



Short and to the Point

December 1, 2015

Special Edition

2016

Membership Meeting Dates

January 28

February 6 (banquet)

March 31

May 26

July 28

August 17 (Versatility Day)

September 22

November 17 (Elections)

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at
Mad Jack's Grill & Pub, 204 S. Chillicothe,
Aurora. Dinner purchase not required.

Join us at the
January meeting
for a chance
to win
reimbursement
of your banquet
dinner.

Meet your new President

First off let me say that as the new President of the GSPCO, I am honored that those attending our bimonthly meeting felt that I was capable of handling this position. For those of you who do not know me I have been a member of this club since 1987. I have owned GSPs for 44 years. I lived in Ohio from birth until I married my wife Sherry and now live in Mercer PA we currently own 4 GSPs.

I do not plan on making any big changes to the club but will, along with Sherry our membership chair, be focusing on increasing our membership and trying to get more people involved in more activities. Currently, most of our members are Field Trialers; but we would welcome and support anyone with GSPs to join the club and expand on their interests, be it Conformation, Agility, Rescue, Field Trials, Hunt tests, Hunters or something new to us like K9 nose work.



I will be open to any suggestions that our members may have on the club. You can send me items to be discussed at our membership meetings or better yet join us at one of the meetings. I would love to see more members at our bimonthly meetings; they are a fun social get together.

I look forward to the coming year and seeing / meeting you at some of our activities.

Dennis Meinke, President
djmeinke@zoominternet.net

THANK YOU ART JONES!



Art Jones served two terms as President of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Ohio. Thank you Art for your dedication to the Club.

German Shorthaired Pointer of Ohio

Sportsman of the Year





A sportsman is an individual whose conduct and attitude embodies the spirit of the sport, sets a positive tone of graciousness in winning or losing, and demonstrates knowledge and achievement of working with the breed of sporting dogs known as German Shorthaired Pointers. A sportsman must exhibit self-control and exemplary demeanor towards the sport, his competitors and dog(s). This is not a popularity contest. It is an acknowledgment of a club member's dedication over his/her membership lifetime.

Good Sportsman Rules

1. The “Golden Rule” — show respect for your competitor and dog to the standard that you expect it for yourself.
2. Have a good understanding and appreciation of the rules of the sport. The spirit of good sportsmanship depends on conforming to the intent of the rule and not looking for the loop hole.
3. Enjoy yourself and encourage enjoyment of others.
4. Take responsibility for your actions.

Criteria

The **Nominations are due by December 20, 2015**. It can be mailed or emailed to Eileen Smith, 10794 Butternut Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026, or besmith75@aol.com. A list of nominees will be included in the annual banquet invitation. Whether you attend the banquet or not, your vote is important. More detailed information will be provided with the ballot. The award will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet in February and held for one year.

-  The nominee must be in good standing with the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Ohio.
-  The nominee must have displayed with good intent as an ambassador for “Good Sportsmanship” in the areas of competition for German Shorthaired Pointers.

NOMINATION FORM

I nominate _____ for GSPCO Sportsman of the Year for the following reason(s):

Please sign: _____



Save the Date! Annual Banquet Saturday, February 6, 2016

GSPCO is pleased to announce that we will be featuring Chip Gross, free lance writer and former Wildlife Officer as a guest speaker. His program will feature a slide presentation based on his book, *Poachers Were My Prey: Eighteen Years as an Undercover Wildlife Officer*. An excerpt from his biography on the Internet is on the following page.



Guests are welcome. Please provide Eileen Smith, besmith75@aol.com their address to receive a formal invitation with banquet choices and directions.

Should you need overnight accommodations , Bass Lake Taverne & Inn (440.285.3100) will give banquet attendees a special rate based on room availability. Mention the banquet when making reservations.



Chip Gross

Freelance writer, photographer, speaker, and editor Chip Gross has been fascinated by the out-of-doors all his life. At an early age, Gross was taught to fish by his grandfather and as a young teenager learned to hunt from his father. Those two activities eventually led him to many other outdoor pursuits, such as birding, canoeing, and camping, just to name a few.

Following high school, Gross attended Ohio State University, earning a four-year Bachelor of Science degree (1974), majoring in Wildlife Management. After graduation he taught outdoor education for two years at the Mohican Outdoor School near Loudonville, Ohio, working summers as a Lake Ranger for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, also in Ohio.

In 1976, Gross was hired by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife, as a State Wildlife Officer. He completed a 27-year career with the agency, advancing to Wildlife Education Officer and ultimately Editor of its two wildlife magazines: Wild Ohio and Wild Ohio for Kids. Under Gross' leadership, the magazines won the prestigious James P. Barry Award for Editorial Excellence in 2001.

It was during his years with the Ohio DNR that Gross began freelance writing and shooting photographs of outdoor subjects, selling his first story in 1981. Since that time, he has gone on to sell hundreds of articles and photos to national, regional, and state outdoor publications, as well as Web sites. He has also written six books:

- ◆ Home, At Last, Is The Hunter (a fiction novel)
- ◆ Pro Tactics: Steelhead & Salmon
- ◆ Ohio Wildlife Viewing Guide
- ◆ Young Beginner's Guide to Shooting & Archery
- ◆ Poachers Were My Prey: Eighteen Years as an Undercover Wildlife Officer
- ◆ Trolling Big-Water Walleyes: Secrets of the Great Lakes Fishing Guides, Charter Captains, and Walleye Pros



Gross took advantage of an early retirement offer from the Ohio DNR in 2002, and is now self-employed fulltime as a freelance writer, photographer, speaker, and editor. He has been a member of the Outdoor Writers of Ohio (OWO) since 1983, serving as president of that organization in 1991-1992. Gross has also been a member of the Outdoor Writers Association of America (OWAA) since 1986, serving on the Board of Directors from 2004 to 2007. He has won numerous writing and photography awards from both OWAA and OWO.

Chip and wife, Jan, have two grown sons and seven grandchildren. They live near rural Fredericktown, Ohio, surrounded by 13 wooded acres at the end of a one-lane gravel road. "I can sit on my front porch and listen to wild turkeys gobble," Gross said. "This is just where I want to be..."

The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Ohio, Inc.

Membership Application/ Renewal DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2016

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.O.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Fill Out Application and Return To:

Sherry Meinke 120 Oakland Road, Mercer PA 16137 724-662-5682

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

_____ New Member Pay \$5.00 Initiation Fee

_____ Past Member Re-joining the Club

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

_____ \$20.00 Family Membership (I + Spouse) + \$5.00 Initiation Fee = \$25.00

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

2016 Executive Board

Dennis Meinke — President
Eileen Smith — Vice President
Robert (Doc) Reynolds — Treasurer
Cheryl Knight — Secretary
Geoff Marlo — Board Member
Jen Sheehan — Board Member

Think Spring!

Mark your calendars

2016

April 29-30 — field trial Tri Valley

May 14-15 — Dual Hunt Test

July 16 — GSPCO Specialty Show



Cindi Chilbert

K9 Nose Work — the latest training activity and sport.

Are you looking for an activity with your dog that is easy, portable and allows your dog to develop his natural scenting abilities? Cindi Chilbert reported at the membership meeting that dogs are trained like drug-sniffing dogs except instead of searching out drugs, they find Birch, Anise and Clove.

Do you know someone who is interested in the club or becoming a member? If so, contact **Sher Meinke**, membership secretary, at shermeinke@zoominternet.net.

Why join the club? Our club was established to encourage and promote quality in the breeding of purebred GSPs, to protect and advance the interest of the breed by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at all events and to conduct AKC licensed and sanctioned events under the rules of the AKC. We need your support be it financial, by paying dues, or active involvement in events. This allows the club to continue putting on events and promoting our beloved GSPs.

Website will be under construction until after the first of the year. Suggestions for improvements — contact Anne Weslow (anne.weslow@earthlinke.net) or Eileen Smith. (besmith75@aol.com).