

German Shorthaired Pointer  
Club of Ohio

# Short and to the Point



January 2013

Next Meeting:

**January 31, 2013**

**7:30pm sharp**

at

Brewsters

2681 Creekside Drive,  
Twinsburg, OH 44087  
(330) 405-7222



2013 Membership  
Meetings:

January 31, 2013

March 28, 2013

May 30, 2013

July 25, 2013

Sept 26, 2013

Nov 14, 2013

## *President's Message*

Happy New Year!

2013 is shaping up to be another action packed year. Dates are firming up for our hunt tests, field trials and specialty show just to name a few of the events planned for this year.

Much like in years past, pulling together is the key to our success. If you have any interest in helping out at any of the events, big or small, it is greatly appreciated. The club is always looking for chairmen, secretaries, a kitchen boss or a happy hour aficionado. I'd like to welcome the new members who have recently joined the club. You will find that this is a group of people who are 100% dedicated to the awesome dog known as the German Shorthaired Pointer in every facet of the breed. I encourage every one of you to attend the meetings, participate in the events and share your thoughts and ideas.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the GSPCO annual banquet on February 9th at The Bass Lake Tavern in beautiful Chardon Ohio.

Of course let's not forget the meeting on January 31st!

Sincerely,  
Art Jones

Please send any web site or newsletter correspondence to

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**Membership renewal due in no later than JANUARY 31**

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# Club News

## 2013 Calendar

- January 31, 2012      Next membership meeting
- January 31, 2013      Membership Renewal due
- February 9, 2013      Annual Awards Banquet in Chardon
- March 28, 2013      Membership Meeting
- April 22-25, 2013      NGSPA of Ohio Championship at  
TriValley Dresden, OH
- April 26-28, 2013      Spring Horseback Field Trial at  
TriValley Dresden, OH
- May 11-12, 2013      Spring Hunt Test Wayne County  
Coon Hunter Club, Wooster, OH
- July 14, 2013      Conformation Show,  
GSPCO Specialty
- August 10, 2013      Annual Training Day at  
Crooked Creek Conservation
- August 31-Sept 1, 2013      Walking Field Trial Barkeyville, PA
- September 26, 2013      Membership Meeting
- September 27-29      Horseback Trial Barkeyville, PA
- November 14      Membership Meeting -ELECTION

## Event Leadership

Our club is looking for a few people to step up and help run our 2013 Events. There are people ready and willing to help guide you through the process. Please contact Art Jones, president, if you are willing to learn more about the following:

- Raffle and Hospitality at Conformation Show
- Chairman for Fall Hunt Test



The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Ohio, Inc.

Membership Application/ Renewal

**DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2013**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*Used only for club correspondence

Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of GSP'S \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of any GSP organizations? \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Interests:

C – Conformation, F – Field Trial, H – Hunt Test, O – Obedience, P – Personal Hunting,  
R – Rescue, W – Walking Trials, A – Agility & B – Breeder, Other

Do you have any interest in helping with any of the above activities?  
\_\_\_\_\_

I/We agree to abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of the G.S.P.C. of Ohio.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Fill Out Application and Return To:

Cheryl Knight 3768 Glenwood Rd Cleveland Heights, OH 44121 (440)220-2054

Check boxes that apply: Make Check Payable to: GSPC of Ohio

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member

\_\_\_\_\_ Past Member Re-joining the Club

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Single Membership + \$5.00 Initiation Fee = \$20.00

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 Family Membership (1 + Spouse) + \$5.00 Initiation Fee = \$25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 (Family = 1 + Spouse) + \$5.00 for each additional family member +  
\$5.00 Initiation Fee

# Awards Banquet 2013

Looking forward to seeing you there...

## BASS LAKE TAVERNE • INN

### Bring a Dessert

Dessert is on us for the banquet. Plan on bringing a dessert. I'm bringing my Bailey's cheesecake again this year. Let Eileen know what you're bringing.

Contact Eileen Smith:  
[besmith75@aol.com](mailto:besmith75@aol.com)



# Awards Banquet 2013

## Raffle Donations Appreciated

There is a free raffle at the banquet, and that is possible thanks in part to donations from club members.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE AN ITEM OR FUNDS TO SPONSOR AN ITEM (S), PLEASE LET EILEEN KNOW.

Contact Eileen Smith, 10794 Butternut Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026  
besmith75@aol.com-

## Photos Needed



Do you have an awesome picture of your GSPs? Please forward the PDF or JPEG along with a brief description about the picture. Eileen at [besmith75@aol.com](mailto:besmith75@aol.com).

# Meet Your Sportsman of the Year Nominees

## Robert "Doc" Reynolds:



I have been a member since 1998.

I bought a shorthair when I no longer could find a weimarer that could hunt. I love the breed and the people that are involved with the breed.

Be familiar with the exercise requirements of the puppy that you are buying. Try to see the parents if possible, because the pup will probably be like one of the parents and get help if you need it in training your dog.- a well trained dog will be your best friend and an untrained dog can be a nightmare.

Amy and I love animals, as we have dedicated our lives to their care, and we enjoy seeing our dogs and the dogs of other club members develop into some of the best in the country.

Doc

## Charlie Brown



We joined the club in 1985 and had two shorthairs at that time Casey's High Point, and Wallick's Pinehill Dutchess. Casey we finished as our first Field Champion in 1991 and Dutch was our hunters trial dog. Dale and Martha Pickens got us interested in the club and its activities. Charlie had a Brittany growing up that he bird hunted with and I grew up with a variety of dog breeds. When Charlie and I were first married we decided to get a dog and settled on German Shorthairs. I had seen one when I was in college at Kent, catching frisbees! Though that was so cool, so I was in for that breed. We have been active in the club in Hunter's Trials, Field Trials, and I did rescue for many years, until Charlie's stroke in 1998. Charlie has been field trial chairman, bird planter, and gunner for many years, along with chairman on the hunter's events too. I have helped for many of those years too, in the field trials and hunters trials, doing kitchen duty, bird planting, marshalling, and Anne Weslow and I ran the dog wagon on the Amateur side at Killdeer Plains for many of our trials. I was active in rescue for several years,

fostering and placing many dogs, this came after the last litter of pups we had, fell into a few bad hands and I stopped breeding and placing those lost souls that needed homes. Our dog Dutch was our first of many rescue dogs. We love the breed and despite the challenges that go with Shorthairs, we wouldn't have any other breed. Advice for new puppy owners, discipline and exercise, exercise and more exercise. Charlie and I bred for quite a few years and our son grew up helping out with pups, rescue and field events. So many of our club members even came to his graduation from High School. The only thing I can say is that the German Shorthair Club has been like a family to us, and the support we have gotten over the years, especially after Charlie's stroke, has been unbelievable. I just want to relate two stories to you that happened after Charlie's stroke. The first was while Charlie was in the hospital so many people from the club visited, that we couldn't get everyone in the room on many days. The other time was, when he started to run in field trials again, everyone in the gallery helped him handle Zeke (including the two judges) I was so touched by all the compassion. Cheryl I can only say how proud of my husband, that despite his stroke he has put eight field titles on five dogs, I just hope and pray that some day we can get a National Championship title. I really feel Charlie should be nominated by himself. Thanks Laurie

# Meet Your Sportsman of the Year Nominees

## Brian Smith



I have lived in N.E. Ohio all my life, the last 27 years in beautiful Munson Twp. in Geauga County. It's been a great place to raise a family, and a bunch of good old GSP pups.

The German Shorthaired Pointer Club has been a big part of my life for almost the same amount of time.

Having been roped in at a Club trial at the old bird dog training grounds at the Grand River WMA. The good ol' boys were good at hooking a prospective member with a pretty ribbon and telling you you had a nice looking pup!

Field trials intrigued me and was invited to help out at a trial at Killdeer Plains . This started my involvement with some hard core trialers who taught me to ride rough ponies while I learned to plant quail in the appropriate place along the courses . Drive the dog wagon and meet the handlers and watch their dogs and see which were good and which were all talk. Then experience the field trial happy hours and

fantastic dinners ! What a great experience it has been!

Then one evening at a Club meeting someone nominated me for position of Board member and subsequently Club President. What were these people thinking?

We had lost members for a number of years prior to that appointment, and only about six couples would be at our monthly meetings. It was this core of dedicated people who chaired the field trials, dog shows, hunt tests, dinners, and training programs .With their help and a lot hard work and a lot of laughs, they taught me that the Club ran just fine if you get the right people on task and let them run their events the way they felt was beneficial to the Club. That philosophy proved itself !

The day I left the Board, the Club had around one hundred members, and a hefty dollar amount in the treasury.

I felt that was a great way to step down and let new blood try their hand in advancing the Club for the love of the dogs . But more than that I hope they develop great friendships that last for years to come.

See you all at an event soon!

Sincerely,

Brian "Smitty" Smith

## John Costanzo

I respectfully request that you withdraw my name from the list of nominees for the GSPCO Sportsman of the Year Award. Please understand that while I am honored to have been nominated, I am making this request because I cannot justify being considered for the award.

My last statement is made without hesitation or reservation. Every other nominee has contributed their time, talent and personal resources to make our breed, our club and our sport stronger. I am grateful to each of them for the many hours of service they have given to promote and support club events. I also recognize and appreciate their willingness to provide leadership and oversee the work, even if that meant they did the lion's share of the work themselves. Their contributions make it possible for people like me to enjoy the benefits of being a member of the GSPCO.

I hope you and other club members understand that I feel that withdrawing my name from the list respects the process of identifying nominees and ultimately the presentation of the award. I feel strongly it is the right thing to do.

John

## Feeding considerations for the highly active dog during the hunting season

Having a feeding program that optimally complements your hardworking canine is a great way to help ensure that your dog's season, performance, and health will be in peak form. There are several concepts to discuss and why they work. Some things to consider include, feeding a performance food formula with greater caloric density, the optimal time to feed, how often to feed daily, and how to adjust feeding amount relative to your dog's needs.

For many hunters that have sporting dogs, having a dog that is very active during the hunting season and much less active in the spring and summer may be the way of life. For others, training, competitions, and hunting may be a year-round passion. With any hardworking dog, providing a performance food containing 30% protein/20% fat versus a maintenance formula containing 24-26% protein/12-16% fat has been shown to optimize many aspects of exercise metabolism through nutrition studies with dogs. To briefly summarize, a performance food provides two major benefits. First, it is more calorie dense, which is important when more food is needed to meet the dog's higher energy demand of increased activity and cooler temperatures. Second, and in my opinion more importantly, a performance formula appropriately provides a greater proportion of fats and protein to significantly increase a working dog's metabolism that favors higher endurance.

Did you know that a hardworking dog's energy needs can double, or as much as quadruple, over the course of the season, compared to its resting energy needs in the off-season? Of course, the change will depend on the intensity, frequency, and duration of how much you work your dog, as well as the terrain and environmental temperature. So, what does this mean? As an example, if your dog consumes 2 cups a day during



the lazy summer, you may have noticed that you have to increase the amount of food during the hunting season to 4, or even up to 8, cups a day by the middle or end of the season just to keep the dog's weight stable. However, this significant increase in calories does not occur overnight and will vary for each dog. This is a gradual shift that occurs over several weeks as the season progresses, time in the field increases, and physical conditioning improves. The question often

comes up, "how do I know how much more or less to feed, and how do I best adjust the amount". Ultimately, there are two rules of thumb to have in mind. First and most importantly, always feed an amount to maintain a stable body weight and ideal body condition. And second, always add or subtract in small incremental changes, such as  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup amounts every few days as appropriate to help keep your dog's body condition stable.

So when do you feed your dog during the day over the course of the hunting or performance season, and how many times a day do you feed? There are some concepts to consider when structuring a feeding strategy for your hardworking dog that include the optimal time to feed and how often to feed daily. There is a variety of information that indicates feeding a hardworking dog is optimal when the food is provided after hunting or training for the day, and not before. A meal can take between 18 to 24 hours to be completely digested and eliminated as a bowel movement, so we want to maximize the amount of time between eating and the next day's hunt. Nutrition studies have revealed that a dog's endurance performance can be as much as doubled when on an empty stomach compared to having eaten 4 or less hours before exercising. Based on this information, it is recommended that intensely exercising dogs be fed approximately 24 hours before an intense exercise bout to help alleviate problems associated with a full colon. If the dog will

## Feeding considerations for the highly active dog during the hunting season (continued)

be hunting or training over multiple days, then it will not be realistic to feed 24 hours before the next exercise bout. Therefore, most dogs should be fed 30-60 minutes after exercise or hard work is complete for the day. This allows a maximum amount of time for meal digestion before the next day's hunt.

Immediately after the dog stops working or hunting, it is best to focus on allowing the breathing rate to slow or generally return to normal, and provide fresh water for rehydrating. Just be sure that the dog doesn't over-consume the drinking water all at once, as vomiting could occur.

As a final topic for consideration, daily feeding frequency can help; feeding once daily is more optimal for hunting or athletic dogs than feeding twice daily. Healthy adult dogs, unlike people, don't normally get low blood sugar with short bouts of fasting, even when exercising, as they rely much more significantly on body fat stores for their

energy needs. Of course, feeding once daily would be considered optimal for performance of a hunting or exercising dog, but this may not be feasible in some situations or for some dogs.

If very large quantities are required on a daily basis to maintain an ideal body condition, like 7-8 cups for a 50-60 lb dog, it would be recommended to feed the bulk (~75%) of the food about 30 min after exercise, then the balance 4-6 hours later. If you are feeding this large quantity of food while using



a maintenance formula (26/26), this is a good time to consider switching to an Advanced (28/18) or Performance food (30/20). Alternative options to consider would be to increase the caloric density and/or feed a food with higher digestibility as a strategy for reducing the amount needed to deliver adequate calories. If you find yourself in a unique scenario with a high octane dog or one that requires specific nutritional needs, your veterinarian may be able to assist you in working out a

strategy that addresses your dog's individual concerns. Our hunting dogs are nothing less than elite athletes in every way, as even our couch-potato companions have a greater natural endurance than the most elite human athletes. We expect high performance when they are afield and we train them for success, so it is important that we consider how providing the best nutrition

and feeding strategies support our canine athlete. This is critical to complement the training and breeding of your pet. Taken together, all these suggestions can contribute each in simple ways to develop an optimal feeding program for your hard-working dog. Good luck to you and your dog's personal journey towards greatness!

Special thanks to Dr. Zanghi and Nestle Research Center for allowing us to reprint this article.

Brian Zanghi, Ph.D.  
Research Nutritionist  
Nestle Research Center  
Nestle Purina Petcare

## Please join me in congratulating Joe and Cindy Orndorff on their great year!

We had a great 2012 Field Trial Season. By God's Grace we have been very blessed to be able to travel and compete in these events with our dogs. The biggest "brag" of them all is that our travels were safe and mostly without incident and No injuries to us, the dogs or horses. We are looking forward to a great 2013 season.

1xCH/ 2x RU/CH/ FC Jagermeisters' Dollop Of Daisy -

Call name – Daisy

AKC Events:

1st - Open All Age - GSP Club of Ohio - April 2012 - Dresden, Ohio

1st - Open Limited Gun Dog - Buckeye GSP Club - April 2012 - Dresden, Ohio - 5pt major

2nd - Open All Age - Buckeye GSP Club - April 2012 - Dresden, Ohio

2nd - Open All Age - Mason Dixon GSP Club - April 2012 - Petersburg, Delaware

3rd - Open Gun Dog - Miami Valley Vizsla Club - September 2012 - Dresden, Ohio

1st - Open Gen Dog - GSP Club of Michigan - September 2012 - Ionia, Michigan

Daisy achieved her Field Championship Title on September 8, 2012. Daisy also competed in the AKC All Age Nationals in Kansas this year. She had a great run with 2 finds.

NGSPA Events:

NGSPA Ohio Championship - Amateur Shooting Dog Champion - April 2012 - Dresden, Ohio

NGSPA Great Lakes Championship - RU Amateur Shooting Dog Champion - October 2012 - Ionia, Michigan

Daisy competed in the NGSPA Shooting Dog Nationals in Booneville, AR handled by Chris Goegan. She and Joe also competed in the NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog Nationals. Write-ups

for both of these runs were printed in the American Field.

Daisy finished 2012, ranked 4th in NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog of the Year. She has three Championships under belt at just 4 years old.

Joe also finished 2012, ranked 4th in NGSPA Amateur Handler of the Year.



2xCH/ RU/CH NGPDA ASD /FC/AFC High Point's Nuke Powered Tank -

Call Name – Duke

Duke is finished as a Field Champion and as an Am. Field Champion. As such, he does not run in many AKC events.

NGSPA Events:

Region 2 Championship - Champion Open Shooting Dog - Medford, New Jersey

Savannah River Championship - Champion Open Shooting Dog - Waynesboro Georgia

**A Whole Year of Brags**

## Please join me in congratulating Joe and Cindy Orndorff on their great year!

Duke also competed in the AKC All Age Nationals in Kansas. Though he had a great run...he had too many finds for an All Age event...He had 7 solid finds!! Duke competed in the NGSPA Shooting Dog Nationals in Booneville, AR handled by Chris Goegan. He and Joe also competed in the NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog Nationals. Duke was a strong contender and did very well in both events. Write-ups for both of these runs were printed in the American Field. He finished 2012 ranked 4th NGSPA Open Shooting Dog of the Year. Duke had the honor of being invited to The Inaugural Running of The NGSPA Open Shooting Dog Invitational Championship which was held December 7-9 in Gentry, Missouri. Only the top 12 Shooting Dogs in the country were invited to this Premier Inaugural Championship Event. Duke went into the event ranked 3rd in the country. This event's format is like none other held by The NGSPA. The best of the best, dogs, handlers & owners, attended this Championship. The top dogs from all of the country came to MO with their owners; from Washington to New York, Texas to Idaho. And of course West Virginia!! And some came just to simply ride in the gallery and watch some awesome Shooting Dogs. It is a 3 day, 3 hour each day event. Testing not only bird work but also endurance. Only a Champion is named in this event format. Duke definitely held his own. Though he did not win, he did get in the stand-by's for the 3rd day. We had a wonderful time! Hayley Kilam was the host of the event and she went all out. The motto for the entire event was "The Standard Is Set"...and that it was. The grounds (Smith Farms), the food, the presentations each night, the live entertainment by Elden Hongo, the banquet hall (Russ Meyer Ranch), the people, etc. where all Top Notch; nothing was spared for this Invitational. The judges were both Pointer judges who had competed in the Pointer Invationals. We hope to be invited to both the Amateur & Open in 2013 ...a little wishful thinking never hurts, right?! The American Field will have a full write up next month. Anyone that is interested can read updates and



look at pictures regarding the events that we compete in at our website, <http://www.allnken-nels.com/> Due to time, it isn't always as up-to-date as we would like for it to be, so check back often.



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Website of Interest:

GSPCO  
<http://www.gspcofohio.org>

ABDCO  
[www.associatedbirddog-clubsofohio.com](http://www.associatedbirddog-clubsofohio.com)

AKC [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org)

GSPCA [www.gspca.org](http://www.gspca.org)

NGSPA [www.ngspa.org](http://www.ngspa.org)

Rescue [www.gspcareohio.org](http://www.gspcareohio.org)

[www.iGive.com](http://www.iGive.com)

Gander Mountain [www.gandermountain.com](http://www.gandermountain.com)

Purina [www.purina.com/dogs](http://www.purina.com/dogs)

GSP Chronicle  
[www.gspchronicle.com](http://www.gspchronicle.com)

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[www.shorthairjournal.com](http://www.shorthairjournal.com)  
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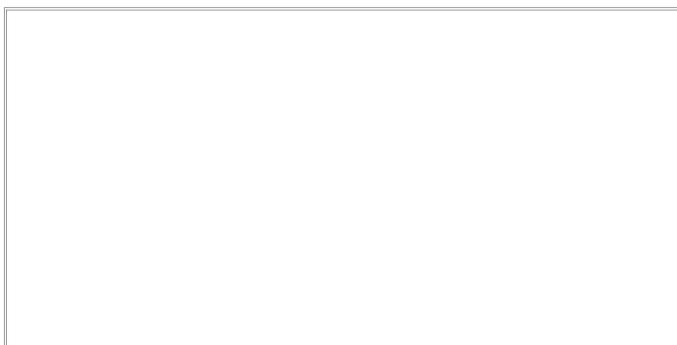
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[www.gspchronicle.com](http://www.gspchronicle.com)

The American Sporting Dog Alliance  
[www.americansportingdogalliance.org](http://www.americansportingdogalliance.org)

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