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December 1st, 2009 Newsletter

Presidents Message

Another December finds us right in the midst of our faithful companion's favorite time of the year. I hope by now, at this point in the season every German Shorthaired Pointer in the Club has had a nose-full of bird scent, that has instinctively stopped them in their tracts. After all, it is all about the dog, isn't it? The dogs are the vehicles that we use to travel down life's hi-way of hunting experiences. Some might argue that some dogs are "Cadillacs" while others are only candidates for "Cash for Clunkers", but I can almost guarantee you that yours are the "limited edition" models TO YOU on this ride of a lifetime! If you have an afternoon to kill, just ask anyone about his/her German Shorthaired Pointer. You'll hear all sorts of fascinating tales. I'm the biggest duck in the puddle when it comes to "Bragging Rights", but that is no comparison to the guy who wants to tell you about his opening day limit him and his dogs just pulled off. The entire process of the dogs pointing the roosters, shooting that "double", and the dogs making those perfect retrieves through a ditch running swiftly from recent rains, may in fact only consume 30-60 seconds of time, but you better be prepared, and reserve at least an hour, if you are going to hear each and every detail of the phenomenal event! And don't forget to be prepared to hear it all over again the next time you happen across that individual! Its O.K. to be crazy about your dogs, and enough dogs will leave you just plain crazy all the time.

December just wouldn't start off properly if I didn't take time to wish each and every Club Member a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Safe, and Prosperous New Year. Hold dear the meanings of the season with your closest friends, family and of course your dogs! I hope the holiday season finds you and your dogs onto coveys of birds like you haven't seen in years, and I look forward to hearing your tales of the encounters the next time we meet.

As announced earlier this year, Donna and I will take a much less active roll with the club following the January 17th annual brunch. Pressing careers, teen-aged children, school activities and way too many German Shorthaired Pointers, seem to affect the balance of days in the week and hours in the day. We have enjoyed taking part over the past several years and helping guide you, the hard working members, into the club that you have become today. We appreciate all the experiences that you have shared with us throughout our leadership positions with the club. This is a great Club, with great people, & most importantly, the knot that ties us all together, GREAT DOGS!

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Happenings and Brags

It is with great sadness that David and Deanne Bertram announce the passing of White River's Colorme Bluewind, JH -- aka Dutch (July 9, 1996 – November 21, 2009). A wonderful hunting companion and friend. Rest in peace Dutch, we miss you.

Montgomerycreek Kennels would like to share our excitement. VC Bailey Vom Montgomerycreek has become our first dog to accomplish NAVHDA's top honors! Owner/Trainer/Handler Ron Goodwin qualified Bailey for the 2009 NAVHDA Invitational & Passed @ the event held in Ohio in September. This is a great accomplishment. Congratulations Ron & Bailey !!

Takoda's Spirit in the Sky (Naiche) finished his Master Hunter title at the Vizsla Club of Greater Cleveland hunt test on Nov 1. Naiche was bred by Lisa Cleveland and owned/handled by Mark Holzinger.



Bonnie Vom Montgomerycreek MH placed first at the NSTRA Field Trial at Amo, Indiana on September 13th, and Second at the Glens Valley Conservation Club's NSTRA Field Trial on October 24th. Bonnie has accumulated 10 NSTRA Championship Points in her first eleven months of trialing. If only Dave was trained as well as Bonnie is.



Warren (Pointsetter Lawyers, Guns and Money), a 20 months old GSP owed by Charlie and Amy Edwards running in only his second field trial won the Open Derby stake for two points at the Eastern Irish Setter Trial in Delaware. This completes the points Warren can accrue at this level. He will now start training for broke Gun Dog stakes competition. Warren is out of Ziggy (Ch. White River Ziggy Stardust JH) & Dixie (Ch. Pointsetter Ready To Run).

Litter Announcement

Montgomerycreek Kennels is proud to announce our "E-Litter" born October 21st. This is a repeat breeding of the 2006 Rosie & Otter – "C-Liter", that produced a NAVHDA Breeders Award & the 2008 GSPCA Hunt-Test Dam of the Year. See more details @ www.montgomerycreek.net

New Members

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Rob & Ashley Shanks of Russiaville, IN
Charlie & Ginny Martin of Greenfield, IN.

2010 Officer Nominations

The nominating committee has submitted the following slate of officers for approval at the Annual Meeting:

President: Ron Ferris
Vice President: Larry Harris
Secretary: Debbie Moline
Board of Directors: Tim Conley, Lisa Cleveland, Steve Hammond, Troy Woods, Brad Wise, Matt Sanders, Hillary Goodnight, Dave Tharp and Giles Hoyt.

Fall Hunt Test...Tim Conley

The Club's Fall Hunt-Test was held September 26th & 27th @ Glens Valley Conservation Club. Lower than usual attendance did not spoil the traditionally festive week-end enjoyed bi-annually by the Club. We want to thank our "Club Member" judges, Lisa Cleveland, Mark Holzinger, & Ron Ferris along with our close friend Jim Demarco for their time donated to the event.

I also would like to thank the many club members that work their tails off each Hunt-Test to make sure each event is a total success! Listed below are the qualifying participants from each day.

Qualifiers: Saturday September 26th, 2009

Masters:

DC AFC Red Oak Totem From Snowridge JH OA OAJ NF, *Vizsla* J Wallace
Takoda's Spirit In The Sky SH, *German Shorthaired Pointer* M Holzinger

Seniors:

Crosscreek Raise The Annie, *Brittany* R Crane/K Crane
Roth's Rockin Sampson JH, *German Shorthaired Pointer* D Roth
CH Vem Call Me Sassie Sue, *Brittany* G Manifold/V Manifold/N Manifold

Juniors:

Chance's Magnum Of Mischief, *Weimaraner* J Johnston
Lc Rawhides Radical Tank, *German Shorthaired Pointer* L Yowell/C Yowell
Zauberhaft Victoria's Secret Storm, *Weimaraner* M Nowacki/S Nowacki

Qualifiers: Sunday September 27th, 2009

Masters:

DC AFC Red Oak Totem From Snowridge JH OA OAJ NF, *Vizsla* J Wallace
River Bottom's Ornerly Otter MH, *German Shorthaired Pointer* Clynnon
Calbert Conley (Bub)

Seniors:

CH Vem Call Me Sassie Sue, *Brittany* G Manifold/V Manifold/N Manifold
Wind River's Hot Spice JH, *German Shorthaired Pointer* D Koeberlein
Wingfield's Southern Comfort, *German Shorthaired Pointer* T Wiley

Juniors:

Chance's Magnum Of Mischief, *Weimaraner* J Johnston
Crosscreek Raise The Annie, *Brittany* R Crane/K Crane
Diesel's Master Of The Obvious, *Brittany* W Greene/B Greene
CH Grayangel Lady Ella Von Gaul, *Weimaraner* M Nowacki/M Mayo/N Ambulos
Lc Rawhides Radical Tank, *German Shorthaired Pointer* L Yowell/C Yowell
Moore's Bear, *Brittany* K Moore
Morgun Charlie's Jacobi Of Hazelhurst, *Brittany* C Michalke
Sunshine's Dare To Dream, *German Shorthaired Pointer* K Conrey
Sweetbriar's Diamond Of The Milky Way, *Spinone Italiano* H Gossett/J Gossett
Zauberhaft Victoria's Secret Storm, *Weimaraner* M Nowacki/S Nowacki

General Meeting / German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Indiana

GSP CLUB OF IN BOARD/GENERAL MEETING GANDER MT/GREENWOOD NOV 1, 2009

The GSP Club of IN meeting was called to order by President Tim Conley. Those attending included Lisa Cleveland, Clynt Conley, Donna Conley, Tim Conley, Charlie Edwards, Lou Feagans, Ron Ferris, Larry Harris, Tanya Harris, Dave Tharp, Brad Wise, and Troy Wood.

Minutes from the August meeting were presented along with a Treasurer's Report by Donna Conley. Both were approved as submitted.

Charlie Edwards reported that the show committee was finalizing plans for the 2010 Specialty Show at Indianapolis. All approvals have been submitted. Show details now on the web. A thank-you was given for trophy donations. The committee will follow up with the April "supported entry" invitation from Terre Haute.

Tim Conley reported good results from the fall hunt test. He thanked everyone for helping, and a special thanks to our club's judges for their services. Positive comments were received for the new photos offered to qualifiers. Thanks to Hilary Goodnight & Troy Wood for their help. Spring hunt test dates are March 27 & 28, 2010. A hunt test chairman & secretary will be needed.

Indiana club membership is now at 62 members. 2010 dues have been paid to GSP Club of America.

Matt & Vickie Sanders will be getting a newsletter out around Dec 1st. Send info to them ASAP.

Troy Wood reported that he is still working on the web-site, and learning as he goes. We all appreciate his hard work on this effort. He would like more pictures, if anyone is interested in sending them in.

Ron Ferris reported that a slate for 2010 officers has been discussed with most committee members. An announcement will be in the December newsletter with elections held at the annual brunch in January.

Brad Wise is heading up the Fun Hunt event. After checking on bird availability, a date will be set probably in January. This is the find, point, shoot, retrieve timed event – a challenge event!

The youth & ladies hunt was discussed. We will budget \$750 for this activity – possibly at Barnes Preserve again, looking at January 9th if birds are available.

Charlie Edwards reported that AKC Education requirements have increased. He gave suggestions of hosting a speaker, placing a newspaper ad about pure bred dogs, or possibly mentoring for judges.

Dave Tharp gave information to those that might be interested in a possible upcoming NSTR Novice Trial at Amo, IN. He shared insight about the National Shoot to Retrieve recent events.

Lisa Cleveland shared with everyone information about the points reward system offered by Purina Dog Food. Weight circles from dog food bags can be redeemed for coupons, etc.

Charlie Edwards informed those interested in a walking field trial with their dogs to contact him or check out the website for the Kentucky/Indiana Pointing Breed Association.

The next meeting will be the annual brunch meeting at the Brickyard Crossing on Jan 17, 2010 11AM.
Meeting Adjourned.

Calendar of Events:

January 9 th	GSPCI Women and youth hunt (Barns Preserve)
January 16 th	GSPCI annual fun hunt - Details will be coming as a date and location are finalized
January 17 th	GSPCI Annual meeting / brunch at the Brickyard Crossing Hotel in Speedway at 11 AM
February 12 th	GSPCIN specialty show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. More info is listed on the "show" link

Editors Closing Note

The New Year is right around the corner. New tests, new shows and for some, new pups. We hope everybody has a safe and warm winter. Just pull your GSP closer when the cold winds sneak in the house. They won't mind.
Matt & Vicki Sanders