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"a pointing dog club"

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

Our last newsletter came out just before the banquet. I want to thank Judy and Gary Weitenhagen for arranging the banquet again this year. Scott Harrison was a terrific help with the banquet. In addition he did a great job with the trophies.

Speaking of Trophies

This year's awards went to:

The **Sportsman's award** was awarded to Judy Weitenhagen for always being there to set up the banquets as well as donating so many lunches. Our sincerest appreciation to Judy!

Gary Schroeder and his German Wirehaired Pointer "Millie" were awarded the **Fun Trial trophy**. Congratulations Gary! You have really worked hard with your little girl. It is nice to see your hard work pay off!



The **Kopenski cup** went to Mike Smith and his dog "Max". If you have not had the opportunity to see Max run, you have really missed some great dog work. Congratulations Mike! You are an inspiration about the kind of the results you can get when you spend some time training your own dog.

The **puppy of the year** went to Carol Ptak and "Z". This impressive wirehaired pointing griffon is also known as Am Intl Ch UCH Zerrubbabel von Herrenhausen SH NAVHDA NA Prize I. The little fuzzy face won the fun trial held the weekend immediately after the banquet. Be on the lookout for this rising star. Carol just shared with me that he qualified in four out of four hunt tests last weekend to not only finish his AKC Senior Hunter title but then moved up less than an hour later to run his first Master Hunter with the highest scores of the day. Like Mike, this is a good example of an owner who took a little time to do some training and the results you can get.



Speaking of Fun trials

The last newsletter was just before the banquet. Look at the next page for the results of all the

fun trials. Congratulations to everyone who placed. Everyone who ran seemed to have a great time. Of course the season for fun trials and NSTRA trials ends with the NW NSTRA regional trial.

Speaking of the NW NSTRA regional

There were two dogs from the GSBDA who ran at the NW Regional Trial. Mike Smith's Copper was handled by Paul Snyder. I went with Rueben. For those of you who did not attend, it was a weekend for the books! In the first qualifying run on Saturday for Copper, they were giving the 10 minute call to the blind. There

was no Copper in sight. Copper sure made an entrance on a Mustang directly to the blind just in the nick of time. (4 tires not 4 hooves). Paul turned Copper loose and I am watching the brace. I noticed that Copper isn't tearing the field up like he usually does. He is getting around but isn't moving too good. He does

find 2 birds and does a great job on the birds. However he just isn't the dog we have always known. As it turned out, Copper apparently wanted a tour of the countryside before the trial and jumped over his kennel fence. He was run-

ning the hills of Yakima for 36 hours and was caught up and driven directly to the line. Still he did a great job for Paul

Time for Rueben to go to the front line. He came out of the field with three finds and three retrieves and a back for 705 points. This qualified him for his second run on Sunday.

Barry gave me the great news that Rueben is in the top 6. Rueben is in the first brace of the day and is running with Tony Tohmeh and his dog Pacci. Rueben comes out with three finds and two retrieves against Pacci's two and two. I am kicking myself for a handling mistake which cost Rueben his other retrieve. Rueben is now second placed dog at that point. This is incredible given the boy is 10years old! This placement holds until the 4th brace. Jim Shank is running Brick and Ray Middleton is running Nike. Nike comes out of the field with a 3-3 which puts Rueben into 3rd place. Rueben takes third in the regional championship at the

age of 10. No dog has ever made the top 6 at that age much less place. Rueben then retired from active competition. If he is having a good day, we may still run from time to time for old times sake.

The final results for the regional championship are:
Diamond and Mike Stotts 5 birds - 1143 points
Nike and Ray Middleton - 497 points
Rueben 3rd 561 (minus 85 for my bad handling!)
Pacci 4th 554.5
Leon - Barry Wild's dog running for Jeff Westbrook 489.5
6th George Clark and his dog Tyson.

For more information on what is going on in the Northwest NSTRA, check out the webpage at www.nw-nstra.org. In addition to the trial, there was a NW NSTRA meeting and wonderful barbeque.

Speaking of Barbeques

The next GSBDA will be our annual barbeque, meeting and training day. This is not a fun trial but rather a training day. I spoke earlier in this message about the benefit of spending time training and the results you can achieve. The barbeque will be August 1 at 10 am at Gryphon Ranch. If you need directions, go to www.gryphonranch.com. If there is sufficient interest we will hold more training days. Quail will be available for purchase at Gryphon Ranch. The club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a dish to pass. Call Ron at (253) 208-5269 to reserve your spot

October starts hunting season. Training days will help. Really get serious about getting your dog trained - then come on out. If you have a friend, have them join the GSBDA. Together you will gain the knowledge on how to train your own bird dog. You must be a GSBDA member to run any of the fun trials or attend the training days. As always safety comes first at any GSBDA event.

Looking forward, we will discuss at the barbeque the activities everyone wants to have. Remember that this is a working club and if everyone does a little bit, we will have a great success again this year.

Ron Trask

Birds for Sale

Great training birds for starting a pup or putting the final touches on a green broke dog.

Tibetan quail are \$5 each.

Bobwhite quail are \$7 each.

Pheasant - chicks, started and fully mature - call for current availability and pricing.

Call for special pricing for larger quantities. NPIP approved. Call (360) 736 0674

••••• SNAKE AVOIDANCE TRAINING CLINIC •••••

- Get ready for hunting season now. There will be a snake Avoidance Training Clinic held at Gryphon Ranch August 22 and 23. If you are interested contact Barry Wild at (360) 877-5693 or erine@hctc.com to make your reservation.

Fun Trial results

Last fun trial at Ft. Lewis chaired by Walt Schinnell

1st place Flirt with Mark Spong
2nd place Bear with Mark Spong
3rd place Red with Lonnie Johnson

February 28, 2009

A field

1st - Sugar with Mark Spong (874 points)
2nd - Ruger with D. Johnson (744 points)
3rd - Lilly with Bob Gribble (705 points)
Rising star - Tama with Reynolds (685 points)

B field

1st - Z with Carol Ptak (637.5 points)
2nd - Jack with Dominic (367 points)
3rd - Deuce with Emerey (365 points)
Rising star - Molly with Scott Kramer (323 points)

Congratulations to all!

**Don't miss the last event of the season
GSBDA Barbeque and Training Day
August 1, 2009 11 am
Call Ron Trask 253 208 5269**

FREE Space Available for YOUR ad

New litter of pups? Looking for a stud dog? Have a dog available at stud?

Looking for a carpool to out of town NSTRA events?

Advertise in the GSBDA newsletter and website for no charge - another membership benefit. Just contact Carol Ptak at carol@gryphonranch.com or (360) 736-0674 to have it included in the next newsletter.

GSBDA would like to congratulate Ron for his awesome regional run with Rueben and finishing third. No dog Rueben's age has ever made it to the top 6 much less placed! Rumor has it Rueben is looking for a new handler. Something about Ron messing him up on two retrieves?

**Greater Seattle
Bird Dog Association
Membership Application**

“A Pointing Dog Club”

GSBDA is a working club. Each member will be expected to volunteer at least one event per year.
\$30.00 for the rest of the year/per family

New Member _____ Renewal _____

Name: _____

(As you wish them to appear on the address label—one line please)

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ ZipCode _____

Phone Numbers (with area code): Home: _____ Work _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____ e-mail _____

Are you a NSTRA member: _____ Yes _____ No

Breeds of dogs you own/Train _____

Your Interests: _____

What would you like to see, do or get from GSBDA? _____

What areas can you volunteer for to help GSBDA? _____

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