

SHORTHAIK TALES

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

February, 2008

Now that the Holidays are over we are supposed to rest – right? Perhaps go somewhere warm for a week or so? Not your Katahdin folks. We are busy planning events for the coming year. Last year was pretty outstanding, but I'll bet that 2008 will be even better. In addition to our normal show and hunt test activity, we've reserved extra days at Sharpe's Farm for training. We've also partnered with the Kittery Trading Post to hold an AKC Hunt Test/Judges seminar there in March (complete with discount!), with a possible field seminar to follow in May. I've said it before, but I'll say it again – there are lots of opportunities to learn about field and conformation for our wonderful dogs. Join a hunt test committee, come to a training day, work on a show committee or the Club Championship. Most of all, have fun!

It was the fall of 2003 that I attended my first Katahdin meeting. As they say, time flies when you are having fun. I have learned not only about German Shorthaired Pointers, but about hunt tests, shows, health, breeding – you name it. There is so much knowledge resident at the club. We have a great group and I have been honored to serve as your President. Due to some pressing family issues I will be stepping down as President in March, but will continue to play an active role in the club. Thank you for all your support and guidance.

Pat

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Brags

From Peg and Lou Gagnon:

“Our "Ivy" Coach Roads Wildapple Ivy was winners bitch and best of winners for her second 3 point major at the greater Lowell KC in Fitchburg.

She went reserve winners bitch the following day. She is out of Jeremy and Sandy Thompsons beautiful boy Ch.Wildapple's Griffin JH and our Coach Roads Jewel Rules SH

From Lynn Milewski:

Lilia is getting ready to go to Nationals in May! I actually have that week off from work!

IvyLynn and Steve watching



COVER: MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- #1 "THE BIRD MAN" STEVE MARCQ
- #2 TRAINING DAYS WITH JEREMY THOMPSON
- #3 IVY THRILLED AT WHAT UNCLE STEVE HAS
- #4 THE JOY OF PAULINES AWESOME COOKING
- #5 THE JOY OF A NEW PUPPY - JEFF/ERICA GROSS
- #6 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME NEW, AND SOME RETURN EXHIBITORS IN THE RING: ANN, LOU, TOMMY, BARB AND FRED DOING A GREAT JOB!
- #7 THE PHOTOGRAPHER OF SOME OF OUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENTS - TAL
- #8 SANTA STEVE B. AFTER GUNNING THOSE BIG BAD BIRDS FOR THE FURKIDS AND THE MEMORY OF BOTH BARRELS GOING OFF AT ONCE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday January 27, 2008 at the home of Sandy and Jeremy Thompson. In attendance were Tom Dwyer, Peg Gagnon, Lou Gagnon, Deb Broad, Jeremy Thompson, Sandy Thompson, Pauline Marcq, Steve Marcq, Sandra Kretz and Pat Russell. The meeting commenced at 4:20 PM.

President's Report: The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the last newsletter. Pat read and then circulated a lovely thank you note from our Sweeps judge at the Boston show. She also commented on the new look of the newsletter and thanked Deb for her work on it.

Secretary's Report: Several renewal dues have been received. Dues should be forwarded to Pat.

Treasurer's Report: Steve was reported that our bank balance is ahead of where we were this time last year. Our biggest expense for the year will be birds for our field and training events.

Election of New Members: An application for membership was received from Karen and Art Thorne. Pam Parshall has rejoined. The following puppy buyers have joined the club: McDonald, Williamson, Vanech and Zina. Welcome all!

Show Committee: Sandra reported on the results of the Boston Show. We made a nice profit on it – thanks to the outstanding number of entries, the successful raffles and the change in trophies. There has been a change in plans and apparently there will be one more show in Boston and then the show is moving to Providence, RI. In addition, the Fitchburg location has been sold, and how long it will remain as a show

venue is uncertain at this time. Our next event will be the New England Sporting Dog Association show in Fitchburg in March, where we will have a supported entry.

Hunt Test Committee: Steve passed out a balance sheet for the Hunt Test, showing that we made a modest profit on the Fall test. There was a long discussion of which of the HELDCA dates that we have reserved should be used for the Spring tests. The Spring hunt tests will be held May 31 and June 1. Pat has agreed to be the Chairman for the Spring tests and Deb will be the Secretary. The Hunt Test Committee will be Steve Marcq, Pauline Marcq and Jeremy Thompson. If anyone else would like to be on the Committee, please let me know. We will decide upon Chairman and Secretary for the Fall Hunt Test at the next meeting.

Team Shoot: Tabled. Will probably have on September 14th.

Club Championship: Will probably have on September 13th

Training Days: Sandra reported that we have many people signed up for the Hunt Test/Judges Seminar in March at The Kittery Trading Post. Lunch will be provided. KTP has graciously agreed to give attendees a 10% discount at the store following the seminar. On May 10th we would like to have a field follow-up to the seminar at Sharpe's Farm. KTP has a September Fest and has asked us to present an hour seminar on GSPs. Jeremy plans to do more with training this year, with sessions at his house and Lou's house in addition to those planned at Sharpe's.

Rescue: Tabled

Website: Tabled.

Old Business: The nominating committee has proposed the following slate of nominations for Club officers, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

President	Deb Broad
Vice President	Peggy Gagnon
Secretary	Lynn Milewski
Treasurer	Steve Marcq
Director	Sandra Kretz

Additional nominations may be made if received at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

New Business: Jeremy has volunteered to put together a price list for advertising on our club website or possibly having a booth at our hunt tests.

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting, and it will be a luncheon meeting at Pat Russell's house on Saturday, March 30th at 2PM. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Russell, Acting Secretary

2008 plaque time is here for Katahdin members!

If your GSP earned a title during 2007, you are eligible to get a solid wood plaque (made by yours truly) with a beautiful brass Katahdin GSP Club headplate and the tag(s) noting your dog's accomplishment, all at no cost to you. If you already have a plaque, and need just the add-on tag that's cool too. Titles include the likes of: AKC Field (JH, SH, MH), and the various NAVHDA Prizes, Conformation (AKC Champion), CBM (Certified Bird Muncher) Agility, Therapy Dog, Obedience, Couch Potato (CP) Companion Dog (CD), the rare and little known AKC "GTFBHLYS" (get the F%\$# back here you little S^%&*) title, and on and on and on. Please email Steve Marcq at spmarcq@comcast.net



or snail mail if you must at 44 Birchwood Drive, Allenstown NH 03275 with the dog's registered name, the title(s) and date earned, and whether you already have a wood plaque, or need one. Last part very important!!

Sample: Morningwood's Little Red Rooster, need CBM tag, earned Certified Bird Muncher title on April 1st, 2007, need wood plaque and tag. Get the idea??

I need your info **by March 15th** in order to get the order in for the tags and headplates, in time to have them all made and ready to go by the next club meeting (March 30th). If you have a plaque and are getting the add-on tags for additional titles earned, bring the plaque with you and I'll add the new tag for you at the meeting.

Steve

Also, please contact Steve for the Clean up day at Sharp's Farm scheduled for April 5, 2008 with a rain date of April 12, 2008 All help greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING KATAHDIN EVENTS AND SHOW DATES

March 8 Hunt Test Seminar

March 15/16 NESDA shows, Fitchburg, Ma

March 30 annual meeting

April 5, rain date 12 for Sharpe's Farm cleanup day

April 20 is training day.

May 10 is Mock hunt test/HTS followup day

May 31/June 1 Spring Hunt Test

August 30 Kittery TP September Fest

Sept 13 Club Championship - members

Sept 14 Team shoot

Sept 28/29 Fall Hunt Test

Shows

April 4/5/6 Springfield, Ma show cluster

April 12/13/14 Rhode Island show cluster

April 18/19/20 Springfield, Ma show cluster

April 26/27 Rhode Island show cluster

May 3/4 York County KC, Acton Me

May 9/10/11 N Stonington Ct & Woodstock Ct

May 31 & June 1 Wrentham, Ma shows

For more information on any AKC event, go to www.infodog.com

ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO RUN ANY OF OUR EVENTS, PLEASE LET US KNOW, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO TEACH YOU.

Final Call for Hunt Test Seminar March 8

Registration closes on February 20 for the Katahdin-sponsored Hunt Test Seminar

To be held at Kittery Trading Post, Kittery Maine on March 8.

The AKC has made changes to the rules for Pointing Breed Hunt Tests as of January 1, 2008. These include changes to judging criteria and procedures, changes to the requirements for new judges, and a requirement that all existing judges be re-certified through attendance at an AKC Hunting Test Seminar.

This all-day seminar is appropriate for existing judges, those who wish to become judges under the new rules, and those who want to learn more about the new rules to become more proficient at Hunt Test participation. The seminar is classroom style with a presenter from the AKC and is for people only.

*MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
AND JOIN US !*

Cost is \$45 including lunch. Our friends at Kittery Trading Post will be giving each participant a coupon for a 10 percent discount on all purchases the day of the seminar

Please fill out and submit with payment.....

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ email address: _____

Are you currently an AKC judge? Yes No Are you applying for judging approval? Yes No

Make Check for \$45 payable to Katahdin GSP Club and mail to Sandra Kretz, 58 Sedgemoadow Rd., Wayland, MA 01778 Deadline February 20, 2008.

see our website for more information, directions and times.... www.katahdingsp.org

DEADLINE FOR DUES

WAS JANUARY 31ST

IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT THEM IN YET, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID ANY LAPSE IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP. FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE.

SEND WITH CHECK TO:
PAT RUSSELL
2 MILL RD
HANCOCK, NH
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Don't forget to enter your favorite GSP in our supported entry held with the New England Sporting Group Association show March 15 (Nutmeg Gsp club on the 16th) Entries close Feb 27 visit www.infodog.com for more info



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