

Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club

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Board of Directors

President—Sam Robinson

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

Board Meetings at FWP for 2006

Jun 20, Aug 15, Oct 17 & Dec 19

Spaniel Hunt Test May 27 & 28

Spaniel Hunt Test August 26 & 27

Retriever Hunt Tests

Missoula June 10 & 11

Butte—Treasure State June 17 & 18

Butte—Treasure State July 29 & 30

Preliminary 2006 MHGDC Event & Training Schedule: Training Grounds -TG,

To Be Determined—TBD

Spaniel Picnic Trial May 13 TG

Pointer Picnic Trial May 20 TG

Spaniel Hunt Test May 27 & 28 TG & BB

Spaniel Picnic Trial June 10 TG

Pointer Picnic Trial June 17 TG

Griffon Group June 24-25 TG

Snake Break TBD TBD

Annual Picnic TBD TBD

Spaniel Picnic Trial July 8 TG

Pointer Picnic Trial July 15 TG

Spaniel Picnic Trial Aug 12

Pointer Picnic Trial Aug 19

German Shorthaired Group Aug 26-27 TG

Spaniel Hunting Test. Aug 26-27 TBD

MHGDC Special Board Meeting

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5/10/06

The special meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 7:15 PM.

Board Members Present: Joann Kish, Al Gadoury, Sam Robinson, Larry Michnevich, Kyle Barner, Pat Dil-

lon, Dan Marsh, and Scott Benowitz.

The special board meeting was call to take action on leasing grounds for organized club training, hunt tests, and potentially field trial events.

The Board approved a motion to negotiate a letter of agreement or letter of understanding with Josh Shively at

Headwaters Upland Game and Guiding Service, LLC to use his hunting preserve at the Graycliff Ranch for organized club training and hunt tests for 2006, with a not-to-exceed fee for 22 days of use. Individual training by club members would not be allowed under this agreement. The period of use for 2006 would be May 11 (or as soon

as the agreement can be signed) until September 1.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

04/18/06 MHGDC Board meeting minutes

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Board Members Present: Joann Kish, Wayne Frederickson, Al Gadoury, Sam Robinson, Larry Michnevich, Kyle Barner, Mark Donovan, Pat Dillon, and Scott Benowitz. Members Present: Randy and Tracey Setzer

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read from the 2/21/05 meeting, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: 2-yr CD-\$12,008, checking - \$7,912.

Pointers: Report to Tracey for Newsletter. Training Thursday afternoons.

Spaniels: Training Saturday mornings. Report to Tracey for newsletter.

Retrievers: No report.

Unfinished Business:

Upland Bird Challenge April 9, 2006 was successful. Results not provided. Bryan to provide to Tracey for newsletter.

After reviewing bonding requirements for Treasurer, Board agreed to bond for \$1.

Club has FWP permit that allows Club members to shoot pheasants and chukars for dog training at the training grounds only, and only during club-sponsored activities. Those hunting left-over pheasants and chukars at the training grounds at other times are not covered by the permit. This amounts to out-of-season hunting.

New Business:

Website – Larry updated Pointer page, Al will update Springer page. Sam will speak to Dan about checking functionality of downloads and links. Members wanting their training or dog photographs on the website should provide them to Dan Marsh (the webmaster).

Annual banquet comments – where were the awards? How can we liven up the event? Kyle will make some recommendations at future Board meetings after conferring with

Veda.

Anyone interested in learning how to properly release a dog caught in a trap call Randy Setzer – he will set up a clinic or work with you one-on-one.

Board voted to once again purchase a sponsorship to Pheasants Forever.

Board voted to contact a local accountant to perform an audit of the clubs finances. This will be done as a precautionary measure, and in no way reflects on past or present officers. Sam will arrange.

Flushing dog fun trail dates set for 2007 at training grounds: 2nd Saturday April-September.

Pointing dog fun trial dates set for 2007 at training grounds: 3rd Saturday May-September.

Board approved the purchase of MS Publisher for newsletter. Will be installed on Tracey's computer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Pointer Report by Mark Donovan

MHGDC Pointer News

By Mark Donovan

Spring is here and for a lot of us that means getting out and tuning up the pointer to get them back in shape for the fall season. The first official day of training on May 6th was a wash, literally. It was so cold and rainy we did no training. Since then Thursday nights have been busy. I plan on bringing 25-30 birds per night to train with on first come first served basis. Any one who might be arriving late can call me to reserve a couple birds. Those members wishing to purchase birds to take home need to call me ahead of time so that I can bring enough to fill the demand. I will be ordering only so many per month.

The first Fun Trial will be held at the training grounds on Saturday May 20th at 7:30 AM.

Volunteers will be needed to set up and tear down. Please call me if you would like to help.

Since the last NSTRA Trial held at the training grounds in March there have been 4 trials held around the state.

Placements going to MHGDC members are as follows:

At the Mission Valley Pointing Dog Trial on Saturday March 25th Eric Kaelin and Huck placed 2nd. On Sunday Rusty/Donovan Placed 1st and Huck/Kaelin placed 2nd on Field B, with Nicca and Wayne Fredrickson bringing home 4th on Field A.

At the Montana Shorthair Trial in Savage Montana Saturday April 1st, Jim Witila championed his shorthair Ringo with a 1st on Field A, and placed 5th as well on Field B. Congratulations Jim. Also placing on Saturday was Rusty/Donovan with a 2nd on A Field and a 2nd on B Field. On Sunday Huck/Kaelin placed third on Field B.

At the Central Montana Pointing Dog Club Trial Saturday April 22nd, Rusty/Donovan placed 1st and Spice/Tana Kradolfer placed 3rd on Field B. On Sunday Pie/Tana Kradolfer brought home 2nd on field A.

At the Glacier Gun Dog Trial in Polson Montana April 29th and 30th MHGDC dogs came home with 8 of the top 16 placements and 2 first time field champions. Saturday, Huck/Cartright

placed 1st on Field A and 2nd on Field B, Rusty/ Donovan, placed 3rd to qualify Rusty as Field Champion and Bo/ Tana Kradolfer placed 4th. On Sunday Huck/ Doug Cartright placed 1st on Field A and Field B to qualify Huck as Field Champion. Also placing on Field A was Ringo/Witila 3rd and Toots/Conrad Kradolfer 4th. On Field B Nicca/Conrad Kradolfer placed 4th.

Before closing I would like to congratulate Tana Kradolfer and Spice on their recent accomplishments at the American Brittany Club Western Futurities in Oregon. The nominations of dams for this futurity must be made within 30 days after the bitches have whelped. This competition was an open stake in the Gun Dog category. Spice placed First Runner up or 2nd which qualifies her to compete in the National Futurity as well as in any American Field open or championship trial in the future.

SPANIEL REPORT By Al Gadoury

Club member's cockers continue to dominate the AKC Cocker field trial circuit. Running in a field of twenty Olivia Steele-Mortimer's dog, The Black Death, Buster placed first in the Amateur Stake held at Crook Creek, CO March 19. Robert and Dede Griffin's cocker, Annie, placed first in the Open in North Dakota April 28 and third in the Open April 30. Annie is now an AKC Field Trial Champion.

Under veteran judge Tom Clark and rookie Steve Petri seven

Springer's, one Lab and one Cocker kicked off the first flushing dog fun trial of the season April 8. It was beautiful windless morning. Scenting was poor. Dogs that were allowed to work the cover found all their birds. George Kelley's Springer Moose took the third place yellow ribbon. George has only entered two fun trials but has earned two placements with two different dogs, a Lab and a Springer. Dave Jarrett's Springer Bandit placed second. Larry Michnevich

and his Springer Beam out-classed all the other dogs to earn the first place blue ribbon. Anyone interested in training tips please see George, Dave or Larry any Saturday morning at the training grounds.

We will have flushing dog fun trials perennially on the second Saturday of the month, April through August. The next flushing dog fun trial is May 13 at 8 a. m. Please contact Al Gadoury if you would like to enter a dog, judge or catch birds in the morn-

Spaniel report continued

ing. I need a chairman for the June 10 flushing dog fun trial.

June 18, 2006 there will be an AKC gunning seminar. This is required to gun in an AKC field trial. Anyone who plans to enter a dog in a trial, hunt test or train would find this helpful. It is open to all club members. Contact Randy Setzer now if you are interested. 285-6724 or setzers5@aol.com

RECIPE BOX

If you are interested in submitting a recipe please email or send it to Tracey @ 285-6724, fx 285-3410, or email @ setzers5@aol.com

ANTELOPE ROAST

Submitted by Ann Michnevich

1 boneless rolled antelope roast, 3-5 lbs.
(or deer top round)

Vegetable oil

garlic powder to taste, Black pepper
and 8-10 slices of bacon

Place roast on a rack in a roasting pan or in a corning-type dish. Brush with oil. Sprinkle pepper and garlic liberally over roast and cover with bacon. Bake at 325 degrees for about 1 hour for a medium-rare roast (135 internal temp). Allow meat to rest for 10-15 minutes before carving. Serve with pan juices. Great with mashed potatoes.

RETRIEVER REPORT By Pat Dillon

Pat attended the Snake River Retriever Club Hunt Test held on April 15 & 16, 2006. Both of Pat's Labs Jett and Ben received a qualifying score in the Master level handled by himself, Pat Dillon. The retriever hunt test are gearing up around the coun-

try here are a few of the closer ones.

April 29-30 Wasatch SLC, UT

May 6-7 Eastern ID, Roberts

May 13-14 Weber Rvr, Corrine, UT

May 26-28 (Double Header)

Wasatch SLC, UT

Jun 10-11 Western MT , Missoula
(Double JH, SH)

Jun 17-18 Treasure ST. Butte

Jun 24-25 Wasatch SLC, UT

Jul 29-30 Treasure ST, Twin
Bridges

Master National Oct 1-8 Morgan

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CHEYENNE - In a heartbreaking turn of events, officials announced Monday that all of the 75 to 80 dogs at the Cheyenne Animal Shelter will be euthanized to curb the spread of highly contagious canine influenza. That is not all. These cases marked the first detected cases of the potentially lethal infection in the state of Wyoming, and officials say this is only the beginning. "It's going through the community," said Gary Norwood, a veterinarian at Frontier Animal Clinic, "and all of our dogs are totally naive." Officials also are warning the Cheyenne area to take action to protect their dogs from the disease by isolating them for the next few weeks. Many local Cheyenne veterinary clinics saw their first cases last week, Norwood said. The virus cannot infect humans or cats, but it infects all dogs that come into contact with it. It isn't necessary for dogs to touch each other - the virus can spread through the air and can hitch a ride on clothing or hands. Though the vast majority of dogs will recover from the infection or never develop symptoms at all, some 3 to 10 percent will die, he said. In some cases already, dogs that were happy and frisky in the morning were dying by nightfall and dead within 24 hours. "For 95 percent of cases, the dog's going to recover just fine," he said. "People need to not panic. Respect that this virus has entered our community. Use logic. Use hygiene. This virus is susceptible to normal hygiene procedures." Cheyenne Animal Shelter staff and city officials made the announcement about the euthanization at an emotionally charged meeting at the Cheyenne City Council chambers Monday night. Many questioned the shelter's decision. But Dr. Walt Cook, the assistant state veterinarian, asked for a show of hands of veterinarians at the meeting who thought it was the right thing to do. All four supported the decision. "As regrettable as this is, I think this is the most reasonable decision, and I commend it," he said. The outbreak began, according to shelter records, a little over three weeks ago, when staff began to notice symptoms in the dogs that made them think they had kennel cough, a mild, but common infection in dogs caused by a bacterium unrelated to influenza. Three days after the first symptoms were noted, said Michelle Hazzard, shelter spokeswoman, Adoption Kennel 1 was closed on April 11. On April 17, the rest of the adoption kennels were closed and all adoptions halted. After doing some research, the staff became concerned it might be canine influenza and sent five samples - one of which was a control - to an expert in Florida for testing. Four of the samples came back positive on Friday. In the meantime, the disease had been spreading rapidly and easily between dogs who'd had even minimal contact with other dogs. Four dogs died. Age didn't matter. One dog looked fine on Friday morning, fell ill, was given treatment and still died in less than 24 hours. On Sunday, the shelter's board of directors met with Norwood and David Barber, a veterinarian who works as an environmental epidemiologist for the Wyoming Department of Health. Given the contagiousness of the disease, they considered two options, said Jim Hathaway, the shelter's veterinarian. One was to try to isolate every dog in the shelter in different housing facilities in alternate locations. The second was to euthanize all the animals.

The clincher, he said, was the fact that some 20 percent of dogs that are infected and shedding the virus do not display symptoms. After seven to 10 days, if they have not died they are no longer shedding the disease. In addition, dogs that have recovered from infection retain very little immunity and can be re-infected. But because there's no rapid test to see which dogs are infected and which aren't, they said, it is impossible to tell which dogs are infected without symptoms. "That is something none of us wants to do, but at this point it seems the best thing we have come up with," Hathaway said. One meeting attendee thought this course of action was "a very rash and heartless decision." But the new director of the animal shelter, Alan Cohen, said he could not in good conscience do otherwise. "If we do not euthanize these animals, we cannot guarantee these animals will not re-infect themselves and other animals," he said. "If I do not euthanize these animals, how can I let them loose knowing they might spread it to the community? If we don't stop these 70, they may serve as vectors to spread it to the entire community." Board President Tim LaHiff said that because he felt it wasn't right to ask shelter staff to euthanize the dogs because of their emotional attachments, he has asked local veterinarians to volunteer. He said no decision has yet been made about when the dogs will be put down. In the meantime, incoming strays are being taken to a separate location, and the staff has plans to scrub and sterilize the shelter, consult with other shelters and see what structural changes can be made to help prevent an outbreak from spreading again within the shelter. It will be more than a week after the last dogs are gone before the shelter could be opened to dogs once more.

Cats, which are not affected by the virus, are being kept within the shelter, but no adoptions are being allowed.

Preventing dog flu For the next few weeks, vets are urging pet owners to take precautions to avoid canine influenza, which spreads by salivary secretions or airborne particles. They include: Don't take your dog to places where other dogs are found. Avoid parks or the Greenway. . Though people can't be infected, they can transmit the virus between dogs. To help prevent this, dog owners should avoid contact with other dogs. If you visit a neighbor and discover their dog is sick, change clothes and wash your hands with soap and water before interacting with your own dog. . Though the virus is highly contagious, it's very fragile and can't survive for long outside its host. In addition to soap and water, mild bleach solutions will kill it. . Make sure our dog has proper identification and rabies tags. If it gets lost and is picked up by Animal Control, they can return it directly to the owner instead of taking it to a holding area or the shelter, where it may interact with other infected dogs. If you own two dogs and one falls ill, separate them. If your dog exhibits coughing and another symptom such as sneezing, congestion, lethargy or loss of appetite, call your veterinarian immediately. Don't take the dog to the clinic without calling first, or you may spread the disease to other dogs.



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