

GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION 2006 NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY LONNIE JOHNSON

A big thank you to all of you who came out for the fun trial. Many thanks to Guy Pollack for chairing the event - a job well done! Our thanks to Steve Gagne for supporting the club with six runs! These fun trials are a great way to get your canine companion out and stayed tuned up for hunting season. Don't let these events pass you by. They are invaluable for training. Also, remember to bring a cage for extra birds that are sometimes available after the fun trial. This is a very economical way to get birds to take home to continue your training.

We do not have a fun trial in June but please plan on attending the NSTRA trial hosted by GSBDA to watch, learn and to pitch in to help. The trial will be June 10 & 11 at Area 21 Fort Lewis. Everyone has been great about helping out but we always can use more to give the folks who are there time after time a bit of a break. This is our last trial for season.

We will be holding a full board meeting with all officers in late June or early July to discuss our activities for the rest of the summer, some by-law issues and to appoint a committee to nominate the officers for next year. If the officers would please contact me with a date during this timeframe that fits your calendar, I would really appreciate it. All members are also cordially invited.

Speaking of members - consider asking someone you know to come with you to the next event. GSBDA is an active working club and our activities provide you and your dog a great opportunity to get ready for hunting season. Pick one person to call - training together is a much more fun and far

more productive for both of you. Although September may seem a long way away - it will be here before you know it. Come one come all!

Lonnie



MAY FUN TRIAL RESULTS (AND THE REST OF THE STORY) BY GUY POLLACK

Thanks for all the help with the fun trial (I needed it). Well I hope everyone had as much fun as their dogs did. (I know my dogs had a great time). We planned to have two fields but after we got there that morning we found out that Fort Lewis had mowed all the cover from one field that we were planning to use. (You never know when that will happen) So, I made the decision to make one big field - let me tell you it was big! (except for my dog, Copper who had a hard time staying in the field). After the second brace, everyone decided that maybe we should downsize the field a little and extend brace time from 20 minutes to 25 minutes and release five birds each brace. (Sounded like a good idea.)

Well thanks to Steve Gagne's six runs, we had twelve braces. (And a very tired Steve by the end or the day.) The weather was great- not too much sun. We had just a slight sprinkle early on but then remained cloudy. The birds flew well. (This is always a good thing at field trials) It seemed like everyone had a chance to judge during the trial (This is a good thing as far getting to see someone else's dog work in the field.)

After it was all said and done the results were:

First Place –

Copper – Handled by Guy Pollack with a score of 566

Second Place – Casey – Handled by Bill Cox with a score of 486

Third Place - Rusty – Handled by Dwaine Brollier with a score of 471

Derby Dog was Sara – Handled by Steve Gagne with a score of 402.

I would like to thank Val Calder for securing the birds and planting birds for the entire trial. In addition, Val coached the members on good judging practices. I would like to thank Ron Trask for all the judging he did on Saturday and Sunday for all the help he gave on training issues to all the member that were there (we needed it).

Guy Pollack (Fun Trial Chairperson)

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Brittany puppies for sale

Born May 16, 6 girls 4 boys
Liver and white & orange and white

Contact Guy Pollack

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NEED PICTURES OF GOOD LOOKING DOGS AND MEMBERS

Now that we have a web site I'm looking for pictures. We are linking to a picture website, called webshots where you can view the pictures, download them, zoom them, view as slide show and a few other things. If you send me a picture of your dog or you and your dog I will put it up on our site. A short description (25-30 words or less) with names, titles, brags etc. is OK.

I would prefer pictures to be sent attached to Emails (Schroeder.gary@comcast.net) but for you e-mail holdouts, please send hardcopy prints (will not be returned) and comments to me at Gary Schroeder, 4439 54th Ave SW, Seattle WA 98116

Puppies for sale

Bud Folk has 2 male English Setter puppies for sale. They will be 6 weeks old on April 20. The Dam is direct daughter of Ch I'm Dick Too, the sire is Rebel, son of Bud's NSTRA Champion Hawkeye. \$400 for Club members, or will be advertised at \$500 for the general public. Call Bud at 360-263-2255 or email folkkay@yahoo.com. We're located about 20 miles north of Vancouver, WA, off the Woodland exit.



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Wanted

Retired field trial horse or similar

Looking for a older than dirt, physically sound, preferably gaited horse for use as a rental horse for ranch operations (judging, etc). Must be accustomed to gunfire and dogs and safe for a;; riders.

**Contact Carol Ptak, Gryphon Ranch
(360 736-0674)**

Puppies for Sale

My dog Annie had her pups
(4 boys and 3 girls) on May
26 Contact Lonnie at
(206) 909-0474



We can all learn - even from the youngest

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year-old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very much attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family there were no miracles left for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good the four-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on.

Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life - like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The four-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest.

Thanks Shannon for submitting this great story.



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