

The John Kennedy Sportsman of the Year Award

Sponsored by Eileen & Brian Smith

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).

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.*
- 5. Recognize and appreciate good performances, especially by your opponent.*
- 6. Exhibit respect for the judges and officials.*
- 7. Expect proper behavior from yourself and others.*

Criteria

The form for nominating an individual will appear in the September newsletter. Entries must be received on or before the Club's last membership meeting of the year. 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 held an office or participated in a committee within the Club.*
- 🐾 The nominee must have displayed with good intent as an ambassador for "Good Sportsmanship" in the areas of competition for German Shorthaired Pointers.*
- 🐾 All past recipients of this award will serve as screening committee members.*



This past summer the Club lost one of its finest members. For those who did not know John, he was a genuine friend and GSP advocate from serving as board president to assisting his wife Pam in the rescue program. John was the epitome of a good sportsman. At the awards banquet, John was honored by a presentation of a stained glass image of a GSP to Pam and an announcement was made that a new award for *sportsman of the year* would be given annually in his memory.

Tribute to John Kennedy



Pam Kennedy and Brian Smith



Kelly Custer and Brian Smith

*criteria for award attached