

# SHORTHAIR TALES

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

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*Our first water test was a success, and would like to thank those who put it together, worked the day to help, and congratulate all those who qualified for a certificate. We hope to continue with this event yearly.*

*We had our August specialty in Keene, and again, would like to thank all those that made it happen so smoothly. As usual Pat's trophies were beautiful and Pauline's raffle had some very nice and unique items for all.*

*Our judge was very pleasant and awarded some of our members as you will see in our brags. Congratulations to all those winners also. Many thanks to both judges for being so kind and considerate to all exhibitors.*

*Hope to see you all at our September hunt tests coming up. The weather is finally cooling down and hunting season is around the bend.*

*Deb*

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## KATAHDIN CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

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As many of you know, Katahdin has a corporate membership at Wilderness Adventures in Hillsborough that allows people to join for \$540 a year rather than \$1,500. You can use their facilities for upland game, big game and fly fishing, as well as parties and social events. Current memberships expire in September. If you wish to join, please let me know.

Here is their website.  
<http://www.wildernessadventureshunt.com/>

Thanks,  
Pat

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## EVEN GSP'S LOVE THE SUNSET

ANDER'S GRACIE  
WITH TWO OF HER PUPS

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday August 7, 2011 at Wheelock Park, Keene, NH . In attendance were Deb Broad, Steve Marcq, Pauline MARcq and Pat Russell. The meeting commenced at .4pm

President's Report: The minutes were accepted as printed in the last newsletter. Deb noted that we had a wonderful Specialty, with our own Meg Borden taking Winners Bitch and Best of Winners.

Secretary's Report: Pat reported a request from the AKC to point new owners of GSPs in our area to Katahdin. That's great - we welcome new members!

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported on current finances. All expenses are paid, including insurance.

Election of New Members: No new member applications  
Show Committee: Good turnout at Cheshire - fabulous raffle and food table. Many, many thanks to Steve, Pauline and Meg for making it such a great event. Carmen Paludi did a lovely job of judging sweeps for puppies and veterans. Congrats to all the club members for their wins, and especially to Meg Borden, who finished her girl Moxie over the weekend with two 4 point majors and to Deb Broad for Boomer getting a SEL toward his Grand Championship.

Hunt Test Committee: Our Hunt Test is scheduled for September 17 and 18. Judges have been finalized and we have AKC approval - lets hope for a cool day with alittle breeze.

Water Test: A separate article will be written about the water test. For our first effort, we did really well, and certainly learned some areas where we could improve. There were 24 entries - including a group who drove from Saratoga Springs, NY with some great dogs. It's a lot harder than it may first appear. Thanks to all the club members who volunteered to make it such a success. Thanks to Lou and Dave Trahan for being our judges.

Training Committee: Tabled

Club Championship Committee: tabled

Rescue Committee: Tabled

Old Business: none

New Business:

Do we want to set up the club on Facebook?

The next meeting will be held following the Saturday Hunt Test. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted

Pat Russell, Secretary

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[WWW.KATAHDINGSP.ORG](http://WWW.KATAHDINGSP.ORG)

*Please let us know if you will be  
at the hunt test weekend  
and can help  
and anyone wishing to bring a  
side dish for lunch can contact  
Pat so that she can let you know  
what is needed.  
Meeting to follow Saturdays test*

## WATER TEST REPORT

The water test held in July was a great success. It was a perfect hot summer weekend, perfect for water work. There were 24 entry's which included two "do overs", one in NRD & one in RDX. There were two breeds other than gsp's there, an English pointer & a Vizsla. I got to talk to some of the entrants and some were humbled by the test, hey, any shorthair can retrieve cant it? And some, if not all of us have a huge respect for the canines that can perform in the higher levels. All levels need some kind of training, even the novice dog handlers realized that the dog may or may not get the duck, and then, may or may not bring it back to you! This was our first water test, so there were some glitches, and changes will be made for next year, and our amount of entry's surpassed the NY tests! Nevertheless, it was fun for all, those who succeeded, and those that did not, and even those who came to watch, can't wait until next year to compete!

The following teams passed

### Novice Retrieving Dog (NRD) Passes (10 entries)

Timber, owned by Frank Fowler and Cassandra Tompkins

Morey, owned by Pat Russell

Hawk, owned by Louise Shaw and Fred Doctoroff

Max, owned by Louise Shaw and Fred Doctoroff

Blitzen, owned by Evan and Linda Hendricks

Kibo, owned by Tom Casey

Squeeze, owned by Kathy Duffy

### Retrieving Dog (RD) Passes (7 entries)

Timber, owned by Frank Fowler and Cassandra Tompkins

Jack, owned by Leon and Regina Hairie

### Retrieving Dog Excellant (7 entries) no passes

This test WOULD NOT have been possible without the help of Linda & Joe Mscisz. They had all the water test knowledge, and had the huge task of obtaining the ducks and caring for them over the weekend. The following people helped out as well, and a huge thank you to you all, Frank Fowler, Manny & Stephanie Gutierrez, Pauline and Steve Marcq, Louise Shaw, Fred Doctoroff, Jeremy and Sandra Thompson, Pat Russell, & Megan Borden. And of course our judges Dave Trahan and Lou Gagnon.

What a great way to show the versatility of our fabulous shorthairs, spending time with great people, and enjoying a wonderful summer weekend, I cant wait until next year, and I bet it will be even bigger & better!

Cassandra Tompkins

## UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE EVENTS

Doug Ljungren, AKC Staff, participated in this portion of the meeting via video conference.

German Shorthaired Pointers, German Wirehaired Pointers, Vizslas and Weimaraners -- Eligibility for Retriever Hunting Tests.

The Board reviewed a request made by the respective parent clubs to allow the German Shorthaired Pointer, German Wirehaired Pointer, Vizsla and Weimaraner to enter the Retriever Hunting Test. These breeds are currently eligible to participate in the Pointing Breed Hunting Test. These breeds were developed as all-around hunting dogs, hunting both upland birds and waterfowl. The inclusion in a second test will allow for a much more complete testing of their versatile hunting abilities. If approved, they will be the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth breeds to "cross-over" into a second hunting test program. Titles earned by these breeds in Retriever Hunting Tests will be designated with an "R" to differentiate the title from those earned in Pointing Breed Hunting Tests (example: JHR). This will be discussed further at the August meeting.

## BRAGS

**Louise Shaw:** This weekend at the Merrimack Vally NAVHDA trial in Hopkinton NH at Sharps Farm, Bittersweet Farms's **Max** earned his NAVHDA Utility title with a Prize 1. The test includes Duck search, Duck blind work, search of bird, Field work including retrieve, steadiness, desire, stamina, cooperation and obedience. He is out of Sire: Ridgeview maplewood Merger and Dam: Maplewood point the way. He is now Bittersweet Farms SH, CD, RE NAVHDA UT 1. Grouse Points' **Hawk** earned his NAVHDA Natural Ability title with a perfect score of 112 and and prize 1. The test includes use of nose, search of bird, water work, pointing, tracking, desire to work and cooperation. He is out of sire : Feldjaeger's Sherman MH, NAVHDA VC and Dam Grouse Point's Luscious Lexy. Both Dogs also earned their GSP Novice retriever title this summer at Katahdin's water Test.

We are now happy to call Skypoint's Dream on Irish Gal JH aka "**Moxie**" a Champion!! She went WB/BOW at the Nutmeg Specialty in Greenfield, Ma on August 6th for a 4 pt. Major, and then made us all proud again by going WB/BOW for a 4pt major at the Katahdin specialty on August 7th which made her a Champion! Moxie is owned by me **Megan Borden**, her breeder Julie Smith and my dad Donald Dearborn and was bred by Julie Smiths out of Skypoint's Solar Wind RN CD JH aka "Jessie" and Roscommon's Sports Edition JH aka "Monti". Wanted to say thank you to Julie for giving me a chance to own and show this beautiful girl!

**Joni** (Roggenfeld's Jonayla of Mariah BDN BN, RN, JH) went winners bitch for 1 point at the Woodstock KC show on Thursday 7/14 under Pat Laurens. She also placed 2nd in the Bred-By Ex class at Nutmeg's specialty at the Pioneer Valley show 8/6.

**Pam Parshall**

**Morey** (Birdland's More Than You Know) passed his Novice Retrieving Dog test to gain NRD after his name. His dad, **Rudy** (Birdland's Rudy of the Valley JH) was Best Veteran Dog in Sweeps and the Classes at the Cheshire Kennel Club Show. **Pat Russell**

**Deb Broad:** Our "**Boomer**" Ch Bear Mtns Blueridge Illusion, JH earned two more majors toward his grand championship. One at our Specialty being Select Dog, and the other in June for Best Of Opposite, which on the same day , our "**Ava**" Bear Mtn Sierra High Frequency, was reserve winners bitch to the major, and second in bred-by at the specialty. Boomer also acquired more points in-between the majors....."**Lulu**", Ch Bear Mtn Sierra Hi-Resolution, JH, came out for the specialty also and strutted her stuff around the ring in veterans.....it didn't matter that she was the only one.....she is like driving a luxury vehicle.....what a pleasure she always is.....

Lu is by 2xNSC Prairiestar's Maverick x A/C Ch Bear Mt Sierra Hi-Fashion  
Boomer is by Ch Wildapple's Griffin, JH x Ch Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH  
Ava is their daughter.....

Skypoints **Winter** Wonderland CGC, RN, JH out of CH Roscommon's Northern Lights CGC CD RN JH TDI and Roscommon's Go The Distance JH - Achieved her Junior Hunter Title this past weekend at the Mayflower GSP Club / VCCNE cluster weekend. She Qualified at all four Test over the weekend. Now off to Senior and more Obedience! Maybe even a little Breed stuff too.

**Julie Smith**



LOUISE WITH MAX UT PRIZE 1 & HAWK NA PRIZE 1 MERRIMACK VALLEY TEST SEPT 3 2011



MEGAN & "MOXIE"



"BOOMER" & DEB



JULIE & "WINTER"



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