



# Short and to the Point

November 3, 2016

## PROPOSED

2017

### Membership Meeting Dates

**January 28** (banquet &  
Membership meeting)

**March 23**

**May 25**

**August 5** (Versatility Day)  
& Membership meeting

**September 28** (meeting  
date changed)

**November 16** (Elections)

Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at Mad Jack's Grill & Pub, 204 S. Chillicothe, Aurora. Dinner purchase not required. Social hour 6:30-7:30p.m.

**Join us at the  
November 17th  
meeting for a chance  
to win a GSPCO  
membership**

## NOVEMBER 17, 2016 MEETING — ELECTIONS!

By Eileen Smith

Due to Thanksgiving being the 4th Thursday of the month, the general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, **NOVEMBER 17, 2016**. Attendance is encouraged as well as a chance to win a 2017 GSPCO membership. ***Dinner purchase is not required.***

Also at this meeting we will be discussing the 2017 membership meeting dates. A recommendation will be made that the January meeting coincide with banquet; thereby giving members who are not able to attend meetings due to distance or life conflicts but attend the banquet an opportunity to attend a meeting.

Discussion as to criteria for awards received at the banquet will be discussed. If you have input on this subject, please contact

## President — Dennis Meinke

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice fall weather and got to enjoy the beautiful fall colors. And for the hunters maybe even got some hunting in.

We held two great events the first weekend of October, our annual fall Horseback Field Trial and a Dual Hunt Test with the Oak Ridge Pointing Dog Club. Both events were held near Barkeyville, PA. Thanks to all who supported these events and a special thanks to those who ran and helped put on these events. Unfortunately we ended up with both events scheduled for the same weekend, we will strive to make sure that does not happen again as we were stretched to have enough help and judges to do both at once. Never the less both events proved to be successful.

Our membership continues to slowly grow with 84 members. As a reminder if you raise a litter of pups please pass on a membership form to anyone purchasing a pup for a year's free membership.

We continue to work on improving our Web page, anyone who would like to share information or pictures please contact Eileen Smith or Ann Weslow.

## Welcome new members

Submitted by Sher Meinke

Welcome **Ellen Welker and Jon & Tina Pulcheon**, who recently acquired a puppy. We also welcome **Terry & Ben Glover**. The Glovers are also members of the Oak Ridge Club.

## From the kitchen of Gale Graves

### Apple Dumplings

6 medium tart juicy apples

1 cup sugar

2 cups water

3 T butter

1/4 t. cinnamon

1/2 cup sugar

1 1/2 t cinnamon

1 T butter

Dough

2 1/2 cups flour

1 t salt

3/4 cups shortening

8 T cold water

1. Roll pastry 1/8" thick
2. Pare and core each apple
3. Boil next 4 ingredients
4. Place apple on pastry mixture and fill core with mixture of sugar and cinnamon.
5. Dot each with butter
6. Place dumpling on baking dish
7. Pour syrup around them
8. Bake 40-45 minutes or until crust is brown in a 425 degree oven.



## Membership meeting highlights

**2017 Field Trials:** Spring — April 28-30 at Tri-Valley; Fall — September 30-October 2 at Polk.

**2017 Walking Trial** — There was discussion about having a two-day walking trial over Labor Day weekend either at Silver Dollar Sportsmen's Club or at Oak Ridge grounds. Rex Messner and John Constanzo have volunteered to do a walking trial at Silver Dollar, but because two previous trials planned at Silver Dollar had to be cancelled because of lack of entries, those at the meeting decided we had a better draw of entries by using the Oak Ridge grounds. A motion was made and approved for Gale Graves to contact AKC concerning holding a walking trial over Labor Day weekend.

**Hunt Test** — There was discussion about the fact that both the Field Trial and Hunt Test were on the same weekend this year. Every effort will be made to make sure there is not a conflict next year.

**By-Laws Vote** — The verbiage as reported in the September newsletter passed for section 1.02 Dues. Eileen Smith will update the By-Laws. Anyone interested in the copy, please contact Eileen at [besmith75@aol.com](mailto:besmith75@aol.com) or 440.285.2561.

**Website:** Anne Weslow has met with our Webmaster and is learning how to update the website. Discussion of improvements to the website. It was suggested that there should be a button linking to entry forms.

**Banquet:** Rex Messner will be our guest speaker at the Annual GSPCO Awards Banquet. The topic will be NAVDA.

**Signage for Tri-Valley** — Neil Bly is looking into the cost for a metal work sign at Tri Valley.

### NOVEMBER MEETING IS ELECTOINS!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 17TH.**



Cheryl Knight will not be returning at Club secretary. Due to life commitments, Cheryl has decided not to return to the club as Secretary.

Many thanks Cheryl for all your contributions to the club. Not only was she the Secretary, she was membership secretary and managed both the newsletter and website. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK.

# Save the Date!

GSPCO Annual Banquet will be Saturday,  
**January 28, 2017.**

More information and formal invite to follow.



Fall Field Trial -- Polk, Pa.  
September 30 - October 2, 2016  
Submitted by Jen Sheehan

## GSPCO Fall Horseback Trial Pennsylvania Brittany Club Grounds

**Open Limited Gun Dog:** Judges: Jim Wallace / Meredith Mays (30 dogs)

1. Jokes On You O: Steve Ericson H: Chris Goegan
2. Woodland Trail's Rockin Robin O: Robert Reynolds, DVM  
H: Chris Goegan
3. Hi-N's Bodacious O/H: Hank Lewis
4. Eshod's Doc Holiday O: Manuel Valdes H: Chris Goegan



**Open Derby:** Judges: Charlie Brown / Scott Weslow (12 dogs)

1. Double M's Comfortably Numb O: Meredith Mays H: Cliff Mesnard
2. Mar Mac's Thor of Opalescence O: Marion Machlusa H: Chris Goegan
3. Ajax Hurricanes Bird Finding Machinge O/H: Rich Jarosinski
4. Soda Pop O: Diane Vater/Chuck Cooper H: Diane Vater

**Amateur Gun Dog (RET):** Judges : Russ Roth / Brian Smith (13 dogs)

1. Hi-N's Hasty Matilda O/H: Hank Lewis
2. Bristol's Here Comes Trouble O/H: Paul Gall
3. Hi-N's Bodacious O/H: Hank Lewis
4. w/h

**Open Gun Dog (RET):** Judges: Jim Wallace / Scott Weslow (27 dogs)

1. All N's Pistol Annie O: Joe & Cindy Orndorff H: Chris Goegan
2. Waybac's Silver Surfer O: Bev & Wayne Cowgill H: Diane Vater
3. Hi-N's Bodacious O/H: Hank Lewis
4. Gunnem Down Black Betty O/H: Ron Schneider

**Amateur Limited Gun Dog:** Judges: Charlie Brown / Ron Schneider (13 dogs)

1. In-Country's Cummins Diesel O/H: Chris Young
2. Double M's White On Rice O: Meredith Mays H:  
Cliff Mesnard
3. Slaterock Mattie Clark O: Rick Heare/Chris  
Young H: Chris Young
4. Hard Hitting Critical Kate O/H: Chris Young



**Open Puppy:** Judges: Brian Smith / Meredith Mays (12 dogs)

1. Salmon Creek Patti O/H: Scott Snyder
2. Trinity's Skye Drifter O: Cindy Stefaniak H:  
Chris Goegan
3. Westweim The Marshal's Favorite Miss Trax  
Edelweiss O: Hanson/Sommer H: Diane Vater
4. Hi-N's Hurricane Abby O/H: Hank Lewis

The GSPCO held its annual Fall Horseback trial at the Pennsylvania Brittany Club Grounds in Polk, PA, on September 30 - October 2, 2016. We had 116 entries for our 3-day event. We would like to thank our field trial chairman, **Chris Young**, for putting together another fun, successful event. Because of a scheduling error, the club was spread thin over 2 events on the same weekend. Many of our club members worked both events, without complaint, to make sure that everything ran smoothly. We couldn't do what we do without the continued support of our dedicated club members!

Thank you to our judges for the time spent in the saddle, giving each dog and handler your undivided attention. Our judges for this event were: **Jim Wallace, Meredith Mays, Charlie Brown, Scott Weslow, Brian Smith, Russ Roth and Ron Schneider.**

Thank you to **Laurie Brown** for running our kitchen for this event. We had gourmet meals for the entire weekend! We enjoyed a lasagna dinner, pot roast, ham and cheese sliders and sausage sandwiches. Everything was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed!

Thank you to **Art Jones** for making sure we started each day off with a hearty breakfast sandwich! We have come to appreciate and expect these at our events, and Art never fails to deliver!



Thank you to **Mike Petrillo** for bringing us fresh baked goods, pastries, and more importantly- **cannolis!**

Thank you to **John Costanzo** for bringing his ATV and planting birds for us all day on Friday, before heading over to the hunt test for the rest of the weekend. Thank you to **Ron Schneider** for delivering his ATV to us to utilize for the rest of the weekend. Thank you to everyone who helped load bird bags and plant birds.

Thank you to our gunners: **Charlie Brown, Scott Weslow, and Russ Roth.**

Thank you to **Diane Roth and Eileen Smith**, for putting on another wonderful raffle and happy hour Saturday night. Thank you to everyone who donated items to the raffle and who made appetizers for the happy hour.



Thank you to pros **Chris Goegan and Diane Vater** for supporting our event.

Thank you to everyone who entered and participated in our event. Congratulations to the winners and to those who put a new title on their dogs! We look forward to seeing you at future events.

# Hunt Test - Oakridge Hunting Dog Club, Pa.

## October 1 - 2, 2016

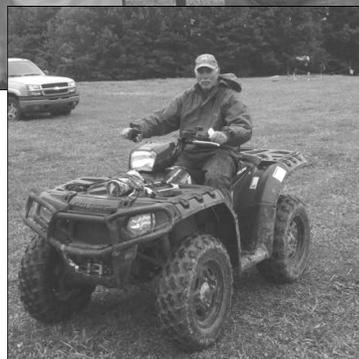
The GSPCO and the Oak Ridge Pointing Dog Club put on a Dual Hunt Test on October 1&2, 2016. This allows participants to run their dogs in up to 4 tests in one weekend. Tests are run at Junior, Senior and Master Levels. Dogs are either successful at meeting the level standard or not. It is a pass or fails not a competition. Many think these tests are an easy pass, not true. We had 45 dogs entered in the two GSPCO tests. 19 juniors – 7 passed, 8 seniors – 1 passed, 18 Masters – 2 passed. Typically it takes 5 passes at any one level to obtain that level AKC title.

The weather for our event was quite nice and all who attended seemed to enjoy. The Oak Ridge grounds were in excellent condition and there was plenty of space for campers, dogs and horses. A Ham dinner with lots of sides and goodies was held Saturday evening followed by a drawing for Blank Gun, training Collar and a popular Neil Bly bird box.

Thank you to our judges Joseph Bunk, William Davis, Eileen Murdock and Kent Shaver. Also want to thank committee members and helpers, especially John Costanzo, Russ Roth, Brian Smith and new member Kendrick Chitlock who provided excellent bird planting and Gunning support and Cindy Chilbert and Becky Davis in the kitchen.

Our next Hunt Test will also be another Dual with Oak Ridge on March 6&7, 2017.

Report by Chairman Dennis Meinke and Secretary Sherry Meinke



**The Roths**

*Submitted by Eileen Smith*

Diane and Russ Roth are no strangers to the German Shorthair Pointer Club and its events.

**Did you know** that a few years after Diane and Russ married in 1976 they got their first GSP named *Sheri*? She was never trained but sure loved to hunt and chase her birds. From that point forward, they were passionate over the breed. In 1994, Linda and Lee Faeking sold the Roths their second GSP, Fleigenmeister's Sir Arby, "Arby." Linda and Lee got them involved in the club.

**Did you know** that John Kennedy took Russ under his wing and showed him how to plant birds and ride a horse? Russ got initiated by volunteering at his first field trial riding and planting birds at Killdeer Plains all day. No one told him that he would plant birds until he was relieved by someone else (which usually meant there was no relief unless you found it yourself.) Russ and Diane also showed Arby at one of our GSPCO Specialties held in Madison in the Field Trial class just for fun. They also became involved in the hunt tests, which were held at Bashams' farm mid-December (brrrrr). Snow was falling but the spirit of the club was warm with a pot luck being held in their barn.



Russ showing Arby at a Specialty Show



Russ with Kody

**Did you know** that in the Spring of 1995, Russ entered Arby in his first field trial at Barkeyville, Pa. (*some things do not change*). Scott Weslow was one of the judges for puppy, awarding Arby first place? Scott's comment at a later date was "Yes, we got another one hooked." To this day (22 years later) you will still find Diane and Russ involved in field trials.

**Did you know** their success in field trial dogs started when they obtained a couple dogs from Chris Goegan, *starting with "Wild Bill" Kody*, and peeked with *Rusty*, who was born broke to wing and shot and produced many successful offspring *which include Eddie and Pete*? While the duo has a long way to go, both pups are steady to wing and shot.

**Did you know** that Russ and Diane have held many positions with the GSPCO; Russ as Vice President, board member and newsletter editor; Diane as Secretary, membership secretary, field trial secretary, newsletter editor and queen of the happy hour and raffles at club events?

**Did you know** that Russ worked for Eileen Smith's dad and that Brian and Russ worked together at Leaseway Transportation? They did not realize this until Russ wore a Leaseway jacket to a club meeting.

Russ and Diane are both retired and can be found traveling throughout the United States in their RV with their dogs. You can follow their travels on Facebook where Russ is always asking "where am I now" or "Here's Diane with all her friends."



Russ and Diane with Rusty

Submitted by Jen Sheehan

I think most of us that have shorthairs have had an unexpected visit to the vet a time or two. My latest visit to the vet, with Molly, my 8 year old, was shocking to me. While I had heard of spear grass, I thought that it was something that you just had to worry about if you had traveled or competed out west with your dog. I had no idea that we had a similar type of issue lurking right here in our own backyards. Who knew?! Apparently, Molly found this particular grass, in my yard, to be especially attractive. While I didn't see her eat it, the results of my vet's examination proved that she had, indeed, found it very appetizing. On that particular morning, Molly wasn't acting like herself. Upon closer inspection, I realized that Molly's jowls were extremely swollen. I thought maybe she had gotten stung by something. Once we got to the office, my vet carefully pried her mouth open and said, "you've got grass awns, she is going to have to stay with me." Molly spent the day at the vet, under anesthesia, getting each piece carefully extracted from her cheeks, under her tongue, in her gums and the back of her throat. Some of them required an incision to be made with a scalpel to get them out. That is how fast they can burrow into the tissue. \$450 later, lesson learned. I immediately *Googled* "grass awns" in the hopes of identifying the culprit in my own yard. I'm sorry to say that I couldn't find it, so everything got mowed down or cut down, and anything suspicious got sprayed. My hope is that the vet was successful in removing them all and that our hard lesson will keep your 4 legged family members safe.....

## Can Grass Kill Your Dog?

By David F. Kramer

*This article was reviewed for accuracy by Dr. Katie Grzyb, DVM*

When it comes to risks to the health of our dogs, the culprits are literally all around us. While a nice walk is quality time for both and dog and owner, it too can be fraught with potential danger.

While you might be on the lookout for squirrels, skunks, porcupines, and other denizens of the forest, there are just as many hazards that make their homes closer to the ground, including the ground itself. One such hazard is the grass awn.

### What is a Grass Awn?

Whether you call them awns, timothy, foxtails, cheat grass, June grass, Downy Brome, or any other number of colloquial names, to dogs they generally mean one thing, and that's trouble.

An awn is a hairy, or bristle-like, appendage growing from the ear or flower of barley, rye, and many types of widely growing grasses. These spikes and sharp edges serve a purpose—to stick and hold fast to surfaces so that they can propagate and spread their seeds to surrounding areas.

While part of the purpose of awns is to have them attach to passing animals and be distributed to other areas, this relationship is by no means symbiotic. These sharp ends can allow the awn to act like the barb on the quill of a porcupine, moving it ever forward into the skin and tissues of a dog.



### How Do Grass Awns Injure Dogs?

Pretty much any contact a dog has with grass awns can be potentially hazardous. Grass awns can be inhaled, become lodged in the ears, swallowed, or even just imbedded in the coat or skin. It is when they are not quickly removed by the owner, or expelled by the animal, that they become problematic.

Obviously, this risk has quite a bit to do with where you live. A city dog is far less likely to come across awns, but even the most urban locales still have areas that have become overgrown with all types of vegetation. So, a working dog used for tracking or hunting might come across awns regularly, but an urban dog that spends a few moments exploring a neglected back alleyway might be even more at risk. The problems occur mainly when dog owners are unaware of the affect that awns can have to their dogs.

"When I practiced in Wyoming, I saw a number of dogs with grass awns in their noses. I think the combination of lots of tall grass in the environment and dogs running off leash was to blame," says Dr. Jennifer Coates of Fort Collins, Colorado.

"Dogs tend to 'lead with their noses' when they're exploring, so it's not too surprising that a sharp seed head from a long piece of grass might get lodged up there."

## What Are the Symptoms of Grass Awn Infection?

If a dog has an awn stuck in its nasal cavity, sneezing is usually among the first symptoms, says Dr. Coates. After a while, the problem might result in nasal drainage or infection. A dog might also excessively rub its nose.

According to Veterinarian Dr. Patrick Mahaney of California, some of the symptoms of plant awn imbedding include inflammation, redness, irritation, and draining sores on the skin which have a clear or purulent (pus) discharge. He also says to be on the lookout for draining tracts (an opening to the skin surface from which clear or purulent discharge drains), licking, scratching, chewing, or pawing at the site, lethargy, depression, and a decreased appetite.

### How to Remove a Grass Awn from Your Dog - And When You Should Not

So, are awns something about which you should always consult your veterinarian? Well, that can be difficult to answer.



According to Dr. Coates, “If you can see the grass awn protruding from your dog’s nostril and you have a very cooperative dog, you can try grasping the awn with a pair of tweezers and pulling it out. In any other case, leave the removal to a veterinarian.”

### Removing an awn from a dog’s nose can go beyond tricky.

“An owner can attempt to remove a plant awn from their dog’s nose, but I don’t suggest doing so,” says Dr. Mahaney. “Foxtails and other plant awns typically have barbs (side hooks) that firmly grasp any fabric or tissue with which they come into contact. As a result, the plant awn stays bedded in tissue and attempts to remove the awn can lead to breakage at some point along the length of the awn and retention of the awn in the dog’s nose.”

Further explaining the danger of incomplete removal, Dr. Mahaney added that “the imbedded awn not only causes inflammation and infection at the site, but the awn generally continues to move in a forward direction and can travel great distances through body cavities from the site of imbedding.”

### Worst Case Scenarios with Grass Awns?

Like many other issues, the real danger to dogs suffering from grass awns is a lack of action on the part of the owner. Once these issues become serious, it takes little time for them to

become serious, if not life threatening.

“Grass awns can penetrate the skin,” says Dr. Coates. “Usually, the initial wound heals uneventfully and owners are not even aware that anything has happened, but the awn is now trapped and can start to migrate throughout the body. They can end up almost anywhere, including the lungs, the spinal cord or brain, and within abdominal organs.”

“Migrating grass awns produce infection and inflammation and disrupt normal body functions, says Dr. Coates.

“Symptoms depend on the part of the body that is affected. I remember one case of a dog that was lame and had pus draining out of a muscle in his shoulder.”

“A course of antibiotics and exploring the drainage tract for foreign material while the dog was anesthetized didn’t work,” said Dr. Coates. “Eventually, a board-certified veterinary surgeon was able to locate the grass awn and remove it, and a lot of infected and damaged muscle. The dog recovered, but only because the owner was willing to keep trying.”



Getting your pet to the vet early in the course of a grass awn infection will greatly improve its chances for avoiding the kinds of complications that can happen when owners hope that time will heal the wound.

“When untreated, it's likely that the clinical signs of irritation and infection will worsen,” says Dr. Mahaney. Due to the potential for plant awns to travel through body tissues, there's the likelihood that if the awn moves far enough it can come out the opposite site of a limb or enter into the body cavity and cause more severe clinical signs.”

Dr. Mahaney relates, “I've seen a case where a foxtail imbedded in the skin of the chest and wound its way through the intercostal muscles (between the ribs) and entered the chest cavity, causing severe inflammation, infection, pleural effusion (fluid accumulation between the lungs and the chest wall), lung collapse, and other serve secondary problems. The dog was ultimately euthanized, as the owner was not able to continue to pursue the required treatment (drainage of fluid from the chest cavity, exploratory thoracic surgery, hospitalization, laboratory testing, diagnostic imaging, etc.).”

“A plant awn that enters the nasal cavity is definitely concerning because it can potentially migrate through the nasal turbinates (scroll-like structures of sensitive mucosal tissue lining the nasal passages) and butt up against cribriform plate, which is a bony structure that separates the brain from the nasal passages,” says Dr. Mahaney. “I'm not aware of the ability for a foxtail to penetrate the cribriform plate and enter the brain, but I guess one can never say never.”

## **How to Protect Your Dog from Grass Awn Injury?**

Unfortunately, there's very little that a dog owner can do to protect their pets from the affect of grass awns. For working dogs, or for dogs that spend the bulk of their time outdoors, there are commercially available vests that cover the chest and abdomen, as well as full head coverings that look a bit like the spit masks that are placed over the heads of unruly prisoners.

It's wise to examine your dog after you've returned home from a walk or play time spent outside—for urbanites, remember that grass can grow between the cracks of sidewalks, too.

A grooming brush can go to great lengths to remove a tangled awn from a dog's coat, and this is a good time to also inspect the dog's snout and between its toes for any foreign materials. Keeping the fur between your dog's toes trimmed will also help.

Carefully examining your dog after walks and time spent outside is the best first line of defense against grass awns. And don't hesitate to get your veterinarian involved if you suspect that your dog has might come in contact with them.



**GOOD LUCK  
TO OUR MEMBER PARTICIPANTS  
AT THE  
GSPCA PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP**



***From our home to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!***

Submitted by Eileen Smith

Thanksgiving is more than a 4-day holiday weekend, eating turkey, watching football, gatherings with family and friends and the kickoff to the Christmas holiday shopping. Regardless of the outcome of the Presidential race, we all have so much to be thankful for. We live in a prosperous, free country where we do have the freedom to express our opinion without harm.

Our forefathers' Thanksgiving was far different from ours. Upon arrival at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620, the pilgrims had suffered the loss of almost half of the original 102 colonists. Together with the Wampanoag Indians, they had managed to survive a bitter winter and yielded a bountiful crop giving them cause to celebrate the first thanksgiving which lasted three days.

In 1863, President Abe Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving be held each year on the 4th Thursday in November.

As you gather this year with family and friends for your Thanksgiving celebration, I encourage to you take a few minutes to reflect on all the things in your life that you are thankful for.

*May your stuffing be tasty,  
May your turkey plump,  
May your potatoes and gravy  
have not a lump.  
May your yams be delicious  
and your pies take the prize,  
and may your  
Thanksgiving dinner  
stay off your thighs!*

## Membership Application

### The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Ohio, Inc. Membership Application — 2017

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?

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

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Fill Out Application and Return To:

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 Single Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25.00 Family Membership (2 persons 18 and older living in same household)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 for each additional voting family member

# 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.

## Criteria

The **Nominations are due by December 20, 2016.** It can be mailed or emailed to Eileen Smith, 10794 Butternut Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026, or be-smith75@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 January 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Eileen Smith, 10794 Butternut Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026 or  
besmith75@aol.com     **Deadline: December 20, 2016**



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Next newsletter deadline: February 1, 2017

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