
◆ Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club ◆

OCT/DEC 2005

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Sam Robinson (C) 539-6119 (W) 585-5530
Vice President: Pat Dillon 995-2415
Secretary: Scott Benowitz 585-7101 Treasurer: Ray Bradley 587-8867
Retrievers: Ron Russell 333-4339
Pointers: JoAnn Kish 388-3200 Al Gadoury 586-3806
Spaniels: Bryan Blatt 388-5720 Jack Weiss 586-6365

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

- ◆ Board meetings at FWP for 2006
- ◆ Feb 21, Apr 18, Jun 20, Aug 15, Oct 17 & Dec 19
- ◆ Annual Meeting & Election of new officers and board Feb 25th, King Tool Building, Love Lane, Bozeman
- ◆ 6:00pm general members
- ◆ 5:00pm board members to set up

**MHGDC WEB SITE IS
UP AND
RUNNING CHECK IT
OUT!!!
@ mhgdc.org**

MHGDC Special Board Meeting

Minutes
10/18/05

A Special board meeting of the MHGDC board of Directors was called to order at 6:55 PM.

Board Members Present: Jack Weiss, Ray Bradley, Joann Kish, Bryan Blatt, Ron Russell, Sam Robinson, and Scott Benowitz.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect two (2) club members to the Board for the remainder of this year's term, as provided for in the By-Laws. One board member each representing the retriever group and the pointing dog group were to be elected. Two nominations were made for the pointing dog group Board position, and no nominations were made for the retriever group Board position. Al Gadoury won a majority vote, and will serve out the remainder of this year's term as a representative of the pointing dog group. The retriever group will only have one Board member representing that group for the remainder of this year's term.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

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Board Members Present: Jack Weiss, Ray Bradley, Joann Kish, Bryan Blatt, Ron Russell, Sam Robinson, and Scott Benowitz.

Members Present: Mark Donovan

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read from the 8/16/05 meeting and approved

Treasurer's Report: Savings-\$11,951.00, checking - \$8601.

Pointers: NASTRA results: to be provided

Spaniels: AKC Hunt test September 17-18. Results to be provided.

Retrievers: AKC Hunt Test results to be provided.

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

Upland Bird Challenge April 16, 2006. Same format as Pheasant Championship, using mix of birds. Organized by Bryan Blatt. Stay tuned for further details

Investment vehicle- Corporate resolution form signed by Board members. CD will be purchased as investment vehicle. Amount to be determined.

New training grounds: Bryan Blatt is chairing a committee to conduct a 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, or vmaxaviation@msn.com. Sam suggested looking at sub-leasing a State School Trust Land section. Discussion to be continued.

Training equipment inventory list received from retriever and spaniel groups.

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New Business:

Board approved purchase of 2-Blue Dot radios, tent bags and stakes, 6 tables, 24 chairs, and 6 "neckers".

Joann will coordinate spring bird order with Take Flight. Jack will figure out what the Spaniel Group needs for birds and let Joann know.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**MHGDC Board Meeting Minutes
12/20/05**

The meeting of the MHGDC Board of Directors was called to order at 6:10pm.

Board Members Present: Jack Weiss, Ray Bradley, Joann Kish, Bryan Blatt, AL Gadoury, Sam Robinson, and Scott Benowitz.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read from the 10/18/05 meeting and approved.

Treasurer's Report: 2-yr CD-\$12,008, checking - \$7,571.

Pointers: No report

Spaniels: No report

Retrievers: No report

Unfinished Business:

Upland Bird Challenge April 9th, 2006. Same format as Pheasant Championship, using mix of birds. Organized by

Investment vehicle - 2 yr CD @ 4.65% was purchased as investment vehicle. Purchase amount - \$11,000.

New training grounds: Bryan Blatt is chairing a committee to locate additional location the club can use for training. Call him at 388-5720, or vmaxaviation@msn.com if you have ideas. Members of Board visited Headwaters Upland Game site along Buffalo Jump Road in lower Madison Valley. Operator is willing to provide grounds for organized training and sponsored events. Board will re-visit site when snow melts for further evaluation. Looks promising. Bryan will contact State Land lessee north of Livingston about using that site.

Club will under take a clean-up project at the Fairweather Fishing Access Site next spring. Will establish date at Annual meeting.

Nominating Committee: Mike Vance, Kerri Payne, David Kirkland. List of nominees for 2006 Board: Sam Robinson - President; Dan Marsh - Vice President; JoAnn Kish - Treasurer; Scott Benowitz - Secretary; Al Gadoury and Wayne Frederickson - Spaniels; Mark Donovan and Larry Michnevich - Pointers; Kyle Barner and Pat Dillon - Retrievers.

New Business:

2006 meeting dates: Feb 21, Apr 18, Jun 20, Aug 15, Oct 17, Dec 19. Annual Game Feed Dec 19th after Board meeting. Ray will reserve FWP meeting room for those dates. Annual meeting at King Tool Feb 25.

Preliminary 2006 MHGDC event and training ground schedule:

NSTRA	March 11-12	Training Grounds
Spaniel Field Trial	April 1-2	Fairweather FAS
Upland Bird Challenge	April 9	Training Grounds
German Short Hair Grp	April 22-23	Training Grounds
Spaniel Picnic Trial	May 13	Training Grounds
Pointer Picnic Trial	May 20	Training Grounds
Spaniel Hunt Test	May 27-28	Training Grounds
Spaniel Picnic Trail	June 10	Training Grounds
Pointer Picnic Trial	June 17	Training Grounds
Griffon Group	June 24-25	Training Grounds
Snake Break	to be determined	to be determined
Annual Picnic	to be determined	to be determined
Spaniel Picnic Trial	July 8	Training Grounds
Pointer Picnic Trial	July 15	Training Grounds
Spaniel Picnic Trial	Aug 12	Training Grounds
Pointer Picnic Trial	Aug 19	Training Grounds
German Shorthair Grp	Aug 26-27	Training Grounds
Spaniel Hunt Test	Sep 16-17	Training Grounds

Porta Potty to be at training grounds March through September. Sam will reserve.

Sam pointed out that Spaniel Group has 18 regularly scheduled training days (including picnic trials) starting in March; Pointer Group 26 regularly scheduled training days (including picnic trials) starting in April.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

The Upland Bird Challenge will be held on April 9th, 2006. Teams will consist of one dog and two hunters. One hunter must be a member of MHGDC. Birds used will be two pheasants and three chukars. Entry fees will be \$65.00 and includes lunch. Until April 2nd, entries will be held to 4 pointer, 4 retriever and 4 spaniel entries and one entry per person. If quotas are not filled at that time, all entries will be accepted. Contact Bryan Blatt at 388-5720 or vmaxaviation@msn.com

The active retriever people have held discussions and it appears that MHGDC will not hold a retriever hunt test in 2006. The handful of active people have been involved for a number of years and are pretty much used up. We need to recruit new members and are considering 2006 as a rebuilding year. Treasure State Retriever Club is going to hold a second hunt test so there will not be a net loss in tests that our members can participate in.

We will commit our efforts to helping TSRC put on their two tests.

We are soliciting ideas to strengthen the retriever group. If you have ideas, suggestions or would like to be involved, please contact: Pat Dillon 995-2415, Kyle Barner 995-4319 or Randy Setzer 285-6724

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I hope everyone is having a successful hunting season so far. Overall this past year I would say the retriever group has a successful year. The retriever groups annual hunt test was held on July 30<sup>th</sup> & 31. While this year's hunt test was not as profitable in past years we still cleared approximately \$300.00. There were several factors for the smaller profits this year. The change of the date from June to July made for smaller fields, the cost of birds increased and we brought in Bill and Lynn Teague from Texas to judge.

Bill and Lynn had never been up to Montana before and they had a wonderful time up here. While it may cost a bit more to bring in judges from out of the area I think it is something that the club should try and continue to do. Bill and Lynn brought in a fresh perspective to the tests, and they were just a pleasure to work with.

The hunt test was held on Treasure State's grounds again this year and several members of the Treasure State club volunteered to work at our event. Several of our club members also volunteered their time to work at our event. I would like to mention those who volunteered to work the hunt test, should I leave your name off please forgive me it has been a while since the test and I am just getting older and more forgetful however your time and effort is greatly appreciated. Those who volunteered and that I can remember are: Pat and Barb Dillon, Randy and Tracey Setzer, Joe Braverman, Brian Herzog, Sally Butcher, Jack Weiss, Dave Carty, John Payne, Dan Marsh, volunteers from Treasure State club, Anne Olson, Mike and Julie Heard, Kris Hunt, Mike White & Willene Hunt. Thank you for taking your time and working at the hunt test, without

your wiliness to give your time and efforts this event would not take place. So thank you again.

Several of our members were able to make progress towards their titles this year and those who are playing in the field trials also had some success.

Randy Setzer and Shadow earned two legs towards their Senior Title. They need just two more legs for their Senior Title.

Brain Herzog and Maddie also earned two legs toward their Senior Title. That gives Maddie three of the four legs needed for their Senior title.

Pat Dillon and Jet finished up their Senior title and earned two legs towards their Master title. Pat and Ben earned one or two more legs on their Master title.

Chance and I played around in both the hunt test and field trials. We were able to finish up our Master Hunter title and now we are working on trying to make it to the 4<sup>th</sup> series in the Armatures. Those pesky blinds get us every time.

John Payne and Taz played around in the field trials and received several Jams in the Amateur stakes this year. John and Hobbie also did very well in the Derby this year. They ran in seven Derby's, finishing in 5 of the seven, earning 3 Jams, one RJ and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

Joe Braverman had a bitter sweet year. Rio placed 4<sup>th</sup> in an open to start the year off with a bang and also received several Jams in the open and Armature stakes. On a very sad note, Joe lost Rowdy to cancer earlier this year. Rowdy and Joe had a very special relationship. Those of us who were blessed to know Rowdy and were able to watch Joe and Rowdy work together know what I am talking about. They were a team and joy to watch work together. Our deepest sympathies go out to Joe and Lonna. Joe has young pup Lefty, earlier this year Lefty tore a cruciate, which left him on the injured reserve list most of the summer. However at Left's Derby debut he place 4<sup>th</sup>.

That is the news that I am aware of regarding the retrievers, if I missed some information please let Tracey know so that she can get it the newsletter. If I missed something or have some of the information incorrect I apologize, I am working off of my memory.

Thanks again to all who helped at the hunt test. Everyone have a wonderful hunting season, take care and have a grand day. Got to run, Chance is ready to go hunting.

Kerri

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - NOVEMBER 18, 2005

THANKSGIVING IS A TIME TO CELEBRATE  
MONTANA'S HUNTING TRADITION AND  
CONSERVATION MINDEDNESS

BY JEFF HAGENER, MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE &  
PARKS DIRECTOR

I was born and raised in Havre, and I've been a hunter and angler since I was old enough to go out with my dad and brothers. Like many other hunters, for me Thanksgiving is a time for family, and a time to hunt.

My early outdoor hunting experiences stirred an interest in natural resource management, particularly in wildlife management. Today, these experiences also make me grateful for the work of previous generations to restore species and retain public hunting and fishing access. Hunting and fishing, among other outdoor pursuits, seem to have led many Montanans to a deep interest in and commitment to the conservation of fish, wildlife and the wild places they need.

This year, that commitment was acknowledged in the most meaningful of ways. The 2005 Montana Legislature reauthorized three extremely important programs to hunters and anglers, the Habitat Montana Program, the Block Management Program and the Fishing Access Enhancement Program. Our legislators also authorized, for the first time since 1994, an increase in resident hunting and fishing license fees.

These measures will have an enormously positive impact on recreation in Montana and on the quality of our lives.

Popular with hunters and landowners, Block Management uses hunters' license dollars to open up about 8.5 million acres of additional hunting access across Montana each year. Habitat Montana has protected 250,000 acres of prime wildlife habitat statewide over the past ten years, also with the help of hunter license fees. Authorizing legislation for both programs had been scheduled to end in early 2006.

Lawmakers also made permanent the Fishing Access Enhancement Program, which provides incentives to landowners who grant anglers access across private land to Montana's rivers and streams.

These three laws recognize just how vital access and natural landscapes are to the lifestyles and traditions Montanans hold dear. Habitat is the key to conserving all of our wildlife species, whether it is managed big game or other species like prairie fish and loons. Access to fish and hunt is another prerequisite to continuing our hunting and angling traditions.

Finally, FWP's ability to maintain its programs and services was affirmed when the Legislature authorized an increase in resident hunting and fishing license fees. The last time resident fees went up was in 1994. This move reversed a trend that would have resulted in a multi-million dollar budget shortfall for FWP. The new fees, which go into effect on March 1, 2006, include discounts for youth, seniors, and disabled citizens.

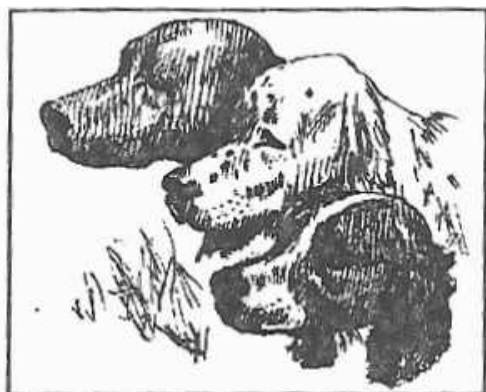
Taken together, these actions are a reaffirmation of Montanans' hunting and angling traditions and conservation mindedness.

Thanksgiving this year will again be a time for family and a time to hunt-and I hope a time when those who love the Montana outdoors can take time to celebrate an important year for fish and wildlife conservation.

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**Pointing Dogs Trained**

Whoa - Heel - Come - Force Fetch

Steady to Wing & Shot

Limited Enrollment, 5 month program, References

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