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“a pointing dog club”

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

First the good news - Max a Brittany owned by Mike Smith and run by our own Barry Wild won the regional with 4 points and 4 retrieves and a back and then 5 points and 5 retrieves and a back in a big run against tough competition from Tony Tomain and Mocha. Tony and Mocha were the number one team last year. The final results were:

Place Registered Name

Owner Score

1 [MAGNUM MAX POWER](#)

MIKE SMITH 914

2 [WILDRIVER MOCHAS TOPAZ](#)

ANTOINE TOHMEH 597

3 [SAMSON OF SNOW VALLEY](#)

JOHN MINK 610

4 [ECHO'S MAGIC BUDDY](#)

MIKE OUCHIDA 554

These results show what a little work on training can do and will do. Max is a great example. Mike did not run Max himself. Instead Barry Wild ran the dog and Max handled well for someone else. This is a good demonstration of how training works. Mike when asked how old Max is doing, his response is “Max is Max”. A great story from the regional was Max pulling Barry to the line. This was unusual since Max is trained to not do that. When release Max ran out about 30 yards and stuck his first point. Always trust your hunting dog!

In addition to enjoying these great runs Max, Copper and Winnie will represent the Northwest at higher

levels at Emo, Indiana. Training is best done in small increments not in a big commitment. Remember that a little bit of training consistently applied will be rewarded by noticeable results! We have two dogs out of our club at the top at the regional level.

Now the bad news – Mike Ouchida lost Echo. Mike - our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Scott Harrison's Duke has come down with a very serious lung infection. My own Ajax suffered from an unknown malady and was on his death bed but is now on the mend.

Our NSTRA field trial was scheduled for June 21 & 22 but unfortunately has to be canceled due because of the Fort's need to use the grounds.

Our next event will be a barbeque, election and meeting on August 16 from 10am - 5 pm at Scott Harrison's house. We will also award the Kopenski Cup at this meeting. A great club needs everyone to do just a little bit. How about you? What area interests you? You can volunteer to help at just one fun trial or just one NSTRA trial or you can volunteer for the whole year on the board of directors. Whatever your time and whatever your talents - **your** club needs you.

Bring your dog and especially those puppies for this great training opportunity. There will be no shooting but lots of great training. This will include yard training, puppy development and handling skills. We will

train on birds but Scott lives in a no shooting zone but we can use blank pistols. There is a deck overlooking the dog work area so you will be able to learn by just watching others train. Don't miss this great opportunity.

Gary, Judy, Scott and Jesse are doing lunch. You don't have to bring anything. However, if you do want to bring something call Scott at 425 239 0386. At the barbeque we will also hold our annual election. All board positions are open. and would like new members to step up. See the directions to Scott's place on the back page.

Be careful of running dogs in the field right now due to heavy concentrations of seeds.

From the nursery, Ajax and Ruben will have two new puppies to play with. Carol Ptak is bringing home a pup in mid August that was sired by her Nietzsche from semen collected before his passing last October from a bad vaccine.

New schedules are forthcoming. The plan is to spread them out a little bit over the trial season.

I will be out at the fort doing some training. Please contact me if you are interested in coming out. This is the time to get tuned up for hunting season.

Ron Trask

Quail for Sale

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

Japanese quail are \$3.50 each.

Pharaoh quail are \$4.50 each.

Tibetan quail are \$5.00 each.

Call for special pricing for larger quantities. NPIP approved.

(360) 736 0674

Don't miss the 2008 Barbeque, Annual Meeting, Election and Training Day August 16 - 10 am - 5 pm

Join us at Scott Harrison's house (with 3 bathrooms) at 10832 76th Drive NE Marysville 98271 Take 88th Street exit off I5. Turn right go to 67th Avenue. Turn left (North) to 108th Street. At the 4 way stop turn right and go by a cow pasture at the base of the hill. This is the start of the property Turn left on 76th. Immediately after Lavender Hills Farms turn left. Go straight. There are 5 driveways. Take the center driveway. Scott's house is the last house.

The focus will be on young dogs, getting ready for hunting season, and yard work. There will be no birds killed. This will be a fun day with dogs and dog people. See you there.

**Greater Seattle
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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: _____ Zip Code _____

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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