
◆ Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club ◆

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

Board Meetings:

February 17, 7:00pm
April 20, 7:00 pm
June 15, 7:00 pm
Aug 17, 7:00 pm
Oct 19, 7:00 pm
Dec 21, 6:00 pm

Pointer Fun Trials

April 24, May 8, June 19, July 17, Aug 14

Flushing dog Pinncic Trial May 9th, 8:00am

Free Gun Dog Training Seminar May 15th
10:00am Training grounds

Spaniel Hunt Test May 22-23

Retriever Hunt Tests

Missoula June 5 & 6
Butte June 19 & 20
MHGDC June 26 & 27

General Meetings:

AUG: Sporting Clays & Picnic
DEC 21st, Christmas Party
Wild Game Feed.

Dues

The annual dues for the club are due now.
Dues have been raised to \$35.00 this year. If
your dues are not paid by March 15, 2004
you will be dropped from the club list.
MHGDC P.O. Box 4717,
Bozeman, MT 59772

MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes

2/17/04

The meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 7:10 PM.

Members Present: Randy Setzer, Bryan Blatt, Ray Bradley, Pat Dillon, Dan Marsh, Jo Ann Kish, Jack Weiss, Eric Kaelin, Scott Benowitz

Presidents Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on 12/16/03 were read and approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Savings: \$11,757
Checking: \$4,424

Pointers: Trial dates to be announced at next meeting.

Spaniels: Field Trial March 27-28 at Fairweather Fishing access on Missouri River near Clarkston. Hunt test May 23-24. Saturday training weather permitting.

Retrievers: Hunt Test June 26-27. Volunteers needed - contact Pat Dillon 995-2415. Training on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings as weather permits.

Unfinished Business: MHGDC web site still in development: MHGDC.org. Dan Marsh will manage the site and keep it updated. We'll let you know when it's up and running.

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Board re-iterated that an expense statement is required for all check requests. Expense statement forms can be obtained from a board member.

Randy distributed a newly typed version of the constitution and By-Laws containing the 2001 updates.

Bryan Blatt led a discussion of the format for an "introduction to MHGDC training day". The event will be open to all hunting breeds. To be held May 15, 9:00 AM at the training grounds. Demonstrations for pointers, flushing dogs, and retrievers will be given. No hands-on training, so PLEASE LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME. Please come to regular training days for actual training work. The Board approved an advertising budget of \$250 for this event. Contact Bryan Blatt for more info 287-3140.

Flushing dog fun trials will be held throughout the summer, on a Sunday following the pointer fun trials. First trial in April. See newsletter for more info.

Dog Club brochure ready to be reviewed by Board. To be distributed around the area in hopes of attracting new members.

New Business: Discussion held on whether club radios could be used for training. Randy will talk with Conrad for his input, and get back to board.

2004 Board meeting dates: April 20, June 15, August 17, October 19, December 21. Annual Meeting & Banquet February, 2005 to be scheduled. Christmas pot-luck December 21.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

President's Message

Here we are in a new year already. I hope all the time you devoted to training last year was well spent. This year you can continue with Spot's education or maybe get started with that new puppy.

All of the members of the current board have agreed to stay on for another term. Thank you to all of them. I have not convinced any one else to take on the presidency so I guess I'm staying on for another year. I don't hear any one shouting for term limits yet.

Please bring your families and come to the annual meeting Feb 21st. We will enjoy another great meal from Gallatin Valley Caterers and each others company. If you have any auction items you wish to donate please contact Sam Robinson at 539-6119.

Jack and I are finalizing the rules for the flushing dog fun trials to be held monthly later this year. (more details on page three)

Bryan Blatt has offered to organize a public "introduction to gun dog training" day. It will be advertised in the local media to gain attention and will be held sometime in April. Bryan will be asking for help from all of the groups to put on demonstrations. We will be needing young dogs early in training as well as some more seasoned dogs. We want to show participants how we can help them turn Rover into a fine hunting companion.

We are putting together a MHGDC brochure that can be distributed any where that might help draw attention to the club.

MHGDC Flushing Dog Picnic Trials

It seems that we often lose members that train their dogs to a certain level. They enjoy working with their dog but organized events like hunt tests and field trials just aren't their cup of tea. Our hope is that a low key, mild competition may pique their interest.

These fun trials are targeted toward more seasoned dogs but if the interest is there we may include another class designed for younger, less experienced dogs. Any flushing breed dog may be entered. They will not need to be registered or even purebred.

We will set up a course and plant birds. We will judge the performances based on team work between the dog and handler. The criteria for judging will be based on natural abilities, trained abilities, retrieving abilities and birds brought to bag.

These fun trials will be different from the pheasant championships in that dog work will be judged instead of just receiving a score for birds harvested. There will be no advantage in getting the most birds in the shortest amount of time. The advantage will be with handlers and dogs that work well together as a team as you would on a day's hunt. A dog that uses the wind, hunts cover intelligently and retrieves enthusiastically will do well.

Birds used will be pheasants, chukars, huns, quail, pigeons or any combination of the same. The intention is to have three or four birds for each dog but numbers and entry fee will depend on availability and price of birds.

These fun trials can be considered a training event, an introduction to competition or just a fun day with your hunting dog. If you are interested please contact Jack Weiss or Randy Setzer. We plan to begin sometime in April.

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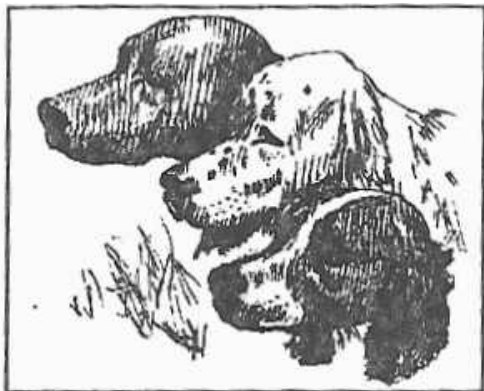
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RETRIEVER HUNT TEST JUNE 26 & 27
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DUES!!!!!!
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