



MHGDC EVENTS

Board Meetings for 2009

Feb 17, Apr 21, Jun 16, Aug 18, Oct 20, Dec 15

GENERAL MEETINGS

Annual Club Meeting

Friday FEB 6TH, 2009

King Tool building, on Love Lane

Board members be there at 5:00 to help set up.

6:00—7:00 Social Hour

Dinner Served @ 7:00.

Tentative club calendar for 2009

April 4 & 5 Spaniel Field Trial -

Fairweather

March 21 & 22 NASTRA - contact

Conrad Kradolfer

Flushing dog Fun Trials 2nd Sat of the

month, contact board member for start date.

Pointing dog Fun Trials 3rd Sat of month,

May 16, Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15

Board of Directors

President— Randy Setzer 285-6724

Vice President - Greg Johnson 586-6323

Secretary—Scott Benowitz 585-7101

Treasurer —Julie Kirkland 582-7376

Retrievers

Pat Dillon 995-2415

Kyle Barner 995-4319

Pointers

Wil Avril 522-0997

Peter Bakun 388-6829

Spaniels

Al Gadoury 586-3806

Jeff Squire 587-1840

Donation items

Anyone that has items or is willing to get items for the auction/raffle at the annual meeting please contact:

Al Gadoury,

algadoury@gomontana.com

Kyle Barner,

bigskybirddog@yahoo.com

Jeff Squire,

eyedocsquire@gmail.com

President's message

The most exciting thing to happen in the club for a while is going on with the retriever group. The retriever group is in the process of becoming affiliated with the United Kennel Club and in the future will be sponsoring Hunting Retriever Club events.

These events will be non-competitive hunting tests somewhat like the AKC retriever tests we have held in the past. These are retriever type tests with the dog functioning as a non slip retriever. The great thing about the HRC tests is that it open to any pure bred hunting dog, not just the recognized retriever breeds.

There are also upland hunting tests available but they are open to flushing breeds only. There will be a seminar for handlers and potential judges held to introduce us to this new venue we will be joining. The tentative date for this seminar is April 11th. More info will be available in the next newsletter.

Mark the Annual Meeting on your calendar. It will be held on Feb 6th at 6:00 PM at King Tool. The meal will again be provided by Famous Daves. Entertainment will be provided by Greg Keeler. We plan to revamp the auction/raffle a little bit to try to make it go a little quicker while still giving members a chance at great prizes. Al Gadoury, Kyle Barner and Jeff Squire have agreed to be the auction/raffle committee this year. Contact info for them is on the front page. If you have items to donate please contact them.

I want to remind everyone planning to put on events that they must contact the board with the date planned and a budget. After the event a financial report must be turned in. A report for the newsletter should also completed.

Randy

MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes 16 December 2008

The meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Board members present: Al Gadoury, Julie Kirkland, Greg Johnson, Randy Setzer, Peter Bakun, Kyle Barner (arrived 6:30 PM), Wil Avril, Pat Dillon. Greg Johnson was the scribe in the absence of Secretary Benowitz.

New board members present: Dale Spartas, David French

Guests present: Kerry Payne, Margo Ellis

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes from 10/20/08 meeting were read and approved. There were no additions to the minutes. Peter Bakun corrected the spelling of his last name in the 10/20/08 listing of Nominations for 2009 Board.

Treasurer's Report: Income/expense statement for month and year-to-date was presented. Balances: checking \$2870.32, savings \$18,440.48. Updated membership list was handed out. King Tool has been paid for the annual meeting on Friday, February 6, 2009 @ 6 PM. Deposit for birds for the ESS Field Trial has been made to Karl Bear.

Pointers: Dale Spartas will replace Wil Avril on the Board of Directors.

Retrievers: David French will replace Kyle Barner on the Board of Directors.

Spaniels: Tom Clark and Hackett finished the ESS National Amateur Championship. There were 111 dogs that started and 23 made it to the fifth and final series. Congratulations to Tom and Hackett!!

Unfinished Business:

Big John's will charge for the Porta-potty from March 1 – September 1. Note: in 10/20/08 minutes rental was stated as being from April 1 – September 1.

Annual Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 6, 2009 @ 6 PM at King Tool. Board members are asked to arrive at 5 PM to help setup.

POINTER REPORT

Quail have been ordered for 2009 from our long time supplier. His costs have gone up, particularly bird feed, which he has passed on to us; so we are having to up our price per bird by the same amount which puts it at \$7.50 each. We believe that this still is a reasonable price in view of the work the club puts in to ordering, housing, feeding and watering, delivering to and providing training grounds as well as help in training. We have emphasized the need for stronger flying birds than last year's early deliveries and expect to get them.

Also, last training session we started using some Chukars as well as pigeons. Depending on availability and demand, we plan to use them again and possibly more in as much as they are consistently strong flying training birds.

We hope that everyone has had a good hunting season and has seen their training work pay off in the field.

Peter Bakun

Wil Avril

Dale Spartas

Famous Dave's will provide the meal for the annual meeting. It was suggested the number of platters be reduced from 15 to 13 due to excessive leftovers. President Setzer will contact Famous Dave's and place the order. Sam Robinson hasn't responded about conducting the auction at the annual meeting. A response is expected at the potluck following this meeting. If Sam says no, we need to consider an alternative(s) like volunteers to request donations, handle the raffle, auction, etc.

The entertainment for the annual meeting, Greg Keeler, has been confirmed by Al Gadoury.

Awards recognizing member achievements during the calendar year can be presented at the annual meeting.

Fun Trial dates for 2009 are the third Saturday each month beginning in May for the Pointers and the second weekend of each month starting in March for Spaniels. Events will be held at the Horse Pasture training grounds. It was requested that event dates from each group be forwarded to President Setzer who will compile the dates and provide the information to FWP. It was mentioned that any other entity can apply for a Commercial Use Permit with FWP to use the training grounds. If a group applies for a use permit then that would have priority over the club fun trial activities.

Nominations for the 2009 Board presented to members at the annual meeting in February will be: Randy Setzer – President, Greg Johnson - VP, Julie Kirkland – Treasurer, Scott Benowitz – Secretary, Al Gadoury – Spaniel, Jeff Squire – Spaniel, Pat Dillon – Retriever, David French – Retriever, Peter Bakun – Pointer, Dale Spartas – Pointer.

New Business:

Pointer costs for quail was discussed. The price for birds will be raised to \$7.50 per bird to members. (motion made by Wil Avril, seconded by P. Bakun, brief discussion followed, motion carried).

Spaniel by-laws were handed to Greg and Al for review and follow-up discussion.

Kerry Payne and Margo Ellis made a brief presentation focused on reviving interest in the Retriever Group. Their presentation described the Hunting Retriever Club which sponsors an all-breed event that is geared towards hunters and is youth oriented. More details will be presented by Kerry and Margo at the potluck.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 PM.

FIELD BRED AKC ENGLISH SPRINGER

SPANIEL PUPPIES,

Due January 24th

Contact Eric Hammer @

ehammer@bmt.net

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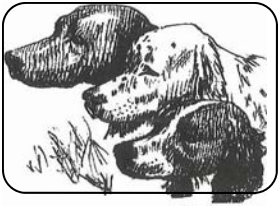
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