



Brian & Eileen Smith

GSPCO Annual Banquet

February 7, 2015

Submitted by Eileen Smith

Geauga County's weather cooperated as the GSPCO held its annual banquet on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Bass Lake Tavern. Almost thirty members attended the night filled with camaraderie and shared "tales" about their GSPs.

If you have not attended this annual banquet, I encourage you to mark your calendar for tentatively February 6, 2016. This is a perfect opportunity to get acquainted with the members. Feel free to invite other GSP owners and friends.



L-R: Honored guest Meredith Mays, Kathy Gall, Paul Gall, Cliff Messnard and Scott Weslow.



A special thanks to Kelsey and Sydney Knight for running the raffle.

Typical of GSPCO functions, you can be guaranteed that the food will be good. Members enjoyed appetizers and delicious entrees. When it came for desserts Laurie Brown, Paul Gall, Cheryl Knight, Sher Meinke and Amy Reynolds did not disappoint us.

Laurie Brown made *Raspberry Tiramisu*. Sher Meinke requested this delicious dessert. Laurie gladly obliged and we were happy she did



Don and Debbie Cummings

Paul Gall's elegant *Tuxedo Cake* not only made a great table presence but was rich and delicious. (*Paul's cake in lower left corner.*)



Cheryl and Sydney Knight

Cheryl Knight made an interesting *Bacon-Maple Cheesecake*. Who would have thought a cheesecake could have bacon and real maple syrup in it! Sounds like cheesecake for breakfast as a possibility.

Sher Meinke's *Lemon Blueberry Layer Cake* was refreshing, moist and delicious. I am sure this cake will be back by popular demand.



Sher Meinke

Amy Reynolds make a *Carrot Cake* with cream cheese frosting. Yum. A special thanks to Amy for baking her dessert recovering from an injury to her foot. That is dedication.

Thank you bakers!

Dog's Titled in 2014

FC/AFC Straitline Don't Mess With Tess

NGSPA Pheasant Championship

Amateur Shooting Dog Runner Up

Charles & Laurie Brown

Muddipaws Wild Thing Martin SH

AKC Senior Hunter

Donald Cummings

Lookaway's Red Hot Chili Pepper MH

AKC Master Hunter

Tracy Divelbiss

FC/AFC/NAC Hi-N's Feed Jake

NGSPA National Amateur Shooting Dog Champion

NGSPA Amateur Shooting Dog of the Year

NGSPA Open Shooting Dog Invitational Champion

NGSPA Region 4 Open Shooting Dog Champion

NGSPA of Ohio Amateur Shooting Dog Champion

NGSPA Prairie Chicken Amateur Shooting Runner Up

Hank Lewis

FC/AFC Trumbull Creek's Calli MH

AKC Field Championship

Dennis & Sherry Meinke

Trumbull Creek's Rollin Ruby SH

AKC Senior Hunter

Dennis & Sherry Meinke

CH/2X NSTRA CH

Fieldmaster's Dark Knight Of Trouble

Show Championship

Rex Messner

FC Woodland Trails LL Cool J

NGSPA National Champion Runner Up

Robert & Amy Reynolds

FC BDK's Sin City Wildcard

NGSPA Great Lakes Open All Age Champion

Mike Petrillo

FC Smithwick's Hard Licker

NGSPA Ohio Championship All Age

Megan Smith

Congratulations!

Special thanks to Dennis & Sher Meinke for handling the awards!



Sportsman of the Year Award

History

GSPCO lost one of its prestigious and long-time members John Kennedy to cancer. John was the epitome of an all-round sportsperson, participating in field and show events, and providing a permanent or foster home to many GSPs. In 2008, the Board founded a *Sportsman of the Year Award* in memory of John Kennedy.

The criteria established by the Board was that the nominees must be in good standing with the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Ohio and must have displayed good intent and act as an ambassador for “*good sportsmanship*” in the areas of competition, exhibiting self-control and exemplary demeanor towards the sport, his competitors and dog(s).

At one time, the Sportsman of the Year Award was voted on by Pam Kennedy (John’s widow) and past recipients of the award. This process was changed in 2011 to allow input from the membership as a whole.

Past Recipients

Kelly Custer	—	2008
Russ & Diane Roth	—	2009
Cindi Chilbert	—	2010
George Epling	—	2011
Robert Reynolds	—	2012
Brian & Eileen Smith	—	2013

This year we had four deserving candidates, each exhibiting what a good sportsman should be. How others view our club members and its leadership is just as important as winning a competition. The reputation of a good club is only as good as its members.

Nominees for 2014

Laurie and Charlie Brown

Laurie and Charlie Brown have been members of the GSPCO for many years. Laurie has always been supportive in the kitchen, chairing events, making delicious appetizers and desserts as well as assisting and donating auction items. It doesn’t get much better than Charlie. Whether he is judging or being judged, Charlie conducts himself as an exemplary sportsman.



Nominees (continued)

Cheryl Knight

Cheryl is a relatively new GSP owner and has shown a strong desire to learn how to train and handle her dogs in many types of events. Cheryl demonstrates the behaviors, values, leadership skills and personal characteristics that exemplify the type of person who should receive this award. Cheryl has served as Board Secretary, manages the newsletter, website, hunt test chair as well as assisting in a variety of club functions.



Dennis Meinke

Dennis Meinke has been a club member for many years, serving as Vice President, committee member and helps where needed at club functions. Dennis hosts the annual training day in August. He is dedicated to all elements of the club and remaining a member even after moving out of state.



Jen Sheehan

Jen Sheehan is a dedicated club member, serves on the Executive Board and acting as field trial secretary many times. Jen works year round to keep everything flowing for the success of the field trials.



Nominees L-R: Cheryl Knight, Charlie Brown, Laurie Brown and Dennis Meinke

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR 2014

CHARLIE AND LAURIE BROWN



Charlie and Laurie Brown have been members of the club since 1985. Martha and Dale Pickens got them involved with the hunters' trials with their dog *Casey*. Charlie and Laurie quickly got involved with helping out at the hunters' trials. As their involvement in the club grew, so did their interests. Soon Charlie was not the only one competing. At that time, very few women participated in horseback trials. Laurie was one of the pioneers for horseback trials and helped run the operations of the amateur side at Killdeer Plains. Often you would see Laurie running the dog wagon and getting the dogs to the line. Both Charlie and Laurie planted birds and continue to offer their expertise; Charlie competing and judging and Laurie behind the scene helping where needed.

Charlie and Laurie also helped with the dog rescue, placing and fostering dogs.

Congratulations!

At the banquet, Laurie thanked the membership for their vote and continuing support over the years, especially after Charlie had his stroke. Charlie added that this award means so much to him as he knew and admired John Kennedy. He felt honored to receive the reward.

*Nominations for **Sportsman of the Year** should be submitted to Cheryl Knight, 3768 Glenwood Road, Cleveland Heights 44121, knightfarms@gmail.com., received no later than November 15th. If you know someone deserving of this award, please submit a short paragraph stating why this person should be nominated.*

