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"a pointing dog club"

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President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

Our next NSTRA field trial will be June 21 & 22. Pat Fleege is the chair person. Won't you consider volunteering to help deliver another great GSBDA event? There will be a fun trial that weekend - Saturday only - run by Walt Schinzel at the same location.

Congratulations to two local dogs who are both fairly new to the NSTRA venue placing in a trial chaired by our own Barry Wild in Oregon. They are proof positive of the value of time spent training. Remember - train, don't complain. It doesn't take a whole lot of time to get a well trained dog. A few minutes a day can yield tremendous results.

Unfortunately there has been some buzz from local animal rights on the Internet that has caused us to pull the specific information about trial site and detailed driving maps to our trial site off the Internet as a precaution. There was an unpleasant interaction between a Portland based animal rights group and some NSTRA field trial folks at the Meifert's place in Scappoose.

If you need directions or details on the trial location, please contact the trial chair and they will be happy to mail you directions or call with driving details. We are just being proactive to avoid possible issues here in the Northwest. If you do happen to run into someone who clearly does not belong at a NSTRA event, please bring it to the attention of the trial chair right away.

After regional competition which will be held over Memorial Day weekend, we will get together to discuss next year's plans. Right now we are planning a barbeque in August. Watch the newsletter for more information.

A big congratulations to the winner of the Kopenski Cup. This was awarded to Charlie with his owner Gary Weitenhagen.

Remember to pay your dues so that this won't be your last newsletter. Dues were due in March so don't delay!

Ron Trask

!!CONGRATULATIONS!! WINNER OF THE KOPENSKI CUP AWARD

This is the premier award within our association, honoring the best-performing dog and handler. The Kopenski Cup was donated by long time GSBDA member Ron Kopenski in memory of his wife Mary.

Mary was the first GSBDA Secretary and one of the founding members of our club. Mary died of cancer. The coveted Kopenski Cup is a traveling trophy awarded twice a year, at the summer Bar-B-Q and at the winter Awards Banquet, to the GSBDA member dog who earns the greatest number of NSTRA championship points in NSTRA dog trial competition during the previous six months.



CHARLIE OWNER- GARY WEITENHAGEN

DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! DUES WERE DUE IN MARCH.

**RESULTS OF THE MARCH 8 & 9 TRIAL
RON TRASK—CHAIRMAN**

Open Trial

Saturday—March 8

The trial on Saturday ran 11 braces so it was a 2 point trial. The winning dogs were:

- 1 [MINNIE WINNIE BULLET](#) from the 8th brace - MIKE SMITH 1045 points
- 2 [LITTLE COPPER BULLET](#) from the 2nd brace - MIKE SMITH 835 points
- 3 [HIGHSPEED STRAIGHTAWAY](#) from the 5th brace - RICK GAGLIARDI 769 points

Sunday—March 9

Sunday was a 10 brace trial therefore 2 points.

- 1 [NUTMEG'S SMOKIN TREY](#) from the 2nd brace - SCOTT HARRIS 769 points
- 2 [LITTLE COPPER BULLET](#) from the 1st brace MIKE SMITH 743 points
- 3 [RILEY](#) KRISTA TRI 281 pts

Amateur Trial

Saturday—March 8

The amateur trial was 3 point trial. The placements were:

- 1 JACK from the 2nd brace - DOMINIC NAGY 494 points
- 2 TODAY from the 3rd brace - JIM WOOD 455 points
- 3 SHAY - JOHN MORGAN 318 points

Sunday—March 9

The amateur trial was a 3 point trial. The placements were:

- 1 - MAGIC from the 3rd brace - TODD EMRY 656 points
- 2 - JACK from the 2nd brace - DOMINIC NAGY 550 points
- 3 - SHAY from the 3rd brace - JOHN MORGAN 545 points

Congratulations to all the winners of both the open trials and amateur trials over the weekend. Thank you to everyone who helped make these trials a huge success.

March 8th fun trial

| Handler | Dog | Age | Score | Placement |
|------------|--------|------|-------|------------|
| Spong | Sugar | 1.5 | 477 | Derby 1st |
| Sorenson | Casey | 2 | 80 | |
| Nagy | Jack | 2.25 | 245 | |
| Sorenson | Sarah | 2 | 277 | |
| Schroeder | Millie | 4 | 423 | |
| Johnson | Annie | | 491 | |
| Spong | Flirt | 1.5 | 520 | 3rd place |
| McLaughlin | Lucy | | 50 | |
| Johnson | Red | 2 | 347 | Derby 2nd |
| Ptak | Z | 2 | 530 | 2nd place |
| Johnson | Sage | 2 | 384 | |
| Gribble | Lil | | 506 | |
| Pollock | Lucy | | 497 | |
| Johnson | Ruger | | 788 | 1st place |
| Pollock | Louie | | 120 | |
| Spong | Sugar | | 457 | 2nd run |
| Nagy | Jack | | | 2nd run |
| Schinnel | Baxter | | | not scored |

Results of May 3, 2008 Fun trial

Gary Schroeder Chairman

The fun trial was a great success. Because the Open and Amateur trials were canceled, we had 28 dogs or 14 braces. Weather could have been better. We had some rain and it was cool and overcast most of the time. Because our regular bird planter, David, got busted for playing hooky and got Saturday detention we took turns planting birds. Cliff and Dominic were great, but I had two escapes and one fly off on plant. I threatened to fire me and Dominic wanted to go bail out David. We had lots of volunteer judges and other help. Walt and his wonderful wife are turning into professional fun trial runners and were a huge help. Their dog Baxter won the rising star ribbon too. A big thanks to everyone who came out and an extra big thank you for all those who helped make this fun trial such a great time!

At the end of the day the placements were:

1. Mark Spong with his 1.5 year old English Setter Sugar
2. Gary Schroeder with his 4 year old German Wirehaired Pointer Millie. Millie scored 200 points better and was high scoring dog at the trial.
3. Gregg Sorenson with his 2 year old Brittany Casey
4. Tod Emory with his 3 year old Brittany Deuce Brit

Derby dogs took 1st and 3rd in fun trial but since they had already placed they were not eligible for the Derby prize. Walt Shinnel with his 10 month old German Shorthaired Pointer Baxter took the blue ribbon among the derby dogs.

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DON'T LET THIS BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!!!**

**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:_____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, 2008

CHAIRING A FUN TRIAL

Gary Schroeder



Chairing a fun trial is easy, it's fun. It's important to the club. It does not take any particular skill or knowledge. There is no NSTRA paperwork and we piggyback on a regular trial so you don't have to worry about getting birds or getting equipment out to the area. You do not need to

know anything about dogs or judging or field trialing. It does take a little but not a lot of time. Very little before the trial.

I was reluctant at first to accept the job because I really didn't know exactly what I was supposed to do. I feared would miss a critical step and be subject to ridicule, scorn and banishment. I just hid behind a tree when Pres. was in the area. To reduce fear and apprehension and to make it easier for first time Fun Trial Chairs here is a list of things to be done.

Remember – We do this for our dogs too because they love us more than anyone. To prove this try a little experiment. Put your spouse and your dog in the trunk of the car. Drive around on bumpy roads for a while. When you open the trunk – which one will be happy to see you?

What about lunch? Make arrangements to join regular trial. Ask people to bring their own or have stuff brought for lunch. Porta potties will be there for regular trial.

1.. **MAKE IT FUN!** This is too soon to get serious. This is for training and experience. It is a game to benefit dogs, to help them get ready for hunting or more advanced trials. Read the fun trial rules on www.gsbda.org. Ya, we give out a few ribbons to encourage people but it's not a big deal.

2. **MAKE IT SAFE!** It's no fun if someone or their dog gets shot or injured. Make sure everyone knows what "SAFETY" means and feels free to shout it. (Rules 1 and 2 are the main rules)

3. Call the Pres. and volunteer – he will love you for it. Make sure your name, address, and telephone get put into the newsletter and web site. Usually he will take care of this.

4. Accept entries as they come in. Keep checks and entry forms together. Make a list. Bring them to the trial and give them to someone who looks important. If someone has to cancel for any reason, wants to visit mother in law, dog in heat or whatever, send the check back.

5. About a week before the trial make up a brace sheet. Call Pres let him know how many braces you have and make sure birds are ordered for you. Braces are 20 minutes long. I allow 30 minutes so we don't have to rush. Accommodate peoples time constraints as much as you can. They may be running in associated trial and have to be on time for that, or whatever. Try to match dogs according to age to some extent so we don't have a 6 month puppy running with a NSTRA champion who is tuning up for a trial. Neither will benefit.

6. Line up some judges. Try to get four judges. Ask Pres. for ideas. You need 2 judges per brace. If they've been around a couple of years, they can do it. Don't need to be certified judges.

Note to judges – Don't DQ anyone for busting birds. No score for find or retrieve on busted birds. This is training not a real trial. This is training for judges too. Scoring guidelines are on the web. Print out 2 page version and give to judges. Ask them, for maximum benefit to participants, to go by guidelines. Explain to participants what their dog did well. Find something! Be gentle but don't be easy. Score as best you can by the guidelines, it's important. Tell them what their dog lost or got points added for. Remember to double Obedience and Ground Coverage points. Dog gets one judge for duration, not 2 as in regular trial. If a pup can't find a bird, plant one for him. Do whatever you can do to make it worthwhile for participants.

7. Line up a bird planter and if possible a quad for planting birds. Makes it much easier to get a planter and speeds up a trial a lot. Ask around.

8. Get someone to marshal or do it yourself. Be bossy, but in a fun and easy way. Be the coordinator! Get the braces to the blind as the previous brace is finishing up. Chat with attendees and make people feel welcome. Introduce yourself, be charming. (Advice from my wife.)

9. **EQUIPMENT.** Get some people to get 3 chairs (2 for blind 1 for scorer) Need one table for scorer. Get 4 -8 flags for marking boundary. This stuff is in the trailer. Get judges scoring sheets, pencils, clipboards, stop watches and bird bags from trailer. Two way radios are nice, but not essential. Get 5 birds per brace to fun trial area. Get **BIG** score sheet and tripod stand for score sheet. Make sure water is put out. Usually done when other trial is set up. Bring water and water bucket for start/finish line. Try to get someone with a canopy or something for protection from rain sun etc. Bring a spare gun just in case.

10. Best source of help for all these jobs are participants. They're there standing around and eager to help. It gets them involved, makes them important, part of the club and gets the job done. Judges and planter need to be lined up ahead of time. Other help can usually be recruited at the trial. Might be best to contact them when you get entry. Acknowledge entry and ask if they might help out a little at the trial. Some volunteer on entry form.

11. After the trial determine 1st, 2nd, 3rd place winners and Derby (high dog under 30 months.) Remember – only first run is scored. No one can get more than one ribbon. No placement if dog has placed in NSTRA trial..

12. Break down, turn in money and score sheet, thank everyone profusely. Follow up with emails.

13. If no one got shot, most had a good time – go home, feel good, have a cold one. You have accomplished something good. It's important to GSBDA and much appreciated. This is the doorway to fun and new members. These fun trials are the lifeblood of NSTRA and our sport. Besides, they're fun! You'll have a good time.

GREATER SEATTLE BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION

"A Pointing Dog Club"

FUN TRIAL ENTRY FORM

Date of event: June 21, 2008

Entry Fee: \$30.00 each run. If there is only one field the first run of the day will count for scoring purposes. Dogs that have placed in NSTRA or equivalent events are not eligible for placements in the fun event, but can still be entered.

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

Number of runs ____ (first run in each field counts for placement; fill out separate forms for each dog)

Owner/Handler _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number (____) _____ E-mail Address : _____

Has this Dog placed in NSTRA: ___ YES ___ NO

OR

Placed/Qualified in any Type of AKC Field Trial or Hunt Test (Senior or Master) ___ YES ___ NO

Make Check out to: GSBDA – entries must have entry fee with them

Mail Entry form WITH FEE to the trial chairman **at least 3 weeks ahead of the fun trial.**

Please remember to send payment for the fun trial - **ONLY** - to the fun trial chair. Do not send fun trial registration and payment with your dues renewal to the treasurer.

All applicants are responsible for contacting Trial chairman before the trial to confirm time of run. Braces will not be finalized until the day before the trial. Please let the trial chairman know your availability for volunteer opportunities. Support the GSBDA and the fun trials!

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

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**Upcoming Events and
Important Deadlines
Mark your Calendar**

May 25 and 26
Regional NSTRA event

June 21 and 22
Fort Lewis WA Double-Double \$35
Greater Seattle Bird Dog Assn
Chair: Pat Fleege
PO Box 21183
Seattle, WA 98111-3183
(206) 669-2749

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Proudly presents Rick Smith for the first time in 6 years in the Pacific Northwest. Rick will be presenting his foundation basics seminar July 11- 13. For the first time ever in the Northwest, Rick will also be presenting his Intermediate seminar July 14-16. There is a special discount for NSTRA members who wish to attend both seminars. Contact Carol Ptak at captak@attglobal.net or 360 736 0674