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The official newsletter of
The Lone Star GSP Club

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February Meeting

We're not having a whole lot of luck with meetings this year. Our January meeting was postponed until February due to illness. The meeting to take place in February was cancelled due to inclement weather, snow that is and we were finally able to have a meeting on February 25th at Simply Burgers and Double Daves in Arlington.

Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:25 pm. Kevin and Ray were stuck in traffic, we decided to begin and catch them up upon their arrival.

Will Barbee reported on the Quail Championship. The Quail P&L is included. Next year, Will really needs more help to run this event. Basically he pulled this event off single handedly. There was a volunteer a day that was able to come up and help. Thanks to Kevin, David & Nathan for helping out at the Quail.

Kathleen Barbee and David Vogelsang reported on the upcoming Walking Field Trial. David will be unable to attend due to a wedding. Just about everything is in place. They will need a Marshall and Helpers. The event is April 10 & 11 at Lake Murray Field Trial Grounds in Ardmore, OK. If you can help out, please contact Kathleen Barbee at kathleenbarbee@sbcglobal.net.

David Vogelsang reported on the bank balances:

\$5903.75 ~ General Checking	\$4191.52 ~ Bodden Account
\$8400.68 ~ Quail Account with approx \$1300 outstanding	\$5106.22 ~ Money Market

Approximately \$2000 balance on the Club Credit Card. David will break out the expenses for the quail and the Club and write checks from the appropriate accounts.

New Business: Will Barbee reported on a donation that was made to the National Bird Dog Museum. \$300 was donated from the proceeds of the quail to the Museum. Kevin made a motion that we donate \$500 to the Museum from the Bodden account in memory of John Bodden. Will volunteered another \$200 from the National Quail account to bring Lone Star's donation to an even \$1000.

Ray Mullen reported that the **Desnaking Clinic is scheduled for July 24th (mark this date on your calendars).** It will be held in Ovilla, however the land adjacent to the veterinary clinic has been sold. Grant has another section of land that we can use just around the corner from the original location. We will need to have a work day prior to the event to trim trees to allow for people to stand in the shade and mow a few spots to get around better. Ray will get with Rodger to have the date put up on the web-page now so it will begin to be advertised. Discussion followed to change the name of the event to "Snake Avoidance Training". It was agreed that the name change will help people understand what is being offered.

The drawing for the raffle was held at the meeting. Congratulations to Jimmy Mosely whose ticket was drawn first giving him the choice between the shotgun and the GPS tracking collar. Jimmy chose the shotgun. More congrats to Alan Johnson who was the winner of the collar.

Kevin Temple and Mark Jestes reported on the hunt test. The tests are scheduled for March 20 & 21 and will be held at Andy and Debbie's in Carlton. Mark is the secretary for the event and Beverly Gillstrap is the Chairman. The premiums will be out soon. A few of our judges had to update their paperwork at AKC before approval could be granted.

Kevin also reported that AKC is now charging late fees with the online applications. Late fees of \$50 per event apply after 90 days.

Old Business: Kevin did an audit on Nov and Jan field trial profit and loss statements. Revisions were made based on actual deposits and checks written. The Fall Field Trial's original P&L showed a loss of <\$180.00>. After the audit, the actual loss was <\$271.25>. The January Field Trial's original P&L showed a profit of \$1375.00. After the audit, the actual profit was \$826.00. Also in January was The Bodden Field Trial, its original P&L showed a profit of \$174.00. After the audit, there was actually a loss of \$275.00. It is very important for each committee chairman to use actual figures that were either paid out by the Club or deposited by the Club to prepare their event's profit and loss statements. Every event's P&L will be audited. It is the responsibility of the event chairman to collect all the receipts, add up the deposits to be made by the Treasurer and prepare the P&L in conjunction with these figures. It is **not** the responsibility of the event secretary.

We had a brief break at 9:00pm, Simply Burgers was closing so we moved the meeting next door to Double Daves.

More New Business: Options were discussed pertaining to the proposed lease renewal at the Rockin 4 Ranch in Lone Grove, OK. We decided to go ahead and talk to Darron about our event dates. We plan to propose a \$300 minimum or \$8 per dog whichever is greater with a year to year lease and no payments in advance. It was agreed it would be a good idea to buy birds from the Ranch. David will make the first proposals and report back to the Board. The Board has voted that they will receive input from the Field Trial Committee but any approval will come from the Board.

Another option pertaining to our field trial was made by Scott Bodenstab. Scott suggested that we switch our horseback and walking field trials. It was agreed this was a good idea and we would begin our switch in 2011 with our first Horseback Trial in January followed by the second Horseback Trial in April and move the Walking Field Trial to November.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 pm.

MYRA SAVANT-HARRIS SEMINAR ~ Remember Discounted Prices to attend the Myra Savant-Harris seminar expire on March 31st. The seminar flyer is attached for anyone that would like to sign up and take advantage of the discounted price.

Funny Sign Of The Month:

Notice in a farmer's field:

THE FARMER ALLOWS WALKERS TO CROSS THE FIELD FOR FREE, BUT THE BULL CHARGES.

2010 NGSPA DOG OF THE YEAR STANDINGS

Amateur Shooting Dog of the Year

#1 Vogelsang Toby von Blitz (7); O: David Vogelsang

News from the American Kennel Club

This information was taken from the AKC February 2010 Board Meeting Minutes. It is intended for information only.

Minimum Standards for Pointing Breed National Championships

There was a motion by Mr. Marden, seconded by Mr. Goodman, it was VOTED (unanimously; absent Dr. Haines) to approve an amendment to establish minimum standards of competition for Pointing Breed National Championship Field Trials that must be achieved before AKC will award a prefix title of National Field Champion (NFC) or National Amateur Field Champion (NAFC) to the winner. Parent Clubs may establish qualifications above the minimums.

The minimum standards are as follows:

1. There must be a minimum of thirteen (13) starters;
2. The minimum qualification to enter the stake shall be one broke dog field trial placement or a Master Hunter title;
3. At least one series of the stake must be run a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes.

This amendment will be read at the March 2010 meeting for a vote in June 2010, with a proposed January 1, 2011 effective date.

Recording Titles Earned in Parent Club Performance Events

Mr. Ljungren presented a staff proposal for AKC to recognize Parent Club administered performance events through the issuance of an AKC title certificate and the recording of these titles on AKC pedigrees.

There was a motion by Dr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Goodman, it was VOTED (unanimously) to adopt the following criteria which must be met for AKC to consider recording titles earned in Parent Club Performance Events:

Parent Club Performance Event Criteria

The AKC will consider recording titles earned in Parent Club Performance Events under the following conditions:

1. The event must be a test of the historic function for which the breed was developed. Breed supporters must be committed to using the test results as a guiding factor in their breeding decisions with the intent of maintaining and enhancing the working abilities of the breed.
2. The AKC must not offer a similar event, in whole or in part.
3. The dog must be registered with the AKC or enrolled in the AKC PAL program to be eligible for recognition by the AKC.
4. The AKC maintains oversight to insure administrative reasonableness and consistency with AKC values.
 - The testing process that results in an AKC recorded title must be reviewed and approved by the Performance Events Department.
 - The event must take place in the U.S.
 - Derived titles (a title awarded by earning several other titles) will not be recorded by the AKC.
 - There must be reasonable consistency between the testing process / titles awarded for similar breeds performing a similar function.
 - AKC Performance Events maintains the prerogative to periodically review the operations of the Parent Club regarding the event to insure the appropriate processes are being followed.
 - All Parent Club events and titles must be approved by the AKC Board based on the recommendation of the Performance Event Department.
 - The AKC retains the right to stop recording titles earned in Parent Club events at its sole discretion.

Parent Clubs must write the Performance Events Department and request its Performance Event be considered for eligibility. Eligibility must be approved by the AKC Board of Directors.

Pointing Breed Field Trials – Allowing Clubs to Hold a Third Horseback Field Trial

The Board reviewed a Staff proposal to amend *Field Trial Rules and Standard Procedures For Pointing Breeds*, Chapter 3, Section 5, to allow licensed Pointing Breed field trial clubs to hold up to three horseback field trials in a calendar year.

This will be discussed further at the April 2010 Board meeting.

Upcoming Events

- 03/13 – 14 Texas Gulf Coast Vizsla Club Field Trial; Caldwell, TX
Amy Barnes ~ 940/648-0414 ~ amyandhershey@hotmail.com
- 03/20 – 21 Lone Star GSP Club Hunt Test; Carlton, TX
Mark Jestes ~ 972/783-1477 ~ mjestes@atsnational.com
- 04/10 – 11 Irish Setter Club of America Field Trial; Adair, OK
Anna Vaughn ~ 918/832-0612 ~ anna@cme-usa.com
- 04/10 – 11 Lone Star GSP Club Walking Field Trial; Ardmore, OK.
Kathleen Barbee ~ 972/839-3691 ~ kathleenbarbee@sbcglobal.net
- 04/23 – 25 Trinity Valley Weimaraner Club Field Trial; Ardmore, OK
Rosemary Carlson ~ 405/850-8020 ~ darocaweim@sbcglobal.net

2009 AKC FIELD TRIAL STANDINGS (from Jan 2010 AKC Awards thru Nov 30, 2009 trials)

Puppy/Derby Standings By Dogs Defeated

- #2 Free Flights Moon Struck (86); O: Ronnie Sale
#8 Spare Time's Pat Hand (68); O: Grant Stanfill

Open Limited Gun Dog Standings By Dogs Defeated

- #9 FC Timberland Savanna Chip (104); O: Don & Ginger Kidd

Open Gun Dog Standings By Dogs Defeated

- #7 FC Timberland Savanna Chip (89); O: Don & Ginger Kidd

2009 "GSPCA" FIELD TRIAL STANDINGS (From 2010 AKC Awards, Trials through December 31, 2009)2009 Puppy/Derby Standings *(By Dogs Defeated, GSPCA from Feb 2010 AKC Awards, Trials through Dec 31, 2009)*

- #17 Trueblu's BDK Ace In The Hole – 140 points – Owner: Blake Biggs
#18 Spare Time's Pat Hand – 139 points – Owner: Grant Stanfill

2009 Open Limited Gun Dog Standings *(By Dogs Defeated, GSPCA from Feb 2010 AKC Awards, Trials through Dec 31, 2009)*

- #18 FC Timberland Savanna Chip – 232 points – Owners: Don & Ginger Kidd

2009 Open Gun Dog Standings *(By Dogs Defeated, GSPCA from Feb 2010 AKC Awards, Trials through Dec 31, 2009)*

- #4 FC Timberland Savanna Chip – 281 points – Owners: Don & Ginger Kidd

2009 "AKC" FIELD TRIAL STANDINGS BY DOGS DEFEATED (From Feb 2010 AKC Awards, Trials through Dec 31, 2009)

2009 Puppy/Derby Standings

#8 Spare Time's Pat Hand – 68 pts – Owner: Grant Stanfill

2009 Open Limited Gun Dog Standings

#9 FC Timberland Savanna Chip – 104 pts – Owners: Don & Ginger Kidd

2009 Open Gun Dog Standings

#7 FC Timberland Savanna Chip – 104 pts – Owners: Don & Ginger Kidd

QUAIL CHAMPIONSHIP – P & L

Expenses:

Buckle	220.47	American Field Ad	820.00
Office Supplies	37.88	Sams	347.54
Sams	222.94	Tom Thumb	101.11
Walmart	59.86	Walmart	34.87
Corner Store	32.21	Hospitality	480.75
Trophies	1866.00	Hats	426.00
Judges	400.00	Judges Gifts	400.00
Tom Milam	567.00	Jack Murphy	489.50
Mike Martin	220.00	Propane	129.60
Diesel	60.00	Judges Meal	27.26
Postage	5.10	Hotels for Vogelsang	80.00
Hotels for Martin	216.05	Hotels for Temple	116.67
Hotels for Langford	40.94	Hotels for Lester	129.63
Bird Dog Museum	300.00	Birds	1631.25
Calcutta: Messer	180.00	Calcutta: Franco	120.00
Prize \$\$: Brath	906.10	Prize \$\$: Gulledge	1340.90
O.F.T.C.A.	1230.00		

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ 12,839.63

INCOME

OSD 46 dogs @ \$145	6,670.00
ASD 21 dogs @ \$145	3,045.00
AA 16 dogs @ \$145	2,320.00
Derby 6 dogs @ \$ 75	450.00
Total Entry	12,485.00

Lunches	482.00
Hats	120.00
Calcutta	600.00
Hoffman Donation	100.00
Kidd Donation	250.00
Wasesk Donation	100.00
Purina Donation	400.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ 14,537.00

TOTAL PROFIT: \$ 1,697.37

(Sorry ~ I forgot to print the hunt test P&L in the previous newsletter)

**Lone Star GSP Club Fall Hunt Test
December 12 & 13, 2009**

P&L Statement

Cassidy Farms, Carlton Texas

Prepared by Kevin Temple, Secretary

Actual Income

Master Hunter	0 dogs @ 45.00	000.00
Senior Hunter	0 dogs @ 45.00	000.00
Junior Hunter	20 dogs @ 45.00	900.00
Lunch Donations		<u>15.00</u>
TOTAL		915.00

Actual Expenses

Birds	3.75 x 75	281.25
Ribbons	4.00 x 14	56.00
Hospitality	40.00 food/27.00 drinks Brisket donated and cooked by Andy Gerdes	67.00
Judges Expenses		
Lodging	52.00 x 1 nights	52.00
Gifts		150.00
Horses	Donated by Andy Gerdes	0.00
Grounds Fee	Donated by Andy Gerdes	0.00
Portable Toilet		0.00
AKC Application Fee		50.00
AKC Recording fee	3.50 x 20	<u>70.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES		726.25

Actual Income **\$188.75**

Funny Flight Announcement Of The Month:

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because sure as hell everything has shifted after a landing like that."

The GSPCA will be holding their annual elections for several Officers and Directors in the near future. Not all of the proposed slate may apply to you and the area you live in, but you should take the time to get to know the people who are running for these positions. Nominations are open from the floor until March 10, 2010 so all of the people who are running may not be included in this month's issue of the Chronicle. If other people decide to run, after our deadline, we will approach them and try to include them in next month's issue.

The following slate has been proposed by the GSPCA Nominating Committee. Several other people have already thrown their hats into the ring.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Nominated Candidates</i>	<i>Floor Candidates</i>
Vice President	Janet Chandler	Ken Clemons—Bob Straight
Secretary	Cynthia McCracken	
NW Director	John Bradfeldt	Karen Niffenegger
EC Director	Char Rutar	Christy Douglas-Featherstone
SC Director	Gene Moseley	
SE Director	Susan Harrison	Elizabeth (Beth) Ritchie

I am sure that most of you realize that these are thankless positions and that they take a lot of hard work. People on the board are the caretakers of our breed and sometimes they are being asked to make decisions that will affect all of us. These decisions need to be made based on how they affect the whole and not necessarily the particular venue that the individual participates in.

It is important, at least in my opinion, that the Officers and Directors of the GSPCA be willing to make those hard decisions. We have contacted all of the people who are currently running for positions on the GSPCA Board to post their bios in the Newsletter. All but one candidate responded to our request. Please take the time to get to know all of the candidates, *before you cast your votes*

Article V, Section 4(b) - Additional nominations of eligible individuals may be made by written petition addressed to the Secretary and received at his/her regular address on or before March 10, signed by five (members and accompanied by the written acceptance of each such additional nominee signifying his willingness to be a candidate. Except for the position of Delegate, no person shall be a candidate for more than one (1) position and the additional nominations which are provided for herein may be made only from among those individual members who have not accepted a nomination of the Nominating Committee.

In accordance with the above Article and Section of the Constitution and By-Laws of the GSPCA, additional nominations can be sent to:

*Cynthia McCracken, Secretary
1336 Seanor Road
Windber, PA 1596*

ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE March 10, 2010

(Although you can only vote for the “Director” in your own respective region, I feel it is important to know the people in and running for those positions that could possibly represent you on the Board of the GSPCA)

I am very honored to be considered for the position of Vice President of the GSPCA. I served on the National Specialty Executive Committee for many years then served as the Southwest Board of Director for several years. During my tenure on the Board, the Parent Club was facing severe financial issues and a lawsuit that dominated our efforts. As a Board, we "rolled up our sleeves" and made decisions that positively affected the club. I was honored to judge Sweepstakes at the 2007 National Specialty Show.

A little about myself. I got my first Shorthair in the 8th grade for my 13th birthday. I finished her as a champion in the ring and bred her to her grandsire, Ch. Adam von Fuehrerheim. We sold one of her puppies to a young man named Terry Chandler after he had attempted to breed his Adam granddaughter but Adam died while he was in Pennsylvania to breed to him. We co-owned this young male and eventually discovered that we had more than the dogs in common!! Terry and I married, combined dogs and started our life together in Las Cruces, NM. My parents had started the Rugerheim Kennels name when my father was stationed at Ft. Ruger in Hawaii raising German Shepherds. Terry and I continued the name in the Shorthair world. We have two children. Our oldest, Kristina is an excellent handler and won Best Junior at our National on two occasions. She continues to show dogs on a regular basis while raising our granddaughter, Athena who definitely will be our "next generation." Our younger daughter, Ashley has completed a doctorate program in Physical Therapy and is currently living in Chandler, AZ. We think that could be handy for her mom and dad some day.

We have been fortunate to own many wonderful dogs, finishing many as show, field and dual champions. A dog that we bred and owned, Dual Champion Rugerheim's Bit of Bourbon is well known to the fancy and has produced more Dual Champion progeny than any other dog. We believe strongly in the concept of the Dual, having been involved with finishing 21 Duals to date. Terry has been a professional field trainer and judge for many years. I also am a field trial and hunt test judge. I have done much of the showing of our dogs but Kristina takes that job on most of the time now. We are very active in this breed and will continue to be for many years to come.

My experience in numerous arenas makes my qualifications for this position unique. The GSPCA must always focus on the current issues of our breed and the events that we sponsor but also have insight to project the future needs of our wonderful breed.

Janet Chandler; 4520 Porter Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011; Phone: 505-382-5231, Email: Rugerheim@zianet.com

KEN CLEMONS ~ Candidate for Vice President

I have been a member of the GSPCA since 1973. My wife bought me my first GSP in 1967 as a present and I have owned and been owned by them ever since. I was first asked and then appointed to the Board in 1986 due to the untimely death of J. Dale Smythe, who at the time was North Central Director and Membership Chairman. I was re-elected three times as NC Director. I resigned as both NC Director and Membership Chair in 1994 for personal reasons. I have served on the National Specialty Show Executive Show Committee while living in Wisconsin and now in Arizona. I have been National Specialty Show Chair in 1981, 1987 and 2006 and I was co-chair in 1993. I was again asked to be Membership Chair in 2005 and continue as Membership Chair and General Merchandise Chair today. I have been elected Board Member, VP and President of two All Breed clubs as well as the GSP Club of Wisconsin. I have served on the Board of Directors for Desert GSP Club and the Northern AZ GSP Club. I currently am on the Board of the Sporting Dog Association of Arizona and am active in the Stewards Club of AZ.

I judge all Sporting breeds and the Group and have had the honor of judging dogs, Best of Breed and Juniors at the GSPCA National Specialty in 2005. Nothing can match judging all of those wonderful dogs and the twenty plus Juniors that competed. I am a Life Member of the GSPCA and also the GSP Club of Wisconsin. I have been married to my wife, Sue, for almost 46 years. We have two grown children and four grandchildren. Four GSPs and one wirehaired Dachshund allow us to live with them. I retired in 2000 and we moved to northern Arizona. Over the years we have worked at field trials, hunt tests, dog shows and obedience trials for the clubs that we belonged to. We both appreciate the many hats that the GSP can wear.

I believe that my experiences in the world of dogs could be used again at this time. The club and the GSP are in need of someone who listens and has the best interests of the breed at heart. I will use my extensive experience and knowledge to serve the GSPCA and its members honestly and fairly if elected. I request your support in my quest for the position of Vice President.

Ken Clemons; 5400 N. Spotted Dog Trl., Chino Valley, AZ 86323; 928-636-7938, snomel@commspeed.net

Robert Straight ~ Candidate for Vice President

I'm honored to be nominated as a candidate for the position of Vice President of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America. For those of you new to our world of German Shorthaired Pointers, let me provide a little personal background. I was born and raised in the State of Washington with my career providing me the opportunity to live and work in other parts of the country. Until recently I spent the last 20 years living in the Sacramento area of California where I ultimately retired from the banking industry which then provided me the opportunity to further pursue my interests in GSP's. Shortly thereafter I decided to return to my roots and relocated to the Northwest, just outside Portland, Or., where I presently reside with fellow GSP enthusiast, Brenda Abraham, along with six dogs and a couple of horses. I'm active in both conformation and field trial/hunt test venues and have enjoyed some modest success with all my dogs. When time allows I also serve as an AKC judge at both field trials and hunt tests.

While considering the option of running for Vice President I was asked why I wanted to get back into the thick of things with the GSPCA. I felt that, after serving three years as Vice President followed by four years as President, the Club was on a positive pathway to goals which had been set while I was in office. Among those goals for the Board of

Directors was a need to improve the level and style of communication from the Board to both the general membership and to those active in Club sponsored events. I believe positive results occurred as witnessed in part by an improved Journal and an enhanced Web site (GSPCA.org). Respect and recognition of those volunteers instrumental in helping to put on our featured NSS and NFT, as well as those who serve on the many committees necessary in providing continued improvement to both our club and breed was of critical importance. In talking with many members from around the country I don't believe that level of understanding and open communication from the Board currently exists. Over the next several years our club will be faced with both challenges and opportunities which will require a high level of communication between the membership and officers and directors of the club. I will have feelings and opinions regarding these issues but will not necessarily have the answers. I do firmly believe, however, that our collective membership *does* have those answers. It is incumbent upon your leaders to draw those opinions out, determine direction, and then generate policy or positions that reflect the will of the majority. Communication is the most important issue for which I can personally accept responsibility. Without continued interaction with the broad-based membership, leaders can only act in a vacuum. It is my pledge to the membership, that if elected to the office of Vice President, I will focus on the communication of ideas from the local club level back to the leadership of our parent organization. I believe strongly in the viability of our breed from all perspectives, whether you participate at any level of competition or enjoy the company of your GSP for its very versatile attitude and capabilities. I will look forward to once again serving in a position that will help to improve upon that viability and to create an open, transparent Board environment.

CYNTHIA MCCRACKEN ~ Candidate for Secretary (incumbent)

The past two (2) years have been and continue to be an educational process. I have listened and learned from our membership of the German Shorthaired Pointer community by attending the National Field Trial and the National Specialty Show, being involved in the daily requests for information about our breed and helping to facilitate the numerous events that our versatile German Shorthairs participate in across the Country. It is a privilege to learn about the membership's passion, the love of their respective sport and the dedication it takes to produce the top dogs in our breed whether they participate in show, field, agility, obedience or tracking. I have been involved with dogs since birth, with my family having Irish Setters, Bassett Hounds and many other breeds. I have been involved passionately with German Shorthaired Pointers for over 30 years on both coasts – in California and now in Pennsylvania. An animal lover from the onset, and like all young girls, I wanted horses along with my dogs. Progressing through showing horses professionally, I returned to my first love – raising and showing dogs.

After studying biology and music in college, I started as a dental assistant and progressed to office manager of a six (6) Dentist office. Moving to the West Coast, I managed a ten (10) doctor neurosurgical practice. Returning to the dogs, my husband Michael and I started MiCyn in 1976. Concentrating on GSP's, we also have a champion PBGVs. We have numerous Champions, one of the most rewarding was CH Bleugras Treffen v MiCyn. I finished Treffen by going Best of Winners & Winners Dog at the 2001 GSP Nationals. , I enjoy the well-rounded capabilities of the GSP. Our Shorthairs earned their JH titles, including Treffen at age six (6). I believe deeply in bettering the German Shorthaired Pointer breed, as defined by our Mission and Philosophy:

- *We are committed to our breeds for life*
- *We have the patience to allow young dogs to grow up – both emotionally and physically – to reach their potential*
- *We show to promote the dog fancy, MiCyn dogs and sportsmanship*
- *We will be friends outside the ring, fierce competitors inside, and friends again outside the ring*
- *We will breed to the standard to improve the breed*
- *We strongly believe a cornerstone to the future of the dog fancy is the owner-handler*
- *We advocate judges judging dogs; we support judge education*
- *Dogs are family*
- *We love our dogs*

I offer to assist in the continued improvement of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America. I accept the nomination for a second term as GSPCA Secretary.

Cynthia McCracken; 1336 Seanor Road, Windber, PA 15963; 814-467-3521, secretary@gspca.org

KAREN NIFFENEGGER ~ Candidate for Northwest Director (Incumbent)

I would like to take this opportunity to reintroduce myself to the membership. I am Karen Niffenegger and my involvement with GSP's started in 1987 when I wanted a dog for my active outdoor lifestyle and to hunt upland birds. I found the perfect dog in the German Shorthaired Pointer. I purchased my first shorthair and joined the GSPCA that year. In 1988 I discovered the local club and joined the GSPC of Oregon. Since that time it has been full speed ahead. I was elected Secretary of the GSPC of Oregon in 1990 and served for 12 years. As a member of the club I have been Hunt Test Chairman and Secretary, Specialty Show Chairman and Field Trial Secretary. I am also a member of the GSPC of Wa and served on their Specialty Show and Field Trial committees. Some of my biggest accomplishments include: Secretary of the AKC Gun Dog Championships with record entries in 1999, Chairman of the 2002 AKC Gun Dog Championships and GSPCA 2000 National Specialty Show Chairman. I also served on the NSS Executive Committee for 6 years and have been on the GSPCA Board of Directors for 4 years.

As a devoted member of the GSPCA I have attended every national specialty since 1988, and last years made number 22. For the last 9 years I have been attending at least the Amateur Championship at the National Field Trial

in Kansas. During the 2007 National Amateur Gun Dog Championship in Tucson, Arizona I made it to the second series with my dog Jazz, who was ranked no 5 in the nation for Amateur Gun Dog in 2006. I have been consistently placing in field trials in the Northwest and became a licensed Field Trial judge in 1996. Brian Hill, my husband and I own some of the top field trial dogs now competing in the Northwest.

Not forgetting my show roots my co-owned male was ranked in the top twenty both breed and all breed points for 2005, 06 and 07.

Historically the NW had fewer members than other parts of the country. In recognizing that I supported and suggested the reallocation of members by dividing California. So now the Northwest Territory has more than doubled. I still hope to reach out to as many of you as possible by attending events, but some of it may be via email or a news brief. I want everyone to know that they can contact me any time about concerns. I want to communicate with GSP owners and talk to them about issues concerning them and what is happening with the GSPCA and why it is important to be a member.

By profession I am a Pharmacist, hence the name Foxglove for my kennel and I am very concerned about health issues for GSP's. I have been chairman of the basket raffle for the Canine Health Foundation at the National specialty for the last 5 years and will continue to work toward improved health and genetics for the GSP. While on the board we initiated the Cone Degeneration genetic database for GSP's. We established the qualifications for CHIC during my tenure. Just recently the funding we did for Canine Lupoid Dermatitis paid off. This condition, which effects GSP's now, has a genetic marker test, which can be used to find carriers.

I have been working with the Juniors and feel they are so important to our club's health and future. I am looking forward to doing more for the juniors in both show and field.

Last year the Shorthair Journal went to 6 issues a year. This was a difficult decision for the board. We know many of you looked forward to getting the magazine monthly. But to be responsible to the members we could not have it run in the red for so much for so long. Between the new editor, new printer, improved timeliness and more ads, the magazine costs have decreased tremendously. I welcome any and all comments concerning the Journal. I also want the board to be responsive to the needs of the membership and I will help bring those concerns to the Board. I work hard in everything I do and will work hard for you. I want to thank you for your time and consideration when voting this April and May. I hope the whole region can support me in this election.

Karen Niffenegger

CHARLENE (CHAR) RUTAR ~ Candidate for East Central Director

Born and raised in a small town in northwestern Illinois, I started my adult life in Cincinnati, Ohio and have lived my entire "dog" life in the Indianapolis area. We bought our first Shorthair from an ad in the newspaper 25 years ago, and I never looked back. By sheer dumb luck or the hand of fate, he was a magnificent dog with an awesome pedigree, which easily led me down the primrose path to hopeless addiction to the sport of showing purebred dogs. I was blessed with an enthusiastic dedicated breeder who taught me much; most importantly to never stop asking questions.

My journey with my dogs has been that of a hobby breeder who has to work for a living, thus White River litters have been few and far between; eleven so far, producing 40 Champions, 3 International Champions, 2 Obedience titles, 23 AKC Hunting titles and one Novice Retrieving Dog. I have enjoyed the resources and friendships that come with local and national breed club affiliation. I served the GSPC of Indiana as an officer or committee chair for 17 years, and have been a GSPCA member for 26. Since 1994 I have tried to give back to this breed I love so much by contributing what time and effort I can to our national programs such as our Yearbook, Judges Education, the NSS Executive Committee, and Breeder Education.

I am proud of the experience I have with my dogs in the field – grateful for the perspective it has given me on the functionality of our breed standard. My husband and I were instrumental in getting AKC Hunting Tests started in Indiana, so I have been training and handling my dogs to their Hunting titles very nearly as long as I have been breeding them. I've also been on some Iowa pheasant hunting trips and worked several Field Trials to get the full flavor of GSPs doing their thing.

In the "other" part of my life I am a practice manager for the largest primary care group practice in our state. I have a BS from Purdue University, an MBA from Xavier. I've been married to the same bird hunter for 33 years. Phil and I maintain and pay taxes on a 60 acre farm in central Indiana for the convenience and pleasure of our GSPs.

CHRISTY DOUGLAS-FEATHERSTON ~ Candidate for East Central Director

My love of hunting dogs began at a very early age; as a young girl I hunted with my father behind his dogs and read gun dog magazines in his lap. After years of hunting behind his setters, I came across Patti Keller at a local dog show with her beautiful German Shorthaired Pointers. The idea of having such a beautiful dog that could hunt in the morning and show that same afternoon was more than a dream come true for me. It was love at first sight.

I began showing and hunting with GSPs in the mid 80's, studied dogs and pedigrees and bred my first litter under the Artemis prefix in 1990. I have bred one, owner handled AKC Best In Show dog and what I feel is a reasonable number of specialty winners but the dog I remember with the most pride is BISS CH Artemis Old Time Huntbird MH, who at one time was the youngest GSP to obtain a Master Hunter Title. "O. T." was the first dog I trained and ran in hunt tests myself and my favorite dog to guide and hunt over.

An active member of the Logansport Kennel Club, I am currently the Show Chair and have held that position for the past six years. My responsibilities include managing three all breed events in mid March each year. I have been a hunt test judge since the early 90's and an AKC conformation judge currently approved for GSP's, Brittany's, Weimaraners, Basenji and Jr. Showmanship.

My husband Doug and I have been married for twenty seven years. We raised one daughter, Christin, and now are enjoying our first grandchild. Doug and I have been active members in the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Indiana for many years. We have always worked for the GSPCI in any capacity requested. I have held positions from sitting on the Board of Directors for a few years and serving as Show Chair for several years. I have also spent time as a bird planter, bird cleaner and chief pooper scooper.

Like many positions I have held for various clubs, seeking the position of East Central Section director was not something that I have had aspirations of doing. However when nominated from the floor, it became clear that I should consider stepping up and working to represent all of the East Central members. After much thought, I have decided that throwing my hat into the ring as a candidate will honor the request of the East Central members who have nominated me. Rest assured, if elected I will take my responsibilities to the membership and our great dogs very seriously.

GENE MOSELEY ~ Candidate for South Central Director (Incumbent)

I have been a very active member with our local Gulf Coast GSP Club in Houston, Texas since the late 70's. I have held the offices of Field Trial Chairman, President, Vice President, De-Snaking Chairman, On Point Editor, Board Member and Life Member. I have thoroughly enjoyed training and campaigning GSPs for 30 plus years. Along with my wife, Sherrie, we have finished fourteen (14) Field Champions/Amateur Field Champions including ten (10) from our own breeding program. Sherrie and I have had the pleasure of owning the 2001 and 2007 GSPCA Field Producing Dam and a future F-ROMXX, FC/AFC Laski's Dandi Dixie Darling, who produced sixteen (16) FC/AFC out of only two litters. We have competed in AKC field trials as well as NGSPA Regional Championships all over the country and have had the pleasure of meeting and becoming other friends with several other members of not only the

GSPCA, but various other AKC breed clubs throughout the country. Additionally, not only have I judged numerous AKC and Regional trials and/or championships, but I have had the honor and pleasure of judging almost all of the AKC Pointing Breeds National Open or Amateur Championships including the AKC Gun Dog Championship. I judged the GSPCA National Gun Dog Championship in 2004 and 2007 and I am scheduled to judge the NGSPA National Gun Dog Championship in 2010. If I have not already met you along the way somewhere, I look forward to your acquaintance.

I have had the honor of being a board member of the GSPCA as the South Central Director for the last two years. I have to admit that coming into the GSPCA Board two years ago I did not have a lot of background in the other arenas outside of field trialing other than my 30 plus years of local GSP club issues, field trials and attempting to show one of our GSPs in the early 90's. In fact, when I was originally asked to run as the South Central Director I was told that the GSPCA Board needed some balance from someone with a background and who was involved with field trials in order to have a voice from the field prospective. I feel I have contributed to the board by exhibiting reasonable, good judgment, well-grounded and prudent input on all issues.

In addition, I have learned a great deal about the other aspects of our GSPCA Club. I believe it is productive that our GSPCA board members come from as many different arenas in our club as possible. I believe the board's job is to let our committees run their projects/events to the best of their abilities and we as a board should be a shoulder to lean on when they need assistance and guidance in finances and a second set of eyes for approvals. I have made that commitment to the GSPCA members and I look for your support in doing same. I thank you for your time and consideration in voting for me. Sincerely, Gene Moseley Jr.; Texas Rockin CM, 44883 Qualls Road, Hempstead, Texas 77445

SUSAN HARRISON ~ Candidate for South East Director

My love for German Shorthaired Pointers started a long time ago on a trip to the Von Trapp Family Lodge. Having an Austrian background, my Mother took us to meet the Von Trapp family. That is where I met my first GSP on a horseback trail ride through the hills of Vermont. I fell in love with that big spotted dog that greeted all the riders, darted in and out of the horses and just had a wonderful day with us. Ten years later I purchased my first GSP. When my Mother saw my new puppy she promptly went to her attic and brought me photos of her and her father along with his hunting dog, a GSP! It must have been in my blood!

For the past 30 years I have been breeding and showing GSP's under the prefix, Wyndbourne. I have been blessed with multiple Best in Show winners, 2 National Specialty winners, 3 GSPCA Hall of Fame bitches: NSC/CH Windsong's Misty Memories, BIS/BISS/CH Wyndbourne's Outrageous, NSC/BIS/BISS/CH Wyndbourne's Keepsake CD, along with numerous specialty winners and Top Ten dogs, and a Westminster Group placer. Most recently there has been Sara Lee, a Best in Show, multiple Specialty Best in Show, GSPCA National Sweepstakes winner and two time GSPCA Top Twenty winner, and Top Ten for 3 years. I believe that must look to the past to breed for the future and so many of the Breed's greats are behind my lines.

I have served as President of the North Florida GSPC for many years as well as having served on the GSPCA Nominating Committee and the GSPCA National Executive show committee. I have been active in the show ring, agility, obedience, rally and hunt tests. I have chaired numerous specialty shows and hunt tests.

I feel I can "bring something to the table" as a GSPCA board member, be it fresh ideas, knowledge to help shake things up and move the board and the parent club in a progressive direction. I will be available by phone or e-mail to listen to your wants and needs. I look forward to being your voice on the Board.

Elizabeth (Beth) Ritchie ~ Candidate for Southeastern Director

I am honored to accept a nomination as Southeastern Director, GSPCA 2010. After many years with Irish Setters as companions, my husband (Bob) and I acquired our first GSP from Canada in 1988. Thus began a love affair with the Shorthair that's still going strong. Our first litter in 1991 produced three champions including Am/Can Ch. Robaron Hans Ulrich V Greif (Rick), who was BOS at Westminster KC in 1994. Breeding selectively for structure, temperament and versatility, we have produced many conformation champions, agility and hunt test titled dogs, and devoted family companions. Time constraints have limited our involvement in field events, but I am very committed to maintaining the integrity of purpose for our breed and encouraging pursuit of the Dual Championship.

We have been members of the GSPCA for more than 15 years, and members of various all breed and/or local specialty clubs wherever we have lived. When we relocated from NH to NC in 1995, we started the GSP Club of Central Carolina where I served as Treasurer for 2 years. I also served on the Board of the GSP Club of Indiana and currently am a Board member and Vendor Chair for the Virginia Kennel Club and a charter member of the Central Virginia Agility Club.

I hold a graduate degree in Human Resources Management. After an early career in law enforcement, I moved to a corporate environment; for the past 20 years, I have worked in Strategic Sourcing for several Fortune 500 companies. Bob has just completed his provisional assignments as an AKC judge for the GSP. My career has taken us to North Carolina, Indiana, and Central Virginia, where we've lived since 2002. In my current position as Director, Strategic Sourcing & Risk Management for Owens & Minor, I work collaboratively with external and internal stakeholders around the country. My role involves significant contract work, analysis, project management and change management, requiring strong communications, leadership and facilitation skills.

I have served as Vice President, GSPCA since June 2007 when I was honored to accept an appointment to fill an unexpired term; I was subsequently elected by the membership for the 2008-10 term. I am currently Board Liaison to the National Specialty, Versatility and Membership Committees, and to the Journal and Yearbook. During my tenure, we conducted a successful request for proposal for an editor for the Journal; as a result, we have seen the Journal return to a timely and informative publication, and reverse the economic loss trend. In 2010, we will see the Yearbook publish a 3-year 'catch-up' edition.

Much as I have enjoyed my participation on the Board, the role of Vice President has no specific responsibilities. I believe my talents and experience will better serve the members (and prospective members) of the Southeastern Region. I have no personal agenda beyond a real concern that membership in the GSPCA, and the formation of local specialty clubs, lags significantly behind the AKC registration of Shorthairs, raising a concern that the Board must find new ways to attract and support GSP owners and enthusiasts. I'm committed to maintaining and advancing the German Shorthaired Pointer as an all-purpose gun dog, an intelligent and versatile canine athlete, and a loving and loyal family companion. I'm vigorously opposed to legislation that restricts the rights of the responsible breeder and/or pet owner, or prohibits the responsible hunter from pursuing the sport on public or private grounds. I practice, support and encourage genetic testing in continuously improve the health and longevity of our wonderful breed. I'm confident that my education, training and experience – both professional and in the sport of dogs – allows me to advance and address issues raised by the membership in an objective and equitable manner. I will strive to contribute to the continued growth, integrity and financial health of the parent Club while representing the Clubs and members in the Southeastern Region.

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