



**Greater Seattle Bird Dog
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"a pointing dog club"

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

A big thank you to Scott Harrison and Jes Mercer-Harrison for hosting the annual barbecue and training day. It was a wonderful day and I believe that everyone that was there learned something new. Thanks also go to Gary and Judy Weitenhagen who helped with lunch. Unfortunately there were not enough people in attendance for a legitimate vote. The club business will be handled at the banquet. At the picnic, Gary's dog Charlie took Kopenki cup home once again! Congratulations to Gary. Judy was elected as the club secretary.

Congratulations to Andrew and Heather Plyler on the birth of their new baby boy - the two legged variety. Everyone is doing great!

I am pleased to announce the spring trial schedule. We will hold a fun trial during the same weekend as the NSTRA trial on Saturday. At the current time we do not have a fun trial chair. The only way we will have these fun trials is if we have someone step forward to chair these trials. We have put in for 21 W with Area 15 as a backup

Feb 7 -8 NSTRA trial - Chair: Ron Trask
Fun trial Saturday only - Chair ??

March 7-8 NSTRA trial - Chair: Ron Trask
Fun trial Saturday only - Chair ??

April 4-5 NSTRA trial - Chair: Mike Smith
Fun trial Saturday only - Chair ??

Due to rising feed and transportation cost, bird cost has risen again and we are now paying \$5.75 birds. The entry fees for the 2009 trials will be \$40 entry fees for NSTRA trials and \$35 for the fun trials. If you would like to order birds for your training use, you will need to contact Barry Wild at least 2 weeks prior. There will be no extra birds ordered so if you want birds, you will need to plan ahead. Your birds will be waiting for you at the trial site so you can just come to pick them up and go home if you would like.

We are looking for a new bird planter. This is a paid position. The bird planter needs a 4 wheeler. Contact Ron Trask if you are interested.

If you recently got a new pup, I can't recommend highly enough how smart it is to get AKC insurance 60 days free. During a recent medical issue with Ajax. The bill was a whopping \$2700. I had to pay the \$125 deductible and the co-pay for a total of \$500. I got a check from them for \$2,200. Batman went through similar circumstances but unfortunately I hadn't registered him with the AKC yet so I didn't have the insurance and I had to foot the whole bill. Hunting dogs get hurt - think about the AKC insurance on your pup.

Looking forward, some of the activities we have planned are listed. Please note where we still need volunteers. Remember that this is a working club and if everyone does a little bit, we will have a great success again this year. If we do not get volunteers for the fun trials, there will not be any.

Thank you to Judy and Gary Weitenhagen for arranging the **banquet** again this year. You will receive a separate mailing about the banquet. If you haven't please contact Judy or Gary at 360-659-0519.

The **Sportsman's Show** is at the Puyallup Fairground from January 21st to 25th. People are needed for setup. Members are also needed to staff the booth during the show. If you volunteer you get into the show free! Remember that puppies cannot be sold at the show. Please do plan on bringing your favorite hunting companion with you to the show. Thanks to Val Calder for stepping up to chair this event again. Please contact **Val** at **253-946-4556** or **206-615-2535** to volunteer.

Fun trials - the format this year will be a fun trial on Saturday with a single open/amateur trial running in the other field. You must be a GSBDA member to run any of the fun trials. As always safety comes first at any GSBDA event. The cost will be \$35 for the fun trial. The event dates for 2009 are on the back of this newsletter. Lunch is not provided.

Volunteers are needed for each of these trials. Remember when everyone does just a little, then nobody is stuck doing everything. Remember that the leftover birds will go first to the volunteers and then will be sold to other attendees.

Remember that you must be a NSTRA member to run in a NSTRA trial. We are planning a quarterly newsletter this year with reminder cards sent ahead of the major events. If you have anything you wish to advertise send your inputs to Carol Ptak at captak@attglobal.net. Check out website at www.gsbda.org for GSBDA updates and upcoming events and nw-nstra.org for regional events.

May you all have a wonderful holiday and 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.

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

Spring NSTRA trials

Greater Seattle Bird Dog Assn.

February 7&8, 2009

Fort Lewis WA

Format: Open-Amateur, Double/Double

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per run

Trial Chair: Ron Trask

11610 205th Ave E. Bonney Lake Wa 98391

253-862-0883 home 253-208-5269 cell

Three Rivers Bird Dog Club

February 28 and March 1, 2009

Fuller Ranch, Kennewick WA

Format: Double/Double

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per run

Trial Chair: Bruce Dickey

2311 W. 29th Ave. Kennewick, Wa. 99337

509-585-6215 outlawsatlarge@msn.com

Entries post marked no later than Feb. 8, 2009

Greater Seattle Bird Dog Association

March 7&8 2009 Fort Lewis WA

Format: Open-Amateur, Double/Double

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per run

Trial Chair: Ron Trask

Greater Columbia PDC

March 21 & 22, 2009 Wamic, OR

Format: Open-limited, double/double

Entry fee: \$ 40.00 per run

Trial Chair: Mike Ouchida

6339 SE Beverly Milwaukie, OR 97222

503 775-5056 mgouchida@comcast.net

Clearwater Pointing Dog Club

March 28 &29, 2008

Asotin County Wingshooters, Asotin WA

Format: Open-limited, Double/Double

Entry fee: \$40.00 per run

Trial chair: Ray Proctor

P.O. Box 925 Asotin, WA 99402

509-243-5243

Greater Seattle Bird Dog Association

Apr 4&5 2009 Fort Lewis WA

Format: Open-Amateur, Double/Double

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per run

Trial Chair: Mike Smith

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McCleary Wa 98557

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**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: _____ 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

Mail to:
Carol Amtower
733 Algona Blvd N.
Algona, WA 98001

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2009



1760 Lincoln Creek Road
Rochester, WA 98579

FREE Space Available for **YOUR** ad

New litter of pups?

Looking for a stud?

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 captak@attglobal.net or (360) 736-0674 to have it included in the next newsletter.