer!

Cassandra Tompkins

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

HB 645 & HB 646 – Relative to repealing increases in fees enacted from 2006 to 2010.

HB 645 contains a provision (Section 82 of the bill) that rolls back the “pet shop and commercial breeder” licensing fee from \$350 to \$200. When this fee was increased in 2010, it was well publicized and none of those effected objected during the public hearings. Moreover, the \$350 fee does not cover the Department of Agriculture’s cost for inspecting these facilities twice annually and responding to consumer concerns.

HB 646 contains a provision (Section 94) that rolls back the pesticide registration fee from \$120 to \$80. This fee is paid by the manufacturers of household and commercial pesticides. Dog and cat owners benefit by the state ensuring that products like flea and tick applications for pets are safe and comply with EPA standards. It is doubtful that the roll-back of this fee would be reflected in the cost of pesticides to the consumer but it would result in the state not being able to comprehensively supervise the content and application of pesticides and provide education information.

HB 398: Defining service animals (including search & rescue dog), guide animal trainer and service animal trainer as well as the access to facilities that must be provided these animals.

DOGS opposes the bill. The bill repeals the law allowing restaurant owners to have their dogs in certain areas of their establishments. The bill prohibits other dogs from wearing orange colored items. It also has other provisions that are not in compliance with Federal ADA provisions. A copy of the bill is available at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2011/HB0398.html>

HB 526: Requires those convicted of animal abuse in NH or another state to register on a public animal abusers list. DOGS opposes the bill as abuse registers have not proven effective but are costly to maintain. A copy of HB 526 is available on line at <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2011/HB0526.html>

HB 325: Defining & Licensing “Pet Vendors” HB 325 was requested by the NH Department of Agriculture, State Veterinarian’s office.

The bill sets out requirements for “pet vendors”. The bill defines “pet vendor” as anyone who transfers ownership of 10 or more litters of dogs or cats or more than 50 animals or birds customarily used as household pets during a 12 month period. Hobby breeders and animal rescues/shelters that do not meet the “pet vendor” definition are not required to be licensed as such, nor are they included in requirements. The bill only makes a few changes from the current law for those who were previously defined as “conducting a business” and will come under the new definition as “pet vendors”. The major change that the bill makes is removing the exemption for animal shelters. Animal shelters that qualify as “pet vendors” would be required to follow the requirements.

At the subcommittee meeting on HB 325, animal shelter representatives opposed the shelters having to provide health certificates and comply with a 7 day quarantine period (they prefer 2 days). They maintained that having to secure health certificates and abide by the quarantine adds additional burdensome costs for a nonprofit operation.

DOGS supports HB 325 and requested amendments to clarify the operational aspects of the bill. DOGS’ requested amendments would require that pet vendors scrutinize all animals (not just those with unknown owners) for positive identification before transfer, and all dogs that are imported be transferred with health certificates (not only those transferred by pet vendors). This amendment is supported by the State Veterinarian. DOGS supports removing the exemption for animal shelters. These facilities should be required to sell pets with health certificates, quarantine to protect public health safety, and provide a warranty of fitness or disclosure of health condition, especially if they undertake importing animals from out of state.

Just a reminder that your Katahdin dues are due. A single membership is \$20 for a year and \$50 for three years. A family membership is \$30 for one year and \$75 for three years.

Please send your dues to:

**Pat Russell
2 Mill Road
Hancock, NH 03449**

And please include one of the forms found on our site for Renewal or New Membership so that we may update all of your information.

BRAGS

This is sort of a brag:

PJ (Tysons Doppelhauf Birchwood, JH) will be turning 15 in March and still doing well. Time flies! She's the last of the Birchwood bunch. Tyson Perry was PJ's breeder and Tyson (about 19 yrs old) died of cancer just three days after the litter was whelped. So sad. So it is the 15th anniversary of his death, too.

Wilma Sarna

Uno, aka Sunrise Party Of One, won Best In Sweepstakes at the Long Island GSPC Specialty that was held as part of the pre-Westminster festivities. The judge was Christine Cunningham, a GSP breeder from Australia. Our goofy solid liver boy is sired by CH Shomberg's Browning Citori C-ROM and out of Sunrise Reason To Believe NAP OJP.

The biggest thrill of the day for me was that Steve and Sharon Dattilio were able to make the trek to NJ. They haven't been travelling much since Steve's massive stroke so the first time they set eyes on Uno was when they walked in during Best In Sweeps.

Steve looks great and he was feeling well enough to take the lead from me! He took him away to set him up so that I could see Uno from a distance. It was great to see Steve working with a dog again. He's eager to continue his progress so that he can hunt over their new Master Hunter dog.

Lorie Crain

Pauline Marcq has been working overtime training the dogs in the 'hood to wait patiently in line to pee on one tree in the yard



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Saturday April 2, 2011

8:00am to 4:00pm

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Kittery, ME 03904

\$45 per person (includes seminar materials and lunch)

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