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President's Message

Our annual banquet in February was attended by 55 club members and guests. We were served an excellent buffet at Jonny Carino's and comments indicated it was very enjoyable. I would like to thank club officers and members who helped make the arrangements, donated items for the raffle/auction, etc. A list of businesses and individuals that graciously donated items is printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Again this year, one of the banquet highlights was auctioneer Jack Weiss – who needs entertainment with auctioneer Weiss!?! Thanks to everyone's good nature and generosity the club was able to cover banquet expenses and, most importantly, have fun.

Numerous awards were presented during the banquet to handlers and canine companions for achievements during 2010; awards given out are summarized in individual group reports in this newsletter. Special recognition was made to Randy Setzer, past-president, for his hard work and contributions to the club over the years. The club also recognized Peter Bakun, Pointer Board Member, for his work in coordinating and conducting Pointer training sessions and monthly training evaluation days.

The unanimous approval of the slate of Board Members and officers for 2011 occurred at the annual banquet. This will be a smooth transition into 2011 since each of those who served in 2010 agreed to another one year term.

There are a number of competitions scheduled for this spring a HRC Upland Test for retrievers and flushing dogs will be held at the training grounds on April 30 – May 1, and an AKC spaniel field trial will take place April 2-3 at Fairweather Fishing Access. Weekly training at the grounds has started, weather permitting, The scheduled training days for retrievers is Wednesday PM, pointers on Thursday PM and the spaniels on Saturday.

Good training and see you in the field!

MHGDC BOARD MEETING February 15, 2011

Members Present: Jack Weiss, Peter Bakun, Greg Johnson, Mike Heard, Steve Fink, Cheryl Johnson, Al Gaudoury, Sam Robinson, David French and Jeff Squire.

Minutes from the December 21, 2010 meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Steve presented banquet income statement. Banquet netted \$364 but around \$100 in expense is still open. Overall club broke even on 2010 operations. We have large deposits on birds for the spring events but have saved money by paying early. A list of unpaid members was given to each group to call those members about the unpaid dues.

Retriever Report: HRC Upland Hunt test 4/30-5/1 at Headwaters. HRC retriever test 7/23-24 held at Trotten's in Twin Bridges. Al is still compiling photos of ALL club members and dogs for use at events and shows. Send photos to him.

Pointer Report: NASTRA event will be held in March at the training grounds and the Zuelke property. This is a correction from the last board meeting, which stated JUST Zuelke property. Training will start 4/7. First PED will start on 4/16

Spaniel Report: The spring trial will be held April 2-3 at Fairweather. The spring hunt test will be held June 25-26 at the training grounds. Training has started on Saturday mornings weather permitting. Pigeons are needed by all groups. Jeff and All will try to find sources of birds. Greg will check with Randy on storage of pigeons.

Unfinished Business: 1: The club banquet was held on 2/5/11. A great time was had by all the attendees. Suggestions for improving next year were: 1. Have fewer toys and donate our excess toys to Toys for Tots. 2. Ask for RSVP from members. 3. Put a youth hunt together. 4. Order new raffle tickets. **2:** Sam will compile list of all donors to raffle and auction for the newsletter. **3:** The club has purchased a sponsor ticket for the Pheasants Forever banquet. Hopefully we will win a gun again. **4:** The use agreement (training grounds) was approved and signed by FWP. **5:** We are still checking insurance rates

New Business: 1. Updating the web site photos, event calendar, and adding a memorial page for deceased members was discussed. Board agreed to update by groups with Greg compiling all information for Dan March. **2.** The bird pen fix up, cleanup day is scheduled for mid March. **3.** Motion made and passed unanimously to charge \$25 per year for business advertising and \$10 per ad for puppy ads in newsletter. **4.** Sam made a motion to have a yearlong gun raffle with the winner being drawn at the banquet. Sam will check this out and report back. **5.** Motion made and passed unanimously to donate excess toys to Toys for Tots. **6.** Motion made to sponsor a youth hunt for upland and waterfowl passed unanimously. **7.** Motion made to send newsletter electronically to **members electing** that method. This will save club on mailing and printing costs. We will first put this idea into the newsletter and send all members with an email this idea. Motion passed unanimously. **8.** Mike asked club to sponsor 2012 AKC **Retriever Field Trial**. He will present plan on what the club's commitment in resources and \$'s will be needed to sponsor this event.

Meeting adjourned and next meeting will be April 19, 2011.

2011 HRC & AKC Retriever Hunt Test and Field Trial Dates:

Hunting Retriever Club (HRC) Hunt Test:

February 26/27: Las Vegas HRC: regular hunt: Overton, NV:

2011 Spring Grand - April 2 - 6, 2011, Grenada, MS

April 30/May 1: Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club - HRC upland test: Three Forks, MT

May 7/8: NE Washington Gun Dog Club: regular hunt & upland hunt: Chewelah WA

May 21/22: Bitterroot Valley Retriever Club: HRC regular hunt: Florence, MT

July 23/24: Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club: HRC regular hunt: Twin Bridges, MT

July 30/31: Bitterroot Valley Retriever Club: HRC regular hunt: Florence, MT (Not listed yet)

2011 Fall Grand - September 10 - 14, 2011, Lake Ontario, Canada.

There will HRC regular hunt tests near Cheyenne, WY as well, however, they are not yet listed with the UKC.

American Kennel Club Hunt Tests

April 22/23: Treasure Valley Retriever Club: Fruitland, ID

April 23/24: Idaho Retriever Club: Fruitland, ID

May 7/8: Eastern Idaho Retriever Club: Springfield, ID

May 21/22: Weber River Retriever Club: Corinne, UT

May 27/30: Wasatch Hunting Retriever Club: Salt Lake City, UT

June 3/5: Treasure Valley Retriever Club: Fruitland, ID

June 9/10: Bitterroot Valley Retriever Club: Florence, MT

June 11/12: Western Montana Retriever Club: Missoula, MT

June 18-19: Treasure State Retriever Club: Butte, MT

September 30-October 9th: Master National: Eastern Shore, MD

There are AKC hunt tests in Eastern Washington State as well. For a listing of events please go to the akc.org web site.

American Kennel Club Field Trials

May 6-7: Idaho Retriever Club: Payette, ID

May 13-15: Mission Valley Retriever Club: Ronan, MT

May 20-22: Great Salt Lake Retriever Club: Salt Lake City, UT

May 27-29: Western Montana Retriever Club: Missoula, MT

June 3-5: Montana Retriever Club: Billings, MT

June 10-12: Professional Retriever Trainers Association: Twin Bridges, MT

June 19-25: National Amateur Retriever Championship: Ronan, MT

July 15-17: Treasure State Retriever Club: Butte, MT

July 29-30: Northern Utah Retriever Club: near Evanston, WY

August 5-7: Great Salt Lake Retriever Club: near Evanston, WY

August 19-21: Eastern Idaho Retriever Club: Roberts, ID

August 26-28: Montana Retriever Club: Billings, MT

September 2-4: Mission Valley Retriever Club: Ronan, MT

September 9-11: Idaho Retriever Club: Payette, ID

September 16-18: Wood River Retriever Club: Picabo, ID

September 23-25: Western Montana Retriever Club: Charlo, MT

AFC Dust Devil's Black Blizzard MH

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CHIC #: 21957 Hips Good, Elbows Normal, Eyes Clear,
CNM Clear LR-CNM11-138-M-PIV

Excellent house dog, very friendly with other dogs and people

Excellent marker, natural line running, Fantastic line manners
Great work ethic and loves to retrieve

AKC Hunt Test Titles: JH, SH, MH

AKC Field Trial Titles: Amateur Field Champion (AFC)

23.5 AA Points, Open win, AM win, numerous placements

Qualified for 2009 National Amateur Championship

HRC hunt test Finished passes (HRCH title in 2011)

YouTube videos Search: **DUST DEVIL'S BLACK BLIZZARD**

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THANK YOU!

The club would like to thank the following people and businesses for their generous donations that helped make our Annual Meeting a success:

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Chris Winstead

Julie Heard

Alice Pilgeram

David Barnes

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I sincerely apologize if I missed anyone who contributed to the raffle/auction.

Pointing Dog News

The Pointers will begin training on the first Thursday in April. We are looking forward to another great spring and summer of training.

Our first Pointing Dog Evaluation will be on April 16th. Please watch your e-mails for signup deadlines.

We will be needing volunteers to feed and water the birds and be in charge of bringing birds to the Thursday night training sessions. Please contact Peter Bakun at 406-388-6829 or e-mail me at pndbakun@msn.com if you can help out.

If you are a Pointer member and have not sent in your dues please renew your membership before our first training session.

Thank you,
Peter Bakun

Retriever Report

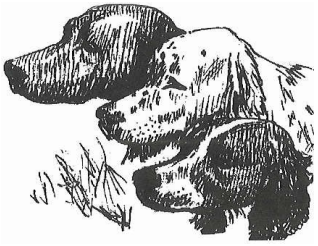
I am compiling a CD of Club Members photos for 2011. This will be displayed at club meetings Christmas party and the Sportsman show. This includes all groups. If you have any new hunting, field trial, training or just good photo's of your dog please e-mail me a j-peg at al@6xoutfitters.com.

Our HRC Upland Hunt Test will be April 30 and May 1, 2011 at the horse pasture off Carpenter Road, Headwaters State Park. This is open to all flushing breeds. The regular HRC Hunt Test is July 23-24 At Bill Trotten's Ranch, Twin Bridges. Retrievers are training. If you would like to be on the e-mail-training list please let me know. Any retrieving breed at any level and any age is welcome to train with us. Please bring a duck call, dark and a light jacket and any training equipment that you have. To train with live gamebirds or participate in the flushing dog Training Evaluation Days you must have a new game bird permit from FWP. Copies are available on the club website www.mhgdc.org.

At the Annual Meeting the following awards were presented. The 2010 Top Flushing Dogs were tied for 1st Place, Jack Weiss's veteran English Springer Spaniel, Dottie and Kerri Payne's yellow Labrador, Dennis. Al Gadoury's yellow Labrador, Bella was 2nd. There was a three-way tie for third; Greg and Cheryl Johnson's springer Tori, Mike and Julie Heard's black Labrador Thunder, Jack Weiss's springer Spot and Stuart Leidners Labrador Colter. Mike Heards black Labrador Dusty earned an AKC Master Hunter Title. Margo Ellis's yellow Labrador Meg earned an HRC Upland Hunter Title. Meg is the only dog in Montana with an Upland Hunter Title.

Our retriever training sessions have started. We have pigeons for upland work and will be training for the HRC Upland Hunt Test in April. Check your e-mail for place and time.

Al Gadoury



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