



## **MHGDC EVENTS**

### **Board Meetings for 2009**

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

### **Tentative club calendar for 2009**

### **Training days**

Spaniels - Saturday mornings

Retrievers - Wednesday evenings

Pointers - Thursday evenings

**April 4 & 5 Spaniel Field Trial** -Fairweather

**March 21 & 22 NASTRA** - contact

Conrad Kradolfer for info.

**Flushing dog Fun Trials 2nd Sat of the month**, contact board member for start time. Mar- Aug (except Apr 18).

**Pointing dog Fun Trials 3rd Sat of month**, - contact your pointer rep for start date & time. Poss Apr 4, May 16, Jun 20, Jul 18, Aug 15

HRC seminar Sat Apr 11 Bozeman library

HRC field day (weather permitting) training grounds Apr 12.

Spaniel Hunt Test May 23 & 24 Training grounds

HRC Test - Butte July 25 & 26

Spaniel hunt test Aug 22 & 23, Training grounds

## **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

David French 600-8428

### **Pointers**

Peter Bakun 388-6829

Dale Spartas 570-8244

### **Spaniels**

Al Gadoury 586-3806

Jeff Squire 587-1840

## President's message

Everyone,

If you have a red check mark on your address label it means that our records indicate that your dues are not current. This will be your last newsletter and you will be deleted from the list.

The foot bridge across the creek near the corrals has been carried downstream by the ice. We are looking for a group of volunteers to put it back. Contact me if you're willing to help.

The retriever group is moving ahead with plans to become associated with The Hunting Retriever Club and to hold HRC events.

One difference with the HRC events compared to the AKC events is that the handler shoots blanks from the line. The advanced levels must be able to shoot multiple shots which means we must have pump shotguns for the test.

The HRC test giving clubs typically use Remington 870 shotguns so that when an entrant goes to the line they have a gun that is familiar to them.

If you have an 870 that you would be willing to sell or loan to the club for events please contact Kerri Payne.

**The designated training days one the grounds are:**

**Wed—Retrievers, afternoon until completion**

**Thur—Pointers, afternoon until completion**

**Sat—Spaniels, morning until completion**

Randy

## MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes 2/17/09

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

**Board Members Present:** Al Gadoury, Greg Johnson, Randy Setzer, Jeff Squire, Dale Spartus, Peter Bakun, David French; Members present: Tracey Setzer, Kerri Payne, Joe Braverman

**President's Report:** None

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the 12/16/08 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Income/expense statement for month and year-to-date was presented. Balances: checking - \$961.72, savings - \$15945.10. Bird deposits - \$6,020. Randy will query Julie about difference in DA Davidson account balance from Dec 30 through Jan.

**Pointers:** Quail Training begins 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in April. Fun trials 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday May-August. Possible April fun trial on April 4. Peter will let the club know if it will occur. NSTRA trial March 21-22 at training grounds.

**Spaniels:** Al's report to be published in newsletter. 2009 fun trial dates are set for 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday March-August, except April 18.

**Retrievers:** Seven members of the Board approved the retriever sub club by-laws on January 6, 2009 via an email vote. The retrievers proceeded with application to the United Kennel Club (UKC) and Hunting Retriever Club (HRC). The HRC Judging and Handling Seminar will be held April 11 at the Bozeman Public Library, followed by a demonstration day on April 12 at the training grounds. Contact Kerri Payne if you are interested in attending. 763-5354, 388-3993; [jkpayne1@aol.com](mailto:jkpayne1@aol.com).

The Club will need to purchase equipment to conduct the HRC tests, including shotguns (autoloaders), and decoys. Kerri will provide a list to the Board. The Board is hopeful that club members or other interested parties will donate that equipment. The Board approved a \$300 food budget for the seminar weekend. A donation can will be set out for lunch.

## Board meeting minutes continued

**Unfinished Business:** Need birds for the flushing dog fun trials. Randy will contact Karl to see what is available. The Club received its 2009 FWP permit to release game birds at the training grounds and to use the training grounds.

The training grounds will be fertilized again this spring. Al & Larry M. will head up this effort.

Each group should update their section of the website, through the web-master Dan Marsh.

Board approved a 2009 Sponsorship (\$300) to Pheasants Forever.

### **New Business:**

The annual dinner netted a loss of \$346 after the raffle and auction. The Board approved a motion to charge \$10 per adult (18 and over) for the 2010 banquet.

The increasing presence of foxtails at the training grounds was discussed. Randy and Greg will develop a control plan before the next Board meeting to present to the Board for action.

Club calendar for FWP (events at training grounds unless otherwise noted):

Regular training – Pointers on Thursday evenings, Spaniels on Saturday, Retrievers on Wednesday evening.

Fun trials – Flushing dogs 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday April-August, except April 18, Pointers 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday May-August

AKC Springer Spaniel Hunt Test May 23&24 and August 22&23

AKC Field Trial April 4-5 at Fairweather  
NSTRA March 21-22

GSHP Hunt Test August 22-23

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

## POINTER REPORT

In 2008 the Pointer Fun Trials were held on the third Saturday in May, June, July, and August. We had a four way tie for overall second place with Gary Bauer's Molly, Peter Bakun's Gallatin, and Jim Wiitala's Otis and Coach. First place belonged to Jim Wiitala's Ringo. Congratulations to all the dogs and handlers.

The Pointers will begin our regular Thursday night training on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Birds will be available for purchase from 4:30 to 7:30 p. m. each Thursday. Due to an increase in the cost of feed, transportation, and birds we will be charging \$7.50 per bird.

It has come to my attention that some of our members would like a fun trial in April. Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> is an open date at the training grounds. Please notify Peter Bakun at 406-388-6829 or [pndbakun@msn.com](mailto:pndbakun@msn.com) by 3/15/09 if you want to participate.

In May, June, July, and August we will hold our regularly scheduled fun trials on the third Saturday. Please contact Peter Bakun by the second Saturday of the month to register your dog or dogs so that we can set up braces, anticipate number of birds needed and have enough lunches. When you register your dog please include the dogs age so that we can match dogs appropriately. Dogs not pre-registered are welcome to participate on a first come first served basis.

## Spaniel Report

Many members received awards at the clubs annual meeting February 6. The 2008 Flushing Dog Fun Trial Champion was Scott Benowitz's springer Gille and second place went to Kyle Barner's springer Chase. There was a four-way tie in the battle for third place between Chris Maxcy's Keta, Jack Weiss's Spot, Greg Johnson's Niki and Owen Metcalf's Belle. All were English springer spaniels. Two of our members were playing in the big leagues this fall. Tom Clark and his springer Hackett finished in the National Amateur. Robert Griffin and his Cocker Annie received a certificate of merit in the Cocker Nationals. Olivia Steele-Mortimer's cocker Buster earned his AKC Master title and her cocker Spydie earned her AKC Senior title plus her Cocker Open US Field Champion. Some of the best cockers in the country are in this club. Other dogs earning AKC Senior titles were Eric Hammer's Emma and Kyle Barner's Chase. Randy Setzer's Shooter, Jeff Squire's Skye and Steve Fink's Cayman earned AKC Junior titles. I would like to thank all of you who donated items to the raffle and helped make our annual meeting a success.

Eric Hammer has English springer spaniel pups ready to go in March. The breeding is Emma/Shooter.

Jeff Squire has pigeon traps, if you would like to catch birds for the club please see Jeff.

We will be spreading fertilizer on the grounds again this spring. Larry Michnevich will organize this project. Please contact Larry if you can help.

The next flushing dog fun trial will be March 14. I am the chairman. Start time is 9 a.m. at Headwaters. Entries are limited. If you would like to enter a dog or can judge, catch or plant birds please let me know as soon as possible.

The Spaniels are training Saturdays at 10 A.M. weather permitting. Randy Setzer, Greg Johnson, Scott Benowitz and Jack Weiss volunteered to be on the puppy training team. Thank you Randy Setzer, Larry Michnevich and Dave Jarrett for your help last year. If you would like to train please call Randy the day before to let him know how many birds you will need.

Al Gadoury

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## Retriever Report

I hope that everyone has been able to get out and take advantage of the wonderful weather that we have been enjoying. The retriever group has been out training almost ever weekend. If you would like to join us, please send your e-mail address to, [jkpayne1@aol.com](mailto:jkpayne1@aol.com). I am trying to send out an e-mail on Thursday or Friday to let everyone know what time and where we will be training at for the weekend. I will keep your e-mail address confidential. Please be prepared to spend the full day out training as we try to do two to three sets ups each day. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to e-mail me, or call me after 6:00 PM @ 763-5354.

Enclosed with the newsletter is the flyer for the HRC judges and handlers seminar on April 11<sup>th</sup> and demo day on April 12<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Mike Witt, the VP of the HRC, will be instructing the Seminar on Saturday and helping us with the set up of the test, as well as demonstrations as to what to expect for each of the levels of the HRC tests.

**Everyone is welcome.** The HRC is not just for the retrievers – The HRC has several spaniels that have HRCH and GRHRCH titles, and this past year the HRC welcomed HRCH Alibi's Water Ouzel the first HRCH Wirehaired Pointing Griffon. Once again if you should have any questions regarding the upcoming seminar, please feel free to contact me via-email, or phone – you can also contact David French at 406-600-8428, Joe Braverman at [timberline@retrievers.com](mailto:timberline@retrievers.com) or Margo Ellis at [huntsw-labs@hotmail.com](mailto:huntsw-labs@hotmail.com)

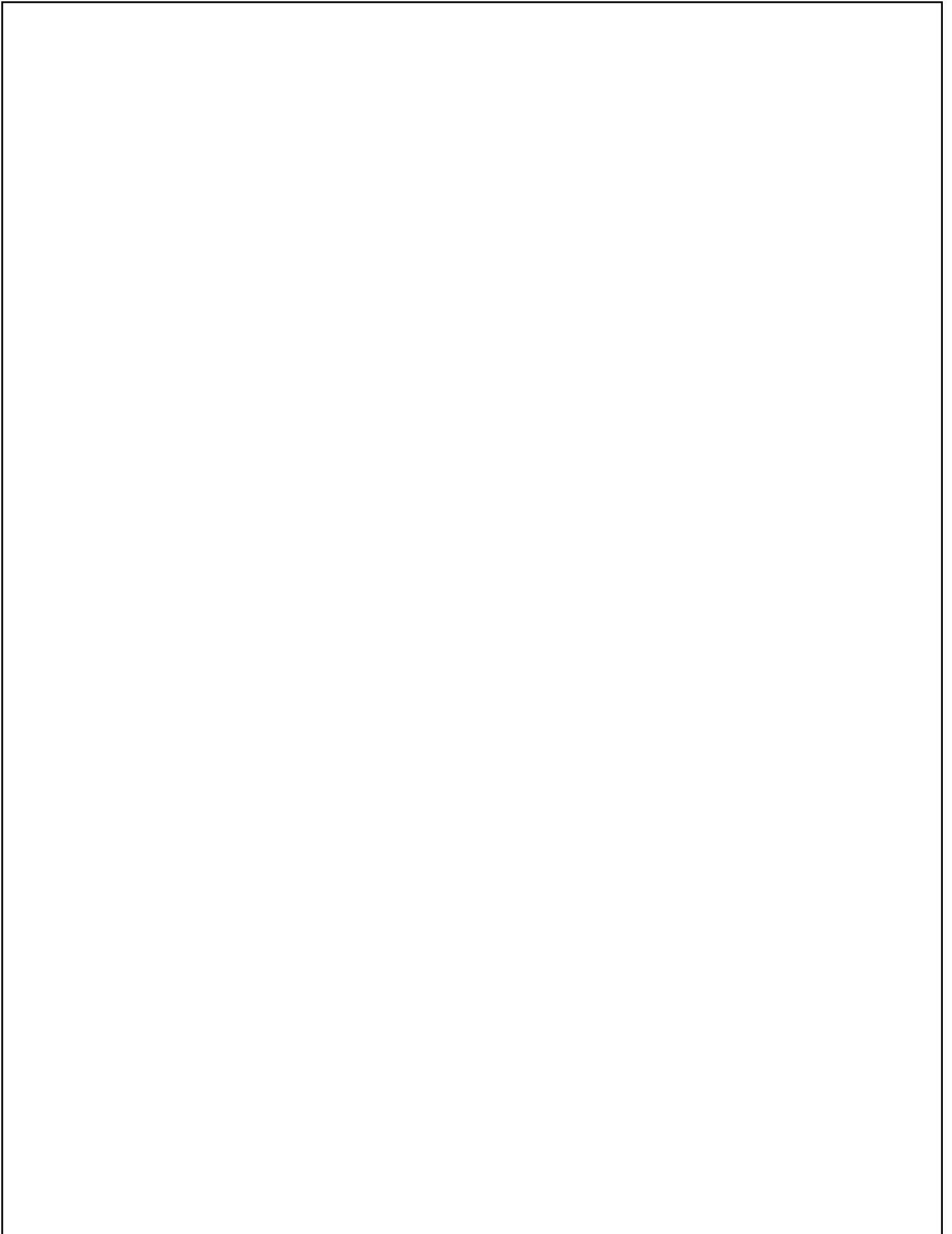
We have also been able to schedule the first HRC preliminary hunt as well as a regular hunt for July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. At this time and point it looks like the hunts will be held at the Bob Sparks Retriever Grounds, owned by the Treasure State Retriever Club outside of Butte, MT.

The HRC is part of the United Kennel Club and if you wish to have the HRC title you will need to register your dog or dogs with the UKC. However your dog does not have to be registered with UKC to run an HRC event. Information regarding registration in the UKC can be found on line @[www.ukcdogs.com](http://www.ukcdogs.com). The HRC can also be found on line at [www.huntingretrieverclub.org](http://www.huntingretrieverclub.org).

I would like to take a moment and ask for your prayers for Ron and Carol Liljedahl and their Golden Retriever Buddy. About three weeks ago Ron and Carol came very close to losing Buddy. The vets believe that Buddy was bitten by a tick and he suffered some kind of toxic shock. It has been a very long and slow process and Buddy is still recovering. Ron, Carol and Buddy we have missed you - and we are all praying the Buddy makes a full recovery. We all hope that we will be seeing you soon.

The Retriever group would also like to take a moment to wish all the other club members the best of luck in their respective events. The Spaniels and Pointers are gearing up for their competitions and we are looking forward to hearing and reading about how our fellow club members have faired at these events.

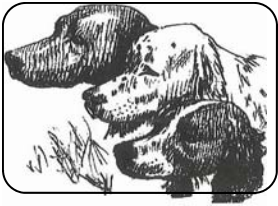
Take care and have a grand day











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