

GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION 2006 NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2006

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY LONNIE JOHNSON

Greetings and Happy New Year to all club members. My name is Lonnie Johnson and I have been elected as your club president for 2006. I am pleased to have met so many of you and look forward to seeing more of you at future events. For those of you I have not met, this is my third year in NSTRA .

I hope your hunting season was fun, exciting and successful. Soon the NSTRA trial and fun trial season will be starting. Time to get out and show that top hunting form!

The club needs nominations for the Puppy of the Year for 2006. The best puppy award is given out annually. Member's dogs up to 30 months old that have not already won this trophy can qualify. The owner must submit a letter to the President that makes the case for why their dog should be considered the best puppy of the year. The only requisite is that we (the club members) must have had the chance to see the dog at some of our events. Otherwise, all accomplishments are considered. Awards are often given based both on performance in various events as well as overall abilities and just being a well-rounded pup.

The club also needs nominations for the fun trial dog of the year. This award is given to the member's dog that has the most "points" from placements in the fun trials we held during the year and that has not already won this trophy. You need to submit your results to be eligible for this award. There is not an automatic consideration for this award.

Please call Lonnie (206) 909-0474 to nominate your dog or someone else's dog that fits these category. Both trophies will be given out at the banquet on January 21. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Lonnie Johnson

ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet will be **January 21, 2006** at the **Holiday Inn Express, One South Grady Way in Renton**. This is the same place as last year. The cost is \$30 per person (no host bar) which includes tax and gratuity and will be collected at the door.

Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner served at 7:00 pm. We need to give a head count to the hotel by 1/18/06 so those planning on attending **MUST RSVP** to Carol Amtower at (253) 735-9004 or dotlee2@comcast.net prior to that date.

As an extra bonus we will once again have a raffle with Scott as our auctioneer and Gary as his lovely assistant. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring a raffle item as this is a great fund raiser for the club. The Scott and Gary show is a free bonus and worth the price of dinner by itself. You are all encouraged to attend. Just ask anyone who attended last year's event. We had great fun and this year should be even better! See you there.

WASHINGTON SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

JANUARY 25 – 29, 2006

PUYALLUP FAIRGROUNDS

The GSBDA will have a booth again this year at the Washington Sportsmen's Show. Please contact Val with which of the following time slots below when you can volunteer to be there.

Parking is free; the booth will be upstairs in the Pavilion like last year. We will have water for the dogs and one kennel. Please bring just one dog. Tickets will be at the GSBDA Banquet (January 21) or they will be at the Will Call Gate for pickup. I will contact you by phone to let you know what the final schedule will be. Also, note we need volunteers for setup and breakdown.

Setup Jan 24 at 7 pm	Breakdown Jan 29 at 4 pm
Wednesday, January 25	12 noon - 4 pm 4 pm - 8 pm
Thursday, January 26	12 noon - 4 pm 4 pm - 8 pm
Friday, January 27	12 noon - 4 pm 4 pm - 8 pm
Saturday, January 28	10 am - 3 pm 3 pm - 8 pm
Sunday, January 29	10 am - 1 pm 1 pm - 4 pm

PLEASE CONTACT ME BY **JAN 16, 06.**

Val Calder
3623 South 316th Street
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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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and derby placements earning 4, 3, 2, and 1 points respectively for each trial.

GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION 2006 NEWSLETTER

**GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION
"A Pointing Dog Club"
TRAINING DAY REGISTRATION
GSBDA Membership Required**

Date of Training: **February 12** Time Training starts: **9:00 AM** Training Site Location: **Fort Lewis Area 15**

Training Fee: You only pay \$5.00 for each bird you or your dog uses/kills/releases. There will be 6 training stations, which are: (please circle one or more areas of interest). Bring your own lunch for Training Day.

Dog Control in the field

Establishing a Point

WHOA Training

Retrieving

Backing

Special Problems: Please explain _____

Dog's Call Name _____ Breed _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Owner/Handler _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZipCode _____

Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
(Area Code and Number)

GSBDA MEMBER*: YES NO

Has this Dog Placed or qualified in NSTRA YES NO OR

Any Type of AKC event Field Trial or Hunt Test (Junior-Senior-Master) YES NO

Mail training form to:
Val Calder, 3623 South 316th Street, Auburn, WA 98001 (253) 946-4556
if you plan to attend this Saturday Training

Please have Training Application sent in by: February 5, 2006
NO TRAINING DAY REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN OVER E-MAIL, THE PHONE or FAX

All participants are responsible for being at the training site by 9:00 AM on training day
Map to training area will be available at the Sportsman Show and GSBDA Banquet.

*Note: Greater Seattle Bird Dog Association requires membership before entry into this event.

There will be a general membership meeting during lunch on Training Day. Please plan on attending.

The GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION is not responsible for accidents during this event.

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GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION

"A Pointing Dog Club"

FUN TRIAL ENTRY FORM

GSBDA Membership Required

Date of event: **February 11 starting at 8:00 am**

Event Site Location: **Fort Lewis Area 15 - 2 Fields Possible**

Entry Fee: \$25.00 each run How many fields do you want to run in _____ (If you run both fields' it will be \$25.00 each field)

Dog's Call Name _____ Breed _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Owner/Handler _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZipCode _____

Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____
(Area Code and Number)

GSBDA MEMBER: YES NO

NSTRA MEMBER: YES NO

Has this Dog placed in NSTRA: YES NO

Has this Dog placed/Qualified in any Type of AKC Field Trial or Hunt Test (Senior or Master) YES NO

Mail Entry form WITH FEE to: **Val Calder, 3623 South 316th Street, Auburn, WA 98001 (253) 946-4556**

Make Check out to: **GSBDA – entries must have entry fee with them. Please have entries sent in by: February 5, 2006**

NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE or FAX

All applicants are responsible for contacting Trial chairman before the Trial to confirm location, time and place in case of changes.

Brace schedule will not be available until Fun Trial day, Saturday, February 11, 2006

Map to Fun Trial area will be available at the Sportsman Show and Banquet.

Number of entries will determine the number of fields!

Please bring your own lunch and all Fun Trial participates should report by 8:00 AM

****Note: Greater Seattle Bird Dog Association requires membership before entry into any event.***

The GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION is not responsible for accidents during the Trials.

Newsletter Schedule

We will be publishing a newsletter every month. The cutoff for content will be the first of the month with the newsletter mailed a week later. A full membership list and membership application will be published the first month of each quarter.

Some ideas for future newsletters include an items wanted and things for sale section. Also, think about sharing your stories and pictures with your fellow club members. Please send inputs to captak@attglobal.net or call me at (360) 736-0674. 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 1760 Lincoln Creek Road, Rochester, WA 98579 and they will be returned to you after the newsletter is mailed.

Carol Ptak

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Greater Seattle Bird Dog Association

Membership Application/Renewal

“A Pointing Dog Club”

GSBDA is a working club. Each member will be expected to volunteer at least one event per year.

\$30.00 per 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

Mail to:
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31.



GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG CLUB

1760 Lincoln Creek Road
Rochester, WA 98579

"A Pointing Dog Club"

Upcoming NSTRA Trials

February 18/19
Clearwater PDC Dbl/DbI
At: Asotin Co. Wing Shooters
in Lewiston, ID
Chairman: John Peacock
jpeacock@cableone.net

February 25/26
Greater Seattle BDA Dbl-DbI
At: Fort Lewis, WA
Chairman: Scott Harrison
425-239-0386
doenbuck@aol.com

March 4/5
Three Rivers BDC Dbl-DbI
Fuller Ranch, Kennewick, WA
Chairman: Jim Fuller
509-627-2839
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March 18/19
NW/BSR Region Challenge
Dbl/DbI

Chairman: Davy Caven
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March 25/26
Greater Columbia PDC
At: Driver Ranch, Wamic, OR
Chairman: Mike Ouchida
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April 8/9
Snake River NAVHDA
At: Walker Plantation
Chairman: Justin Nemeč
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April 15/16
Snake River Sportsman
GDA Dbl/DbI
At: Asotin Co. Wing Shooters
in Asotin, WA
Chairman: Ed Westbrook
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Co-Chairman: Paul McCawley
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April 29/30
Greater Seattle BDA
At: Fort Lewis, WA
Chairman: Ron Trask
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May 6/7
Clearwater PDC Dbl/DbI
At: Flying B Ranch, ID
Chairman: Ron Park
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May 13/14
Spokane BDA Dbl/DbI
At: Lantz Farm, WA
Chairman: Mike Cochran
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Chukar Entry Fee: \$40

May 20/21
Green Valley HRC Dbl/DbI
Chairman: Jim Shank
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May 27/28
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tion
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June 10/11
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