



June 17th, 2013

## President's Message

Let me start by thanking everyone for their hard work on all the events the club has sponsored this year. The club continues to plan for PDE's and TED's for a few more months and the retriever group will hold their HRC hunt test on the last weekend of July.

The Pheasant Forever Youth Hunter Program is asking for our help for their event June 29th. If you can help and represent MHGDC for this event please call Mike Vance at 587-8603 or Glen Lehrers at 586-0015. For more information read the February newsletter on the clubs web site.

It has been told to me by my doctor and wife that I must simplify my life and reduce stress to help improve my chronic health problems. I also work at night and it is difficult for me to organize board meetings and work at the same time, so I will be stepping down from the board and as president after this years events are over.

Check out all the great photos on our facebook page.



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## MHGDC BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 18, 2013

**Members Present:** Mike Heard, Al Gadoury, Kerri Payne, Javan Druckenmiller, Cheryl Johnson, Ed Woods, Sam Robinson, David French.

**Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.**

**Minutes:** Minutes from the April 16th meeting were read. Cheryl motioned to approve the minutes. Kerri 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Total of the club's funds to date are \$15,870.43.  
Recent expenses included weed spraying (\$500), and birds for the pointing group.  
Currently there are 112 club members.

**Retriever Report:**

The HRC Hunt Test is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Contact Al Gadoury ([al@6xoutfitters.com](mailto:al@6xoutfitters.com)) for more information.  
There is also a HRC Hunt Test in Butte on August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>.  
It was noted that the Started Upland Hunt Test received preliminary approval at the annual meeting and should become part of HRC program in the future.

**Pointers:**

Pointers are training every Thursday at the Headwaters. There have been a lots of new members at the training nights this year. The PDEs have also been very popular. The June PDE filled up quickly with a total of 16 braces and 32 dogs. The July PDE will be held at the Headwaters on Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Snake Avoidance Training will be held at the Headwaters on August 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at 4:30pm. Club members and non-club members are welcome. First time dogs, \$35 club members, \$40 non-club members. Retests will be at the end of the night for previously conditioned dogs, club members \$15, non-club members \$20. All dogs must be fitted with a snug fitting collar (not a choke chain).  
The Montana Brittany Club is also holding a snake avoidance training on July 20<sup>th</sup>. It is open to all breeds of dogs. Visit: [http://montanabc.org/2013\\_snakebreak.pdf](http://montanabc.org/2013_snakebreak.pdf) or email Tana Kradolfer for more info: [truegritbrits@imt.net](mailto:truegritbrits@imt.net).

Pointer board members recently asked members participating in the monthly PDE for donations to purchase extra equipment including awnings, chairs, tables, scoreboard, ect. This request was well received and \$950 has been donated to date. Many of the needed items have already been purchased. The board was appreciative of the donations and the efforts of the pointing group. However, it was recommended that all future requests of this kind be run through the board first.

**Spaniels:**

Spaniels are training on Saturdays. Check your email for times and locations.  
It was noted that Golden Retrievers and Labs are now allowed in the Spaniel Hunt Tests. The board recommended that any future Spaniel Hunt Tests be coordinated around the HRC events.

**New Business:**

The new MHGDC Facebook page has been a success so far. To date there are 67 fans who follow the page with more every week.  
- Members are encouraged to "Like" the new Facebook page which can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Missouri-Headwaters-Gun-Dog-Club/602130199815904>.  
- Members are welcome to send photos and events to the Facebook administrators who are: Javan Druckenmiller ([javandruck@yahoo.com](mailto:javandruck@yahoo.com)), David French ([davidf@ctagroup.com](mailto:davidf@ctagroup.com)), and Dan Marsh ([danmarsh@live.com](mailto:danmarsh@live.com)).

Pheasants Forever Young Hunter Program is holding their "Shooting, Ethics, Dogs, Birds" class on June 29<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for volunteers and their dogs from all three groups. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Glen Lehrer at 586-0015 or Mike Vance at 587-8603.

Ordering birds for next year's HRC Upland Hunt Test was discussed. The board recommended that the HRC and Spaniel Field Trial coordinate to determine a total number of birds to be ordered.

The club recently received a blanket permit for pheasants and chukars from FWP. It was suggested that the club make club membership cards. Al also suggested the club send a membership list to Sam Shepard at FWP.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20th and will be held at 6:30pm at the KBZK studios.**

**PDE photos on the clubs Facebook page**



## Retriever Report

The HRC Upland Hunt Test will be May 4 and 5 at Headwaters were well attended by a 30-dog field of Labrador's, Golden's, Chesapeake's, Field Cockers and Spaniels. In addition to the regular Upland Hunt Test there was a non-sanctioned Started Hunt Test for entry level flushing dogs. We would like to thank the judges Bert Sweet, Al Gadoury and Margo Ellis, Kyle Barner and the Spaniel Gun Team for birds well shot, Kerri Payne for doing most of the real work and the Pointer Training Group for helping me set the tent up on Thursday night.

Our HRC Hunt Test will be July 27 and 28 at Elk Park in Butte. The Butte Club will host a HRC Hunt Test the following weekend August 3 and 4. If you would like to enter a dog the premium is up on the HRC website [www.huntingretrieverclub.org](http://www.huntingretrieverclub.org). If you would like to help please contact Margo Ellis [huntswith-labs@gmail.com](mailto:huntswith-labs@gmail.com) or Kerri Payne [jkpayne1@aol.com](mailto:jkpayne1@aol.com). Sitka Gear has again donated a hi-tech waterfowl jacket for the raffle. Other items are wingers, hunting knife, flybox with flies, wine, books, antique duck decoys, 22 ammo, case of shotshells, assorted dog gear and many other items. If you have anything to donate please contact Al Gadoury [al@6xoutfitters.com](mailto:al@6xoutfitters.com)

Retrievers are training. Any flushing dog at any level and any age are welcome to train with us. Check your e-mail for time and place. Please bring a duck call, shotgun, dark and a light jacket and any training equipment that you have.

Al Gadoury

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## Snake Avoidance Training

### SNAKE AVOIDANCE TRAINING

There will be a snake avoidance training event held on **Thursday August 22, 2013.**



The event is sponsored by the Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club and will be held at the horse pasture. Take the I-90 frontage road and turn north one mile on the Trident road and then take a right turn on Carpenter Road. After about a half a mile on the left will be the green metal gate where we will be set up. Join us after you close the gate.

**WE WILL BEGIN AT 4:30PM. ON A FIRST SERVED BASIS WE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ALL THE DOGS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.**

**First time dogs will go through first, previously conditioned dogs will be last.**

**\*\*\*First time dogs: \$35 for club members; \$40 for non club members.**

**\*\*\*Retesting: \$15 for club members; \$20 for non club members.**

The process to condition dogs and snakes to stay apart in the field is relatively simple and quick. Bring your dog to the handlers with a snug collar and they will lead the dog to the conditioning area. The owner will not be able to accompany the dog further than that. There will be an E-Collar placed on the dog. The dog will be lead to the area of the snake where it will be watched carefully for its reaction at this introduction. It is good if the dog wants to avoid the snake but it will be shocked for reinforcement. If the dog is curious and approaches the snake it will be shocked, and then moved over the snake and shocked. The event just takes a few seconds and then its over. All dogs react differently but are very happy to return to the owner and their trauma is quickly over.

Remember that we are trying to protect your dog from future snake bites. We believe this is an efficient and humane way to accomplish this by using E-Collar conditioning. Our experience is that the dog will not need to be reconditioned but you can decide that for yourself by retesting or watching others retest.

While nothing is 100% guaranteed the rattlesnake avoidance training has proven highly effective in preventing rattlesnake bites. Experience has shown us that there is an added bonus to the owner because by learning to pay attention to their dog's behavior around snakes they may be able to avoid a snake encounter as well.