

# GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION 2005 NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY SHANNON FITZGERALD

Or, perhaps that should be titled ex-President's address! Congratulations to Lonnie Johnson for his election as the next GSBDA President, and to all the others who were elected or re-elected as various officers and board members. I'll be working with Lonnie to make a smooth transition and will then step back into a position on the GSBDA Board of Directors. This election usually occurs in November each year, but through a change in our bylaws, approved by the Board last spring and duly voted in at the summer meeting and BBQ, officers will now be elected at the summer meeting. This allows more time for an outgoing officer to assist one that is coming in new. Please help me to welcome all new and returning officers. The club certainly cannot keep going without individuals willing to step forward and take a turn at these positions.

I was out at sea this summer, and so I missed both the summer BBQ and the training seminar put on by R.J. Marquart. I've heard from a number of participants that both of these events were very successful. The BBQ was highlighted by the award of the Kopenski Cup to the high-point dog for the spring field trial season. Congrats are due to Scott Harrison and Duke, who took on all comers and came away with the trophy by coring 22 points this spring. Great going Scott!

Where do we need help in getting ready for 2006? Most of the trial dates, both NSTRA and fun events,

are scheduled but some chairpersons are still needed. Right now the most critical needs are for people to lead and organize the **Annual Banquet** and the booth at the **Sportsman's Show**. If anyone is interested in either of these very critical jobs please contact me or Lonnie. As always, when you see a chairperson listed for an event that you can attend, please

**Congratulations to Scott Harrison and Duke, who took on all comers and came away with the Kopenski Cup as the high-point dog for the spring field trial season by scoring 22 points this spring.**

call them and offer your help to make the event a success. It is really difficult to ring through the membership list searching for volunteers, and these events certainly cannot happen without us all pitching in. I'm just saying that as a reminder, because we put out the call for folks to step forward last year and quite a few of you did. Running the various events was much easier, and it wasn't left to the same old gang of four or five to always set up and take down. Thanks to all of you who helped!

It is especially important for someone to step forward to organize the annual Banquet. This is usually held in January of each year (preferably after the hunting season is over!). We convene early for "liar's hour" and then hand out our annual or bi-annual awards, followed by what is usually a rousing time during the fundraising auction. So think ahead

to January everyone! Lonnie will need to receive your nominations for puppy of the year and sportsman of the year. We'll also hand out the fun trial dog of the year award and the coveted Kopenski Cup will go to the high-point dog for the fall season. And, we'll need donations for the auction.

With that, I just want to say that it has been an honor to be part of this group for so many years, and to have served as president for the last year. I really appreciate the opportunity to work

with others to hold these events, but more importantly to get together on training days and generally improve on dog-handling skills. I hope you are all having great fall hunting and/or trialing seasons, and look forward to seeing you at the Banquet.

All the best!

*Shannon Fitzgerald*

## **Plan Ahead** Coming soon to a field near you!

### **February 11, 2005**

The first fun trial of the season is right around the corner! Val Calder volunteered to step up and organize this for us. Contact Val at 253-946-4556 or E-mail: [VAPA@comcast.net](mailto:VAPA@comcast.net).

Thanks Val for stepping forward on this! Won't you please call Val and offer to help?

## GSBDA FUN TRIAL RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Safety First: all participants in the field will wear hunter orange. Common firearm safety practices are employed.
2. Gunners will have chambers empty and open and shells in the magazine (pumps, bolt-action, and autos) or shells in the chamber but gun broke (overunders and doubles) until a find is called, no running in the field, and safety can be called by the gunner, handler, or the judge.
3. Once a safety is called no shots are to be fired for that find.
4. Participants should have fun – fun trials are held to promote better dog work.
5. NSTRA rules for running trials and braces are generally followed except as noted.
6. Braces are 20 minutes long.
7. Participants should enjoy themselves, and use the event to their best advantage.
8. 5 birds are planted in the first brace, with 4 birds per brace afterwards.
9. Judges should carry a quail with them. If no finds are made after 15 minutes, a bird can be planted for the dog and the handler can lead the dog to the bird for practice. If a trial is short on birds this practice will be suspended by the Chairman.
10. NSTRA guidelines for assessing dog work are generally followed.
11. Cost is \$25 per run except when grounds need to be rented or birds other than quail are used.
12. Trial fees must be paid prior to a run.
13. If a handler must cancel after fees are paid, prior to the run, fees are forfeited. However, the Chairperson has the discretion to reimburse the handler if another paying handler can be found.
14. All training aids are allowed in the field including leads, e-collars, bells, and others.
15. If your dog picks a fight you need to remove it from the field immediately.
16. If you pick a fight with your dog you will be removed from the field immediately (no kicking, hitting, biting, throwing, or other excessive use of force).
17. Enjoy yourself – this is a fun event.
18. All dogs can run in the fun event.
19. Be courteous to your brace mate. If a dog is out of control and interferes constantly with a brace mate or runs into a NSTRA field the judge or Chairman can direct you to pick the dog up and remove it from the field. Failure to comply may jeopardize your ability to enter future events.
20. Braces are not drawn randomly as in NSTRA – the chairman sets up dogs of nearly equivalent ability in braces whenever possible.
21. Members cannot ask for a specific brace time, or the first or last brace of the trial. Chairman should however accommodate run times as much as possible by pooling requests into morning or afternoon sessions.
22. When fun trials are held concurrently with NSTRA trials the Chairman will coordinate with the NSTRA chair to ensure a handler does not have a conflict with their NSTRA runs, which are drawn randomly and have precedence.
23. A dog's first run of the day is used for possible placement (if eligible). Subsequent runs are encouraged and provide excellent training opportunities.
24. The Chairman has the final say on brace pairings and run times.
25. Do not put your canine companion in a position to fail or do poor dog work.
26. If your dog does not back, do not handle it into another dog that is on a find.
27. If your dog does back, you must hold the dog by the collar for two minutes while the other dog work is going on. After two minutes you can lead your dog away and start handling again.
28. Fees cannot be reimbursed should a dog be disqualified (DQ'd) by the handler, judge, or chairperson during a brace.
29. Wild-flushed birds that stay in the field are marked birds. Both parties must be aware of the bird and wait 2 minutes before a dog can be worked in on it.
30. Birds that flush after having been pointed but remain in the field are scored-on birds and cannot be used for another find. If possible, take the bird out of play.
31. When a find is established at end of the 20 minute brace and time runs out, an extra 3 minutes will be allowed to finish the piece of work. If the dog moves or is relocated the brace is ended.
32. Dogs that have placed in NSTRA or a broke dog stake (AKC, CKC) are not eligible for fun trial placement.
33. Fun trial dog-of-the-year winners are no longer eligible for fun trial placement.
34. All other dogs of any age are eligible for fun trial placements.
35. Dogs up to 30 months old are eligible for the derby award.
36. Fun trials should be used to promote good dog work.
37. Fun trial dog of the year winners will be selected using a point system, with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and derby placements earning 4, 3, 2, and 1 points respectively for each trial.

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**GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL CLUB MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 7, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 pm by Vice President Ron Trask. Other officers present were, Treasurer Carol Amtower, Secretary Tracy Prezeau, and Board Members Barry Wild, Kathy Sybouts, Guy Pollack and Val Calder.

The two amendments to the By-Laws were discussed. It was regularly moved and seconded to amend Article V Section B to read as follows:

**ANNUAL MEETING.** The annual meeting shall be held in No-  
vember (**during the summer**) at a suitable location (**and date**) as determined by the Board. At this meeting the officers and Directors for the ensuring year shall be elected by written, secret ballot from among those nominated in accordance with Section D of this Article. They shall take office immediately upon conclusion of the election and each retiring officer shall turn over to his/her successor in the office all properties and records relating to that office within 30 days after the election.”

**Motion Carried**

It was regularly moved and seconded to amend Article V Section D to read as follows:

**NOMINATIONS.** During the month of September (**May**), the Board shall select a nominating committee consisting of three members, not more than one of whom shall be a member of the Board. The Secre-

tary shall immediately notify the committee persons of their selection. The Board shall name a chairperson for the committee and it shall be his/her duty to call a committee meeting which shall be held on or before October 15<sup>th</sup> (**June 15<sup>th</sup>**).

1. The committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each office and Board position then immediately report their nominations to the Secretary. The committee must obtain acceptance by each candidate so nominated.

2. Additional nominations may be made at the November (**Summer**) annual meeting by members in attendance, provided that the person so nominated does not decline the nomination and provided further that, if the proposed candidate is not present, his proposer shall present to the Secretary a statement from the proposed candidate stating his/her willingness to serve.

**Motion Carried**

Nominating Committee Chairperson, Guy Pollack presented the list of nominated candidates for each office. The list of nominated candidates is as follows

President: Lonnie Johnson  
Secretary Tracy Prezeau  
Vice President Ron Trask  
Publicity Carol Ptak  
Treasurer Carol Amtower

**Board of Directors**

Brian Hansen  
David Downing  
Dwayne Boggs  
Guy Pollack  
Shannon Fitzgerald  
Val Calder

**NSTRA Trophy Chairman**

Scott Harrison

It was regularly moved and seconded to accept all proposed nominated candidates.

**Motion Carried**

The membership was reminded that the annual Sportsman’s Show is scheduled for January 28, 2006.

The annual GSBDA Banquet is scheduled for January 21, 2006. The idea of using old membership lists to invite more people to the banquet was discussed and informally adopted.

All in attendance agreed that RJ Marquart’s training seminar was extremely beneficial.

The Kopensky Cup was awarded to Scott Harrison and his dog Duke’s True Grit with twenty-two points.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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*This and that.....*

**A big THANK YOU**

To all those who participated in RJ Marquart's training seminar in August. Everyone agreed it was a smash success and that Val's barbeque was delicious.

**Don't miss it!**

The annual GSBDA Banquet is scheduled for January 21, 2005. If you are interested in coordinating this event, please contact Ron Trask at 253-862-0883

**Upcoming NSTRA Trials**

Unfortunately at newsletter press time the Northwest schedule was not yet posted on line. For information on local events contact Northwest

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**Sportsman's Show**

**January 28, 2006**

Anyone who has worked this show will tell you how much fun it is. Call Val Calder to let him know when you can be there to work the booth. Contact Val at 253-946-4556 or E-mail: [VAPA@comcast.net](mailto:VAPA@comcast.net).

**Note from the editor**

Think about sharing your stories and pictures with your fellow club members. Please send inputs to [captak@attglobal.net](mailto:captak@attglobal.net) or call me at (253) 884-6463. I would appreciate your comments, stories, suggestions, and any other ideas. How about sharing your brags about all the wonderful things you and your dog are doing together?

This is YOUR newsletter, I am merely the editor so please send along your pictures and news to share with other GSBDA members.

If you do not have pictures in an electronic format, please send them to PO Box 178, Lakebay, WA 98349 and they will be returned to you after the newsletter is mailed.



# 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? \_\_\_\_\_

**Make your checks payable to: GSBDA**

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31.



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