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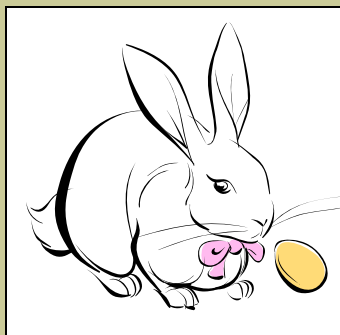
Official Newsletter of
The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Ohio, Inc.
(Incorporated June 5, 1957)

MARCH 2009

**DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND
THE NEXT CLUB MEETING
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 26TH**

**7:30 PM SHARP
BEEF O'BRADY'S**

Hoppy Easter!



2009 Meeting Schedule
Meetings are held the last
Thursday of every other
month at 7:30 pm sharp at:

January 29th
March 26th
May 28th
July 30th
September 24th
November 29th Elections

Beef O'Brady's
2681 Creekside Drive
Twinsburg, OH
(Across from Gander
Mountain)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Five years ago I attended my first GSPCO awards banquet as a guest and joined that club that evening, and have attended the banquets ever since. I really have to say that this past year's annual banquet has topped them all! I would like to thank Eileen Smith (you too Brian) for once again planning a great evening. Eileen took over the awards program last year and the banquets have been the best that I have seen in the last 5 years. I could not imagine the hours of work that she put into this evening and it is well appreciated. This spring brings our field trial and hunt tests within three weeks of each other and much help is needed for both events, so if you can come out either, or both weekends, or even a day to help out, please contact Kelly Custer or Troy Hodulik. At our last meeting, we discussed another club picnic and training day for all club members and more information will follow as the date gets closer. We hope to get members who are involved in hunting, show, and agility at the training so that everyone can try all the different aspects of our breed. Also this summer brings our Specialty Show and Cindi Chilbert is looking for volunteers for that July date.

Your President.....Mark DiRienzo

DON'T FORGET OUR WEBSITE

The website is: <http://www.gspcofohio.org>

NOTE: All of our current and upcoming events, premiums, photos, articles, results of events, newsletters, awards, etc. can be found on the Calendar of Events. Find the date of the event and then click on the attachment.

A colored copy of the Newsletter will be posted on our GSPCO website.

Websites of Interest:GSPCO <http://gspcofohio.org>AKC www.akc.orgGSPCA www.gspca.orgNGSPA www.ngspa-online.orgRescue www.gspcareohio.org
www.iGive.com

Gander Mountain

www.gandermountain.comPurina www.purina.com/dogs

GSP Chronicle

www.gspchronicle.com

Shorthair Journal

www.shorthairjournal.comwww.gsp-photos.us

American Field

www.americanfield.com

GSP Chronical

www.gspchronicle.com

The American Sporting Dog Alliance

www.americansportingdogalliance.org

If you have a favorite website that you would like listed, send me the address.

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"A dog is the only thing on earth that will love you more than you love yourself."
~ Josh Billings

Training Day

Saturday, August 8th - Crooked Creek Conservation Club.

We will again be having a training day at the Crooked Creek Conservation Club in Hartsgrove, Ohio on August 8th. If you did not attend last year, mark your calendars, it is a fun day for all club members. Come on out for a day of training your dogs and puppies in field work, hunt test, retrieves, agility, water retrieves or whatever you want to work on. Club members will be available to assist with training and birds will be available for purchase. There will be a potluck cookout after the training.

Contact Dennis Meinke for more information at 440-413-3100 or djmeinke@windstream.net

RECENT LOSSES

Diane & Russ Roth recently lost their dog Hi Point's Wild Bill Kody – he was 13½ years old.

Dennis Meinke and Kelly Custer lost their dog Sage – she was 12½ .

Kelly & Jerry Custer lost their young horse Chalk while at a recent field trial.

GSPCO SPECIALTY

The GSPCO Specialty will be held on Sunday, July 12th at the Bill Stanton Community Park in Madison, OH in conjunction with the Grand River Kennel Club All-Breed Show on July 11, 12 & 13th. Come on out and support your club. We will have a Hospitality Tent and Raffle. We would appreciate your donations to our raffle. Your support of this event is appreciated.

Contact Cindi Chilbert – GSPCO Specialty Chairperson at 440-285-8931 or seugenhof@aol.com

GSP Care of Ohio Inc. -- RESCUE

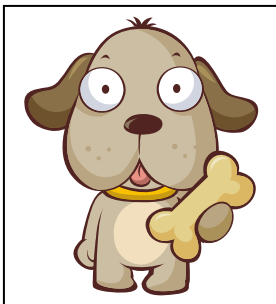
GSP Rescue continues to need our help in finding homes for the many shorthairs in foster care. Contributions large and small are welcome. Please go to the Rescue website and see the list of GSP's that need homes.

<http://www.gspcareohio.org>

Please visit the Shop iGive site – www.iGive.com
There are many weekly specials and a percentage of every purchase goes to rescue. Register Today!

Pam Kennedy is also looking for someone to assist with Rescue. Please give her a call if you can lend a hand, take over some of the rescue duties or foster a GSP. (ohgsprsg@netscape.net) Any help you can give would be appreciated.

Your help is needed more than ever, with the current economy, more and more GSP's are being abandoned. Rescue can use any help you can give with donations of food, supplies, money, fostering a dog – anything you can give is appreciated. These dogs need homes and our help.



*We need
your help!*

As a Reminder – Club Photos will be Available

Troy Hodulik has volunteered to take photos at our club events. He will have some pictures available for sale at our spring hunt test. If anyone wants pictures taken of their shorthairs, just contact Troy for more information and pricing.

Troy A Hodulik

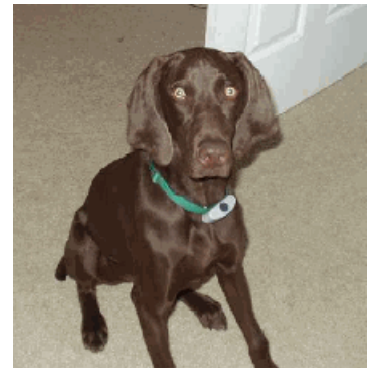
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SUCCESS STORIES



On behalf of the Henry Family I would like to thank you folks for being there for Woody. (know known as **Quincy**). What a wonderful breed. He has already given us soooooo much pleasure love and dedication. We have an older dog Roxanne a (black lab) who has accepted Quincy and shares sleeping quarters and bones. We also have a Chocolate Point Siamese Cat. Quincy and Zeus (the cat) are great buds. Quincy plays with the cat and will get bored and walk away. Zeus takes offense to this and will attack Quincy from behind and bite him on the hind quarters as to say lets play!!!!!! Too Funny!!!! We have three children who all are involved from walking daily to feeding. Quincy is a pleasure to have around.

Please send me your (Braggs and photos, stories, items of interest, Remedies, upcoming events, etc. Thanks for your articles. Deadline for next newsletter is May 6, 2009

We would love to hear from you! If you have questions or comments about our newsletter, please contact:

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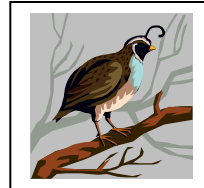
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Hunt Test

GSPCO Spring Hunt Test

Our Hunt Test will be held on April 25 & 26 at the Oak Ridge Brittany Grounds. Premiums will be mailed out shortly and will also be posted on the website calendar. Help is needed in the kitchen, planting birds, etc. For more information, contact Cindi Chilbert or Troy Hodulik.

**Cindi Chilbert, HT Secretary - 440-285-8931
Troy Hodulik, HT Chairman - 419-708-6971**



WANTED – Someone to take over doing the Newsletter. I can no longer do the Newsletter and need a volunteer to take over the next issue. Please contact Diane Roth if you can take over doing the Newsletter. I need your help.
Thanks.....*Diane Roth*

FIELD TRIAL

Our Spring field trial will be held on April 10-12 at the Pennsylvania Brittany Grounds in Polk, PA. Premiums have been e-mailed to everyone and also put in the mail. Contact Kelly Custer for a copy of the Premium or it can be found on our website. Kelly Custer is the Field Trial Serretary (440-413-0989) and Bob Reynolds the Chariman. Entries close on Monday, April 6th. Make sure you get your entries in before the deadline.

Breakfast and lunch will be available on the grounds all three days. A steak roast and raffle will be held on Saturday evening along with awards for the days running. We can use some donations for our raffle on Saturday night.

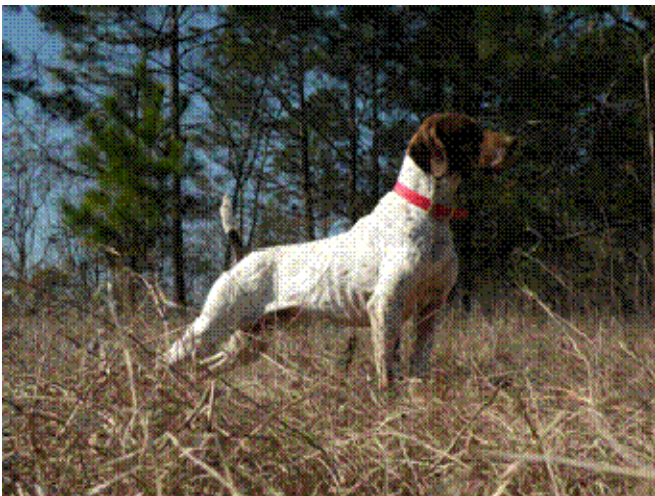
Everyone is welcome to attend the trial.

BRAGS, BRAGS, BRAGS

Smithwicks Hard Licker Owned by Megan Smith took placements at 8 months in LaVergne, TN. Smitty is out of FC/AFC Pine Acres Rusty Saddle and Hi-Point's Express.
 2nd Place in Open Puppy
 1st Place in Amateur Walking Puppy & Derby

Smitty also won his first Derby Classic at Savannah River in January.

"Smitty is on a roll - Keep up the good work. Congratulations to Eileen, Brian and Megan on their placements.

And More Brags.....

Congratulations Hank Lewis on your recent wins with Hi-N's Hurricane Express at the NGSPA Savannah River 2009 Championship:

- Amateur Shooting Dog Champion
- Open All-Age Runner Up Champion

NGSPA Region 5 – Pinkeyville, IL:

- Open All Age Champion

Kane was handled by Chris Goegan in Open All-Age

Congratulations Hannah Hodulik

See the link below from BestJunior.com for year end hunt test/field trial statistics for 2008. Hannah Hodulik (daughter of Troy and Jennifer) ranked 3rd in the statistics and had another great year of fun showing her father how to handle dogs at various field trials and hunt tests in Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support, commitment to the sport and for always making Hannah feel comfortable and welcome at all of the events. It has been a very positive experience for her and has helped her grow as a person.

Troy Hodulik

<http://www.bestjunior.com/2008hunttestfldtrial.html>

WAY TO GO HANNAH!

SPECIAL TRIBUTE
TRUMBULL CREEK'S SAGE
ONE OF THE BEST PRODUCED BY
TRUMBULL CREEK KENNELS



We will miss the presence of this great German Shorthaired Pointer. Sage passed away in January 2009 at the age of 12 1/2. I would like to Honor her here as I believe there are few if any dogs that can top her achievements in our trials. If we had a Hall of Fame she would surely be in it. In 11 years of these Hunters trials Sage placed 90 times, 57 of those placements were First place. She was also Dog of the Day 11 times achieving that title at least once at each of the Honor/Memorial trials and even won the Maiwurm trial for the third time as a Senior Pointer. She was also Dog of the Day at the Winners Trial twice.

In addition to our Hunters trials Sage also has 2 AKC titles Senior and Master Hunter. Sage too was a great hunting companion. She began hunting wild birds from Iowa in 1996 at the age of 6 months to her last hunt in South Dakota in 2008 at the age of 12 having produced hundreds of birds in between.

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to **Trumbull Creek's Sage** she will be greatly missed.

Owners: Dennis Meinke and Kelly Custer

HEALTH WARNING: TOXIC FOODS FOR DOGS

There are many toxic foods that can be fatal to your dogs. Raisins/grapes are very toxic. Poison control said that as few as 7 raisins could be toxic. Many people give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats. Any exposure should give rise to immediate concern. Call your vet or local emergency center.

Other toxic foods are Onions, Chocolate, Cocoa, Macadamia Nuts, Sugar-free gum which can also be fatal. There are many foods and toxic substances around the house that can make our animals sick; be sure to pet-proof your homes and yards.

For more information on Poison Prevention and a listing of plants toxic to your dogs and cats, go to the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center website at <http://www.apcc.aspc.org> or a poison control website of your choice. They have many informative articles on keeping your pets safe.

We need to keep a careful watch over our favorite companions and keep them safe.

GSPCO CALENDAR OF EVENTS**2009****January**

- 10-11 FT/Hunt Test Seminar – Sponsored by GSPCO & AKC. Hilton Garden Inn – Twinsburg, OH
29 GSPCO Club Meeting – Beef O'Brady's – 7:30 pm
31 GSPCO 2009 Membership Dues – **Last Day to Pay Dues/Renew Membership**

February

- 14 Valentines Day Dinner & GSPCO Awards Banquet – Bass Lake Tavern
Eileen Smith – besmith75@aol.com

March

- 26 GSPCO Club Meeting – Beef O'Brady's – 7:30 pm

April

- 10-12 Spring Horseback Field Trial – PA Brittany Grounds, Polk, PA (Easter Weekend)
Kelly Custer, Secretary – Cell: 440-413-0989
Bob Reynolds, Chairman – Home: 330-533-4044

- 25-26 GSPCO Spring Hunt Test – Oak Ridge Brittany Grounds
Troy Hodulik, Chairman – 410-708-6971 or Cindi Chilbert – 440-285-8931

May

- 28 GSPCO Club Meeting – Beef O'Brady's – 7:30 pm

June

Training Day ??? – Date TBD – Need Volunteer

July

- 11-12 GSPCO Specialty – More information to follow
Cindi Chilbert, Show Chairperson - Home: 440-285-8931
30 GSPCO Club Meeting – Beef O'Brady's – 7:30 pm

Aug

- 8 Training Day Crooked Creek Conservation Club – Hartsgrove, OH
Contact Dennis Meinke at 440-413-3100 or djmeinke@windstream.net

September

- 5-6 GSPCO Walking Trial (Corresponding Date)
Pending - Need Chairman & Secretary
24 GSPCO Club Meeting – Beef O'Brady's – 7:30 pm
25-27 GSPCO Horseback Field Trial (Corresponding Date) –
Pending - Need Chairman & Secretary

October

- 3-4 GSPCO Hunt Test (Corresponding Date) Location TBD
John Nix – Chairman, Phone: (614) 855-2557

November

- 19 GSPCO Club Meeting – Elections - Beef O'Brady's – 7:30 pm
26-27 Thanksgiving

December

- 25 Christmas

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Additional articles attached:

- 2009 Membership Listing (club members only)
- Minutes of January Meeting (club members only)
- 2008 Awards Banquet Photos and Awards
- John Kennedy Sportsman of the Year Award 2008
- Gateway GSP Brags & Loss of Chalk

Grandma's Remedies.....Tick Removal

It's that time of year again. Here's another remedy to remove those nasty buggers! Apply a glob of liquid soap or a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the insect for a few seconds (20-30), after which the tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time used and is much less traumatic for the patient (dogs and humans) and easier to do.