



Short and to the Point

March 15, 2016

Congratulations Dennis & Sherry Meinke!

2015 Sportsman of the Year Award Recipients

Submitted by Eileen Smith

2016

Membership Meeting Dates

January 28

February 6 (banquet)

March 31

May 26

August 6 (Versatility Day) &
Membership meeting

September 29

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. Social hour 6:30-7:30p.m. Former club members Linda & Lee Faekling will join us for dinner.

Join us at the March 31st meeting for a chance

to win a pint of maple syrup donated by

Burton Chamber of Commerce.

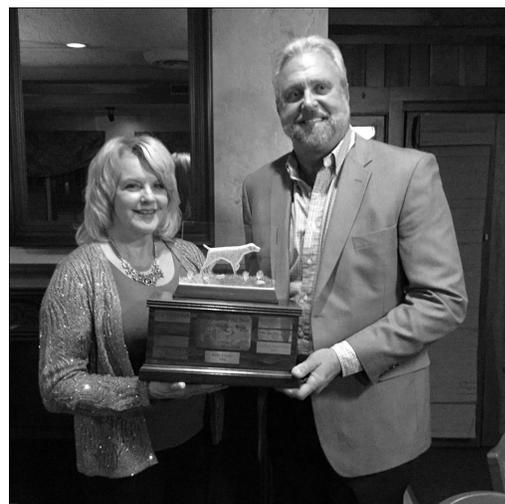
At the Annual Banquet and Awards ceremony held at Bass Lake Taverne in Chardon, Ohio on February 6, 2016, Dennis and Sherry Meinke were presented with the 2015 Sportsman of the Year award.

Dennis Meinke has owned GSPs for 34 years. He began his involvement with GSPs as a hunter. Not only does he still hunt his dogs but he breeds, trains and handles his dogs in hunter trials, AKC hunt tests, walking and horseback trials and American field events. Dennis has displayed leadership including chairing field events at Crooked Creek Sportsman's Club (where he is its current president), served as treasurer for the NGSPA Ohio Championship and as our Vice-President for several terms. Dennis most recently took on the role of President of our Club.

Sherry Meinke is new to the club, but in her three-year involvement, she has successfully competed with her dog and assisted in field trials and hunt tests, where she has served as secretary. Most recently Sherry has accepted the role of membership secretary.

Other nominees for the Sportsman of the Year were John Constanzo and Jennifer Sheehan.

Past award recipients are: Kelly Custer (2008), Russ & Diane Roth (2009), Cindi Chilbert (2010), George Epling (2011), Robert Reynolds (2013), Brian & Eileen Smith (2013) and Charlie & Laurie Brown (2014).



2015 Awards

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

FC/AFC/NAC Hi-N's Feed Jake
NGSPA All Age Dog of the Year
NGSPA All Age National Champion
NGPDA All Age National Champion
NGSPA Sharp Tail Championship All Age Runner Up
NGSPA Prairie Chicken Championship All Age winner
NGSPA Region 8 All Age winner
NGSPA of Ohio ASD Runner Up
NGSPA Region 4 All Age Champion
NGPDA All Age National Champion
Region 5 OSD Championship Runner Up
Region 8 OSD Runner Up
NGSPA Pheasant ASD Runner Up

Hi-N's Hasty Matilda -- Hank Lewis

NGSPA Region 1 OSD Champion
NGSPA Region 1 ASD Champion

Hi-N's Bodacious -- Hank Lewis

2015 NGSPA Region 4 Derby Champion

FC Woodland Trails LL Cool J -- Robert and Amy Reynolds

NGSPA All Age Pheasant Champion

LC's Sunny Fields Maximus -- John Costanzo

AKC Junior Hunter

FC BDK's Sin City Wildcard -- Mike Petrillo

Savannah River Championship Open Shooting Dog RU

Ch. Seugenhof Hubsches Ding -- Cindi Chilbert

C-Wags-Scent Detective 1National Association
for Canine Scent Oder Recognition NACSW-ORT

FC Hickory Acres Button Hook -- Scott Weslow

AKC Amateur Field Champion

Quick Chocolate Trifle

Ingredients:

3 cups cold milk
2 pkg. (4 serving size) Jell-O chocolate instant pudding
1 8oz. tub of cool whip thawed and divided
2 T. sliced almonds, toasted
1 (9x13) pan brownie baked, cool and cut into 1 inch cubes
1 10 oz package frozen raspberries, drained, reserving syrup

Directions:

- ◆ Pour milk into large bowl. Add dry pudding mixes. Beat with a wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended. Gently stir in 1 cup of the whipped topping.
- ◆ Brush brownie with reserved raspberry syrup. Place half of the brownie cubes in 3 qt. serving bowl. Top with layers of half each of the pudding mixture, raspberries and remaining whipped topping. Repeat layers.
- ◆ Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. Top with toasted almonds before serving. Store leftover in refrigerator.

Raspberry Tiramisu

Ingredients:

1 cup seedless raspberry jam
6 T. orange liqueur (recommended Grand Marnier)
1 pound mascarpone cheese, at room temperature
1 cup whipping cream
1/4 c. sugar
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
28 soft ladyfingers or 2 (12 oz) pound cakes, cut into 3 by 1 by 1 1/2 inch pieces
3 (1/2 dry pint) baskets fresh raspberries (about 3 3/4 cups total)
Confectioners sugar for serving

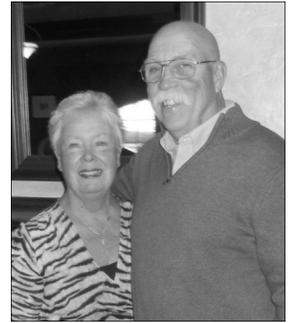
Directions:

- ◆ Stir the jam and the 4T. of the orange liqueur in a small bowl to blend.
- ◆ Combine the mascarpone and remaining 2 T. orange liqueur in a large bowl to blend.
- ◆ Using an electric mixer, beat the cream, sugar, and vanilla in another large bowl until soft peaks form. Using a large rubber spatula, stir 1/4 of the whipped cream into the mascarpone mixture to lighten. Fold the remaining whipped cream into the mascarpone mixture.
- ◆ Line the bottom of a 13 x 9 by 2 inch glass baking dish or other decorative serving dish with half of the ladyfingers. Spread half of the jam mixture over the ladyfingers. Spread half of the mascarpone mixture over the jam mixture, then cover with half of the fresh raspberries. Repeat layering with the remaining ladyfingers, jam mixture, mascarpone mixture and fresh raspberries. Cover and refrigerate at least 3 hours or overnight.

*At the banquet for
the last several
years, Laurie
Brown has brought
delectable desserts.
Thank you Laurie!*

Thank You!

Submitted by Eileen Smith



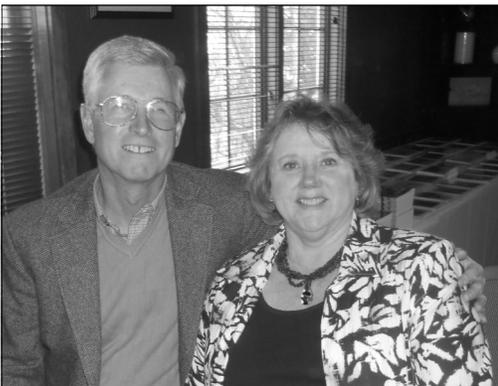
The banquet would not have been a success without the contributions and achievements of our dogs! Congratulations to our membership for getting involved with their German Shorthair in so many diversified events.

I would be remiss if I did not thank Dennis and Sher Meinke for assisting me in coordinating the awards, to the many bakers whose culinary talents delighted our pallet (Laurie Brown, Cindi Chilbert, Paul Gall, Sherry Meinke and Al Salomone), and to the many raffle items that were donated. Thank you!



A special thanks goes out to our representative from Purina, Pat Lamantia. Our raffle table at the banquet and at Purina-sponsored events, are generously filled with Purina products. Pat not only represents Purina well, but he takes an active interest in our club, its dogs and members. Thank you Pat!

Art Jones was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for serving two terms as the Club's Vice President. Thank you Art for all your time, efforts and hard work.



Chip Gross was our guest speaker at the banquet. Chip is a freelance writer and photographer. His keynote presentation and slide presentation focused on the life of R. T. Stewart, an undercover wildlife officer who infiltrating poaching rings throughout Ohio and the Midwest for almost two decades. If you are interested in a copy of his book, "Poachers Were My Prey: Eighteen Years as an Undercover Wildlife Officer," you can contact Chip at: whchipgross@gmail.com. Thank you to Scott Weslow for coordinating with the speaker.

President — Dennis Meinke

Hoping everyone has gotten through the winter okay and that you were able to get the dogs out. Looking forward to spring and a new year of activities. As I write, several members are out at the NGSPA Nationals in Booneville, AK. Our first field trials will be coming up soon with Ohio NGSPA Championship and GSPCO field trial at the end of April. If you have not been to a field trial before, these trials are at the Tri-Valley grounds near Coshocton, OH. The viewing there is pretty good. Horses are also available to rent if you wish to ride and watch. No spring hunt test this year but there will be one in the fall. July is the Specialty Show in Madison, OH. August is Versatility Day in Hartsgrove, OH.



As I stated, before I really want to see an increase in our club's membership. So if you know of anyone with a shorthair and not a member, please pass on a membership application, which is available on our website, and share some good words about the club.

Membership Secretary — Sherry Meinke

Membership has been coming in,
I would like to welcome new members:

Donald and Linda Moore
Nick and Jocelyn Ritacco
Brian and Beth Robinson
Mark and Stacey Totten

As well as past members who have re joined

Bob Allen
Mike and Kitty Brewer
David Deioma
Jerry and Kelly Custer
Jon Harbert
Christy Markopoulos
Steve Stefaniak
Bob Wilson



I am hoping to add new members. Please ask any friends you know with shorthairs if they would like to join. I will have membership forms with me at all club events as well as on the club website.

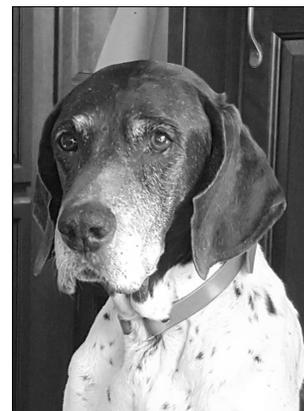
REMINDER: Any member who sells pups, the owner(s) can become a member at no cost to them for one year.

Membership lapel pins have been re-ordered. If you are an existing member and need a pin, please contact Sherry Meinke. New members will receive a pin when they arrive.



Condolences to Diane & Russ Roth

As we know, all good bird dogs go to grouse heaven. Three days shy of his 15th birthday Diane, Russ, Eddie and Pete said goodbye to their FC/AFC Pine Acres Rusty Saddle. Rusty will be missed by the field trial world as he was a naturally-broke pup. He will live on through his pups. He sired many good field trial pups including: Smitty (Brian & Eileen Smith); Edge (Neil Bly); Eddie and Pete (Russ & Diane Roth); Reba and Kiera (Dennis & Sher Meinke) and Buster (Dan Meinke).



Congratulations to Dan DiMambro — Handler of the Year



Dan has been professionally training dogs since 2010. He started with training and handling competitive field trial dogs as well as training hunting dogs. Dan is a third generation of dog trainers/handlers. *"I am not a trainer that takes dogs that are not going to be worked and only will take the number of dogs I feel confident will get my up most attention."* For more information, visit monkeyshinekennels.com.

Dan with grandfather

Congratulations to Jake NGSPA All-Age Dog of the Year



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



Dan DiMambro and Hank Lewis

Hank Lewis



Hi-N's Bodacious

Hank Lewis has had many exciting years with the success of his dogs. Reading the awards page exemplifies this success. Hank has been involved with GSPs since 2000, competing across the country from Michigan to Georgia and Nebraska to Maryland. Hank states, "the cool thing is that the National win was won by both father and son. They were both Amateur Shooting Dog of the Year!" Hank was referring to *Kane* and *Jake*. The family line of champion dogs continues in 2016 with *Bo*, son of *Jake* and grandson of *Kane*, winning the NGSPA Region 16 Championship. It is a pleasure watching these dogs compete. **Congratulations to Hank on his success.**

Doc says....

The Ohio Department of Health predicts that the steadily increasing number of tick borne disease will become common place over the next decade.

Ticks are blood-sucking parasites that are found in ever increasing numbers in places where they once were uncommon.

Ticks attach to the skin and feed on the host's blood. They can produce toxins that can cause paralysis and even death in dogs. They also are responsible for the spread of serious diseases like Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever in humans and Lyme disease in people and dogs.

Many times infection can occur without any knowledge of when it was contracted. Early signs of tick diseases are often hard to detect.

Lyme disease is now found in all 50 U.S. states and all Canadian provinces. Diagnosing by a simple blood screening test yearly alerts you to whether your dog has been exposed.

Good tick control is essential to limit exposure to tick diseases. Topical, oral, and several new types of tick collars make prevention much easier than the days of spraying and dipping dogs.

Now there is also a vaccination of Lyme's Disease that further helps to protect your dog from infection.

The tick's life cycle is very complex and requires six different stages of development over several years.

The good news is that the diseases are not passed back and forth between you and your dog.

But, for either man or beast, the diseases that ticks spread are capable of producing chronic to severe crippling or fatal diseases.

So, every spring, good tick control is vital. If you find a tick on your dog, go to dogsandticks.com for a description of proper removal procedures. *Robert Reynolds, DVM*

Nose Work, An Overview — submitted by Cindi Chilbert

K9 Nose Work is the trademark name for a sport that applies elements of detection training to develop a dog's natural scenting abilities to search and find odors you have taught them to alert on.

In the first few sessions of the entry level classes the dog learns to scent out their favorite food treats or toys. As you continue with lessons you learn how to read your dog's body language to tell when your dog is "in odor" and you learn how odor works in different environments. You can't reach down and pluck a handful of grass and drop it to see which way the wind is blowing in a building. You learn to tell how close your dog is to the odor by how she travels in the room and what happens when the air conditioning comes on or shuts off. Eventually the food your dog is searching for gets "paired up" with a small tin containing a half of cotton swab with a scent on it such as "Birch". You start this whole searching business with "hides" in boxes no bigger than 2 reams of paper.

The progression of the training now takes you from container searches to interior building searches, exterior building searches and vehicle searches. If you go on to compete in the sport to an actual K9 Nose Work Trial you will compete in each one of these 4 types of searches at each level, increasing the number of scents (birch, anise and clove) sought for and the number of possible "hides" with each successive level, among other variables

These competitive opportunities to trial and title are offered strictly under the direction of K9 Nose Work's governing organization, the National Association of Canine Scent Work, LLC (NACSW).

There are other organizations that hold scent recognition trials. C-Wags, which stands for Canine Work and Games and UKC, the United Kennel Club, also have their own version of scent recognition work. I am not aware the AKC has a program at this time.

He "hooked" the title — finally

FC/AFC Hickory Acres Buttonhook "Hook"

The Making of a Champion – An Alternate Method

Submitted by Scott Weslow

Well it's been said the path to accomplishment simply takes time and money. While these are two very important factors in the path to a championship, one must quite often add in other factors. The factors I think of here include but are not limited to skill, trainability, family, health and injury (yours and the dogs), consistency, conditioning, and others.



Hook's young life was dominated by his big brothers Buster and Bumper who dominated the games of "Fetch". Even if he did get to the dummy before the others, it was quickly taken away from him. His freedoms came when he was sent off to "camp" so that we could attend to the many family items in hand at that time; softball and sports were king. It was at camp that Hook developed his identity and confidence. His style on the ground and on point, combined with his speed and downwind traits, were truly impressive. For a couple of seasons Chris Goe-gan was the only one who could get him to put it all together; but I enjoyed the occasional glimpses of him when I was running him. Much time was spent after the 30 minutes had lapsed trying to catch up to him. (Oh yeah there is another factor, "The Grounds" Polk and Tri-Valley are not Killdeer Plains!!) And so it went for several years and seasons. Chris contin-ued to do well with him and put about 15-17 open points on him.

Time goes on

*"That is why
you have got
to love that
dog."
— Scott Weslow*

Softball had wound up and things started to settle down so now it came around to us spending more time with Hook. After a while Hook started to put it together for me with only having tune-ups at camp. Over several seasons we finished his Open cham-pionship and won several nice State level awards for overall winning (remember the dummy being taken away from him). These were not, however, without a few defiant moments of eating several birds in the call backs in various stakes that he was clearly in the top spot. (If you haven't experienced this yet just wait.) We learned to feed him just before the call backs.

The Circle continues

After time Hook learned he could not eat birds in call backs so he figured "Why wait!!" He started just eating as many as he could on course. He did fine when we could see him but once out of site he gorged on quail. At pick up if he managed to stay out of sight there were those telltale signs.... feath-ers in the jowls, distended belly, and indigestion that said he was up to no good. Eventually we were able to mend those ways and we clicked along winning a few more amateur stakes and the points continued to build, but not the right ones. Finally last fall at our trial he was able to put it together once again and while the call backs were not pretty we managed win in a very nice stake (4 point re-trieving). So at 11 years, 3months Hook was finished both ways with 32 points.

Closing thoughts

If a dog has it, don't deny them.
A couch and potato chips are legitimate training.
Flipped guts, helicopter rides and a few seasons off, will pass.
Go hunting and enjoy your friend



Upcoming Events

Field Trials

Tri Valley Grounds

Buckeye GSP Club — **April 23-24**

Fred Ryan, fryan@woh.rr.com

NGSPA Ohio Championship — **April 25-28**

Jen Sheehan , gooje@aol.com

GSP Club of Ohio — **April 29-30**

Jen Sheehan , gooje@aol.com



Specialty Show — July 16th



2016 GSPCO REGIONAL SPECIALTY SHOW

Submitted by Cindi Chilbert

The GSPCO is one of the oldest German Shorthaired Pointer clubs in the country so it should not come as a surprise that we have held a regional specialty every year for over 50 years.

This year's Specialty will be held at the Bill Stanton Community Park on Chapel Road in Madison Ohio. The show starts on Thursday, July 14th with our supported entry beginning on Friday, July 15th, our Specialty on Saturday, July 16th and the final supported entry on Sunday July 17th. Although it is too early to know a schedule, our breed usually starts by 8:00 am.

There are more classes held at a Specialty (Saturday) than at a regular show, two of which are Hunting Test class and Field Trial class. You are able to enter Hunting Test class if your dog has achieved a title at any level of an AKC Hunting test. You are able to enter the Field Trial class if your dog has placed in any class in an AKC Field Trial. If you have any questions about your dogs eligibility contact the AKC. If you have never entered a dog show and have a few questions towards that end please call Cindi at 440-285-8931.

Youth Day Training — June TBA



For more information about this upcoming event, whether interested in participating or volunteering, contact Meredith Mays at meredithmays11@gmail.com

Versatility Day — August 6, 2016 — Save the Date



Members and non-members with their families and dogs are welcome to Crooked Creek Conservation Club on August 6, 2016 for a fun-filled day of trainings and camaraderie. Event starts at 10:00 a.m. Meeting at 1:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass. More information in next newsletter.

Website



Anne Weslow and Eileen Smith met with our webmaster to better understand the concept of our webpage. We will be discussing upgrading our website at the March membership meeting. Your input is appreciated. Contact Anne at anne.weslow@earthlink.net for articles regarding upcoming events and Eileen at be-smith75@aol.com with pictures.

NATIONALS



CONGRATULATIONS OWNER/HANDLER

JODIE ORNDORFF!

2016 NGSPA Amateur Championship

RU Champion Jaegermeister's Dollop of Daisy

Eddie and Pete made it to the Bird Dog Hall of Fame



Diane and Russ Roth thought it would be a good experience for Eddie and Pete to learn of their family tree. Proudly displayed was their grandfather, KJ's Hightailing Saddle. Saddle won his first American Field one-hour Championship at the Region III in Florida just under the age of 3.



Pete stealing point.

BRAGS

Club member John Constanzo sent a congratulatory email to Brian and Eileen Smith sharing the news reported in the Shorthair Journal that Smitty (Smithwicks Hard Liquor) earned a 6th place in the AKC Amateur Gun Dog standings for dogs defeated in 2015. Congratulations!

Share your brags in the newsletter!



Westminster Kennel Club -- Dog Show

By now, everyone knows that CJ won the Best of show at the Westminster Dog show on February 17, 2016. CJ is the third GSP to win this event. But did you know.....

Nickname: He goes by the nickname “The Prince” at home.

Post-win treat: His favorite snack: chicken and carrots. And he might be allowed to jump on the bed. **It runs in the family:** C.J.’s grandmother is Carlee, who was the 2005 Westminster “Best in Show.” C.J.’s owner and handler, Valerie Nunes-Atkinson, also owned Carlee. **Winning streak:** C.J. has only been showing for six months and he has already won 18 “Best in Show” titles. **His interesting movements:** When C.J. shows, he always bows to stretch himself out. When he starts to move for the movement shot, he usually sneezes. **No daily training:** C.J.’s owner says he knows what to do and doesn’t train. Nunes-Atkinson will reinforce things he was taught when he was younger, but she doesn’t necessarily teach him new things. He runs for conditioning many times throughout the day. **Home life:** “He’s a regular house dog. We have a few other house dogs he runs and plays with and he rips around the property with them,” said Nunes-Atkinson. She owns six dogs, all of different breeds, including two rescue dogs. C.J. also loves their cat, Tootsie, who wants nothing to do with him. He licks the cat, grabs and plays with her. **Favorite play time activity:** He loves fetching balls and carrying anything in his mouth.

The Westminster hosted an obedience competition this year and who won it....

A German Shorthaired Pointer!

Ignoring advice that shorthairs would not make a good obedience dog because they do not like repetition and this level of competition required a lot of repetition, Belinda Venner of Salina, Michigan, wanted a dog to train to Obedience Trial Championship level (OTCH) and she chose a GSP. A disclaimer from the breeder came with this dog, “These [dogs] are very versatile dogs, but there are only 13 GSPs in the breed with an Obedience Trial championship. Voyager’s & Stelor Hi Voltage Charm – Tesla for short, has Breed Championship, Obedience Trail Championship, Master Agility Championship, Master Hunter Advance, and Therapy Dog Excellent titles.



“We heard a German shorthaired pointer was named best in show at the 140th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. Well we have our own German shorthaired pointer here at the Sheriff’s Office. “Hektor” is a nitrate dog assigned to the Rochester airport, and he was given to us via a grant from the Transportation Security Administration.” Kimberly Winemaster



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Next newsletter deadline: May 1, 2016

Send articles and event information to Eileen Smith at besmith75@aol.com and Anne Weslow at anne.weslow@earthlink.net.