

SHORTHAI R TALES

MAY/JUNE

2011

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

We will soon be holding our first GSPCA water test in July. Such a leap forward for our club. Many thanks to all that put so much work into making it happen! I am hoping to see many of you there. Don't forget to come to our "try outs" the day before so that you can familiarize yourselves with what you will need to do. The rules are listed in this newsletter.....Just a reminder,....If you pass, you must be a GSPCA member to get the official certificate.

I would also like to welcome two new board members. First being, long time member, and familiar with all the workings behind our club, Fred Newcomb as Vice President, and second, Jeremy Thompson as our new Director, who has put together many great events in the past for our club. Our outgoing director, Scott, was transferred for his job and we will miss him very much. I will never forget his tremendous efficiency while running events, his great devotion to the club and super personality.....!

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer, dreaming of fall for the start of our hunting activities. Our GSP Specialty show will also be held again in Keene. If you don't hunt, come show with us.....

Deb

GSPCA

WATER TEST

The following Ratings are offered by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America to its members to enable owners of German Shorthaired Pointers showing the ability in the following activities to earn a certificate title which may be displayed permanently in conjunction with the dog's name. Any dog earning a Rating will be issued the appropriate Certificate by the Water Test Administrator and signed by an Officer of the Club.

Novice Retrieving Dog (**NRD**)
Retrieving Dog (**RD**)
Retrieving Dog Excellent (**RDX**)

Any German Shorthaired Pointer with an individual AKC number, an AKC "Limited Registration" and/or an ILP number who has obtained the age of six (6) months on the first advertised day of the tests may compete for any or all of the ratings offered. All owners and co-owners must be members of the GSPCA. Spayed bitches or neutered males may compete for and receive ratings.

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WE ARE GETTING READY FOR THE WATER TEST..... ARE YOU?

ON THE COVER (BACK PAGE)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Saturday, May 28, 2011 in Concord, NH. In attendance were Deb Broad and Pat Russell. Since a quorum was not in attendance, no votes were to be taken. The meeting commenced at 1:30 PM.

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: There are a few people who have said they would send in dues and have not – Pat will follow up with them and with those who have pledged trophies for our Specialty in August.

Treasurer's Report: Tabled.

New Members: None

Show Committee: Pat reported that we are all set with our Specialty with the Cheshire County show in August. Preliminary work has begun on the NESGA show next March.

Hunt Test Committee: A discussion was held about the proposed AKC action to allow dogs to gain additional hunt test titles – so that they would be JH2, for example – if they qualify twice.

Water Test: We have approval for the test from the GSPCA and the premium is ready, pending receipt of one more piece of information.

Club Championship: Tabled

Training Days: Tabled

Rescue: Tabled

Old Business: none

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM. The next meeting date is to be determined. It will be posted on the website.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Russell, Secretary.

BRAGS

Ayla (CH Mariah BDN Ayla Stole My Heart CD, RN, MH, NRD, CGC, VC) earned her MH and NRD at the WI hunt tests before the NSS. **Joni** (Roggenfeld's Jonayla of Mariah BDN BN, RN, JH, CGC) passed all 3 trials for Rally and Obed. at the NSS to earn her BN and RN.

Pam Parshall

Deb Broad - Bear Mountain GSP's

In June, Our **“Boomer”** Ch Bear Mtns Blueridge Illusion, JH (Ch Wildapple's Griffin, JH X Ch Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH) took his second major and additional points toward his grand championship.

ANYONE WILLING/ABLE
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WATER TEST

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Food will be available that day.

Any Food item donations of those favorite treats would be wonderful also.

GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB OF AMERICA WATER TEST RATING STANDARDS

SECTION I

The following Ratings are offered by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America to its members to enable owners of German Shorthaired Pointers showing the ability in the following activities permanently in conjunction with the dog's name.

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SECTION II

The Ratings offered by the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America are the following:

Novice Retrieving Dog NRD

Retrieving Dog RD

Retrieving Dog Excellent RDX

SECTION III

Eligibility of Dogs

A. Any German Shorthaired Pointer with an individual AKC number, an AKC "Limited Registration" and/or an ILP number who has obtained the age of six (6) months on the first advertised day of the tests may compete for any or all of the ratings offered.

B. Ratings Tests are open to all German Shorthaired Pointers whose owners and co-owners are members of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America.

C. Spayed bitches or neutered males may compete for and receive ratings.

SECTION V- Retrieving ratings

A. Requirements for retrieving dog tests.

1. Recognized game birds, ducks, or pigeons must be used for the NRD, RD, and RDX tests.

Whichever

is selected must be used throughout the stake for all dogs entered in that stake. A freshly killed bird shall be used for each NRD entrant.

2. Dead or shackled birds may be used for the RD and RDX test. But at least one live bird per dog must be shot in each test. Dead bird required for NRD.

3. At each station where a live bird is shot the bird thrower should be backed by at least two gunners. The judges are to arrange the gunner's stations depending on the test. On double or triple retrieves, the birds are to be dropped from separate stations.

4. Novice dogs may be worked upwind. In RD or RDX stakes dogs should be worked across or downwind to show ability to work and hunt.

5. If, in a judges' discretion, a bird is declared to be out of bounds, the dog should be passed over and another dog run before the former dog returns for judgment. Bird can float out of bounds only one (1) time due to drifting and dog not entering the water to complete the retrieve in all tests.

6. Handling is permissible in all tests, but overhandling either voice or whistle, shall be penalized at the judges' discretion.

7. If on a water retrieve the dog reduces the time required to complete the retrieve by the intelligent use of land, he shall not be penalized. Use of land for the mere purpose of avoiding water will be penalized.

8. Calibers of gun used in all tests shall be .20 gauge or larger shotguns or .22 caliber blank cartridges (.22 caliber crimp not allowed.) A blank gun may be used solely in the NRD test. However, at least one shotgun must be fired in the RD and RDX tests.
9. Objects may not be thrown to encourage a dog to enter water or to direct dog. This is a disqualification in any stake.
10. All shots to be fired AFTER bird is released or thrown and **in the air** in all retrieving tests.

NRD- Novice Retrieving Dog

A. Requirements for dogs competing for NRDs shall be as follows:

1. Water Retrieve

a. Dog is required to retrieve a single dead bird in the water with a minimum swim of 20 yards; a shot will be fired. At judges' discretion, a bird drifting more than 40 yards from shore may be declared "out of bounds," and be re-thrown. See #6 above.

B. Scoring- All scoring is on a pass/fail basis according to the official result forms.

C. Procedures

1. A circle of rope, hose, or other material is to be laid out with a radius of six (6') feet (12' diameter) clearly defining boundaries, circle must come no closer than three feet (3') from water's edge.

Handler must remain within the circle until the retrieve is completed. Dog must deliver bird to circle.

2. No dog may be sent to retrieve until the bird has hit the water and handler has been directed to send dog by judges.

3. Steadiness on line is not required, and dog may be restrained by: 1) holding dog; 2) holding collar; 3) both 1 and 2; and 4) leashing dog.

4. Disqualifications

a. Hardmouthing (both judges must declare the bird unfit)

b. Excessive delay of over two (2) minutes to enter water.

c. Loses interest, wanders around aimlessly, or up and down waters edge.

d. Refuses handlers commands to handle, over six (6) times.

NRD - WATER

----- 40 yards maximum -----

----- 20 yards minimum -----

Handlers circle, 6 ft. radius

(12 ft. diameter)

"3 ft. from edge of handler's circle to waters edge.

RD- Retrieving Dog

A. Requirements for dogs competing for RD shall be as follows:

1. Water Retrieve

a. The dog is required to retrieve a wide-spaced (approximately 60 degrees angle) double through eight (8) decoys, with the falls being at distances of approximately 50 yards on the first fall through decoy, and 20 yards on the second fall.

b. Dog must enter water promptly.

B. Scoring- All scoring is on a pass/fail basis according to the official result forms.

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C. Procedures

1. A circle of rope, hose, or other material is to be laid out with a radius of six (6') feet (12' diameter) clearly defining boundaries. Circle must come no closer than three feet (3') from water's edge. Handler must remain within the circle until all the retrieves are completed.

Dog **MUST** retrieve **TO HAND**.

2. No dog may be sent to retrieve until the last bird has hit the ground/water and the handler has been directed to send dog by judges.

3. The dog shall be steady on the line (controlled break allowed). Touch to release permitted, but restraint not permitted. Controlled break allowed means "Voice and/or hand signal may be used to stop dog, however, dog must have all four feet inside the circle to be defined as being under control."

4. Disqualifications

- a. Hardmouthing (both Judges must declare bird as unfit.)
- b. Excessive delay of over two (2) minutes to enter or reenter the water.
- c. Loses interest, wanders around aimlessly, or up and down water edge.
- d. Refuses handler commands to handler, over five (5) times.
- e. Performance so bad, judge would not take hunting.

RD - WATER

(1st Bird 50 yards)

(2nd bird 20 yards)

Handlers circle, 6 ft. radius (12 ft. diameter)

3 ft. from edge of handler's circle to water's edge.

RDX- Retrieving Dog Excellent

A. Requirements for dogs competing for RDX shall be as follows:

1. The dog shall give a finished performance, showing both class and style while competing for this title.

- a. Dog will be brought to and into circle off leash and under control.
- b. Handler may elect to have dog stand, sit or be downed, but the original position must be maintained for each individual series.
- c. A reasonable move of the dog to mark the fall of a bird is acceptable, but no other movement by the dog is allowed. Controlled break is not allowed.
- d. No dog may be sent to retrieve until the last bird has hit the ground/water and handler has been directed to send dog by judges.
- e. Dog must enter water immediately with eagerness.

1. Water Retrieve

a. Dog is required to retrieve to hand, a triple, first fall to be at 40 yards to one side, second fall to be a minimum of 60 yards through decoys, third fall to be 20 yards landing to opposite side as the first fall.

Example: First fall, 40 yards to right; second fall, 60 yards through decoys; third fall, 20 yards to left, (see diagram)

b. Decoys (8) to be placed between 30 yards and 60 yards in water (see diagram).

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c. Dog must enter and reenter water without hesitation. Delays to be penalized, and excessive delays disqualified.

2. Blind Water Retrieve

a. The dog is required to be brought to the line without seeing fall. Handler is to be advised of location of bird.

b. Dog is required to retrieve, to hand, at a range of approximately 50 yards, through eight (8) decoys.

c. No shot will be fired for this test.

d. To be completed after triple water retrieve.

e. Dog must enter and reenter water without hesitation. Delays to be penalized, and excessive delays disqualified.

B. Scoring- All scoring is on a pass/fail basis according to the official result forms.

C. Disqualifications

1. Lack of absolute steadiness on the line.
2. Hardmouthing (both Judges must declare the bird unfit).
3. Handler must not move from the circle.
4. Excessive delay entering or reentering the water over two (2) minutes.
5. Handler cannot touch dog except tap to release.
6. Loses interest, wanders around aimlessly, or up and down water edge.
7. Refuse handler commands to handle, over four (4) times.

RDX - WATER

(2nd Bird, 60 yards)

decoys

decoys (1st Bird, 40 yards)

(3rd Bird, 20 yards)

----- shore

Handlers circle, 6 ft. radius (12 ft. diameter)

3 ft. from edge of handler's circle to water's edge.

RDX - BLIND

_____ (Bird) _____

50 yards

decoy decoy

decoy

decoy decoy

decoy

decoy decoy

----- -shore

Handlers circle, 6 ft. radius (12 ft. diameter)

3 ft. from edge of handler's circle to water's edge.

**KATAHDIN
EVENTS
FOR
2011**

**WATER TEST
IN
JULY**

**SPECIALTY
SHOW
IN
AUGUST**

**HUNT
TESTS
IN
SEPTEMBER**

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