



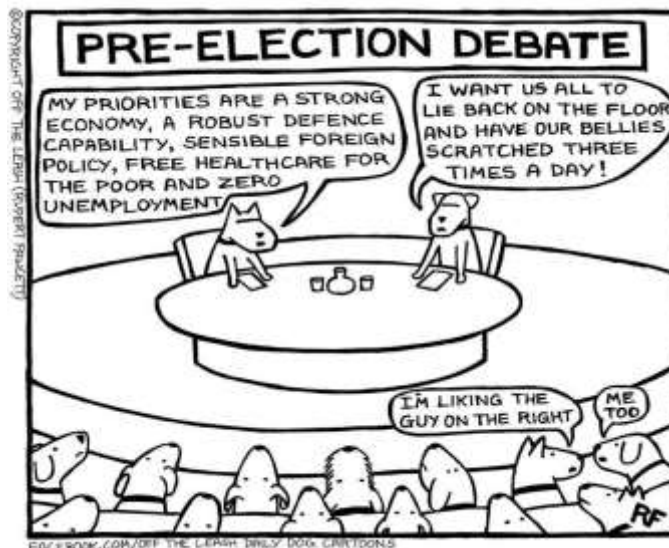
**SHORTHAIRED TALES**  
**Newsletter of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club**  
**Of Greater Portland**  
**Spring 2016**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello everyone -

It was good to see many of you at the 2nd annual meeting at the Red Blazer on Concord NH, where we enjoyed a super breakfast buffet, good company and endured many bad jokes and a few tall tales I'm sure as well. We had a good training day at Sharpe's Farm a few weeks ago, and with the water test/training day coming up quick, and more field training days and another doubleheader hunt test with the NNEBC in September there is a lot to plan. There was talk of reviving the club championship in several forms, so we'll see where that leads us, but it would be good to get that going again. Sadly, as most of you know, Katahdin club member and well known and respected bird hunting, dog training and overall GSP enthusiast Anders Nilsson passed away recently, at far too young an age. Please join me in expressing condolences to his family in the US and overseas. Pat will have memorial services details in this newsletter, and the info is on our Facebook page as well. Lastly, in reading many of the comments posted on Facebook on Anders' page expressing concern for his dogs, I realized Pauline and I have been good about planning for what happens when our dogs cross the rainbow bridge, but maybe a bit less so about what happens to them when we do. Pauline and I are meeting with our attorney this week to get some advice and make specific provisions for our dog's care in that event. Food for thought, take care everyone, see you out and about.

Steve



## Rest in Peace, Anders Nilsson



We are sad to report that our friend and club member Anders Nilsson has passed away. Anders was an avid outdoorsman and dedicated to his GSPs. He will be greatly missed.

### ANDERS NILSSON FUNERAL:

Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

Service at 11:00 AM, St. John's Episcopal Church.

Visitation one hour prior to service

Luncheon to follow at the Winthrop Yacht Club

St. John's Episcopal Church, 222 Bowdoin Street, Winthrop, MA 02151

Winthrop Yacht Club, 649 Shirley Street, Winthrop, MA 02152

## Brag, etc.

Pam Parshall has a new puppy!



Ehrenvogel's Gunning For My Heart (Gunner). Born 2/3/16

### Breeding Announcement from Susan Fuller

Highly Desirable German Shorthaired Pointer Breeding

Dam: Skypoints Yarmouth Winters Dream (Dena) Sire: Top Gun Prince William (Will)

The dam (Dena) excels at wild bird hunting. She has an excellent hunting pattern, stays to the front and carries her head high. She's very stylish on point. She's broke to wing and 90% to shot. Dena loves the retrieve and delivers to hand from either land or water. Dena has been hunted in Kansas, Montana, Michigan, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Maine and West Virginia. And, extensively in the provinces of Ontario and Manitoba, Canada. She has been a long-time co-star in the Bird Dogs Afield TV show along with her Uncle Dillon. In addition to her enviable field performance, Dena has AKC Rally and Obedience Titles and GSPCA Retrieving Dog Title. Long time German shorthair breeder and trainer Dr. Jim Rieser said: "She's a beautiful animal." Dena's health clearances are as follows: OFA Hips and Elbows, good; Heart, clear; CERF, clear. Her pedigree is below. To see a video of Dena's field performance, click on this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3NPmzK42YsU>

The sire (Will) is from one of the top German Shorthaired Pointer kennels in the country: Top Gun Kennels. Check out their website: [www.TopGunGSPs.com](http://www.TopGunGSPs.com). Whether it be AKC or NAVHDA hunt tests or hunting in the prairie lands or grouse woods, Top Gun Kennel dogs always excel. Top Gun Prince William follows in the footsteps of the many outstanding dogs produced by this kennel. Owner Steve Ries says it's simple: "Will is a bird finding machine. Although not tested, he would easily pass a Master level AKC hunt test. He's also as comfortable in the water as he is on land." Will's hip and eye test results, and pedigree, are on the TopGunKennel website. This breeding brings together two outstanding field hunting dogs. We expect some amazing pups with the complete versatile hunter package. They'll be versatile family hunting companions that live with you and hunt both upland and waterfowl. We encourage owners to be active with their pup through NAVHDA, AKC Hunt Test, agility and obedience training, etc., to get them involved and accountable. However, we accept being a great companion with wild bird hunting being their primary focus.





Will



Dena

Dena was also listed in the GSPCA Shorthair Journal as being in the Top 25 2015 Rally Stakes: Skypoints Yarmouth Winter's Dream CD BN RE JH.



## Katahdin Plaques



If your dog achieved a title in 2015 and you would like a plaque to commemorate it, please get the information to Steve and he will make a plaque and a corresponding brass tag. The cost is \$15. If you already have a plaque and just need a tag, there isn't any charge. It's a great way to exhibit your dog's (and your) achievements

## **Water Test is coming up:**

Save the dates: June 25<sup>th</sup> for training and June 26<sup>th</sup> for test – held rain or shine

Pictures of earlier water tests can be found on our Facebook page



## **Save the Date - Hunt Tests**

Our Hunt Tests will be held on September 10 and 11 as a double header with the Northern New England Brittany Club. Four chances to qualify – you could get a title in a weekend!

## **Katahdin Events Calendar**

April 23, 2016 – Training Day at Sharpe's Farm

May 28-29, 2016 – New England Sporting Group Association Show, Keene, NH

June 25, 2016 – Training Day for Water Test – held at Sharpe's Farm, Dike side.

June 26, 2015 – GSPCA and AKC Water Tests – held at Sharpe's Farm, Dike side

August 20, 2016 – Training Day at Sharpe's Farm

September 10, 2016 – Katahdin Hunt Test

September 11, 2016 – Katahdin Hunt Test

## Helpful Links

[www.gpsrescuene.org](http://www.gpsrescuene.org) – German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue New England

<http://nhdogs.org> – Dog Owners of the Granite State – protects dogs through active involvement with legislation

[www.granitestatedogrecovery.com](http://www.granitestatedogrecovery.com) – reunites owners with lost and found dogs in New England. As of December 1, 2015 they had reunited 724 dogs in 2015 with their owners.

<http://fairydogparents.org> – also on Facebook – helps dog owners who do not have financial resources for special care

[www.gspca.org](http://www.gspca.org) – German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America – parent club for us

[www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org) – American Kennel Club

[www.infodog.com](http://www.infodog.com) – upcoming dog shows, etc.

**On Facebook:** K9NE -dog related events in New England  
American Kennel Club Pointing Breed Hunt Test  
The Dog Show Judges Report  
German Shorthair Pointer  
GSP Rescue New England  
Dog Showing and Handling  
Dog Show Forum  
Bird Dogs and Fly Fishing  
Hunting G.S.P.s  
I love my German Shorthaired Pointer  
Dog Agility  
Field Trialers  
Canine Health, Breeding and Puppy Care  
Pointing Breed Hunt Test Help and Info

### MINUTES April 17, 2016

The Annual Meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday April 17, 2016 at The Red Blazer in Concord, NH. In attendance were Steve Marcq, Pauline Marcq, Susan Fuller, Stephanie Ellars, Sam Tompkins, Julie Smith, Gordon Smith, Megan Arey, Ben Arey, Fallon Reed, Fred Newcomb, Jeremy Thompson and Pat Russell. Following a delightful buffet brunch, the meeting commenced at 11 am.

**President's Report:** Lots of activities scheduled for 2016, which will be covered in the meeting. Steve is working on adding new photo capability to the website, as well as links to photo services. Sharpe's cleanup drew about 30 people and nice progress was made – cleaning up around the edges and chips from the clearing that was done earlier. HELDCA has added a \$25/day fee for use of the grounds which will go toward ongoing maintenance. They are looking for a shed donation – one which is big enough to house a lawn mower to keep the pavilion area clear. HELDCA is looking for a VP of Grounds – if anyone is interested please contact Steve.

**Secretary's Report:** Pat reported on membership renewals – dues have all been paid, with the exception of one member who dropped out. She also reported that we have a request into the AKC to move our focal point from Portland ME to Concord NH and drop the “of Greater Portland” from our name. Our ability to hold Specialty shows is restricted due to the 100 mile radius which currently starts out of Portland. Several comments have been received that people weren't interested in joining a club so far up in Maine, hence our wish to drop the “of Greater Portland.”

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeremy reported that we continue to maintain a healthy balance - our Hunt and Water Tests have not only been fun, but profitable.

**New Members:** Fallon Reed was reinstated as a member.

**Show Committee:** Since the GSPCA Nationals are being held in Pennsylvania the weekend of the New England Sporting Dog Association show, where we usually hold our supported entry, we will not be holding a supported entry there. In addition, Cheshire Kennel Club is not holding their all-breed show in August, so we can't hold our specialty there. We are waiting to hear from the AKC about our territory to figure out where to hold a specialty.

**Hunt Test Committee:** We are all set with the Northern New England Brittany Club for our double header hunt tests September 10 and 11. This year we will do Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon, and will provide food all day on Saturday. NNEBC will provide food for breakfast and lunch on Sunday.

**Water Test:** GSPCA approval has been given and AKC approval is pending. This will be our 6<sup>th</sup> year of holding water tests. Ducks have been ordered. The test is on June 26, with a training day June 25.

**Club Championship:** There is considerable interest in reinstating the Club Championship next year.

**Training Days:** The upcoming training day will have an 8:30 start. There was a little less interest in it than hoped.

**Election of Officers:** The offices of President, Treasurer and Director were up for re-election. The Nominating Committee recommended retention of the current officers: Steve Marcq as President, Jeremy Thompson as Treasurer and Megan Arey as Director. Upon motion made and seconded, the slate was unanimously approved.

**Legislative update:** Massachusetts is attempting to put more restrictions on breeders: licenses, kennel inspection, proof of health clearances, etc. There is a petition to the GSPCA to allow black GSPs in the show ring. They can currently participate in all AKC events except the show ring. If you would like to sign the petition please contact either Stephanie or Pat and they will provide you with a copy.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Please remember to get your information to Steve for 2015 titles achieved. For dogs which achieved their first title in 2015 and need a plaque, there is a \$15 charge. The tags for individual achievements are free. Since so many people are obtaining multiple titles on their dogs, Steve has initiated a trade in program for plaques. If you have too many tags for your plaque you can trade it in and he will make you a larger one.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted  
Pat Russell, Secretary