

SHORTHAIR TALES

MAY TO AUGUST

2008

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I must start with saying, with all the computer issues fixed, we should be back on track. I am enjoying all the new features, and hope you enjoy the newsletter once again.....

We have had more eventful and profitable months to report.

First with our spring hunt tests, which, even though entries were down all over, did have a good turnout with alot of interest and enthusiasm. As usual many club members pooled together to complete another successful Katahdin event. It was nice to see that some members were also able to apprentice for their hunt test judging license, which our hunt test seminar in March, helped start for many. Our March supported entry with the NE Sporting Dog Assoc. fueled our owner/handlers to go out there, put show points on, and some, to finish their dogs championship this spring! We also saw the benefits of our training days get those great orange qualifying rosettes for many at the hunt tests.!

Secondly, Katahdin members were "on the road again", dogs in tow, participating in the Kittery Trading Post Junefest with a seminar on our breed. It was a huge success with a great turnout. The dogs had a great time getting out to strut their stuff and be on center stage. Of course, without mention, the shopping was awesome as usual. Steve still hasnt told me how much the painting was, And we saw Anders vehicle overflowing with goodies. We do know that he made several trips to it! The guys were jealous Anders. They had us girls watching them, so they kept it low key. I enjoyed bringing baby Louie, Lulu's son, so he could melt everyone with his "puppy eyes". Little did they know that he was really thinking that this would bring him tons of attention and treats. Gsp's start training us young, as we all know too well. It was nice to see that no matter what we do as a club, our members have such a good time. Enjoying our dogs and having fun being together.

We have several more events coming up after our summer rest. In September we have the supported entry with Carrol Cty KC, Club Championship, Team shoot and our fall hunt tests. Our July 27th meeting at Hart's Turkey Farm was awesome! YUM!!! Thank you Lynn for the suggestion.....

In the meantime, enjoy the great weather with your dogs and hope to see you at one of the upcoming events! Deb



LucyLu's summer fashion
Her pink camo hat

UPCOMING KATAHDIN CLUB EVENTS

September 6, 2008

Supported Entry North
Conway, NH

September 13, 2008

Club Championship, Sharps
Farm, Hopkinton, NH

September 14, 2008

Team Shoot, Sharps Farm,
Hopkinton, NH

September 27 & 28, 2008

Hunt Tests, Sharps Farm,
Hopkinton, NH

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COVER PHOTO

ANDERS WITH HIS LOVELY
BLACK GSP GIRL "GRACIE"
QUALIFYING FOR ANOTHER
SENIOR LEG

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
JULY 27, 2008

- A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held July 27, 2008 at Hart's Turkey Farm. In attendance were Lou Gagnon, Peg Gagnon, Pat Russell, Deb Broad and Lynn Milewski. The meeting commenced at 1:50 pm.
- **Presidents report:** The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as read. Deb recaped recent events, their successes and thanked all who make it all possible.
- **Secretary's Report:** Lynn read two applications for membership. Kenneth Jones and Louise Shaw. Also two new puppy owners from Debs litter, Marilyn Ogorek, Plattsmouth, Neb and Tom Roberts, Beverly, Ma.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Tabled
- **Election of new members:** none at this time
- **Show Committee:** It was decided not to have our specialty at Boston this December, and will be looking at an option of joining the Cheshire Cty KC in Keene for 2009, as well as several other clubs that have expressed interest in having us join them.
- **Hunt test committee:** Pat will chair our fall tests on September 27 & 28, and Deb agreed to be secretary. All the paperwork has been filed and approval has been granted. Judges and other details will be finalized shortly. Please contact them if there is anyone wishing to help out.
- **Team Shoot:** Lou has supplied a flyer for our team shoot on September 14 which will be posted in the newsletter and on our website.....
- **Club Championship:** will be held on September 13. Rules and application will be put in the newsletter. Anyone wishing to help out can contact Deb. We will also take a lunch break that day to have our next meeting. An agenda email will be sent out before hand to outline topics of discussion.

Training Days: Tabled for the summer

Rescue: Peg got an email from one of the gsp rescues looking for foster homes for two GSps. It will be sent to Kim to put on our website. She is also going to get things ready to represent the rescue at upcoming events.

Old Business: We recaped the Junefest event at Kittery and that we will do this again next June. Write up on that day will be put in the newsletter.

New Business: Mention was made about having the board members email addresses added to the website next to their names so that people have more opportunity to contact them if needed. Board members present agreed and Deb will contact those not present.

Lynn advised that Pet Quarters would like us to spend a day with them to introduce the public to our hunting breed. We decided that we would look into it after our busy fall schedule.

The next meeting will be September 13th, 2008 at the Club Championship when we break for lunch. Meeting adjourned at 3:41pm

Respectfully Submitted

MORE EVENT DATES

Sept 6 Katahdin Supported Entry with Carroll Cty KC, North Conway, NH

Sept. 7 - Carroll Cty KC - North Conway, NH

Sept 11 to 14 - S. Shore/Cape Cod KC Falmouth, Ma

Sept 13 Katahdin Club Championship

Sept 14 Katahdin Club Team Shoot

Sept 19 to 21 - Newtown/Oxbridge/Northwestern KC, Goshen, CT.

Sept 20 & 21 - NNEBC Fall Hunt tests, Sharps Farm, Hopkinton, NH

Sept 27 & 28 Katahdin Club Fall Hunt tests

Sept. 27 & 28 - Lewiston/Auburn KC, Topsham, ME

Oct. 17 to 19 - Albany/Troy KC, Springfield, MA

Nov 29 & 30 - Worcester Cty KC - Fitchburg, MA

FOR INFORMATION ON UPCOMING & PAST EVENTS,
UPDATES, OR NEW LITTERS PLEASE VISIT OUR
WEBSITE AT

SPRING HUNT TEST

Our spring hunt tests went on without a hitch thanks to the many members who continually put thier "all" into making sure everything runs smoothly.



We had alot of new faces and quite a few that took application to join the club.

We caught a photo of Anders going out to plant birds



and we cant forget the great times we have getting together with our dogs and good friends.....

Here are the qualifiers.....

Saturday May 31, 2008

Junior Level

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Patches.....Brit.....Huges | Kelly.....IS.....Martin |
| Jozsi.....Viszl.....Campbell | Georgia.....Gsp.....Russell |
| Trout.....Gsp.....Powers | Bodo.....Gsp.....Manni |
| Maggie.....Gordon....Kanoff | |

Sunday June 1, 2008

Junior Level

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Trout.....Gsp.....Powers | Jozsi.....Viszla....Campbell |
| Bandit.....Gsp...Hayes/Ameral | Lucy.....Gsp.....Neal |
| Dutchess...Gsp...Hayes/Ameral | Georgia.....Gsp.....Russell |

Senior Level

- Gracie.....Gsp.....Nilsson
 Ivy.....Gsp.....Gagnon

Many thanks to Kim for being Photographer for the day, along with her many other "duties"

Kittery Trading Post/ June Fest

June 2008

Katahdin GSP Seminar

The club members were on the go again as they headed to Kittery Trading Post for their annual June Fest event to do a seminar on Gsp's.

We had approximately 125 people who listened and watched as several members spoke about the breed and did demonstrations. It was also nice to have several different colored dogs there to give people the opportunity to see the accepted colors up close. Pat did a wonderful introduction as well as being MC for the event, also setting up one of our posterboards with pictures showing all the different areas our breed competes in.

Deb spoke about the breeds beginnings along with a table full of gsp books and literature dating back to the 1800's for people to view. Another poster board was set up with some breed history including some early photos.

Fred, Steve and Jeff talked with everyone inbetween as they got to meet the dogs, Rudy, Lilia, Gracie, Freeze and baby Louie.....(many thanks to Jeff for being the "puppy holder", and Fred for always being the "dog holder")

Deb did a demo with baby Louie (10 weeks old) on wing training a puppy.....and Anders did a demo with Gracie on retrieving as well as speaking about some training aspects.

When the hour seminar was over, we moved outside with the dogs on the side lawn to wait for the shoppers in our group, to find we had another whole group of interested people there.

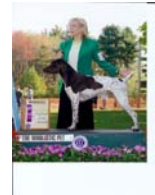
It was a beautiful day, great turnout and alot of fun. Many thanks to everyone that participated and made this another successful event for our club.

Anders and Gracie doing the retrieve demo....



BRAGS

From **Pat Russell**: Rudy (Birdland's Rudy of the ValleyJH) went Winner's Dog at Vacationland Kennel Club. Rudy also won Best in Match at the Granite State GSP match on April 6th, and at the All Breed Fun Match later in the day won Best of Group. The whole time he was handled by my 11 year old niece, Isabel Russell, who had never handled before. She also won Best Junior Handler at the Fun Match. Her sister, Claire Russell, acted as Steward.



PAT AND RUDY

Sherry Thrall and Bob Kapitan of Hedgehog Hill Shorthairs are very proud of their Am Can CH, now BIS CFC CH HHH Jam On The Brakes. Jammer has been speialed on a very limited basis inCanada with his friends and professional handlers, Stephane Laliberte and Melanie Primeau. Jammer was ranked number 5 GSP in Canada last month.



ISABEL AND RUDY

On May 31 and June 1, Jammer attended a Canine Federation of Canada show, judged according to the FCI rules. It was interesting as a comparison to AKC or CKC shows as a dog must win and receive three excellent scores to become a champion. Written and oral critiques comparing your dog to the standard are provided by the judges, who were from Slovenia, Columbia and The Netherlands. In three shows, Jammer won three excellent ratings, finished his CFC Championship, won the Sporting group all three shows, and was Best in Show on Saturday May 31, under Judge Stefan Sinko of Slovenia. The judges commented on his "excellent type, lovely head and expression, solid condition and topline, good bone and substance and effective movement". We are SO proud!

Julie Smith/ Skypoint

Saturday May 3, 2008, York Cty Kennel Club, Acton, ME, Skypoint's Winter Storm Watch was Winners Dog. By Ch Roscommon's Northern Lights CD JH - Roscommon's Go The Distance JH. Owner: Deborah M Stevens & Julie A Smith., Strafford, NH 03884. Breeder: Jinny Nealon & Julie A Goulet(Smith)

WINNERS BITCH - BEST OF WINNERS - BEST OF OPPOSITE
Skypoint's Winter Wonderland

By Ch Roscommon's Northern Lights CD JH - Roscommon's Go The Distance JH. Owner: Julie A Smith & C Howard Lister, Berwick, ME. 03901 Breeder: Jinny Nealon & Julie A Goulet(Smith)

Deb and Steve Broad/ Bear Mt Gsp's

Our "Flashy Girl" Bear Mt Still Flash Frozen, took Winners Bitch/Best Bred By at the Acton, Me show May 4th. She also took Winners Bitch/ Best of Winners at the Vacationland DC show. Judges complimenting her with "she is a true shorthair with lovely breed type". She is by my favorite livers, A/C Ch Longacres Blue Ridge Walker, TT,CGC "Luke" X Ch Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH "Kerry"

In June at the Northshore Kennel Club show, 1/2 brother "Boomer" Bear Mtn Blueridge Illusion, JH, took Best bred by Exhibitor/ Winners dog/Best of Winners and Best of Breed under respected breeder judge Mr Kevin Flynn. We thank Mr Flynn for the wonderful compliments on our boy. Boomer is out of "Kerry" Ch Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH and favorite ticked boy "Griffin" Ch Wildapple's Griffin, JH.

Peg and Lou Gagnon are very proud to announce that our Ivy finished her show championship on June 14 at the Topsfield shows. She finished with 3 majors ! All of her points were from the bred by class. Lou also earned a 3rd leg of her senior title at Katahdin's hunt test. He will have to wait until she has her pups before he can finish her title.

Special thanks to Alison and Deb for not letting me quit and keeping a watchful eye on me making sure I made it around the ring. Couldn't have done it without you!!

Ivy is out of our Coach roads Jewel Rules SH and Jeremy and Sandy Thompson's ever so handsome CH Wildapple's Griffin JH

Katahdin Team Shoot September 14, 2008

- Entry application must be received by September 11, 2008
 - A team consists of two gunners hunting over one GSP
 - Order of running will be determined by drawing on the evening of entry deadline date
 - Handler and GSP must be club members. You may hunt with a guest
 - Members may run multiple heats with different GSPs
 - Females in season will be run last
 - Each team will have 30 minutes to hunt the designated area
 - Five birds will be stocked prior to each heat
 - Each team is allowed a total of 10 shells in the field
 - No training devices allowed, such as shock or dummy collars
 - Absolutely no running with a loaded gun. If you must run to flush a bird, gun's action must be open
 - Only birds in flight may be shot
 - Once a team bags five birds, their hunt is over
 - 20 Points will be awarded for a steady point
 - 20 Points will be awarded on a retrieve (to within 3 steps of the handler or up to judges discretion)
 - 50 Points for a bird in the bag (if a bird is "taken out" by a dog before shot on the wing, only 25 points will be awarded once. No points for any additional birds "taken out")
 - 10 Points for each remaining minute
 - 10 Points for each shell not used
 - Judges will walk each heat. Judges decision is final
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In addition to placements of 1 thru 3, there will be a Top Dog award for the dog that the judges deem they would most like to spend the day hunting with. This is not always the 1st place team, because the Top Dog might not necessarily have the Top Shooter. There is also a 5 for 5 award for any team that gets their 5 birds with firing only 5 shells.

Entry Form

Entry fee will be \$70.00 per

Handler/

Gunner _____ Phone _____

Address _____

2nd Gunner _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Dog's Name _____

Please mail entry and payment to: Lou Gagnon, 77 Hemlock Corner Loop, Henniker, NH 03242

Club Championship September 13, 2008

We're ready to go!! Enclosed are applications and information for this year's Club Championship, to be held at Sharp's Farm in Hopkinton, NH. As always, competition is for Katahdin GSP club members and their dogs only. We do, however, encourage non members to join us that day to watch as guests of any member.

Starting Times	8:00	8:00	8:00
	PUPPY	INTERMEDIATE	CHAMPIONSHIP
	Conformation	Water	Field
	Water	Field	Conformation
	Field	Conformation	Water

This is approximate depending on the amount of entries for the day.....

Field events will be based on the AKC Hunt Test format. The Puppy and Intermediate classes will run on the junior hunter course, while the Club Championship class will be run on the senior/master test course for those dogs at a Senior/Master hunt test level. Dogs with Senior/Master titles/legs must compete in the Championship level. Quail will be stocked for all classes unless Chukar is available for the Championship level.

In **Conformation**, all dogs in the same class will compete in the ring at the same time unless the amount of entries warrants a different procedure. All dogs/levels will be scored in the same eight categories.

Water events:

- a **Puppy:** Water retrieve of a dummy thrown by an assistant at least 10 feet and no more than 25 feet with blank gun fired. Puppy must enter the water within 1 minute. Can be encouraged to return.
- Intermediate:** Water retrieve of a dead bird through decoys, thrown by an assistant more than 30 ft. with a blank gun fired. Must enter the water within 30 seconds, should swim a straight line to the dummy and back, and return it within a 6 foot radius of the handler.
- Championship level:** While waiting for the command to "fetch", dog should remain calm and well mannered. The handler will call for the duck to be thrown, dog should get good mark on the bird, then handler will fire blank gun. The handler will then release dog for the retrieve. Dog should enter without hesitation. Manner of entering the water is not scored differently. Dog must be bold and immediate. Dog will swim in a direct line to the duck (approx. 25 yards) and return it to hand. Having to pick the duck off the ground or forcing it out of the dogs mouth will count against the dog in scoring.

Field events:

- Puppy:** The pup should not show any signs of confusion or be under foot, but should move out in front of the handler and show interest in hunting. Should search for birds in cover and by using it's nose. Pup should demonstrate obedience to the handler's commands. Live birds will be used. Blank gun only will be fired. Dog should not show any gun shyness. This level will be judged like a Junior Hunt test but with different maximum scores in each category. Time limit of 15 minutes.
- Intermediate:** Dog should search in appropriate cover, should not be underfoot, and points should be staunch. Live birds will be used and only blank guns fired following flush of the bird. Dog should not show any gun shyness. This level will be judged like a Junior Hunt test but with different maximum scores in each category. Time limit of 20 minutes.

Field continued:

Championship: Dog should demonstrate good hunting skills, using cover and wind, displaying a pattern and independence in it's search. On point, the point should be staunch, scored higher for steady through wing and shot, and will fetch only on command of the handler after the fall of the bird. Retrieves should be to hand with minimum of commands. Dog must honor and call back will be required if needed. Time limit of 30 minutes.

Club Championship scoring example:

(intermediate level)	Possible	Minimum	Crystal	Bailey
Field	140	94	112	135
Water	50	34	39	30
Conformation	160	107	125	150
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Totals	350		288	315

Crystal would be the winner due to her meeting the minimum in each category in spite of not having the highest overall scores. Bailey's total was higher, but he did not meet the minimum score in the water.

Prizes:

Ribbons will be awarded to the top four (4) dogs in each event at all three levels.
Rosettes will be awarded to the highest overall scoring dog at each level.
The overall Club Champion will also receive the John Sarna carved woodcock perpetual trophy

Entry fees will be \$15.00 for puppy, \$20.00 for intermediate level and \$30.00 for Championship level.
Puppy level is for dogs 6 months of age to, and including 18 months of age.

Help will be needed for various tasks, such as: Conformation steward, bird planters, score keeping, etc.
Even if you aren't running a dog at this year's event, come out to lend a hand and socialize with the members of YOUR club. Food will be served but any donations will be greatly accepted.

**AND NEW THIS YEAR
VETERANS LEVEL**

This level is for our veterans to come back out and enjoy being part of the fun again, strutting their stuff like they used to do. Age minimum is 10 years old. They will follow the intermediate and championship level courses that they qualify for, but they will only be required 1/2 the distance in the water retrieve and field course. Scoring will be the same as for regular levels.

Club Championship Entry Forms

Owner _____ Phone/Email _____

Address _____

Dogs Name _____ DOB _____ Sex _____

Level/Puppy (up to and including 18 mths) _____ Intermediate _____ Championship _____

Veteran (10 yrs & over) _____

Owner _____ Phone/Email _____

Address _____

Dogs Name _____ DOB _____ Sex _____

Level/Puppy (up to and including 18 mths) _____ Intermediate _____ Championship _____

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Veteran (10 Yrs & over) _____

Please Mail entries and payment to:
(checks made out to KGSPC of GP)

Deb Broad, 39 Mountain Rd, Deerfield, NH 03037
email with any questions: bearmt@grolen.com

Puppy Level - \$15.00

Intermediate Level - \$20.00

Championship Level - \$30.00

Veterans Level - Intermediate - \$15.00

Championship - \$20.00

If your dog is hunt test titled or has qualifying legs in that level, it must compete in the levels accordingly, or can be moved up to the next level if you would like to do so.



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