

# GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION 2005 NEWSLETTER



"Millie"

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## JUNE/JULY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY SHANNON FITZGERALD

Summer greetings to everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and enjoying another less-rainy-than-usual June. I haven't heard how GSBDA members fared at the Northwest Regional Trial, but I know that some very good dogs and handlers were running.

We had a great fun event, chaired by Willy Boyer, on June 12 due to the NSTRA trial having to be cancelled. Thanks for pulling that together Willy, and thanks to all those who helped out. These events are not possible without someone willing to organize it, supported by plenty of back-up help from our members.

At the end of that event a number of questions came up regarding rules and guidelines for fun events. One issue brought forward was whether or not dogs older than 30 months could qualify for a placement.

The answer is that they can, as long as they have not placed in a sanctioned NSTRA or AKC broke dog trial. The 30 month cutoff was a rule we made for derby dogs only. Previously, it had been 24 months but that often meant that only 1 or 2 dogs were qualified.

So, with these questions in mind, and having run plenty of fun events over the years myself, I listed out my current understanding of the fun event rules and guidelines. Please contact me if you think any of these are wrong, or should be changed. I'd like to get them clarified before the end of this year, and have them available to everyone. We will include them in the user's guide for members that is being worked up. The main thing to remember is that this is a fun event – it is there for a variety of purposes such as tuning up dogs for their NSTRA runs, assessing where you are in training your dog, getting the old vets afield so that they can relive some of their past glories,

working with other club members to get help and advice on handling, and having a good time. If by chance you happen to get a ribbon to take home that is great, but don't let the pursuit of those ribbons spoil your fun and training efforts!

Val Calder was able to get Fort Lewis Area 21 for us in early August, and we were able to get R.J. Marquart in to do a training seminar. We are still working out the details, but it will be a follow-up from the seminar he provided in 2003. We will have R.J. present some intermediate to advanced training techniques. This should be interesting to all so please come. R.J. does a great job.

Also wanted everyone to know that we have voted to change the bylaws and move our annual membership meeting from November to the summer picnic/

barbeque. Since we have some grounds for the training seminar, we decided to do the meeting and picnic on that Saturday evening (August 6). Club officers will be voted in, and the coveted Kopenski Cup will be presented to the high point NSTRA dog for the winter/spring of 2005, so please plan on attending. Let me know if you are interested in, or at least willing to take on, a position as an officer or board member. I have yet to appoint a nominations committee, but will do that this week. Ron Trask is the contact point for the membership meeting and picnic. Sorry, but I'll be out of town for the first couple of weeks in August and unable to attend. In my absence don't elect me to anything you'll be sorry for!

Finally, we are always interested in making improvements to the club and tending to the needs of our members. I've included a very short survey that I hope you will all fill out and send back to me. Just name the three things you like most about the club, the three areas where you feel improvements could be made or new items added, and then send it in to me. One-liners are fine, or write a couple paragraphs if you see fit. I'll collate the information and report on the results when the fall newsletter comes out. That should give us time to work on some issues before the 2006 season is underway.

All the best,  
*Shannon Fitzgerald*

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## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Training Seminar

R.J. Marquart will conduct a training seminar on **August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>** at Fort Lewis Area 21E. All GSBDA club members are welcome to attend. Intermediate to advanced training techniques and problem-solving will be presented. Details will be provided soon.

### GSBDA Membership meeting and summer picnic/barbeque

Our annual membership meeting will be held on **August 6** during the summer picnic. Please bring a potluck dish and something for the grill. Events will begin at about 5:00 PM, after the training seminar, starting off with the standard storytelling, bragging and liars hour. Potluck will begin around 6:00 PM followed by election of officers and board members and award of the Kopenski Cup. Please plan to attend and support your club!

### Judges Seminar

The northwest region will be holding a judges seminar on **July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Fullers ranch in the Tri Cities.

There are very few judges in the GSBDA at this time. This makes it very hard to find judges for our trials. The judges that are judging usually trade with judges from other clubs to fill GSBDA clubs judging duties which makes them judge at least three or four trials a year to help the club.

Consider attending this seminar if you do not have your judge's card and if you are running dogs in NSTRA. Judging duties can then be spread out over a number of people. It really isn't fair for the people who judge to have to drive hundreds of miles to get the same amount of runs that non judges get without leaving their home grounds. Barry Wild has already offered to do one GSBDA trial so let's all step up and do our part.

This will be one of the best seminars we have had because all of the instructors and all of the present judges plan on attending. We can all be on the same page for the next NSTRA season. The new NSTRA guidelines and rules will be taught. Even if you don't think you really want to judge, consider going to learn more about the judging process. There will be carpools going to the seminar. If you are interested in one, contact Barry Wild

Home: 360-877-5693

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[ernine@hctc.com](mailto:ernine@hctc.com)

and he will try to set you up with one.

### NSTRA Trials

#### August 27-28

Republic Kiwanis

Double/Triple

Location: K<>K Ranch, Republic, WA

Chair: John Glenewinkel

(509) 775-0668

[jglenewinkel@republic.wednet.edu](mailto:jglenewinkel@republic.wednet.edu)

#### September 10-11

Clearwater Pointing Dog Club

Double/Double

Location: Snow Farms, Pullman, WA

Chair: Jerry Youmans

(208) 743-7584

[jerconn@cableone.net](mailto:jerconn@cableone.net)

#### September 17-18

Greater Columbia PDC

Double/Double

Location: Driver Ranch, Wamic, OR

Chair: Mike Ouchida

(503) 775-5056

[mouchida@cs.com](mailto:mouchida@cs.com)

#### September 24-25

Three Rivers Bird Dog Club

Double/Double

Location: Fuller Ranch, Kennewick, WA

Chair: Jim Fuller

(509) 627-2839 [jfuller@owt.com](mailto:jfuller@owt.com)

#### October 26-29

NSTRA Dog of the Year Trial

Amo, Indiana

Entry deadline Sept 10, entry fee \$125 to NSTRA, 226 N. Mill St #2, Plainfield, IN 46168 Qualification subject to regional placement and Hi point standing

All trials are \$35 per entry run except where noted. Send completed entry form with correct entry fee directly to the trial chair.

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**MEMBERSHIP SURVEY**

**List three things you like about the GSBDA**

(1)

(2)

(3)

**List three areas where you would like to see improvement**

(1)

(2)

(3)

Please return completed survey by August 31, 2005 to:

**Shannon Fitzgerald**  
**15559 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE**  
**Seattle WA 98155**

# 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 (now half price for the balance of the year)

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**

Mail to:

Carol Amtower  
733 Algona Blvd N.  
Algona, WA 98001

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31.

## JUNE 12 FUN TRIAL RESULTS

There was a great turnout on June 12 for the GSBDA fun trial at Ft. Lewis. Folks showed up as visitors and left as members - with great field work in between.

Willy Boyer, the event chair announced the following official placements for this trial as:

**1st (617 points)**  
**Guy Pollack & Copper**

**2nd (495 points)**  
**Melanie Rider & Fritz**

**3rd (481 points)**  
**Pat Fleege & Holly**

**Rising Star (360 points)**  
**Guy Pollack & Louie**

Our deepest appreciation goes to **Dr. Pat Fleege** for doing an awesome job as range master for both the April 30 and the June 12 GSBDA fun trial. Thanks a million Pat for keeping us all on time and in line!

**Guy Pollack** stepped in at the last minute to save our bacon to not only haul the water wagon but also took it to his house to fill it.

**Lonnie Johnson** did an awesome job with the hot dogs and coffee.

**Val Calder** - the bird man - made the fun trial a reality by delivering great flying chukar.

Thanks to all the volunteer judges and shooters who made this fun trial possible.

Thanks to **Ron Trask** for his great advice and assistance in laying out the course.

**Elizabeth Boyer and Heather Plyler** did an awesome job keeping score and tracking all the braces.

**Elizabeth Boyer** also did a terrific job mailing out all the ribbons.

Thanks to everybody for having a good attitude and for helping out during the day.

## MONTANA ANYONE? BY GARY SCHROEDER

This site is the best  
[http://ad.abcnews.com/outdoors/hunting/s/h\\_map\\_grouse\\_preview\\_MT.html](http://ad.abcnews.com/outdoors/hunting/s/h_map_grouse_preview_MT.html)

This year is my puppy's rookie year and I'm so excited about it that I decided to go to Montana for the September 1st opening of bird season.

I found a bed and breakfast on a large (8000 acre ranch for \$134.day) that includes a place to stay, breakfast and a place to hunt. See  
<http://huntmontanafree.com/index.html>

I'm sure there are motels in town that are cheaper, but this seems convenient.

Sites that talk about bird hunting in Montana.

[http://www.gundogmag.com/destinations/montana\\_0505/](http://www.gundogmag.com/destinations/montana_0505/)

[http://www.gundogmag.com/destinations/montana\\_0505/index1.html](http://www.gundogmag.com/destinations/montana_0505/index1.html)

It's right near Miles City (about 500 miles from here) where there are also thousands of acres of public land to hunt.

It will be a great introduction to wild birds, great conditioning for pheasant seasons and lots of fun. I'm meeting my brother from Wisconsin there.

I'm thinking it would be nice to have some company. More dogs and people.

It's usually warm at that time of year, birds are in big flocks, but scattered, how much can one dog hunt in a day?

I'll be there from the 1st to the 14th, if you have an interest in joining me for all or part of the time, let me know.

Hunting in the area is supposed to be pretty good and it should be a great experience. Running with multiple dogs would really add to the fun.

Think about meeting me out there. Give me a call if your interested, it will be fun.

**Gary Schroeder**  
**206 933-1405**

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**Millie and her first shot bird - taken at the June 12 fun trial**



## **GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG CLUB**

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## **SEE YOUR PICTURES AND STORIES IN THE NEWSLETTER**

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.

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.