

Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club

Dates for Board Meetings for 2007

Jun 19, Aug 21, Oct 16, Dec 18

General Meetings:

December 18th, Board Meeting @ 6:00 pm Christmas Party
Wild Game Feed 7:00pm

February 9th, 2008 Annual Club Meeting

Other Events we have info on for 2007

May 12 Flushing Dog Fun trial

May 19 Pointer Fun Trial Training Grounds

May 26 & 27 Spaniel Hunt Tests Training Grounds/Black Bird

June 2 & 3 Retriever Hunt Test Boise, ID

June 9 Flushing Dog Fun Trial

June 9 & 10 Retriever Hunt Test Missoula

June 16 Pointer Fun Trial Training Grounds

June 16 & 17 Retriever Hunt Test Butte

July 14 Flushing Dog Fun Trial

July 21 Pointer Fun Trial Training Grounds

Aug 11 Flushing Dog Fun Trial (Grey Cliff Ranch)

August 11 Griffon Club Training Grounds

August 11 & 12 Spaniel Hunt Test TBD

August 16 (tentative scheduled snake breaking with
Butch Nelson)

August 18 Retriever Hunt Test (Butte)

August 18 Pointer Fun Trial Training Grounds

August 25 Retriever Field Trial Butte

August 24,25,26 German Shorthaired Pointer Hunt Test
Training Grounds

Jan 12 tentative date for Spaniel Hunt Test Seminar

Jan 13 tentative date for Retriever Hunt Test Seminar

February 9th, 2008 tentative date set Annual Banquet

Board of Directors

President– Randy Setzer 285-6724

Vice President - Dan Marsh 587-7578

Secretary—Scott Benowitz 585-7101

Treasurer –Julie Kirkland 582-7376

Retrievers

Pat Dillon 995-2415

Kyle Barner 995-4319

Pointers

Sam Robinson (c) 539-6119

Wil Avril 522-0992

Spaniels

Al Gadoury 586-3806

Greg Johnson 586-6323

Items for thought

No More Mosquitoes: Place a dryer sheet in your pocket. It will keep the mosquitoes away.

Foggy Windshield: Hate Foggy Windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

Presidents Report

Training is in full swing. I have been hearing good things about the pointer training.

Turnout has been good for spaniel training and the field trial went well.

I'm sorry to report that the contract to use the Greycliff ranch is still in the works but has not been finalized at this time. I will let all board members know when it is finalized.

The bid for fixing the parking area came in within cost. We need to confirm that Holcim will donate the gravel and then we will set a date for completion.

Happy training,
Randy

More Items for thought

I have no idea if these work or not.

Conditioner: Use your hair conditioner to shave your legs. It's a lot cheaper than shaving cream and leaves your legs really smooth. It's also a great way to use up the conditioner you bought but didn't like it when you tried it in your hair...

Get Rid of Ants: Put small piles of cornmeal where you see ants. They eat it, take it "home", & can't digest it so it kills them. It may take a week or so, especially if it rains. But it works & you don't have the worry about pets or small children being harmed!

Pointer Report

Trying something new is always a risk. Murphy usually shows up and proves that if something could go wrong it will go wrong. Well I'm here to report that we did something right.

The training sessions for the pointers began with the first four sessions being mini seminars. Members and teachers for the presentations were:

Tana Kradolfer "Pointing and backing drill for a group of people"

Conrad Kradolfer And Tana Kradolfer "training using a whoa post"

Dave Carty "training using a method of sequential training with mild stimulation from an e-collar"

Dale Spartas "photographing dogs using the best light and methods"

Each session was well attended and well received. I want to thank the four people above for sharing their time and expertise with the group. All club members were invited but attendance was primarily from the pointer group. It seems our request to share the burden of making sure birds and equipment are available for our training sessions is being taken to heart and people are sharing the load. Thanks and keep it up.

The trailer that we talked about for the pointers to haul the birds to the training grounds is a reality and will be used for next Thursday's training session. It has a lockable tool box, room for the bird crates, a box for mechanical bird launchers, and a weather proof cover. When I said that things were going well it also includes the trailer which was donated with a total cost of about \$800. Thank you.

Sam Robinson
and
Will Avril

MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes 04/17/07

The meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Board Members Present: Sam Robinson, Wil Avril, Al Gadoury, Julie Kirkland, Greg Johnson, Randy Setzer, Dan Marsh, Pat Dillon, Kyle Barner, and Scott Benowitz. Members present: Tracey Setzer

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read from the 02/20/07 meeting, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Income/expense statement for month was presented. 2-yr CD- \$12,581, checking - \$6,776. Julie will send out a late dues notice to delinquent members.

Pointers: A trailer was donated to the club for pointer group activities. Dale Spartas will discuss photographing your hunting dogs April 26 at training grounds. Annual snake break August 16 at training grounds. Sam has the George Hickock DVD available to loan to club members.

Spaniels: The Spaniels are training on Saturdays. All meetings will now be held after training. Dave Jarrett and Larry Michnevich have volunteered to help new members get started training. The April 7 fun trial had 4 labs and 10 springers entered and earned a profit of \$2. Our next fun trial is May 12. AKC Hunt Test May 26-27 at training grounds and August 11-12 at Greycliff Ranch. AKC Hunt Test judging seminar scheduled for January 12, 2008. Spaniel field trial at Fairweather had 50 dogs in open, 38 dogs in Amateur, 6 puppies. John Wright/Seer placed 4th in Open; John Wright/Prophet 1st in Amateur. Club has leftover hen pheasants to sell. Contact Randy Setzer.

Retrievers: MHGDC will sponsor an AKC Hunt Test to be held August 18 and 19 at the Elk Park field. Contact Tracey Setzer for more information. Pat Dillon's Ben has completed AKC Hunt Test requirements and earned a Master Dog certificate.

Unfinished Business:

Randy was authorized to spend up to \$310 for chemicals to spray weeds at the Greycliff Ranch training area. The Club will not have to pay for chemicals to spray weeds at the FWP training grounds. Randy will donate labor and equipment to spray both locations.

The agreement to lease the Greycliff Ranch is still being finalized and includes Wednesday nights and the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of the month between April 1 and September 1, 2007. The Greycliff Ranch is only to be used for group training activities on these specific days.

New Business:

No 4-wheelers allowed on training grounds at any time for any club activity.

The Board approved the expenditure of up to \$1200 to place gravel on training ground road and parking area. The gravel is to be donated by Holcim. Randy will organize.

The Board discussed modifying the gun safety rules and procedures. Sam will modify as discussed and print final version for distribution.

All members will need to sign *Assumption of Risk and Acceptance of Liability* form to participate in club events. The form acknowledges the member has read the gun safety rules. This form can be obtained from Board members, the web site, and at training sessions. Signed forms should be returned to Club Treasurer Julie Kirkland or other Board member.

Board approved purchase of business cards and brochures to promote Club. Sam will take care of cards and distribute; Tracey will update old brochure.

Annual meeting February 9, 2008. Location to be determined.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Retriever Report by Pat Dillon additional information added on to by Tracey Setzer

The April 21st Hunt Test Judges Seminar being hosted by the Helena Gun dog Club was canceled due to a number of issues. In order for the clubs in the state of Montana as well as other states to put on these events there are rules and regulations that need to be followed. One of the requirements to judge is that you attend a Retriever Hunt Test Judges Seminar every three years, with other requirements needed also. It will be more difficult to hold tests without a pool of local eligible judges.

There are negotiations in the works to hold a Retriever Hunt Test Judges Seminar possibly just after the first of the year. Seminars are informative for handlers new to hunt tests as well as required for judges. In order to hold a seminar the sponsoring club needs 20 attendees.

We will be asking for support when a date is selected. With three hunt tests in the state right now and at least one other up and coming, all clubs need to be vocal, and active in getting their members to come together and attend these seminars to keep the sport alive. Watch for more information and details to come.

February Hunt Test in Arizona

Hunt Test Passes

Pat Dillon and Ben (who also received their Master Title)

Pat Dillon and Jett

Recipe box

Brandied Venison

Submitted by
Tana Kradolfer

1lb. Venison chops or round steak, cut into thin bite size pieces

Flour

Garlic powder

Pepper

4 T. Melted margarine or butter

2 c. Water

4 T. Flour

1/2 lb. Mushrooms, sliced

2 T. brandy

1/2 c. sour cream

Mix flour with garlic powder and pepper. Coat the strips well with the flour and pound the coated venison strips thoroughly. Brown in the margarine. Transfer the browned meat to a paper towel-lined plate to keep warm. Mix the water and flour together; add to the pan drippings, stirring well to dissolve browned bits. Add 1 or 2 T. more margarine if necessary. Stir until the gravy thickens. When the gravy is thickened, return the strips to the skillet. Add the mushrooms and brandy. Cook until the mushrooms are hot. Add the sour cream and heat through. Best with biscuits, or serve with rice or mashed potatoes.

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Needing a new home, I'm a 5 year old liver & white female English Springer Spaniel, my family has out grown me and I am looking for a companion home and maybe some hunting. Call Tracey for more details. 285-6724

SPANIEL REPORT By Al Gadoury

The spaniels are training Saturday starting at 9 a.m. The third Saturday every month we train at Greycliff. If you would like birds in the morning please call Randy, 285-6724. Dave Jarrett and Larry Michnevich have volunteered to help new members get started training.

The second flushing dog fun trial was April 7 at Headwaters. The day started with my helper showing up on time to inform me that he had things to do before he could help me. I do appreciate his help in catching the last 12 birds. Halfway between the bird pens and Headwaters about a third of the pigeons went away. We started the trial offering two birds per dog while a frantic effort was made to catch more pigeons, that effort failed. The decision was made to give the remaining dogs one bird and double the score. A field of 10 spaniels and 4 labs ran under judges Durc Setzer and Jack Weiss. There was some concern that Jack would not be able to walk the 14 runs after the knife wound he received earlier in the week in an altercation with dead hen pheasant. In an unprecedented show of force Greg Johnson's Tori, Spirit and Nicki made a clean sweep of all three placements. All remaining pigeons were shot trying to escape. This was the first fun trial that a Labrador did not take a placement. Both judges were the very soul of rectitude and goodness; I can't thank them enough. I would also like to thank Subway for the 50% discount on the lunch they forgot to make, this helping us earn a \$2 profit. The next flushing dog fun trial will be May 12; birds will be pheasants and pigeons. If you would like to run a dog, judge or learn how to plant birds please let me know now.

Al Gadoury

A huge Thank You to our Spaniel Field Trial Chairman Greg Johnson and Spaniel Field Trial secretary Cheryl Johnson, anyone who has ever done this job knows just how much work both positions can be.

The 2007 Missouri Headwaters English Springer Spaniel Field Trial was held April 14 & 15 at Fair-weather Fishing Access near Clarkston. This was one of the larger trials that we've had over the past several years with 50 dogs entered in the Open stake on Saturday and 39 dogs in the Amateur stake on Sunday – six puppies were entered in the Puppy stake, also on Sunday. The two-day event was a big success: the weather was great for a spring trial; the cover at Fairweather was excellent as was bird production; the gun team, assembled by Randy Setzer, did a great job shooting for the dogs; and club members worked long hours before, during and after the trial to make it a success. Club members and volunteers included Kyle Barner, Scott Benowitz, Al Gadoury, Dave Jarrett, Cheryl Johnson, Mike Knowles, Chris Maxcy, Owen Metcalf, Durc, Randy and Tracey Setzer, Melisa McCauley, Jeff Squire, Jack Weiss, & Eric Hammer. I would also like to acknowledge the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks for giving permission to use the grounds.

Placements

OPEN

1st Slip (Marty Knibbs)
2nd Tina (Paul McGagh)
3rd Taff (Paul McGagh)
4th Seer (John Wright)

AMATEUR

1st Prophet (John Wright)
2nd Sing (Al Defalco)
3rd Rocky (Alice Stewart)
4th Emma (Michael Bullock)

PUPPY

1st Maggie (Lynn Miller)
2nd Dotty (Alice Stewart)
3rd KC (Marlene O'Connell)
4th Connor (Gunther Boettcher)

Congratulations to those placing and thanks again to all who contributed time and energy in making this a successful trial.

Greg Johnson
Field Trial Chair

The Cranefield English Cocker Society

Has formally requested permission to host the 2008 Cocker Championship, to be held @ the Cranefield Farm property owned by John & Kiku Hanes North of Belgrade.



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Watch in future newsletters for updates



How much do you know about your pets food?

To find out if the food your feeding is on the recalled list of foods or not go to www.thepetfoodlist.com

It gives you the information on which foods have been recalled, it will also give you information such as where the products, meats, grains, etc come from.

ITEM OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE

**TO LABRADOR OWNERS,
PERSPECTIVE OWNERS,
BREEDERS, ETC**

**We learned on February 28th, of a genetic disease called
Centronuclear Myopathy**

**Below is a web site you can go to, to learn more on this disease and how
you can have your Labrador tested for this debilitating and heart
breaking disease. labradorcnm.com**

Or you can access it by going to Working Retriever Central

Want a finished pointer?

My emphasis is training finished dogs ten months or older.

Five Month program

April through August.

References. Dave Carty 586-8203

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