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**President's Message**

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Our annual banquet in February was attended by over 60 club members and guests. We were served an excellent buffet at Jonny Carino's and comments indicated it was very enjoyable. I would like to thank Jeff Squire who made the banquet arrangements with the Carino's staff. I would also like to thank the individuals and businesses who donated items for the raffle. A list of contributors can be found in the newsletter.

Numerous awards were presented during the banquet to handlers and canine companions for achievements during 2010; awards given out are summarized in individual group reports in this newsletter.

The first MHGDC Honorary membership was presented to Larry Michnevich. Larry was one of the leaders in establishing the MHGDC almost 25 years ago. At that time he had a broad vision relative to what would be successful among hunters as a gun dog club in the Gallatin Valley. As a result we have a club that is unique regionally, and perhaps even nationally, in that it serves each of the three hunting breeds. His knowledge and experience comes from years of training and running flushing, retrievers and pointers. Congratulations Larry! This is a well-deserved honor.

The unanimous approval of the slate of Board Members and officers for 2012 occurred at the annual banquet. A couple of changes for 2012 include Kerri Payne moving into the Treasurer's position. Steve Fink, Treasurer for the last two years, did an excellent job and we wish him the best with his family and hope to see him in the field in the future. Other changes include Mike Heard assuming the Vice President's position and David French will be a retriever Board Member.

There are a number of competitions scheduled for this spring. For pointing dogs, a NASTRA event will be held March 31 - April 1 at the Headwaters training grounds, a HRC Upland Test for retrievers and flushing dogs will be held at the training grounds on May 5 - 6, and an AKC spaniel field trial will take place March 31 - April 1 Fairweather Fishing Access. Weekly training at the grounds has started, weather permitting. The scheduled training days for retrievers is Wednesday PM, pointers on Thursday PM and the spaniels on Saturday.

Good training and see you in the field!

## Board Meeting Minutes February 21, 2012

Members Present: Al Gadoury, Jack Weiss, Greg Johnson, Mike Heard, Steve Fink, Kerri Payne, Sam Robinson, and Peter Bakun. Absent were David French, Jeff Squire and Cheryl Johnson.

Minutes from the December 20, 2011 meeting read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Steve presented a summary of club expenditures and income through February 20, 2012. We have 92 active members. Thirty members from last year are still unpaid. The banquet had expenses of \$1755 and income of \$870 from the raffle. This resulted in a net loss of \$885. It was resolved by the full board to change our checking account from a "Now" account to free checking. This will save the club money on fees. The board officially confirmed Ms. Kerri Payne as our new treasurer and thanked Steve for his service. Club has a cash balance of \$6107.

Retriever Report: HRC judging seminar was held on February 18 at the Bozeman Library. There was a very good turnout. The HRC upland tests will be held 5/5-6/2012. Club member Rod Adlington recently WON an Amateur field trial in California; CONGRATULATIONS.

Pointer Report: Formal trainings will start on April 5th and continue on Thursdays through August. Pointer "Dog Evaluation Days" will start on the third Saturday in April and continue thru August.

Spaniel Report: The 2012 Field Trial will be March 31 and April 1. Greg brought to the board concerns about bird delivery in a timely basis from Take Flight. Greg and Randy are actively discussing this issue with Take Flight. Other than bird delivery the trial is moving forward. Hunt test will be held June 23-24 with Scott Benowitz as the chairman.

Unfinished Business: 1. The club calendar for 2012 was finalized. It will be posted on the web site. 2. Sam finalized a list of all donors to the club banquet. 3. Board wishes to remind all members that they must have current permits from FWP if they want to shoot game birds for their dogs in trainings. 3. There was much discussion by the full board on the Pheasants Forever Sponsorship. Motion was made by Greg to commit \$350 to the sponsorship. Motion passed: in favor Greg, Jack, Sam, Peter. Opposed: Mike, Kerri and Al.

New Business: 1. Dave Andrus is the new park manager for Headwaters and Fairweather. Ray Hegney will be in charge of fishing access sites one of which is Blackbird. Greg will finalize with Dave our use permit. Al suggested we look into a longer term for the permit. Greg will check into that. 2. There will be an "Animal Expo" at the fairgrounds on August 11. The club was asked to participate. There is no charge for the event. Club will consider participating based on volunteers to show dogs. 3. Board wanted to remind ALL groups that they must submit an event application form if they want to use club equipment. 4. The bird pens need their annual fix up. Randy and Greg will coordinate on a date. 5. The newsletter will be sent via email to the majority of our members. There will be a few that will receive the newsletter by regular mail but it will have to be printed in black and white. 6. Jewelry has been donated by Tracey and Randy Setzer. The club will use this for an annual raffle commencing with the Spaniel field trial and the NASTR event in April. Tickets will be made up and used at each event. 7. Al proposed that the club purchase two new crates for pigeons and two new bird bags. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned and next meeting will be April 17 2012.

## PROPERTY FOR SALE

The Setzer's plan to list their property for sale this spring. If you know a Breeder, Pro Trainer or avid Amateur that might be interested please pass on the info.

- Four Bedroom
- 1 ¾ Bath
- Log Home
- Eleven acres
- Eighteen run kennel
- Steel storage buildings
- Shop/Barn
- Bird pens
- Pigeon coops
- Small pond

For more information please contact Randy & Tracey Setzer 406-285-6724 or Setzers5@aol.com.



## Calling All Spaniels, Pointers & Retrievers

Send Your Masters to the  
Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club!



## Retriever News

I am compiling a CD of Club Members photos for 2012. This will be displayed at club meetings, Christmas party and the Sportsman show. This includes all groups. If you have any **new** hunting, field trial, training or just good photo's of your dog please e-mail me a j-peg at [al@6xoutfitters.com](mailto:al@6xoutfitters.com).

Dogs and handlers honored at the Annual meeting were; John and Kerri Payne's Lab Dennis earned his "UH" Title (HRC Upland Hunter), Spirit earned the "HRCH" Hunting Retriever Champion, Anne Olsen's Lab Fly earned the "HRCH" Hunting Retriever Title, Mike and Julie Heard's Lab Dusty earned the "HRCH" Hunting Retriever Champion Title. Dusty holds three titles: MH (Master Hunter), AFC (Amateur Field Champion) and the HRCH (hunting retriever champion). Al Gadoury's Lab Bella earned the "HR" Hunting Retriever Title and Randy Pierson's Springer Dakota earned the "HR" Hunting

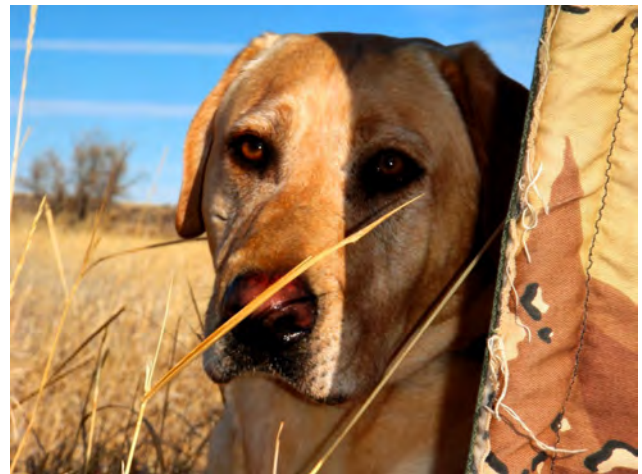
Retriever Title. Dakota is the only English Springer Spaniel in Montana and Region 14 to hold an AKC Master Hunter and HRC Hunting Retriever Title. Also receiving Certificates of Merit were Ed Zurey and Linda Kelly's Lab Dudley for a First Time Placement in the HRC Started Hunt Test and Shorthair Boat-swain for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the 2011 Wild West Winterfest Keg Pull and 2nd place in the 2012 event.

Congratulations to Ron Adlington and his Labrador "Jazztime Trips Mattee Finish" for winning 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the AKC Sagehen Field Trial in Gridly, CA and a 1st in the Qualifying at the Sacramento Valley Retriever Club spring field trail in February of 2012 in back to back weekends.

Retrievers are training. If you would like to be on the e-mail-training list please let me know. Any 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. To train with live gamebirds or participate in the flushing dog Training Evaluation Days you must have a game bird permit from FWP. Copies are available from me or on the club website [www.mhgdc.org](http://www.mhgdc.org).

Our HRC Upland Hunt Test will be at Headwaters May 5-6, 2012. Entries are filling up and limited to 25 dogs per day. See the [HRC website](http://www.mhgdc.org) to enter. This is open to all flushing breeds. I am the chairman. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to help and I will put you on the list.

Al Gadoury



## Pointer News

Our Annual Banquet was fun for all.

We gave out the awards for the top ten dogs at our Pointing Dog Evaluations. At each PDE we took the dogs with the top ten scores. The top ten scoring dogs received points for their placement i.e. 10 points for first place, 9 for second, etc. Then each dog had a total for the season which enabled us to come up with a top ten.

Top Ten:

10<sup>th</sup> Place Shannon Taylor and Bart

9<sup>th</sup> Place Jo Ann Kish and Lucy

8<sup>th</sup> Place Bill Shields and Heidi, Jim Wiitala and Otis

7<sup>th</sup> Place Sara Davies and Chace

6<sup>th</sup> Place Wil Avril and Annie, Jim Wiitala and Poly

5<sup>th</sup> Place Tom Curtis and Birdie

4<sup>th</sup> Place Mark Donovan and Rusty

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mark Donovan and Louie

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Glen Johnston and Trutz, Peter Bakun and Gallatin

1<sup>st</sup> Place Tom Curtis and Chica

Our regular training will begin the first Thursday in April. The first Pointing Dog Evaluation will be on April 21. We will also have a pen fixing day sometime in March.

## Tri Tronics Influential Members

Several members of the retriever group of MHGDC are influential members for Tri-Tronics.

We can get you e-collars, transmitters, electronic remote releasers etc. for a discounted price.

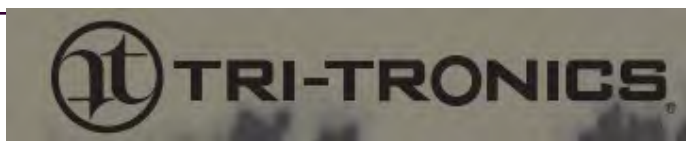
We can beat the local sporting good stores price on the basic "Sport Combo G3 exp" to the "Pro 500 G3 exp" to the "Upland G3 beeper".

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- Always stays on-light operation without taking your eyes off your dog
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- Receiver shows control panel momentary when on your dog
- Receiver includes Range/Rangeless mode, 4 tone tones, 2 light tones
- Multi-Tag receiver system allows multi-tagging system to identify dogs being trained

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- Tone activated on Receiver by setting tone level control dial to "1" position and pressing dog button
- Receiver, including the 1/2" LED Light Frequency changing button
- Charge indicator without damage and fully rechargeable battery
- Charging Adapter for standard car chargers
- Battery the indicator on Transmitter and Receiver, so you know when to charge
- Transmitter and Receiver
- Long lasting rechargeable, user replaceable, 1000mAh battery for Transmitter and Receiver
- Easy to attach Receiver control switch
- Comfortable and Transmitter case with 1/2" Rangeless mode (Receiver) and 1/2" Rangeless mode (Transmitter) and 1/2" Rangeless mode (Receiver) and 1/2" Rangeless mode (Receiver)
- 30 day money back guarantee
- 2 year comprehensive warranty

**UPLAND G3 BEEPER**

**UPLAND SP-G3EXP**  
The Upland SP-G3EXP is designed for the upland hunter and bird dog trainer. The choice of most hunters, the Upland SP-G3EXP gives you plenty of flexibility in every situation without requiring your bird dog. One easy-to-read, continuous tone gives you the precise control to stop a dog.

The Upland SP-G3EXP includes the Tri-Tronics beeper as you'll always know where your bird dog is and where he's going. Turn your beeper on and just right down your transmitter so you can hear it when you need it. A wide variety of momentary and continuous tones gives you the precise control to stop the behavior you want for the behavior desired.

The Upland SP-G3EXP is built specifically to connect up to most bird dogs. (Additional Collar and Receiver purchased separately)

# Spaniel Report

Congratulations to Jeff Squire for finishing a Senior Hunt Test title for Ruby. Kudos also to Olivia Steele -Mortimer for placing third in the Cocker National Field Trial with her cocker Spydie.

The Spaniels are training on Saturdays at the Horse Pasture. There are all levels of training with young dogs working on patterns and steadying and experienced dogs having fun finding and retrieving birds. An AKC Spaniel Field Trial will be held March 31 – April 1 at Fairweather Fishing Access. For more information contact Greg Johnson, [gdj@montana.edu](mailto:gdj@montana.edu) or 586-6323.

The Flushing Dog Evaluation Days will begin on Sunday, April 8. These events were moved to Sunday to avoid training conflicts. For more information on the flushing dog events contact one of the Spaniel Board members, Jeff Squire or Cheryl Johnson.

## Annual Meeting Donations:

The club would like to thank the following people and businesses for their generous donations that helped make our Annual Meeting a success:

Yellowstone Gateway Sports	Margo Ellis
Sam and Priscilla Robinson	Larry Michnevich
Randy and Tracey Setzer	Chris Winstead
Murdock's	Julie Heard
John and Keri Payne	Alice Pilgeram
EYES on MAiN (Jeff Squire)	David Barnes
Gordon Haugen	Jim Hoschouer
Kyle Barner	MHGDC
Al Gadoury	

I sincerely apologize if I missed anyone who contributed to the raffle/auction.



Announcing a Super Retriever Series Pro/Am Event at Yellowstone Dog Sports Canine Event Center in Red Lodge, Montana on June 30-July 1.

This event combines elements of both hunt tests and field trials and there will be CASH AWARDS for top 6 places in each division. For more information, go to [www.superretrieverseries.com](http://www.superretrieverseries.com)

Contact John Terraciano for more information. [jterraciano@hotmail.com](mailto:jterraciano@hotmail.com)



AACE is turning 4 this month, this is his 3rd combat deployment. AACE and I are responsible for searching and finding home made IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices) that the enemy places into the ground. I send him out usually 50 to 100 meters off leash hunting for the scent of IEDs. His obedience and outstanding nose is our greatest asset in my platoons fight against the threat of IEDs.

AACE with Lcpl McInnis operating Helmand Province Afghanistan