

# Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

### Board Meetings at FWP for 2006

Aug 15, Oct 17 & Dec 19

German Shorthaired AKC Hunt Test August 26 & 27

Spaniel Hunt Test August 26 & 27

Retriever Hunt Tests

Butte—Treasure State This Hunt Test has been cancelled July 29 & 30

**Preliminary 2006 MHGDC Event & Training Schedule: Training Grounds -TG, To Be Determined—TBD**

Annual Picnic TBD

Spaniel Picnic Trial July 8 TG

Pointer Picnic Trial July 15 TG

Spaniel Picnic Trial Aug 12

Pointer Picnic Trial Aug 19

German Shorthaired Group Aug 26-27 TG

Spaniel Hunting Test. Aug 26-27

Headwaters Upland Bird Preserve

### Board of Directors

**President**- Sam Robinson (W) 585-5530

**Vice President** - Dan Marsh 587-7578

**Secretary**—Scott Benowitz - 585-7101

**Treasurer**—Joann Kish 388-3200

### Retrievers

Pat Dillon 995-2415

Kyle Barner 995-4319

### Pointers

Larry Michnevich 586-2939

Mark Donovan 388-8383

### Spaniels

Al Gadoury 586-3806

Wayne Frederickson 586-0039

### MHGDC Board meeting Minutes

**June 20, 2006**

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

### Board Members Present:

Joann Kish, Al Gadoury, Sam Robinson, Larry Michnevich, Mark Donovan, Pat Dillon, and Dan Marsh Additional members: Randy

and Tracey Setzer.

### Treasurers Report:

Joann provided the first six months of financial statements. Checking account = \$7673 CD + interest = \$12285

### Secretary's Report:

Minutes were read and approved from the 4/16/06 and 5/10/06 meetings.

**Pointers:** Winners were given for the last two "fun

trials. Details of winners should be given to Tracey for the news letter. It was stated that Thursday night sessions will be concentrating on backing.

**Retrievers:** Titles earned were given to Tracey for the newsletter. They reported that the new training grounds are being enjoyed for the water work opportunities.

**Spaniels:** Randy & others

have had a checking account for buying birds. Originally started without club money that account is now being given to the MHGDC and they will buy training birds using club money much as the pointing group does.

# 06/20/06 MHGDC Board meeting minutes

MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes  
06/20/06 continued

## Unfinished Business:

- The Upland Bird Challenge of April 9, 2006 while a success has not given out the awards for the event. Randy will see Bryan Blatt and encourage the completion of this event.

- A rough draft of the Grey Cliffs Ranch, LLC lease agreement was presented and Sam will contact their attorney, A. Suzanne Nellen, with insurance information and have her formalize the agreement.

## New Business:

- Snake Breaking will be held on Thursday June 22, 2006.

- Everyone was reminded that approval of expenditures although minor are to be approved prior to purchase and not the other way around.

- Reminder for next years training permit: have any additional agreements done early for the purpose of including any private grounds on the original permit and avoiding amending or adding to the original.

- It was pointed out that there is web site for the Missouri Headwater English Springer Spaniel Club and it's affiliation with MHGDC. The site is the work of one non-club member, it has not been updated since 2002, it is in fact a private web site and therefore we choose not to do anything about its existence. Dan will make one attempt to have it deleted because the information is incorrect.

- The gunner's seminar for shooting spaniel field trials was held and attended by about 15 gunners.

- It was decided to set the fun trial dates by stating that the Flushing dog fun trial dates are set for 2 Saturday April and the Pointing dog

fun trial dates be set for the 3 Saturday May- September. These events will be held at the training grounds.

- It was pointed out that the premium presented for the Spaniel Field Trial listed different officers than currently elected to MHGDC. Going forward, if officers are to be listed in any premium that the club is sponsoring, they should be the then current officers and then list the test chairperson along with any important contact people for the event.

- Discussion was held as to how to help youth be introduced to shooting, hunting and dog training. Conclusion: invite any youth group with an interest to attend one of our training sessions. Groups that come to mind are 4-H, Boy Scouts, Recent hunters safety graduates, Green wing group associated with Ducks Unlimited, and the youth group as-

sociated with Pheasants Forever.

- Trivia: The silhouette used in training pointers to back does have a name Stiffy

- The meeting was adjourned for the 3 and final time at 9:17 PM and continued informally in the parking lot for an unspecified amount of time.

## Pointer Report by Mark Donovan

### Pointer Group News

By Mark Donovan

I hope everyone is enjoying summer so far. At the last Fun Trial participation was good and we had ten braces. A sudden death (first bird found) brace between Hank/ Dave Kirkland and Newt/ Eric Kaelin ended with Hank placing first, Newt second and Hallie/Dave Kirkland finishing third. Congratulations handlers and dogs.

Our next Fun Trial is July 15th beginning at 7:30 am. The cost will be \$25/brace and includes

lunch. For the next two trials I have decided each brace will be 30 minutes instead of 20 minutes. At the August trial I plan to have a BBQ lunch and will need a volunteer cook. Anyone wishing to help set up and tear down for the trials can give me a call at 388-8373.

I have ordered plenty of quail for the month of July and should have some available to those of you wishing to train on your own. Anyone wanting a few birds needs to call me ahead of time so I know how many to bring on Thursday nights. The cost of quail is \$5.50 each.

## SPANIEL REPORT By Al Gadoury

Livingston Outfitter Mitch Hurt and Cheryl Johnson judged a field of 15 Springer's, Boykin's and Lab's in the second Flushing Dog Fun Trial at Headwaters May 13. In spite of their gunners performance Springer's Midnight, trailed by Al Gadoury placed third and Beam, pestered by Larry Michnevich placed second.

Greg Johnson's Springer Tori earned the first place blue ribbon.

We will have flushing dog fun trials perennially on the second Saturday of the month, April through August. The next flushing dog fun trial is July 8 at 8 a. m. Please contact Brian Blatt if you would like to enter a dog, judge or catch birds in the morning. I

need a chairman for the August 12 flushing dog fun trial.

The June 18 AKC gunning seminar was attended by 14 members. This is a requirement to gun in an AKC field trial. Anyone who plans to enter a dog in a trial, hunt test or train would find this helpful.

## RECIPE BOX

If you are interested in submitting a recipe please email or send it to Tracey @ 285-6724, fax 285-3410, or email @ setzers5@aol.com

### MUSHROOM CASSEROLE

#### Ingredients

1/2 c. wild rice  
1/2 c. brown rice  
1 lb. Ground venison or elk  
1 cup chopped onion  
1/4 c. cooking oil

1 can Mushroom Soup  
2c. Cold water  
8oz. Canned mushrooms (drain & rinse)  
1 1/2 c. chopped celery  
1 T. soy sauce

Cook the rice in a large covered pan for 45 minutes. Brown the meat and the onion in separate pans. Use one half of the cooking oil in each pan. Meanwhile, blend the mushroom soup with the cold water. After the rice has

has been cooked, drain off the water, combine all of the ingredients, and mix thoroughly. Finally, pour the mixture into a casserole and bake for 1 1/2 hours at 350 degrees.

Submitted by Cal Horner

## RETRIEVER REPORT By Pat Dillon

Randy Setzer ran Shadow in the Senior Hunt Tests in Roberts, ID and Missoula, Shadow got his Senior Hunt Test Title in Missoula.

Kerri Payne ran Davis in the Junior Hunt Tests in Missoula and Butte and they passed both tests.

Pat Dillon ran Jett in the Master Hunt Tests in Roberts, ID & Missoula where Jett got his Master Title, Pat and Jett also ran in the Butte and Snake River Master Hunt Tests and passed those.

Pat Dillon and Ben ran the Master Hunt Tests at Snake River, ID and Butte with passes in those.

Wednesday night training @ Grey Cliff Ranch is going well with good participation from the members.

## Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club Gun Safety Procedures

At all events sponsored by the American Kennel Club:

### Retriever Events:

- 1) Shooting, whether live or blank ammunition is used, shall be done only by official Guns approved and designated by the Hunting Test Committee.
- 2) Handlers while running their dogs, and Judges while acting in their official capacities judging dogs, shall not fire guns with live or blank ammunition.
- 3) It is recommended that all gunning be accomplished with breaking type shotguns, and that the guns be broken (or cased) when not in use.
- 4) The Judges have complete jurisdiction over the gunners, and must be particularly aware of gun safety. They can have the gunners replaced if performance is not satisfactory or safe.
- 5) All non -adult gunners (those who use popper loads) shall have successfully completed a Hunter/Gun Safety course, and be a minimum of 16 years of age. All live gunning must be by adults, aged 21 or older.

### Spaniel Events:

- 1) The dogs shall be shot over only by Official Guns appointed by the Hunting Test/ Field Trial Committee. There must be a Gun Captain who selects the gunners and advises them about their responsibilities and safety concerns before they enter the field.
- 2) Safe gunning practices must be adhered to all times. Semi-automatic shotguns and pump shotguns are prohibited.
- 3) Judges shall have complete authority over the gunners and all shooting. The Judges position the gunners and are responsible for seeing that they are safely positioned and for insuring safe gunning practices. They can replace gunners at any time.
- 4) Any person entering the field must wear an item of blaze orange. Care must be taken to insure that orange is bright. Older, faded items may not be highly visible.
- 5) Guns must be kept open except when the gunners are actually in position, walking the course, ready to shoot when the bird is flushed. Safeties must be kept on until the gun is brought up to shoot. Gunners must shoot only when they have a clear shot, and never where a dog or person is in the vicinity of the shot.
- 6) Guns must never shoot if a bird flies back over the gallery. A bird must not be shot close to a dog; shoot only when the bird has taken flight and is high enough to shoot safely. If the bird does not get enough distance from the dog, it should not be shot.
- 7) Gunners must meet the same age and training requirements listed in Retriever events above.

### At All Locally Sponsored Events:

This is not an exhaustive list. Participants are expected to handle their guns in safe manner at all times.

- 1) No loaded guns at ANY TIME in the base area.
- 2) ALL guns must have ACTON OPEN, or BROKEN at ALL TIMES unless you are actually in the field hunting.

- 3) All guns are IMMEDIATELY UNLOADED upon completion of your round.
- 4) Guns are AL WAYS pointed in a safe direction; we strongly suggest the gun be carried in a port arms posture while hunting.
- 5) Guns are NEVER swung across or through another person, judge, partner, dog etc.
- 6) There is no RUNNING allowed while hunting PERIOD!
- 7) Any member or guest is free to point out unsafe gun practices. An atmosphere that makes individuals hesitant to report unsafe gunning will not be tolerated.
- 8) Alcohol will not be allowed until all shooting is completed.
- 9) Any gun that malfunctions will be immediately taken off the field.
- 10) Shot larger than size #5 is prohibited.
- 11) Anyone in the field must wear a BRIGHT article of blaze orange, visible from all sides. Protective eyewear is required for all gunners, judges, handlers, participants and bird planters. Protective eyewear is STRONGLY recommended for all observers. (Non-slip retriever events with remote gun stations are exempt from blaze orange requirements).
- 12) YOU WILL BE WARNED OF SAFETY VIOLATIONS ONCE ONLY! THE SECOND TIME YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE AND FORFEIT YOUR ENTRY FEE. BLATANT VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL.
- 13) All entrants must read and sign a liability waiver.

#### Pointer Group Gun Conduct

As you may be aware, the Missouri-Headwaters Gun Dog Club is made up of three uniquely different training groups, and the Club's Board is comprised of chairmen and co-chairmen from each group. While each chairman and co-chairman has been elected by their group to represent the interests of their group, it is their responsibility also to keep in mind the future of the entire club as a whole. These interests include and are not limited to all club activities, finances, liabilities, and most importantly, safety issues. With that in mind, the Board, working in conjunction with suggestions from the members of the Pointing Group, has adopted the following guidelines to be implemented as of May 6, 2004. Each member is required to read and sign the below Acknowledgment of Receipt of guidelines to this effect. Remember, we are the Missouri Headwaters **Gun** Dog Club, and we want to be able to stay that way.

2. **GUN SENSE.** Never carry a loaded gun onto or off the field. Guns are to be rather broken or the action open until the dog is on point. Immediately put gun on safety and keep on safety until bird is in the air and flying in a safe direction. Never run on the field with a gun, i.e., to a dog on point or after a running bird. Nothing larger than 7 1/2 shot, 2 3/4 inch will be allowed for quail on the field; 6 shot, 2 /34 inch may be permitted for chukar, pigeon, and pheasant. If you need shells, ask. No one should load their gun until the dog is on point and all shooting angles have been thought out. If a dog cannot hold a point long enough for a gunner to load his gun while the dog is on point, then a handler is necessary. All guns must be immediately unloaded after the bird has either been shot or missed. Shoot a running bird on the ground only when a safe shooting angle has been established. Never shoot a bird flying less than 10 feet over a dog's head. Never shoot over Carpenter Road, as it is not only dangerous, but illegal.

3. *Gunners' Responsibilities.* While a handler is in charge of the dog, it is the gunner's responsibility to conduct himself in a manner that would take into consideration the safety of others around him including the safety of the dog (s). This includes the placement of handlers, brace mates, and anyone else on the field. The gunner must take into consideration safe shooting angles, visual obstructions and/or impairments (i.e., morning/evening sun), and any other conditions that may make a given scenario unsafe. It is the gunner's responsibility to refuse to take a shot if he deems any condition unsafe. The gunner, regardless of what a handler or anyone else may say, has the final say.

on point. A gunner should never make a last second decision on where he can and cannot shoot while a bird is in flight, nor should a gunner aim his gun at a bird flying in an unsafe direction in the hope that the bird will change its flight path. A gunner should never count on distance as a means of justifying an unsafe shot.

4. *New Members.* All new members for their first year will be accompanied by an MHGDC pointer group member of at least one year onto the field during training or fun trials. It will be the new member's responsibility to make this happen. It shall be all experienced pointer group members' responsibilities to step up to meet the needs of the new members in the interest of safety, teaching, and fellowship. However, it shall be noted that no experienced pointer group member should be held responsible or liable for any mistake made by a new member. The function of a more experienced member is simply to aid, assist, and/or familiarize a new member with different situations and scenarios that involve firearms and/or dog training. It shall be up to either the chairman or co-chairman of the pointer group to decide as to when a new member may go out on the field without an assisting member.

5. *Remedial Measures.* It is up to **all** MHGDC members to report unsafe or questionable gun conduct to the chairman or co-chairman of their group as soon as possible. It is also up to all members to police others, as well as themselves. All incidents regarding unsafe gun conduct will be investigated and discussed by the chairman and co-chairman, documented and, if necessary, reported to the Board. An incident report may be filled out and the offending member may receive a written or verbal reprimand, firearms suspension, or termination of membership. Any of these may be due to one offense or a documented pattern of unsafe gun conduct.

It is the Club's intentions that introducing these measures in a written format will enhance the Pointer Group's capacity to train, maintain, and prepare their dogs in a safe and comfortable atmosphere and make it an enjoyable experience for everyone. Compliance with **all** of these measures by everyone is essential if the MHGDC is to remain an integral part of the sportsmen community.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Randy Setzer, President

Eric Kaelin, Pointer Group Chairman

Joann Kish, Pointer Group Co-Chairman

*Please sign and tear off the below Acknowledgment of Receipt and return to Eric or Joann.*

### **Acknowledgment of Receipt**

I have read and understand all of the terms above and hereby consent to those terms.

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