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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:Randy Setzer 285-6724 Vice President:Dan Marsh 587-7578  
Secretary:Scott Benowitz 585-7101 Treasurer:Ray Bradley 587-8867  
Retrievers: Pat Dillon 995-2415 Ron Russell 333-4339  
Spaniels: Bryan Blatt Jack Weiss 586-6365  
Pointers:Eric Kaelin 388-1161 Jo Ann Kish 388-3200

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

### Board Meetings:

February 17, 7:00pm  
April 20, 7:00 pm  
June 15, 7:00 pm  
Aug 17, 7:00 pm  
Oct 19, 7:00 pm  
Dec 21, 6:00 pm

### General Meetings:

## ANNUAL MEETING

### and Banquet,

**FEBRUARY 21st, 6:00 pm**

### King Tool

Remember board members need to be there at 5 p.m. to help set up .

### Dues

**The annual dues for the club are due now. Dues have been raised to \$35.00 this year. You may pay at the annual banquet or you can send them to:**

**MHGDC**

**P.O. Box 4717,**

**Bozeman, MT 59772**

## MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes

**12/16/03**

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

**Members Present:** Randy Setzer, Bryan Blatt,Ray Bradley, Pat Dillon,Dan Marsh,Ron Russel, Jo Ann Kish, Scott Benowitz

**Presidents Report:** Amendment to Constitution to be voted on at General Meeting following Board meeting. Amendment is to amend the Constitution as Follows: Section 2 (e) Monies collected by the Club are only to be spent meeting the objectives listed in 2 (a), (b), (c) and (d). Note: amendment was put to a vote of the general membership meeting held 12/16/03 at 7:00 pm. Amendment passed.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 10/21/03 were read and approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Savings: \$11,741  
Checking: \$4,320

**Pointers:** Recovering from hunting

**Spaniels:** Recovering from hunting

**Retrievers:** Judges Seminar Feb 21st in Pocatello.  
Contact Pat Dillon for information.

## **Unfinished Business:**

MHGDC web site is still in development.

The site will be found at MHGDC.org

Dan Marsh will help to manage the site and keep it updated. More news soon.

Annual banquet scheduled for Feb. 21, 2004 at King Tool.

Randy is updating the constitution and by-laws. There have been several amendments over the years but we do not have a copy that includes all of the changes.

Bryan Blatt will present the Board a format for an open training say in spring-an "introduction to MHGDC training day". Will be open to all hunting breeds.

**New Business:** None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm

## **General Meeting:**

The amendment to the constitution proposed by the board was voted on and passed.

Once again we were treated to many members favorite game dishes and desserts.

Jo Ann Kish won the game dish award and received a gift certificate to Bakers Street.

Jennifer Weiss won the dessert award and received a Christmas center piece.

Some members entertained us with accounts of their most memorable hunts of the year.

We hope to see more of you at next years Christmas party.

## **President's Message**

Here we are in a new year already. I hope all the time you devoted to training last year was well spent. This year you can continue with Spot's education or maybe get started with that new puppy.

All of the members of the current board have agreed to stay on for another term. Thank you to all of them. I have not convinced any one else to take on the presidency so I guess I'm staying on for another year. I don't hear any one shouting for term limits yet.

Please bring your families and come to the annual meeting Feb 21st. We will enjoy another great meal from Gallatin Valley Caterers and each others company. If you have any auction items you wish to donate please contact Sam Robinson at 539-6119.

Jack and I are finalizing the rules for the flushing dog fun trials to be held monthly later this year. (more details on page three)

Bryan Blatt has offered to organize a public "introduction to gun dog training" day. It will be advertised in the local media to gain attention and will be held sometime in April. Bryan will be asking for help from all of the groups to put on demonstrations. We will be needing young dogs early in training as well as some more seasoned dogs. We want to show participants how we can help them turn Rover into a fine hunting companion.

We are putting together a MHGDC brochure that can be distributed any where that might help draw attention to the club.

## MHGDC Flushing Dog Picnic Trials

It seems that we often lose members that train their dogs to a certain level. They enjoy working with their dog but organized events like hunt tests and field trials just aren't their cup of tea. Our hope is that a low key, mild competition may pique their interest.

These fun trials are targeted toward more seasoned dogs but if the interest is there we may include another class designed for younger, less experienced dogs. Any flushing breed dog may be entered. They will not need to be registered or even purebred.

We will set up a course and plant birds. We will judge the performances based on team work between the dog and handler. The criteria for judging will be based on natural abilities, trained abilities, retrieving abilities and birds brought to bag.

These fun trials will be different from the pheasant championships in that dog work will be judged instead of just receiving a score for birds harvested. There will be no advantage in getting the most birds in the shortest amount of time. The advantage will be with handlers and dogs that work well together as a team as you would on a day's hunt. A dog that uses the wind, hunts cover intelligently and retrieves enthusiastically will do well.

Birds used will be pheasants, chukars, huns, quail, pigeons or any combination of the same. The intention is to have three or four birds for each dog but numbers and entry fee will depend on availability and price of birds.

These fun trials can be considered a training event, an introduction to competition or just a fun day with your hunting dog. If you are interested please contact Jack Weiss or Randy Setzer. We plan to begin sometime in April.

## Club Member Dale Spartas

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has two new books out. Featuring many faces you would recognize. Autographed and scribed copies are available from him.

**To The Point** ~ a tribute to pointing dogs. Author Tom Davis, is a 158 page full size coffee table book. Covering all breeds and aspects of pointing dogs. \$40.00.

**Rooster!** ~ A tribute to Pheasant Hunting in North America. Full blown coffee table book written by some of the best Outdoor Writers in America. Covers all of pheasant and pheasant hunting as well as the top 6 Pheasant hunting states. You will find included the Biology and History of dogs, guns, / shooting, and future of pheasants. 125 pages sponsored by Pheasants Forever \$40.00.

If your from Bozeman or the surrounding area it is best to pick up a copy from Dale himself, if not they can be shipped for \$5.00 for one book or \$10.00 for 3 books.

Contact Dale at 37 E Main, Bozeman 585-2244

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