

Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club

Volume 1 Issue 6

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

ANNUAL BANQUET FEB 17th 6:00pm

Annual Meeting: King Tool 5350 Love Lane, Bozeman **Family event**

Election of New Officers & Board.

Dinner and raffle, Board members be there at 5:30 for set up. Club members be there early 6:00 to pay dues, buy your raffle tickets, socialize !! **We eat at 7:00!!**

Dates for Board Meetings for 2007

Feb 20, Apr 17, Jun 19, Aug 21, Oct 16, Dec 18

Other Events we have info on for 2007

Spaniel Field Trial Apr 14 & 15

Retriever H.T Seminar Apr 21 - Helena fair grounds

Spaniel H.T Seminar Apr 22 - Three Forks

Spaniel Hunt Tests May 26 & 27, & Aug (TBD)

Retriever Hunt Tests June 2/3 Boise, 9/10 Missoula, Treasure State 16/17 Butte. MHGDC Ret & Span Hunt Test Aug dates (TBD)

Butte Field Trial Aug 25

Board of Directors

President- Sam Robinson (W) 585-5530

Vice President - Dan Marsh 587-7578

Secretary—Scott Benowitz - 585-7101

Treasurer —Joann Kish 388-3200

Retrievers

Pat Dillon 995-2415

Kyle Barner 995-4319

Pointers

Larry Michnevich 586-2939

Mark Donovan 388-8383

Spaniels

Al Gadoury 586-3806

Wayne Frederickson 586-0039

MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes 12/19/06

The meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 6:15 PM.

Board Members Present:

Joann Kish, Sam Robinson, Mark Donovan, Al Gadoury, Kyle Barner, Pat Dillon, and Scott Benowitz.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read from the 10/19/06

meeting, and approved.

Treasurer's Report: 2-yr CD-\$12,572, checking - \$7,754.

Pointers: No report

Spaniels: No report

Retrievers: No report

Unfinished Business:

2007 Board vacancies will be filled by President – Randy Setzer, Treasurer - vacant, pointer reps – Sam Robinson and Will Avril, and spaniel rep – Greg Johnson. Dan Marsh, Scott Benowitz, Kyle

Barner, pat Dillon, and Al Gadoury will stay on in their existing positions. Sam will contact one other individual regarding the vacant treasurer position.

New Business:

Sam is renewing the special use permit with FWP for the training grounds. He wants to modify the language to eliminate the language concerning needed approval for use of 4-wheelers during trial events. He's hoping to insert language stating that the event chairman can make a

decision the morning of the trial if it is appropriate to use 4-wheelers given the field conditions at that time. Also new language stating no overnight camping except for one or two campers for security purposes. The 2007 bird permit will include both the training grounds and Shivley's leased land.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Retriever Hunt Test Seminar

The Treasure State Retriever Club along with the Helena Valley Gun Dog Club will be hosting an Akc Hunt Test Seminar April 21st, at the fairgrounds in Helena. Price is not set yet but I expect it to be \$35-\$40. This will fulfill the requirements for judges and also a good introduction to the sport for people who may be unfamiliar with hunt tests. Tentatively we have scheduled a picnic trial for the next day, April 22.

On Memorial Day weekend the HVGDC will hold a NAHRA field test. These are a bit different from the AKC Hunt tests in that there are no upland component and is a good introduction to the sport for novice handlers or young dogs.

For more information on any of these events contact Vicky MacLean @ 406-442-1918 or at agillabs@mcn.net

Spaniel Hunt Test Seminar

During the December board meeting the annual meeting and banquet was discussed. Discussion involved the current format to include the free dinner, raffle/auction and entertainment. Revenue sheets were looked at for the last five years and the board found that the dinner has cost more than the raffle has brought in. At this time the board decided to continue the same format for the upcoming Feb. annual meeting. If members have suggestions to improve the annual meeting please suggest them to a board member.

It has not been our intention to make money at the annual meeting but we do try to come as close as we can to meeting expenses. It is dependent on getting items donated for the raffle and members participating. If anyone is able to get items for the auction please contact Sam and let him know.

It has been noted that receipts and invoices are not always turned in to the treasurer. It makes the job more difficult for the treasurer. Birds are usually ordered many months before an event and deposits must be paid. When birds are ordered make sure that invoices are sent to club PO box.

There are two AKC judging seminars coming up in April. These are a requirement for anyone judging an AKC hunt test but are also very informative for anyone that plans to run hunt tests.

April 21st will be for retrievers and will be held in Helena. Vicky MacLean is the contact person and is listed elsewhere in the newsletter.

April 22nd will be for spaniels and will be held in Three Forks. Contact Randy Setzer.

Training season will start soon. Pointers train on Thur. evenings, Retrievers on Wed. evenings and Spaniels on Sat. mornings. It has been noted that many times handlers from other groups show up to air or exercise their dogs on scheduled training days. Please respect others and exercise your dogs at a location other than the training grounds on those days. It is always disruptive and is often a safety issue with live birds being shot.

Pointer Group News

By Mark Donovan

Greetings all and Happy New Year! I hope everyone survived the holidays in good health. The New Year is under way and time to vote in new club officers and board members. I encourage everyone to attend the Annual Dinner and Auction (to be held Feb 17th at the King Tool building on Love Lane) to vote in our new Pointer representatives. These people are volunteering their time to help you train your dogs. Please lend a helping hand to them when you can, they will need it and appreciate it.

I want to thank all of you for supporting MHGDC last year and I especially want to thank those individuals who helped me with the Fun Trials and Thursday night training sessions. Last year was a very successful year for many members of our group who took their training to another level through sanctioned trial competition. The board will be recognizing these members for their efforts at the Annual Dinner. It will be a great opportunity to visit with these people for anyone interested in National Shoot To Retrieve or American Kennel Club Trials or Hunt Tests. The MHGDC sponsored NASTRA Trial this year will be held March 17th and 18th at the training grounds. Anyone who would like to participate or wants more information should call Conrad Kradolfer or Eric Kaelin. Entry fees need to be in by January 26, 2007.

By the time this newsletter reaches everyone there will be about 90 days left before the first official training session begins. I hope to see you all there. Anyone wanting a pup to train should give Eric and Melody Kaelin a phone call, they just had a batch of 8 Brittany pups.

SPANIEL REPORT By Al Gadoury

<p>The spaniels have started training Saturday mornings. The annual meeting is coming up February 17 and I am collecting items from our group for the raffle and auction. If you have something or know of a business I should contact please let me know. This is the biggest event of the year for the club as a whole and is one of the few</p>	<p>opportunities to meet the members from the other groups, please attend.</p> <p>The flushing dog fun trials will be starting soon. Do you wonder why people own flushing dogs? If so why not help judge one of our fun trials? The rules are simple, its fun and lunch is free. Please let me know if you would like to</p>	<p>help us out.</p> <p>Congratulations to Robert and Dede Griffin, their cocker spaniel Annie placed 2nd in the Cocker Nationals. Annie is also high point dog of the year.</p> <p>Al Gadoury</p>
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MHGDC Flushing Dog Fun Trial Rules

1. Members only, blaze orange required.
2. Teams are one dog and hunter, no running.
3. Only the first bird planted will be marked.
4. Scores will be 1-10 for each bird category. A trapped bird or a called safety will result in an average score. Gun safety is scored 0 or 10.
5. Designated gunners and training aids may be used but will result in a maximum score of 7 in applicable categories.
6. Judges may give extra points for anything.
7. The gallery must stay together, blaze orange required.

Please park as close to the gate as possible and leash your dog.

	Bird 1	Bird 2	Bird 3
Natural Ability (Style, desire, intelligence, wind)	_____	_____	_____
Trained Ability (Obedience, range, retrieve, steadiness)	_____	_____	_____
Hunting Skills (Stealth, #shots, clean kills)	_____	_____	_____
Gun Safety (0 or 10)	_____	_____	_____
Dog _____	Hunter _____		

RECIPE BOX

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

"My favorite is "Pheasant Marsala" My wife and I eat it often.

I thought I might sneak by with that one.

But Here goes:

1. Bone pheasant. Legs work but make sure the tendons are out.
2. Use a flat meat pounder and pound the two breasts and the leg pieces flat and thin. Like veal.
3. LIGHTLY cover the meat with corn starch. She puts some corn starch in a plastic bag and then the meat and shakes.
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4. Chop up one small onion, couple garlic cloves.
5. Put some olive oil in a pan and get hot. Brown the pheasant on both sides until it is 2/3 cooked. Remove pheasant and keep warm in a low oven, covered.
6. Sauté onions and garlic in same pan until soft.
Add 3/4 cup of chicken broth. Add 1/3 cup Marsala wine and cook to reduce sauce. Add some corn starch to thicken if necessary.

Season sauce with salt, pepper, parsley and rosemary or thyme.

8. Add pheasant back to sauce and cover and heat through. A squeeze of lemon works is nice.

9. Serve with sauce.

We like a pasta or wild rice. Put the sauce on the pasta or rice, as well as the pheasant. We also like a bottle of merlot or cabernet with it.

Enjoy Jack

Board representatives of the groups remember to get your info together for awards, titles, etc that were earned during 2006. Have them ready to present at the February Annual meeting.

RETRIEVER REPORT

By Pat Dillon

On new qualification for MNRC

MNRC

(Master National Retriever Club)

Board announces transition plan for the new qualification system. Nov 3, 2006.

At the September 30, 2006 annual meeting the MNRC clubs voted to amend Article IX, Section 1 of the bylaws as follows:

- (1) Qualifying dogs of the previous year's Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall receive credit for two qualifying scores.
- (2) All contestants shall be required to obtain qualifying scores in a minimum of five Master tests in seven attempts conducted by member clubs, plus possessing an AKC Master Hunter title, subject to (1) above or can earn a total of eight Master passes. A dog qualifying at the Master National in the previous year will be credited with two passes in two attempts.

Technically the passage of this amendment meant the qualification requirements were in effect immediately.

RETRIEVER REPORT & NEWS

BY PAT DILLON continued

were in effect immediately. However, the MNRC board decided that in the spirit of fairness, a transition plan should be implemented. The plan approved is as follows:

From August 1–December 31, 2006 all passes will count towards the 2007 event.

From August 1—December 31, 2006 no failures will count towards the 2007 event.

From January 1 –July 31,2007 all passes and failures will count towards the 2007 event.

For Example: a dog runs 9 tests and passes 5 of them from August 1—December 31,2006, this dog has qualified for the 2007 Master National event, provided it already had SH or MH title. If it did not have a SH or MH title it will need one more pass, regardless of the number of attempts to get this 6th pass.

Another example: If a dog runs 9 tests and passes 4 of them from August 1—December 31, 2006, this dog has a record on January 1, 2007 of 4 passes in 4 attempts. It will need to pass 1 more test in 3 attempts to qualify for the 2007 Master National event, provided it already has a SH or MH title. If it did not have a SH or MH title it will need one more pass, regardless of the number of attempts it requires to the 6th pass.

Additionally a dog can qualify for the 2007 event by passing a total of 8 master tests regardless of the number of attempts.

This transition plan ends on July 31, 2007 and the 5 passes in 7 attempts or 8 total passes will be in full effect for the 2008 event.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Can I still run tests after I qualify with jeopardizing my qualification status?

A. Yes, once the dog is qualified we stop tracking passes and failures.

Is it the first 7 attempts that count or is it a series of 7 attempts?

A. The 5 of 7 begins with the first seven attempts. After January 1, 2007 we will start tracking attempts.

How does my dog, that does not possess a SH title, qualify?

A. This dog must still qualify using the 5 of 7 format. If it earns the 5 passes in seven attempts, it still must pass a 6th test in order to earn the MH title from Akc. It can take as many attempts as needed to earn the 6th pass. Of course, it can also qualify by passing a total of 8 tests.

If I run in the Master National, and fail, does that count as an attempt?

A. No it does not. The Master National will only count in the formula if you pass it. A pass at the Master National will count as two passes in two attempts.

What if my dog becomes injured after it has started a test?

A. If the dog became injured after the test began, it would be proper to list the dog as a scratch, provided that the hunt test secretary and/or committee was satisfied of the legitimacy of the scratch. A handler attempting to scratch a dog after the test begins, because they did not think they could complete the test, and feigned an injury to the dog could face possible misconduct charges. It will be VERY important now for the hunt test secretary to mark all scratches in the catalog. This is something that has not been required in the past.

What if I do not see my dog on the qualified list, but I know it is qualified?

A. Contact Master National Secretary, Frank Barton at fbarton@bartonagcenter.com Give him the clubs and dates where the passes occurred. He in turn will contact Retriever Field Trial News that does our tracking, and will find out what happened. In most cases a catalog was not marked correctly or was not received at all by RFTN.

For any further questions or clarifications, please contact MNRC secretary, Frank Barton at

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**HEADWATERS
UPLAND GAME BIRD
PRESERVE**

The arrangement for the use of the Grey-cliff Ranch has been very satisfactory. It has allowed us to hold more than one event in a day and given us grounds with different cover. The pond has been great for retriever work. Josh Shively operates

a shooting preserve on the Greycliff Ranch. Please keep him in mind for your shooting preserve needs and let him know that you are a club member.



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