
◆ Missouri Headwaters Gun Dog Club ◆

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Upcoming Events and Dates in 2002

Board Meetings:

April 16
June 18
August 20
October 15
December 17

General Meetings:

Feb 23rd 7:00 p.m. (King Tool) Annual Meeting
May, August, September

Club Dog Events:

April 6 & 7
Spaniel Field Trial; Fairweather fishing access site
Pointer NSTRA trial; Headwaters State Park
Retrievers; AKC hunt test seminar; Missoula, MT

April 26
Spaniel hunt test seminar; North Dakota

May 25 & 26
Spaniel hunt test; Headwaters State Park

Please note: May 17, 18, 19 the FWP has approved the use of the horse pasture for the district boy scouts to hold their spring camporee. Please plan to train elsewhere.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Presidents Message

The annual meeting / banquet was another success. The weather kept some people away, about sixty five attended compared to the one hundred that we normally expect. There was lots of socializing, eating and prize winning. We recognized accomplishments and elected this year's officers.

Sam Robinson did an excellent job of organizing the raffle / auction. The items were truly outstanding and with the lower attendance some members couldn't hardly carry their winnings (Dan). Our goal is to raise enough money from the raffle to cover operating expenses. The final tally isn't in but it looks like we accomplished it again.

We will try to list all of the businesses that contributed donations. The way to thank these sponsors is to patronize their businesses. While there please express your gratitude and let them know you are a member of the club.

The pheasant championship is almost filled. If you would like to enter or are willing to help, please contact Jack Weiss @ 586-6365

We would like to put together a club cookbook. Any favorite recipe, wild game or domestic, is welcomed. Please submit to: Tracey Setzer, 16360 Madison Frontage Rd., Three Forks, MT 59752 or email: Setzers5 @ aol.com

The Headwaters State Park is becoming more popular as an area for other groups to use.

If you have an event coming up be sure to apply for a field trial permit early to ensure reservation of the grounds. On **May 3,4,5 and May 17,18,19 2002** the boy scouts will be using the horse pasture portion of the park. Be sure to plan training for other areas.

BOARD MEETING 19 FEB 02

Meeting opened at 7:05pm.

Members present- Tracey, Kerri, Dan, Dave, Ray, David and Brian.

Secretary's report: Minutes read and accepted.

Treasurer's report: \$4981.00 in checking, \$11276.00 in money market account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Retrievers - Dale Sweetser sent out e-mails to retriever club members trying to get a retriever meeting set up, to discuss training and the hunt test. Luke from Ennis with the Diamond Wings shooting preserve said the retriever's could use his grounds for training after April 1st.

Retrievers are looking for one person to help with the board. Also needed are a secretary and chairman for the hunt test.

Retriever Seminar April 6th. Call Kerri or Dan for more details

Pointers- NSTRA trial April 6th and 7th at training grounds

Thursday evening training will begin April 11th.

Fun trials to be held on May 11, June 15, July 20, and Aug 17.

Arthur Vant' Hul will serve with David Kirkland on the board of directors this year.

Spaniels-The springer field trial will be held April 6 and 7 at Fairweather Fishing Access Site.

The Spaniel hunt test will be held on May 30 and 31 at the training grounds.

Training is underway on Wed. and Sat. mornings when weather allows.

Unfinished business: Dan will purchase duck decoys. Ray is waiting to hear from an individual on the purchase of the one months training with Butch Nelson for the Pheasants Forever auction. He will report when he finds out.
Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Pointer news:

Ike Todd is training dogs full time these days and is currently working near Lubbock, Texas.

Arthur Vant' Hul has graciously agreed to serve on the board this year, and it was confirmed at the elections.

The MHGDC will be hosting a NSTRA trial at the Headwaters training grounds on April 6/7. We could use some help setting up the tent on Thursday evening the 4th, and tear down on the 7th. Call Conrad Kradolfer or David Kirkland.

Thursday evening training begins April 11th. Gun safety will be enforced and you **must** wear orange in the field.

Summer season fun trials are scheduled for 5/11, 6/15, 7/20, and 8/17.

Schedule of upcoming Big Sky Regional NSTRA trials:

March 9-10	Lewistown
March 23-24	East Helena
April 6-7	Three Forks
April 20-21	Polson
May 4-5	Acton
May 18-19	Great Falls
June 1-2	Big Sky Region Elimination Location TBA

Pointer pups:

The Kradolfer's Brittany, Toots whelped a litter on 2/24. (4 females, 3 males) The sire is the Kaelin's Huckleberry. Available in mid April

Arthur Van't Hul's G.S.P., Rosie has been bred to Jon Edward's Hawkeye. Pups expected late April. Also offering a two year old, Rebel, from the same breeding.

Go ahead, treat yourself and your dog! Luke Eidt, manager of the Diamond Wing Shooting Preserve and Sporting Clays is offering discounts to MHGDC members until the March 31st seasons end. Call 682-5291

Today as I watch the snow fall, I reminisce the past season and what a great season it was. Arthur Van't Hul and I went to Glasgow and hunted sharptails with Ike Todd. Tom Eversman took me to one of his coverts and I shot my first ruffed grouse over a point and bagged a blue grouse without firing a shot! Dale Spartus and I had a number of days afield witnessing awesome dog work and respectable shooting, including a pheasant hunt in the Big Horn country that was especially productive. I slipped in some day hunts with a couple of newer club members; Jeff Hicks and Kevin Edwards, enjoying mixed bags of huns and sharptails on local BMA's. In January, about the time season end depression was setting in, I got an invitation from Al Gadoury. I hooked up with Al, Dennis Kavanaugh and Tom Eversman just this side of the Mexican border. The desert quail loves to run, lives in a harsh dry country, holds tight, and when flushed, flies low and fast! My dog Hank made the adjustment to hunting the new birds and hunted all week injury free. Al kept us in birds and I managed to shoot a few. It's a game I hadn't played and I still have a lot to learn, but 'mi mucho gusto!' What a great club and a wonderful group of folks.

Thanks guys, David

Retriever news:

Plans are starting to form for the upcoming year. Dale Sweetser is putting together a retriever meeting (no dogs) at Randy and Tracey Setzer's house Thursday March 21st, at 7:00 p.m. Bring your ideas and a snack item.

Spaniel news:

Plans are coming together for our annual Field Trial. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Call Heather Maxcy at 585-5525 or Tracey at 285-6724.



Pheasant Challenge 2002

Jack Weiss has reported that all of the positions have been filled. If your interested in watching, the event will take place on March 16th, at the training grounds. Starting time is 8:00 am. There are 12 teams. Lunch will be served at the grounds, for all who reserved them. The weather is not suppose to be very nice this day, so dress warm.

2002 ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual banquet went quite well. Despite the weather. We had a turn out of approximately 70 people. Lyman Fellows and family did a great job with the meal.

We started the meeting off with the election of the new board, they are as follows.

President: Randy Setzer

V-Pres: Dale Spartus

Treasurer: Ray Bradley

Secretary: Kerri Payne

Pointers: David Kirkland, Arthur Van't Hul

Retrievers: Dan Marsh, Brian Herzog

Spaniels: Jack Weiss, Dave Jarrett

Legislative Liason Shannon Taylor discussed some of the issues affecting us from the last legislature and gave us a heads up on some future issues.

The club would like to give a big thanks of appreciation to Sam Robinson for gathering and holding onto to raffle items, thanks also goes to all of the people who helped gather items for the raffle and auction. If we have left out any one personally or from a business we are sorry and do appreciate the donations.

Yellowstone Gateway Sports, Big R, Powderhorn, Bob Wards, Dale Spartus, House of Clean, Big Sky Carvers, Sam Robinson, The Leatherman's, Alice Pilgrim, Dave Jarrett, Diamond Wings shooting preserve, Plunkett Lake shooting preserve, Buffalo Ranch Sporting Clays, Gallatin Sporting Clays, Jim & Edie Ward, Montana Furniture & David Kirkland, Dan Marsh, Al Gadoury, Eric Kaelin, Barry Kustin, Madison River Kennels, John Payne, Bill Worden and Benny & Pat Dillon.

A Thank you also goes to Dale Spartus for helping with the auctions.

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