



MHGDC EVENTS

Tentative club calendar for 2008

Board meetings for 2008

Apr 15, June 17, Aug 19, Oct 21, Dec 16
(also Wild Game Feed)

RETRIEVER HUNT TEST

SEMINAR MARCH 1ST, MISSOULA

Contact Randy Huenergardt
406-273-0128

Spaniel Field Trial - April 4 & 5 Clarkston Fishing Access Site

Pointer Events - in April possible seminars, Please contact your board reps for more info.

Pointer Fun Trials - The third Saturday of the month May thru Aug.

German Shorthaired Club tests—Apr 18,19 &20 Training Grounds

Spaniel Hunt Tests - May 24 & 25 Training Grounds

Missoula Retriever Hunt Tests - June 5,6,7,8 (Missoula area)

Tentative dates for fall spaniel hunt tests: Aug 23 & 24 grounds TBD

German Shorthaired Club Tests—Aug 22,23 &24 Training grounds

Flushing dogs fun test dates: at the Training grounds the second Saturday of the month Mar 8, Apr 12 , May 12, Jun 14, Jul 12, Aug 9

Clean up for Club shed and flight pens
March 22nd, at 2:00pm. Setzers

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

Content for newsletter

If a club member has information to submit for the club newsletter please contact Tracey Setzer at setzers5@aol.com.

Presidents Report

I would like to thank everyone that contributed last year to make the club successful once again. Thanks to the board members that devoted their time and energies to conduct the business of the club. I would like to especially thank Dan Marsh and Sam Robinson. Dan and Sam are two of the charter members of MHGDC and have served on the board for many years. Dan manages the website and Sam has organized the annual meeting for a number of years including this last one. Dan and Sam have decided to step off the board for this year. Enjoy your break!

Please read the land use agreement included in the newsletter. We have a great relationship with the FWP and we want to keep it that way.

In addition to the agreement:

No vehicles off of road on west side
Avoid crossing wet areas but if you must, spread out rather than making one trail to avoid damage

NO CLAY TARGET SHOOTING!

Training is starting to kick in gear again for some of the groups. Please be aware that we play a dangerous game with dangerous toys. We can not accept anything but absolute safe handling of guns at all times. No bird is worth putting someone else in harms way.

MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes

02/19/08

The meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members Present: Al Gadoury, Julie Kirkland, Greg Johnson, Randy Setzer, Peter Baukin, Pat Dillon, Kyle Barner, Jeff Squire and Scott Benowitz.

Members Present: Tracey Setzer.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the 12/18/07 meeting were corrected and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Income/expense statement for month and 2007 year-end was presented.

Pointers: No report.

Spaniels: The flushing dog fun trials are held the second Saturday of the month, March-August. The trial is open to any members flushing dog. Last years trials were well attended and every one earned a small profit. Trial dates are March 8, April 12, May 12, June 14, July 12 and August 9. The spaniels have started training Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. Randy Setzer, Larry Michnevich and Dave Jarrett will help with puppy training this year. AKC Hunt Test scheduled for Memorial Day weekend and August 23-24, 2008. AKC Field Trial scheduled for April 5-6, 2008.

Retrievers: AKC judges hunt test seminar March 1 in Missoula. Contact Randy Huenergardt 406/273-0128.

Unfinished Business:

Assumption of risk language: more discussion as to whether the Club should have such language a requirement to participate in Club events, and if so, what the language should say. Greg will contact our insurance company about whether we should have this type of a waiver for members to sign, and if so what the waiver language should say. Compare their suggested language to what Sam put together.

Annual meeting will be held February 7, 2009 at King Tool. We will contact Greg Keelor to perform again. The Board wants to thank Sam Robinson for once again putting on a great event. We are hoping someone will relieve Sam of his banquet chair duties for the 2009 banquet, so he can sit back and enjoy it like the rest of us. If you want to help the club with your talents, please contact a Board member.

The bird pen fix-'em-up party is scheduled for March 22, 2:00 PM at Setzers. Please come out and help us rejuvenate the Club's bird pens. This year, all of the club's birds will be housed at Setzers, so all group members should plan on helping.

Club will be a Pheasants Forever sponsor again this year.

New Business:

Greycliff Ranch may be used as a 2nd training area for the club this year. Randy will propose to them weed spraying in lieu of cash payment for our use in 2008. Weed spraying would have a retail value of \$500. Randy would charge the club for chemicals and gas only. Dates of use will be determined.

Julie will send out invoices for 2008 club memberships to those individuals who have not paid their dues.

Board approved a \$200 expenditure for having Linda Holenstein put on a seminar for all club members about animal behavior and dog communication. Event will be scheduled for a weekday night, probably at the FWP meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Western Montana Retriever Information Randy wanted me to remind everyone of the upcoming AKC Hunt Test Judges Seminar coming up March 1st in Missoula. There are still some openings available if anyone would like to attend. The day starts at 8:30 am and will be held at the FWP Building on Spurgin Road (just off Reserve St). Call Randy Huenergardt for more information @ 406-370-5508

ALSO, Western Montana Retriever Club in Missoula will be holding a 4 day hunt test event the first week in June. There will be a DOUBLE Master and a DOUBLE Junior, Single Senior. the first event will start Thursday, June 5th and will be the start of the first Master. On the 6th, the first master will finish and a Junior will be run. On June 7th, the second master will start and a Senior will be run. Then finally, on the 8th, the second master will finish and they will run a Senior. **Take NOTE**, watch the premium as the first 2 days of the event may NOT be held on the usual club grounds, but at a location 15 minutes SOUTH of Missoula (thank You to Randy H for sharing his grounds should this happen, big round of THANKS)

Heat Can Kill- Even In The Cold.

Greg Johnson

One of the state veterinary pathologist dropped by my office in late December to tell me about a couple of bird dogs that tragically died from suffocation. The owner was traveling back from a hunting trip in North Dakota and had two dogs in one kennel. The kennel was covered with an insulated kennel cover with the door and side windows of the cover zipped and miscellaneous hunting clothing and gear piled around the kennel. When the owner arrived home, he found both dogs dead. Because diagnostic tests did not show signs of toxins or carbon monoxide, it was concluded that the dogs died from asphyxiation. Apparently, the fit of the kennel cover restricted air exchange and the dogs used up the available oxygen.

We know it's important to keep our dogs warm, dry and out of the wind, especially after a day in the field. We also know it's important to have air exchange. I use insulated covers on my kennels in the back of my topper-covered pickup and know from experience that if I tightly zip them at night the water in their bowls hasn't frozen by morning even when the temperature drops to 10°F. After hearing this account, I certainly changed my habit when having to keep the dogs in their kennels overnight or traveling long distances. I zip the kennel door about ¾ closed, I leave a side window on my topper

Duck Holiday Wreath

1/2 c. red or green pepper, chopped (optional)

1/2 c. broccoli, chopped (or 3/4 pkg frozen chopped)

1/4 c. water chestnuts, chopped

2T. Chopped onion

1 duck, cooked, deboned and chopped

1 c. shredded Colby/Monterey jack cheese blend

2/3 c. canned cream of chicken soup

2 pkgs. Refrigerated crescent rolls

Mix all ingredients except for the rolls. Set aside. Arrange the rolls in a flat ring on an ungreased round cookie sheet in a ring. Put the duck in the mixture on top of the ring and flip up the ends of the rolls over the mixture and tuck under. Some of the duck mixture will show. Sprinkle top with paprika. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes.

MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK (copy) SPECIAL USE AGREEMENT 2008

This agreement entered into with The Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club, at P.O. Box 4717, Bozeman, MT 59772-4717 and Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP). FWP hereby grants permission for use of Missouri Headwaters State Park and Blackbird Fishing Access Site (FAS) under the following conditions:

1. The Gun Dog Club may utilize that portion of the Missouri Headwaters State Park known as the A horse pasture for the purpose of training bird dogs and for holding related competitions. Organized competitions at the horse pasture or in combination with Blackbird FAS will not exceed four two-day events during any one calendar year. An event is defined as a licensed field or hunting trial.
2. Montana State Parks are managed under Montana Statute Title 23. Furthermore, Missouri Headwaters State Park is designated a primitive park under Title 23-1-116 through 23-1-118 Primitive Parks Established. These statutes limit the type and amount of facility development within the park boundaries. Attached as an addendum to this agreement is a copy of the Primitive Parks legislation. Developments for the horse pasture must be submitted by the Gun Dog Club and approved by FWP.
3. Prior to any of the organized competitive events, the Gun Dog Club will notify FWP in writing of the intended activity. The Gun Dog Club will provide by the end of April a calendar of competitive events to FWP's designated liaison. Information to be included is the name of the competitive event, names of event organizers, and contact phone numbers.
4. The Gun Dog Club must secure through the regional enforcement division of FWP all necessary permits for possession and release of live birds prior to each individual event,
5. The use of poppers will be limited to the horse pasture and the gravel pit. No live
• ammunition may be discharged in the park and gravel pit area from April 1 to September 30. The use of poppers in gravel pit area may only be used during the period of the first of April to the end of May. The pit area will be closed to all motor vehicle travel to prevent the spread of noxious weeds,
6. Liability insurance is required, with proof to be submitted to FWP Regional Parks Office. Preferred insurance minimum will be \$750,000 for each claim and \$1.5 million for each occurrence with the FW&P additionally insured.
7. Use of steel shot is required when shooting waterfowl over or on water.
- S. Vehicle travel will be limited to the southeast ingress and egress gate location in the horse pasture- Indiscriminate motor vehicle travel will be prohibited in the horse pasture. All other gates located at the southwest and northwest corners of the horse pasture will remain locked during training and field events. The Gun Dog Club is prohibited in the use of Off-highway vehicles as defined under Montana Statute, Title 23-2-811, beyond designated road and parking areas within that area known as the horse pasture Exceptions to this provision will not be granted.
9. Camping is prohibited in the pasture in general and specifically at the southeast ingress to the pasture. Groups not affiliated with Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club may NOT, without permission from Fish, Wildlife & Parks, use the pasture area for camping during an event or training. Furthermore, the Gun Dog Club may NOT authorize groups not affiliated with the Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club to camp in the pasture area. Horse pasture area is designated a Day Use only area. Exception: The Gun Dog Club may have no more than two camper units located at the southeast ingress area for the purpose of scouring equipment used at the time of approved events.
10. This agreement will be valid for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2008 and terminating on December 31, 2008. The permit may be canceled at any time upon thirty days written notice should such cancellation be deemed in the best interest of the Missouri Headwaters State Park and/or Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.
11. The Department names Ray Heagney, Region Three Park Manager (rheagney@mt.gov) as liaison in all matters pertaining to this agreement

Spaniel Report

The following placements by flushing dog members were honored with trophies or certificates at the annual meeting February 9. Greg and Cheryl Johnson's spaniel Tori placed 1st in the MHGDC Flushing Dog Championship and their spaniel Niki placed 2nd. In a 3 way tie for 3rd was Dale Spartas's lab Addy, Roy Vassen's spaniel Buster and Jack Weiss's spaniel Dottie. In another 3 way tie for 4th was Scott Benowitz's spaniel Gille, Greg and Cheryl Johnson's spaniel Spirit and Owen Metcalf's spaniel Belle.

Five spaniel members were honored for their outstanding accomplishments at AKC field trials and hunt tests in 2007. Robert Griffin won Amateur Handler of the year at the Cocker Nationals, as his spaniel Annie placed 3rd and earned an AKC Master Hunter title. Olivia Steele-Mortimer's Cocker Spaniels Buster is now an American Field Trial Champion, AKC Senior Hunter and Spydie is a Canadian Field Trial Champion. John Wright's spaniels Seer is Canadian High Point Open Dog and Shaman is Canadian High Point Sire. Jack Weiss's Spaniels Dottie earned an AKC Master Hunter title; Spot earned an AKC Senior Hunter title. Spot also beat Jack and myself in what she believed to be a pie-eating contest. Scott Benowitz's spaniel Gille earned an AKC Master Hunter title.

I would like to thank all of you who showed up to support the club, donate items and to wish Larry Michnevich a happy 80th birthday!

The AKC Cocker National Field Trial will be in Bozeman October 18-21, 2008. For more information please go to www.bigskyecs.com

The flushing dog fun trials are held the second Saturday of the month, March – August. The trial is open to any members flushing dog. Trial dates are March 8, April 12, May 12, June 14, July 12 and August 9. If you would like to enter a dog in the March 8 trial please let me know now, entries are limited and we have to order birds.

The Spaniels have started training Saturdays at 10 a.m., weather permitting. If you would like to train please call Randy the day before to let him know how many birds you will need. Randy Setzer, Larry Michnevich and Dave Jarrett have agreed to help with puppy training this year. All three have vast experience, use different methods that work and have well trained dogs. All agree that the sun rises in the east but that's about it. You decide whom you would like to work with.

Running in the 20-30 lb. weight-class, Jack Weiss's AKC Senior Hunter and Pie-eating Champion English Springer Spaniel Spot place 2nd in the Gallatin County Winterfest Keg-pull February 17. Spot was trained and handled by Jack and Jennifer Weiss. They would like to thank the Meat Shop of Bozeman for providing the hot dogs.

Al Gadoury

**ITEM OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE
TO LABRADOR OWNERS, PERSPECTIVE OWNERS, BREEDERS, ETC**

**There is 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. labradorenm.com**

Or you can access it by going to Working Retriever Central

Pointing Dog Training

I train all breeds of pointing dogs to a high level: whoa, come, heal, force fetch, steady to wing or shot. **My five-month program begins in April and ends in August.** I limit my kennel to no more than two dogs per summer, so your dog will get lots of individual attention.

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