

SHORTHAIR TALES

SEPT/OCT

2008

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Fall is here and I hope everyone is having a great time hunting with their favorite four legged and two legged friends....!

The weather hasn't been quite cooperative but we are GSP owners and know that it doesn't stop them or us, as we saw with so many that came out to the hunt tests, and qualified, despite mother nature. In fact, we have to give credit where credit is due, she gave us an exact window of time to run both days with a clearing in the rain. As I passed exit 4 each morning with my wipers running full speed, I wondered how drenched we would all get, but found that, at the site it had stopped. We had a little misting throughout the day then, at exactly 5 minutes after we got in our vehicles to leave, the skies opened up both days! We were also fortunate that the "weather troll" was with us at our supported entry in Conway, even though we were supposed to have rain all weekend there also. Our Club Championship was moved to September this year to avoid scalding August days, again, we prevailed with a nice temperature and breeze. Between the break we got with the weather for all our events and the fantastic communication we have between club members, everything worked so smoothly, and was a great success!! Many thanks to all!

We have a huge newsletter this month due to all the events, tons of brags, some great stories and awesome pictures. We have met some awesome people, got to know our new members better, and must say, what an asset they are to our club. They also expressed their thanks to our many members who helped them out and gave them great advise. I got many rave reviews from other entrants at our events in how they enjoyed coming and felt at home with our club.

Great job everyone!!

Deb

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FUTURE NEWSLETTERS WILL CONTAIN STORIES FROM VARIOUS MEMBERS ON THEIR HISTORY WITH OUR GREAT BREED OR MEMORABLE MOMENTS WITH OUR CLUB. IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THOSE STORIES, PLEASE SUBMIT THEM TO THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR SO THAT WE ALL MAY ENJOY YOUR EXPERIENCES AND GREAT MOMENTS.



Anders dog
Gracie
showing she was
busy during hunting
season!

COVER PHOTO

REPEAT TO THE WINNERS CIRCLE
OUR 2008 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER
COACH ROADS JEWEL RULES, SH
WITH HANDLER
LOU GAGNON

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MINUTES

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at Sharpe's Farm, Hopkinton, NH following the Club Championship. In attendance were Lou Gagnon, Deb Broad, Steve Broad, Fred Newcomb and Pat Russell. The meeting commenced at 3:15 PM.

President's Report: The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the last newsletter. Deb thanked everyone for making the Club Championship a wonderful day. Everyone thanked Deb for running it so smoothly. Deb also thanked everyone for making our Supported Entry at the Carroll County Dog Show such a success.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's report was tabled as Lynn was unable to attend.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was tabled as Steve was unable to attend.

Election of New Members: New members Louise Shaw and Ken Jones were ratified. Also, a hearty welcome was given to Julie Smith's new puppy buyers.

Show Committee: The Carroll County show was reviewed. Congratulations to all the members and their dogs who did so well. Results to be highlighted in the newsletter. Carroll County generously donated the ribbons. There was discussion of the New England Sporting Group show in Fitchburg in March. It was agreed that we would support the show again this year. Pat will order the trophies.

Hunt Test Committee: The Chairman, Pat, reported that the tests scheduled for September 27th and 28th are on track. Deb is the Test Secretary. We are looking forward to a good turnout.

Team Shoot: The Team Shoot was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Club Championship: The Club Championship finished right before the meeting. We had a great turnout and it was wonderful to see so many of Julie Smith's beautiful puppies. The individual event results were well spread out among all the participants. Many thanks go out to all who helped and participated.

Training Days: Discussion on Training Days was tabled.

Rescue: Nothing new to report.

Website: Discussion on the website was tabled.

Old Business: Some long time members have not renewed. We hope that they will remain members of the club and submit their dues. If you don't get a newsletter but know you renewed, let us know so we can update you on the list.

New Business: Deb brought up the topic of incenting people to help out at events.

A belated congratulations to two members on their recent (and not so recent) marriages: Julie Goulet now Julie Smith and Alison Jones, now Alison McLean.

The next meeting will be held at 1:00pm on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 30th, at Deb and Steve Broad's home. A full luncheon will be served. The meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

TO A PROUD "JUNIOR" HANDLER A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS ON THEIR "Q"



Duncan is 14 and a freshman and is a "high" honors student at Moultonborough Academy. I want to thank you for all your help this past weekend. Duncan and I felt right at home with this group....."Chip" Richards

**KATAHDIN SUPPORTED ENTRY
RESULTS
NO. CONWAY, SEPT 2008
MEMBER PICTURES/PLACEMENTS**



Best Puppy in Sweeps - left
and Reserve Winners Dog
Birlands More Than you Know
"Morey"
B/O/H - P Russell



Best Veteran in Sweeps - right
CH Wingshot's Morgen Sternshein
MH



Best of Opposite Puppy Sweeps
Winners Bitch & BOW- left
Izzy, aka HHH Ante Up, bred by
Sherry Thrall and Bob Kapitan,
owned by Mary and John Beerworth

Reserve Winners Bitch - right
Bear Mt Sierra High Definition
"LucyLu"
B- Broad/Ogorek
O/H - Broad



Winners Dog - left
Bear Mtns Blueridge Illusion, JH
"Boomer"
B/O/H - D Broad



Best of Opposite Sex - right
Ch. Bear Mtn Sierra Hi-Resolution,
JH
"Lulu"



Best Of Breed - Ch Roscommons Sports Edition, JH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 24 & 25 - Queensboro KC ,
Springfield, MA

Nov 1 & 2 - TarTan Gordon Setter Club
HT - Hopkinton, NH

Nov 6 to 9 - Cheshire/Souhegan/
Framingham, Fitchburg, MA

Nov 21 to 24 - Springfield Cluster -
Springfield, MA

Nov 29 & 30 - Worcester Cty KC -
Fitchburg, MA

Dec. 4 to 7 - Boston Cluster/Bayside
Expo - Boston, MA

Jan 9 to 12 - Greater Lowell/
Merrimack Valley, Fitchburg, MA

FOR UPDATES, NEWS, UPCOMING
EVENTS AND PUPS AVAILABLE,
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE
AT WWW.KATAHDINGSP.ORG
BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED BY
KIM LEEMAN

Don't Forget....
Start composing those stories
of your history with the breed
or memorable moments
for upcoming newsletters!



KATAHDIN CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP SEPTEMBER 13, 2008



Cheyenne with her owners and new members
Mike and Martha Benoit



Skypoint's Aspen
with owner and new member
Leigh Williamson

We had a nice turnout with near 20 dogs competing in the field, water and conformation ring. There was a fantastic entry of puppies. All of them came out with a rosette in the different competitions!

So nice to see the new members with their pups doing so well!

The conformation judge did a nice introduction to show handling which everyone caught on to very quickly, looking like pro's.

New this year were the Veterans. For dogs 10 years and over, they combed the fields, swam for the birds and strutted their stuff in the show ring like they were half that age.

Our club should be very proud that we have so many versatile and lovely dogs with great handlers.

RESULTS

CHAMPION LEVEL:

IVY GAGNON 1ST

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL:

SPENCER	DESJARDINS/BROAD	1ST
LULU	BROAD	2ND
ELISHA	NEWCOMBE	3RD
GEORGIA	RUSSELL	4TH

PUPPY LEVEL:

MOREY	RUSSELL	1ST
ASPIN	WILLIAMSON	2ND
CHEYENNE	BENOIT	3RD
SCOUT	MOSHER	4TH



VETERAN CHAMPION LEVEL 1ST
CH Wingshot's Morgen Sternshein MH
Alison S. McLean - Breeder/owner
"MORGEN"



VETERAN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL 1ST
CH Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH
B/O/H - D BROAD
"KERRY"

THE WINNERS



CHAMPIONSHIP LEVEL
"IVY"
CH COACH ROADS WILD
APPLE IVY, SH
H - L GAGNON
B/O - P/L GAGNON



INTERMEDIATE LEVEL
"SPENCER"
BEAR MT BLUE RIDGE
ECLIPSE, JH
C/O - B DESJARDINS
B/O/H - D BROAD



PUPPY LEVEL
"MOREY"
BIRDLANDS MORE THAN
YOU KNOW
B/O/H - P RUSSELL
SHOWN WITH PAT & FRED

Katahdin Fall Hunt Tests September 27-28, 2008

Results - Saturday Sept 27th

Junior Q's -

Bodo	GSP	Manni
Tess	Brit	Belletti
Star	E Setter	Parsons
Shadow	Brit	Drelick
Lucy	GSP	Neal/Van Francis
Hannah	GSP	Richards
Delta	GSP	Newcomb/Russell
Scout	GSP	Mosher
Copper	Brit	Furnari
Joni	GSP	Parshall
Nelson	Pointer	Gregory
Jack	Brit	Short

Senior Q's -

Ivy	GSP	P/L Gagnon
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We were again fortunate enough to have our own "Pauline" cooking for us at the hunt test. We so missed her cooking at the championship while she was on vacation!

This time her culinary genius brought us egg/sausage on english muffins for breakfast.(with or without cheese. Ummmm).....they were the best we have ever tasted!! Lunch was as wonderful as always. When Pauline is around we never "want" for a thing.

She is pictured here with her "official" Katahdin apron presented to her by the club. Thank you Pauline!!

And a huge "thank you" to all that made this event another successful one!

Young and old, they love to hunt



Scout Mosher
anxious for his turn
at the birds!
(6 months old)



Kerry Broad
wishing mom would carry
a gun instead of a camera!
(11 years old)

Results - Sunday Sept 28th

Junior Q's -

Star	E Setter	Parsons
Hannah	GSP	Richards
Bodo	GSP	Manni
Delta	GSP	Russell/Newcomb
Jack	Brit	Short

KATAHDIN BRAGS

our girl, **Timber Ridge's Woodland Sniper, CD**, has earned her Senior Hunter title in Sept. She qualified in 2 weekend in Falmouth. On her best day, she recieved straight 10's in every catagory! We are extremely proud of her. She is owned, handled, and trained by **Cassandra Tompkins and Frank Fowler**.

Joni (Roggenfeld's Jonayla of Mariah BDN) earned her first show point and had 2 reserves from the BBE class at the Maine shows Labor Day weekend. She also earned 3 legs towards her JH in Sept.-- 2 at the NNE Brittany HTs and the 3rd on the Sat. of the Katahdin tests the following weekend.

Bred by **Pam Parshall, Sandra Kretz, & Ann Michaud and owned by Pam Parshall**. Born 1/20/08

Pam

Deb and Steve Broad

At our KGSPC supported entry with CCKC show Sept 6th, our "Boomer" **Bear Mt Blueridge Illusion, JH**, took Winners Dog., our "Lulu" **Ch Bear Mtn Sierra Hi-Resolution, JH** took Best of Opposite, and, at her first show (shame on me for not getting her to any classes or shows), Lulu's daughter "LucyLu" **Bear Mt Sierra High Definition** took Reserve Winners Bitch. She decided on her own that she was ready to show now. LOL

The next day Boomer also took Winners Dog/Best of Winners and his ½ sister "Flashy Girl" **Bear Mt Still Flash Frozen**, took Winners Bitch.

Then on to our Club Championship Sept 13, Boomers brother "Spencer" **Bear Mt Blue Ridge Eclipse, JH** took Intermediate Club Champion (with myself going for the ride while he showed me how it all was done, while his mom, Barb Desjardins, was in California). Great job training this boy Barb! "Lulu" **Ch Bear Mtn Sierra Hi-Resolution, JH** took second, and Spencer's mom "Kerry" **Ch Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH**, took Veteran Intermediate Champion. Kerry gave us a huge surprise last year finishing her hunt title with near perfect scores at 10 years old with no prior training. She decided to top that when she decided to show me how well she could water retrieve a bird, even to hand..... (until that day, she usually retrieved frogs from the pond for the other furkids). The best part was, when we were done and I said "lets go" to start back to the field area, she walked over to the three birds sitting on top of the plastic shopping bag near by, picked it up by the handles, birds inside, and proceeded to trot up the hill with her "bagged" catch! We forgot to tell her that she couldn't "keep" them.....I absolutely love this breed!!!

Boomer and Spencer are out of Kerry, by our favorite ticked boy Ch Wild Apples Griffin, JH "Griffin" owned by club members Jeremy and Sandy Thompson

Flashy Girl is out of Kerry, by our favorite liver boy A/C Ch Longacres Blue Ridge Walker, TT, CGC "Luke"

Kerry is by Longacres Fanfair out of our Luke also

Lulu is by 2xNSS Ch Prairiestar's Maverick, out of our A/C Ch Bear Mt Sierra Hi-Fashion "Glamor"

LucyLu is out of our Lulu, by Ch Richtofens Mark of Weinland (dad of 2xNSS Ch)

Pat Russell

Morey (Birdland's More Than You Know) took Winner's Dog on Saturday at the Mid-Coast Kennel Club of Maine show in August. His father, **Rudy (Birdland's Rudy of the Valley)** took Reserve Winner's Dog. The next day Rudy took Best of Winners at the same event and Morey took Reserve. At the September Carroll County Kennel Club show on Saturday Morey won Best in Sweeps and then Reserve Winner's Dog in the regular classes. His dad, Rudy, took Reserve the following day. Morey also won the puppy class in our Katahdin Club Championship.

Also from Pat Russell:

Just for fun we put old, wobbling, blind in one eye **Delta (HMK's Dandi Delta Surprise)** in our Katahdin Hunt Tests. Fred handled her and she performed like a champ, gaining the first 2 legs of her JH. Both Fred and Delta are very proud!

Peg and Lou Gagnon:

Our "Ivy" **Ch Coach Roads Wildapple Ivy, SH**, has been very busy this past year. Not only did she finish her show championship in fine fashion with 3 majors and all points from the bred by class but she gave birth to 8 beautiful pups!! She was quickly back in shape and went on to earn her last 2 legs of her senior hunt title at our clubs test in September. Ivy is out of our **Coach Roads Jewel Rules SH** and Jeremy and Sandy Thompsons Ch.Wildapple's Griffin JH.

Ivy's mom Jewel was once again this years club champion and we get to engrave her name on the beautiful trophy.Her name keeping great company with many other wonderful dogs of the past.



I remember when I was about 8 years old, those early Saturday mornings when me and my Dad use to go bird hunting. I'd wake early to the smell of coffee; I'd spring out of bed, and get dressed in my camo pants, orange vest, and my work boots. We lived on many acres of land in Massachusetts, which was full of Ruffed Grouse, Ring Necked Pheasant, Quail, and Woodcock.

My Dad, who to this day I feel is one of the best shots I've ever seen. On many occasions, has dropped his limit in less than an hour with old Bessie. That's the name he gave his Stevens, 12 gauge side by side. When I was young we never used a dog, I guess you can say, I was his dog, I was the one who got to climb into the thick stuff, or walk just in front to flush the birds. I remember my Dad's best friend, his name was Harry. Dad use to say Harry couldn't hit the broad side of a barn door. He was right! I actually saw with my own eyes the day Harry tried to shoot at this Pheasant. Harry had an old 12 over and under, well the Pheasant ran, Harry took two shots, both missing, Harry than reloaded. The Pheasant than took off, BAM BAM Two more shots, nothing. I thought Harry was going to break the gun and throw it into the woods.

Well my Dad is a little older now; he hasn't been bird hunting for quite some time. He has some knee issues, and just can't seem to find the time. I miss those days. I miss the memories. So I thought this would be a great time to make new memories. I have kids now and I want them to have memories of their own.

I recently bought a German Short Haired Pointer named Scout, for the soul reason to get my Dad and I back into the field. Before I was born, my Dad owned a half Springer half Beagle named Spot. Dad said he was the best hunting dog he had ever seen. When Spot died I think a part of my Dad died along with him. My Dad said there would never be another dog like Spotty, and he never got another one. When I brought Scout into the house for the very first time, Dads face lit up. Now Dad and Scout are best buds. Whenever dad has a chance, he sneaks him a treat, and says he's a growing pup.

Both Dad and I set a date to get together to see if we could bag a few ring necks, with the help of our new pup Scout. Since Dad will have to work on opening day, we decided that October 2nd would be the best time to go.

The night before, I could hardly sleep, just like a kid on Christmas day. So many thoughts ran threw my head. I wondered if Scout would deliver, and if he did, would I pull a Harry?

The alarm sounded, 5am, I sprang to my feet, just like I remembered many years before. As I got down stairs Scout was dancing around in his cage, excited to see me. Scout knew exactly what we were doing when I grabbed my hat, vest, and gun. I've been training him for four months straight, for this very day, and he was ready, I hoped anyway.

The air was chilly, it was misting, with a slight breeze. Not the best bird hunting weather, but I'll take what I can get at this point. I live just a few miles from Dad's house, and I could not wait to get to the field to see how those months of training paid off. As we got to the field, the excitement was building as we sat waiting for daybreak. I watched Scout as he sniffed the air. "Its time," Dad said. We grabbed our shotguns and headed into the field.

Scout started to zig zag and circle up the field, sniffing the air than the ground. He would occasionally check out the bushes, and shrubs. The first hour went by, nothing! I thought that the mist might have been the culprit. My Dad said, "The birds are tucked in tight." I asked if it had to do with the rain and he said he wasn't sure. Just than Scout disappeared into this big bush. I heard a squeaking, and out he comes with a Quail, and placed it right in my hand. Amazed I showed Dad. Dad laughed and he said "maybe we won't have to use any shells today." After two hours of walking around the first field, we both decided to go back to the jeep and take a break. So at the half its Dad zero, Marc zero, and Scout one. I was hoping that this was not a sign of things to come. But Dad always said, "A bad day hunting is still better than a good day at work."

After a sandwich and a water we were both ready to get back into action and hit field two. I started working the left side when up went a hen. I shot but missed for some reason my trigger was not resetting for the second shot so I yelled to Dad, "here it comes!" Bang! Scout ran over grabbed the hen and brought it back to him. "Good boy," Dad said.

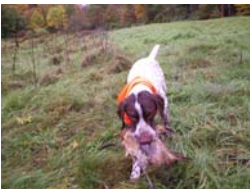
I heard a rooster crowing in the woods near the entrance of field three, so I thought I'd check it out, but Scout had different plans. Scout started running into field three. I tried to get him back but he was on to something and I did not want to break his concentration. As we entered field three I heard BANG! "Got him!" I thought to myself, not again. That's makes it Dad two Marc nothing. This does not seem to be going well at all. "Scout, get the birds!" I said. Just than Scout started to sniff around a tree, out came a hen I raised my 20 gauge and down she came. Scout brought it over and dropped it.

Dad already having his limit, he started to walk back to the jeep, I knew I needed to get things going and quick. Just than Scout was sniffing around a pile of brush. As I started to walk over to see what he was doing another hen flew over my head. The first shot missed and I was having trigger issues again. As I squeezed the trigger for the third time down came the hen just before she hit the wood line. I never would have lived that one down.

The day ended with the score Dad two, Marc two, and Scout one. Not a bad day at all. But most of all, we had a great day together, talking, walking, and shooting. I'll remember this day forever. But most of all, I'll remember the smile on Dads face, when old Bessie landed him two Pheasants, after not hunting for more than 20 years.

I'd like to give a great big Thank You to all of you at the Katahdin GSP Club of Greater Portland. Especially to Julie Smith, Fred Newcomb, George Dube, and Deb Broad, for all your help, and advice.

Written by Marc Mosher





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