

The pheasant challenge has been a club event for many years and will not be run unless someone is willing to step up as the event chairperson. If we have a chairperson by July 20, 2005 the event will be run as a club event this year. Any comments or suggestions can be made to any of the board members. We still have Sunday August 28 set for the event to be run.

Sam Robinson

MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes 6/21/05

The meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Members Present: Bryan Blatt, Ray Bradley, Sam Robinson, Ron Russell, Tana Kradolfer, Mark Donovan, Larry Michnevich, and Scott Benowitz.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read from the 4/19/05 meeting and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Savings-\$11,836.00, checking - \$6,484.00.

Pointers: Fun trial dates: July 16, August 6 at training grounds. All events begin at 7:00 AM. Training on Thursday evenings beginning at 5:00 PM. NSTRA-Great Falls Aug 27 & 28. Recent fun trial placements: Keven Edwards/Sage 1st place; Melody Kaelin/Callie 2nd place; Dave Kirkland/Hallie 3rd place (2nd and 3rd place resulting from 5-way tie).

Spaniels: Flushing dog fun trials May 14, June 11, July 9, August 20. Held at training grounds, begin at 8:00 AM. AKC Hunt test September 17-18. Training Saturday AM.

Retrievers: Flushing dog fun trials July 9, August 20. Held at training grounds, begin at 8:00 AM. AKC Hunt Test in Butte July 30 & 31. Pat needs help in the way of throwers, live shooters, Marshals.

Unfinished Business: MHGDC Web page is up and running. Check it out - MHGDC.org.

Pheasant Championship tentatively scheduled for Aug 28. Eric Kaelin will be in Great Falls at NSTRA, so it might be canceled.

Open Training Day very successful. Bryan Blatt will look at changing format for next year to be more focused on hunting.

Investment vehicle-Sam presented an example of different types of investments (stocks, bonds, mutual funds), historic returns, and length of time investment should be held. Board members want to know about CD's as well. Discussion to be continued at next Board meeting.

The club is missing 4 large orange bird crates. Please let Randy know if you have any of them. We need them back ASAP!!

New training grounds: Bryan Blatt will chair a committee to begin a more formal search for an additional location the club can use for training. He's looking for other club members to help him with this endeavor. Call him at 388-5720. Board will continue discussion at next board meeting.

Need to receive training equipment list from retriever and spaniel groups to compile equipment inventory.

Authorized purchase of bird "pliers" to dispatch birds.

New Business:

Board approved an annual donation of \$250 to a conservation organization to be used as a memorial fund. The organization will be selected annually. This memorial donation is to honor members of our club who passed away during the year. The board wishes to acknowledge the recent passing of Floyd Ball.

Equipment use for events other than MHGDC events. Board discussed whether our equipment should be lent out to other groups. Board believes that its OK to loan to groups such as parent clubs when our members are participating in the event, or Boy Scouts, etc. as long as one of our members attends the event and is responsible for the equipment. No motion was made. Discussion to be continued before full board.

The Board passed a motion to require a porta-potty be present during all MHGDC events held at the training grounds, including fun trials. Sam will find out from FWP whether we can keep a porta-potty at the training grounds throughout the summer training season, and have it regularly serviced.

Summer picnic at Gallatin Sporting Clays. Sam will look at calendar, set a date and time and let Tracy know for the newsletter. Club members can buy a round of shooting or use one of their sporting clays tickets if a GSC member. MHGDC will provide a main dish, sodas, water. BYO salads, desserts, beer, wine.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Fairly New to the Veterinarians in the area
Rattle Snake Vaccination

1st year your dog needs two shots, approx.

3 to 4 weeks apart then a yearly booster.

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285-6672

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**To be done In between July 1st & the 15th.
Call for more information**

CLAY BIRDS CANNOT BE USED AT THE TRAINING GROUNDS!! IF YOU SEE ANYONE USING CLAY BIRDS AT THE TRAINING GROUNDS, PLEASE TELL THEM TO STOP, AND TO CLEAN UP THE BIRDS THAT HAVE BEEN THROWN.

Want a finished Pointer?
 My emphasis is training finished dogs ten months or older.
 Five month program April through August.
 References.
 Dave Carty 586-8203

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FLUSHING DOG PICNIC TRIAL

The 3rd flushing dog picnic trial was held at Headwaters training grounds June 11. Thirteen dogs sought pigeons and Chukars along the creek bottom. A polite gallery followed Judges Dede Griffin and Ann Michnevich. The scores were close and all dogs ran well. Once again the ferocious black cocker Annie handled by Robert Griffin won first place honors. Close in second place was Greg Johnson's English Springer Niki. Third place went to English Springer Madi handled by Brian Keller. I would like to thank all members that helped out with lunch, judging, catching and planting birds that made the trial a pleasure for all.

We will continue to host fun trials for ALL flushing dogs through the summer. Dates are: 7/9 and 8/20.

This is a test of both dog and handler. You are gunning for your own dog. It is a lot of fun and good training for hunting. I want to remind ALL OF THE CLUB: THIS IS FOR ALL FLUSHING DOGS, LABS, COCKERS, GOLDENS, AWS, CHESSIES AND ESS.

Spring 2005 NSTRA Field Trials

By Mark Donovan

Spring trials are over and they finished with a bang. I am new to NSTRA myself and I thought other MHGDC members, (especially the pointer group) would be interested in how the pointers of MHGDC performed. Here are the results since the last newsletter as reported in the board meeting minutes of 4/19/2005.

In Polson on April 24th Conrad Kradolfer / Diva came home with a 1st place finish. Diva by the way was about one month pregnant. The next weekend in Acton the "True Grit Brits" ruled and brought home some "major hardware". On Saturday (4/30/05) Mark Donovan/Rusty placed 1st and won the "High Point" trophy. Sunday (5/1/05) was even more exiting with Tana Kradolfer/Pie (owned by Dale Sweetser) placing 1st and winning the "High Point" trophy, as well as placing 3rd on field B. To top it all off Tana Kradolfer/Toots placed 3rd and Eric Kaelin/Huck placed 4th. In Great Falls (5/14-15/05) things cooled a bit with Wayne Frederickson/Nicca placing 4th on Saturday and Mark Donovan/Rusty placing 4th Sunday.

May21-22 the Big Sky Elimination Trial was held. On Saturday 4 handlers/dogs made it to the semi-finals. Those making the top 12 were Tana Kradolfer/Brier, Mark Donovan/ Rusty, and Tana Kradolfer/Pie (finishing 5th runner-up). Held in conjunction with the Semi Final Elimination Trial was the Big Sky Open with Eric and Melody Kaelin/Huck bringing home 2nd place.

The next trials will be Aug 27-28 and Sept 3-5. Anyone wishing to participate or learn more can give myself or anyone mentioned a call or visit the website NSTRA.org.

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