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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  
Pat Dillon 995-2415 Retrievers Ron Russell 333-4339  
Bryan Blatt Spaniels Jack Weiss 586-6365  
Eric & Melody Kaelin 522-8842 Pointers

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

**Jun 26 ~ Snake Break Training**  
**6:00pm**

Jul 12 ~ Pointer Fun Trial  
Jul 17 ~ Basic training Clinic (Pointer)  
Aug 14 ~ Basic training Clinic (Pointer)  
Aug 16 ~ Pointer Fun Trial  
Jul 3-6 ~ Rick Smith Advanced  
Lewistown (Pointer)  
Jul 19 & 20 Retriever Hunt Test, Butte  
Aug ~ Pheasant/Chukar Challenge

### Board Meetings:

August 19, October 21,  
December 16

### General Meetings:

AUG ~ Pheasant/Chukar Challenge  
DEC ~ Christmas Party/Game Feed

### \*\*\*\*MHGDC COOK BOOK\*\*\*\*

We have received a few recipes for the cookbook. We would like to get enough to put the cookbook together and sell them for a fund-raiser for the club. Please keep them coming.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It seems that over the years the membership of the club has gradually declined. I'm not sure what we need to do to turn that around.

Obviously a decline in membership means that we are not meeting the needs of enough people to generate interest in joining or renewing.

I believe we have a very good core of people that believe in what we do. I think the biggest danger is that without a steady influx of people we will run out of people willing to be board members and officers to maintain

the business dealings of the club.

As with any organization, a small percentage of people are willing to volunteer to hold these positions. I'm afraid that with declining membership we may run out of people.

If anyone has ideas to renew/generate interest in the club please let us know.

Randy

## MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes

6/17/03

The meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 PM.

**Members present:** Randy Setzer, Tracey Setzer, Bryan Blatt, Jack Weiss, Pat Dillon, Ron Russell, Eric Kaelin, Dan Marsh, Scott Benowitz.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 4/15/03 were read and approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** MM \$11,720, Checking \$4,697.

**Pointers:** The remaining fun trials will be held on 7/12 and 8/16 and will begin at 7:00 a.m. The cost is \$17.00 per run and includes lunch. Contact Eric Kaelin at 522-8842 if you have any questions.

The May fun trial results are:

1<sup>st</sup> place-Dale Sweetser/Buck  
2<sup>nd</sup> place-Larry Michnevich/Quest  
3rd place - Kevin Edwards/Sage.

Special thanks to Dale Sweetser, Al Gadoury, Dave and Julie Kirkland, Larry and Ann Michnevich, Kevin Edwards, and Dale Spartas for all their much appreciated help to put on this fun trial on a very hot day!

The June fun trial results are:

1st place - Dave Kirkland/Hank  
2nd place - Al Gadoury/Bug  
3rd place - Eric Kaelin/Huckleberry.

Thank you to the following people for all their help: Dale Sweetser, Al Gadoury, Dave Kirkland, Kevin Edwards, Conrad Kradolfer, and Sam McGuire and his son Jared.

Dan Whittman will be transferring to Texas and is stepping down from his position on the Board for the Pointer Group. Please contact Eric if you are interested in representing the Pointer Group on the Board with the Kaelins.

**Snake break will be Thursday, 6/26 starting at 6:00 PM, and will be conducted by Butch Nelson. The cost is \$20 for members; \$30 for non-members. Call Eric Kaelin at 522-8842 for details on this great training event!**

Due to the interest in dog clinics last year and the number of young dogs this year, there will be basic training clinics on 7/17 and 8/14. Contact Eric Kaelin at 522-8842 for info.

There will be a Rick Smith Advanced Academy held in Lewistown on 7/3-7/6. Contact Tana Kradolfer at 388-4974 for details.

The NSTRA Regionals were held 5/31-6/1 in Lewistown. The Kradolfers' Razz placed ND in the Regional Consolation Round, and Coulee was 6th in the Regional Elimination. Razz also placed 2nd in the NSTRA's Great Falls trial, and Diva placed 2nd in our Club-hosted NSTRA trial here.

**Spaniels:** Hunt test was held May 18-19, and was successful. Dottie (Jack Weiss), Chance (Randy Setzer) and Belle (Owen Metcalf) achieved Master Hunter. Spaniel Group is experiencing fewer participants. Possibly due to limited number of Spaniel games in which to participate. Board would like to hear from members about their interest in participating in more fun trials, etc. 586-6365. Spaniel training on Saturday mornings and Wednesday mornings at training grounds. Contact Jack Weiss or Randy Setzer.

**Retrievers:** Hunt test July 19-20 @ Elk Park. Contact Tracey Setzer for information. Eastern Idaho hunt test passes: Willi (Dale Sweetzer), and Ben (Pat Dillon). Missoula Hunt test passes: Willi (Dale Sweetzer), Ben (Pat Dillon), and Buddy (Al Wagner). Retriever training held on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 PM at training grounds, and Saturday mornings (location to be determined). Treasure State Club sponsoring a Don Remein seminar June 28-29. Cost for TSC members \$85 to observe, \$115 to participate. Non TSC members \$150/\$200. Limited to 10 participants. Contact Kris Hunt 782-8802.

**Unfinished Business:** Pheasant Championship will occur August 23. Open to any club member. Limited to 12 entries. Contact Randy Setzer or Jack Weiss.

MHGDC web site will be developed. Costs expected to \$450 to set up and get registered. Dan Marsh will manage the site and keep it updated. At September 2004 meeting, the Board will try to determine if the site is successful or not. Stay tuned for more information.

Annual banquet review: Board generally satisfied with last banquet, including caterer and format. Will discuss in more detail at next meeting.

Membership trends-Dan Marsh determined that membership has fallen drastically over the last ten years. 2003 membership is less than half of 1992. Retriever members have fallen by 60%, Pointers by 50%, Spaniels by 40%.

Pheasants purchased for Springer Hunt Test were excellent. Same goes for quail for Pointer events. All birds purchased from Take Flight in Lovell, Wyo. Springer trial will obtain birds from same source. Board will discuss at October meeting if bird purchases can be consolidated to simplify purchases and delivery. This will require one individual to be responsible for bird ordering and arranging delivery.

Bryan Blatt reported that starting a Yahoo-based email group to enhance timely communications between club members probably wouldn't work. Suggested the new website include this type of feature.

Retriever Group is building launchers, holding blinds and purchasing chairs. Randy will work with the Retriever Group to build the equipment. Project will be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in June so it can be used for the Hunt Test.

Randy will provide all Board members with a copy of the Club's By-laws.

The Board voted not to obtain a new liability policy to cover the Directors and Officers. This policy would have been in addition to the existing liability policy. Dan Marsh will continue to investigate other types of liability policies that will cover the members, the Directors and Officers at a more competitive price. He will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

Ray pointed out that dues have not been raised for several years, and we should consider if now's the time to raise the dues. Tabled until October meeting.

The access road to the training grounds will be improved in the next few weeks (with permission of FWP), e.g., fill in the holes and graded.

Tracey will obtain additional ribbons and miscellaneous supplies for Hunt Tests.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

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Coming soon to a computer near you!

MHGDC

is putting together a web site together, look for the info in the newsletter. It will become a permanent fixture in the newsletter.

## **SNAKE BREAKING CLINIC**

Thursday June 26th, 6:00pm

training grounds

\$20.00 members

\$30.00 non members

Call Eric Kaelin for details

522-8842