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NEWSLETTER
OF THE
KATAHDIN GSP CLUB OF GREATER
PORTLAND

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

This has been quite a year. We've had great shows and matches – the last being the Boston Show, where 71 Shorthairs were entered, plus our sweeps with 31 entries. It was quite a sight to see so many great dogs. Club members did their usual fabulous job of supporting the event and making it not only happen, but run smoothly and provide the best hospitality of the entire show. Thanks to Sandra for being our Ambassador and to everyone who worked to make the day such fun. Our raffle, run by Pauline & Steve, was another success. A big thank you to everyone for their donations. Sandra Kretz won the beautiful quilt made by Lynn Milewski – and it turned out to be Sandra's birthday. What a great way to celebrate!

Our Fall Hunt Test also was a success – thank goodness the weather cooperated. We were sponsored by Blue Seal Foods, out of Bow, NH, which is enormously appreciated. We enjoyed seeing many new faces at the test, and hope we'll see many of them back again this Spring. I have sent the result of the Hunt Test to the GSP Chronicle Online where they will be available for national circulation. Many thanks to all club members who volunteered their time as gunners, judges, marshals, chef, etc. to make a great hunt test.

Enjoy the Holiday Season and come back refreshed, ready to have even more fun in 2008.

Pat

HUNT TEST SEMINAR UPDATE (APPLICATION ENCLOSED)

The Katahdin Club will be sponsoring a Pointing Breed Judging Seminar on March 8 at the Kittery Trading Post. This seminar should be of interest to all members because: (1) a number of the Hunt Test rules will be changing as of January 1, 2008 – every person who participates in Hunt Tests should be up to date on the new rules; and (2) the AKC has changed its requirements for Hunt Test judges – after January 1, 2008, all judges must complete a seminar within 5 years to remain current, and all those applying for new judging certification must complete a seminar before they are allowed to apprentice. A copy of the seminar announcement is enclosed in this newsletter. This is a full day seminar, including lunch for \$45/ More specifics are also given on the club web site at katahdingsp.org. For more information or to register, contact Sandra Kretz at mariahgsp@aol.com

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COVER PHOTO

“FOUR FOR FOUR X 4

Between the Katahdin Gsp hunt tests in September and the Gordon Setter hunt tests in November, Ch Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH “Kerry” at 10 years old, began and finished her hunt title along with her two sons, Bear Mtn Blue Ridge Illusion, JH “Boomer” and Bear Mt Blue Ridge Eclipse, JH, Spencer, handled by Barb Desjardins (both sired by the Tompsons lovely boy Ch Wildapples Griffin, JH), plus her granddaughter Bear Mt Ginger Snap Cookie, JH “Kiara” (triple Luke granddaughter), handled by Jeff Phillips. They all qualified in four straight tests.

This is the picture I took at the test as I walked up to Kerry on point.....rock “solid”.



 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

A meeting of the Katahdin German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Greater Portland was held on Sunday November 25, 2007 at the home of Deb Broad. In attendance were Tom Dwyer, Peg Gagnon, Lou Gagnon, Deb Broad, Lynn Milewski, Jeremy Thompson, Pauline Marcq, Steve Marcq and Pat Russell. The meeting commenced at 2:35 PM.

President’s Report: The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as printed in the last newsletter. Pat mentioned several events that were coming up and commented on the successful close of the Hunt Tests with the AKC.

Secretary’s Report: The Secretary, John Manni, was unable to attend, so the report was tabled.

Treasurer’s Report: Steve was reported that our bank balance is ahead of where we were this time last year.

Election of New Members: Two new applications have been received from puppy buyers.

Show Committee: Trophies are all ready for the Boston show. We have a huge entry for the Specialty – 71 GSPs. We will be holding a sweeps with the New England Sporting Dog Group in March.

Hunt Test Committee: The tests scheduled for September 29th and 30th went well. Steve will be attending the HELDCA meeting on December 16th to determine our dates for Sharpe’s Farm in 2008. We may try to pick up some single days that we can use for training. .

Team Shoot: went fine – we broke even, which is what we want.

Club Championship: Deb has the judges almost all lined up for next year. We may move it to June or September, since August has been so dreadfully hot the past few years.

Training Days: Sandra (thorough email) and Jeremy reported on the Hunt Test/Judges Seminar to be held in March at The Kittery Trading Post. We would like to be able to hold a field event in conjunction with it, but that isn’t possible in March. We may do it in April, and advertise it when we are at the Kittery Trading Post. It looks like we will get a good turnout for the seminar – Sandra has been leaving flyers at various events and getting the word out. Also, The Kittery Trading Post has agreed to out the information in their flyer. Deb reported on potential conformation training at The Barking Dog. We have a number of people interested, but may hold it in Manchester instead so as to be centrally located to more people.

Rescue: We received a thank you letter from the GSPCA for our contribution.

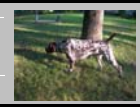
Website: tabled.

Old Business: None

New Business: Lynn showed the design and fabric of the new quilt she will be making for the club raffle. It is time to think about election of officers again. The positions of President, Treasurer and Director are in the current cycle. Peg is head of the nominating committee.

The next meeting will be held at 2:00PM on Sunday, January 20, 2008 at Jeremy Thompson’s house. The meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Russell, Acting Secretary



Candid shot of Pat and Peg at the Boston Specialty..... Photo compliments of Fred Newcomb



HUNT TEST RESULTS

Saturday 9/29/07

Junior Hunter/

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| Spencer (GSP) | Desjardins/Broad |
| Kiara (GSP) | Phillips/Broad |
| Squint (Viszla) | Hilliard |
| Gianni (Spinoni) | Stanley |
| Dory (Gordon) | Murch |
| Kerry (GSP) | Broad |
| Manfred (GSP) | Bach |
| Rider (Pointer) | Oliver |
| Boomer (GSP) | Broad |
| Stella (Spinoni) | Stanley |
| Feathers (GSP) | Herke |
| Natty (GSP) | Davis |
| Jez (Irish) | Dillon |
| Jessie (Irish) | Ackley |
| Emma (Britt) | Howe |
| Buster (GSP) | Williams |
| Fox (Britt) | Bond |

Senior/ - none

Master Hunter/

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| Buster (Fr. Britt) | Thompson |
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Sunday 9/30/07

Junior Hunter/

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| Kerry (GSP) | Broad |
| Emma (Britt) | Howe |
| Suzanna (Irish) | Brnger |
| Feathers (GSP) | Herke |
| Boomer (GSP) | Broad |
| Dory (Gordon) | Murch |

Senior Hunter/

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| Griffin (GSP) | Thompson |
| Ivy (GSP) | Gagnon |

Master Hunter/

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| Buster (Fr. Britt) | Thompson |
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BOSTON SPECIALTY SHOW REPORT

The annual Specialty Show was held at the Bayside Expo Center in Boston on December 9th. This was one of the largest shows in the Club's history with an entry of 72 in the regular classes, and 24 in the Puppy Sweepstakes. Our judges were Linda Gagnon, a breeder of Wirehaired Pointing Griffons for Sweeps, and Rick Byrd of Washington State, a long time Shorthair and Weimaraner breeder and handler for the regular classes.

In the Sweepstakes, HHH Sweet Return, bred and owned by Club members Sherry Thrall and Bob Kapitan of Vermont, was Best in Sweeps from the 9-12 Puppy Dog Class. He was shown by Sherry. Best of Opposite Sex in Sweeps was CRK Bold Moves, already a finished Champion, bred and owned by Margaret and Bill Farrone of Connecticut.

In the Veteran Sweepstakes our winners were multi-titled. Ch. Holstrom's No Fear CD MH was Best Veteran from the 10+ class. He was bred and owned by Leslie and Lon Ruddock of Rhode Island. Best of Opposite Sex in Veteran Sweeps was Mariah's Melody v Starwood JH NA NAJ bred by Sandra Kretz and owned by Club members Pauline and Steve Marcq of New Hampshire. Flash was proudly shown for the first time in the breed ring by Pauline.

In the Regular classes, our Winners Dog was Blk Mtn BK Field of Dreams from the Bred by Exhibitor Class, bred and owned by Karen Berk and Rick Theodore of Connecticut. Reserve Winners Dog was Halcyon's Confident Chaz owned by Charles Edwards of Maine.

In the bitch classes, 2V's Awesome Ms Megan JH was winners bitch to finish her championship. She is owned by Dennis and Deb Leroux of Connecticut. Reserve Winners Bitch was Holstrom's Cheza on Holiday JH owned by Leslie and Lon Ruddock.

Our Best of Breed winner was the Number 1 Shorthair in the Country for 2007, Ch. Cheza's Drama Queen at Panamint, bred by Jane Rae of New York, and owned by Diane Stendahl, also of New York. Best of Opposite Sex was Ch. Star K N' MSL Corcovado owned by Linda and Richard Stark.

Our thanks to the many hands who helped with trophies, hospitality and the ever popular raffles. Pauline and Steve Marcq ably managed three raffles at the show, the regular raffle of many doggie and holiday items, a special raffle of a canine emergency kit donated by Pauline, and a hand made quilt donated by Lynn Milewski. We had very nice compliments on many aspects of the show. A financial report will be given in the next newsletter, but this was a very successful show indeed. Thanks, thanks, thanks to all! Sandra Kretz, Show Chair

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

BRAGS

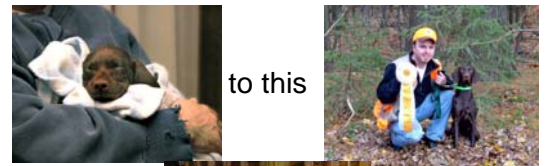
Deb Broad.....Just wanted to add that “Kerry” Ch Bear Mt Blue Ridge Paradox, JH: was never trained or hunted before her first hunt test in September yet went out to finished her title four for four with 10’s and 9’s. Remembering years back, when she scooped up a grouse in the wood pile to bring to her pups to play with, and would bring escaped birds back to us unharmed, we thought we would see how she would do at the hunt tests. She sure showed us in those two weekends! She also played clean up as she found a dead bird left in the field and retrieved it to hand. When i didn’t hold my hand out for her, she promptly nudged me with it so i would know what SHE wanted ME to do. It’s very hard to leave the house without her now, as she thinks, it should always be time to go hunt birds.....maybe she has the right idea!

This made offspring title #32 for her Dad, A/C Ch Longacres Blue Ridge Walker, TT, CGC, “Luke”, (which includes show, field, agility, obedience, temperament, and therapy dog titles) and more on the way.

And yes, I broke yet another started pistol!

Many thanks to my support team: husband Steve, all my co-owners, Peg and Lou who got me back out in the field and to the judges for their wonderful comments.....

From **Jeff Phillips**.... No words can describe the feeling!from this



Bear Mt Ginger Snap Cookie, JH “Kiara”

From **Peg and Lou Gagnon**

Our Ivy, Coach Roads Wildapple Ivy, went winners bitch for a 3 point major at the Framingham District KC in Fitchburg. Boy what a thrill! She is out of our Coach Roads Jewel Rules SH and Sandy and Jeremy Thompson's CH. Wildapple's Griffin JH

She was also reserve winners bitch on Friday, and has two SH legs. Thanks to everyone for cheering me on and especially to Deb. You are a super person and a great friend! Peggy

From **Dave trahan** my dog briar on point achieved a prize 2 in a vgp test this past fall hardest utility test in the German system

Sherry Thrall and Bob Kapitan of Hedgehog Hill Shorthairs are proud to list some of the accomplishments of our "Sweet" litter whelped in February 2007. Our Ritter, aka HHH Sweet Return (CH Honey Run's Shifting Gears SH x Can CH Crystal's High Hopes for HHHill) took a four point major at the Springfield Kennel Club from the BBE class at ten months of age under Judge Steve Keating. His sister, HHH Oh So Sweet, owned by Cathy, John and Endine Peters was RWB from the 9-12 class. Two weeks later, Ritter continued by winning Best Puppy in Sweepstakes in a very competitive lineup of pups at the Katahdin Specialty in Boston on Sunday under Sweepstakes Judge Linda Gagnon. We're looking forward to both show and field accomplishments from this litter. Most of all, it was SO nice to see everyone at our specialty show. Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year!

Mariah BDN Love is Enough JH bred by **Sandra Kretz** and **Ann Michaud** finished his championship with a 4 point major at the Mayflower Specialty in December. Fritz was also Winners Dog at the Katahdin Specialty last December, but had been sidelined with a foot injury while hunting. He is the 6th champion offspring for his Dam, Ch. Mariah's More Than Diamonds CD JH, qualifying her as a GSPCA All Time Top Producing Dam.

Kenshaw Mariah Flashdance “Chip” owned by **Christian and Jim Mc Donald** was Winners Dog from the 6-9 month Puppy Class at Worcester County KC and again at Middlesex County KC for a total of 3 points. He was bred by Shawn Damon and Sandra Kretz and shown by Shawn.

Pauline Marcq dusted off "Flash" (CH Mariah's Melody V Starwood JH, NA, NAJ) for the Boston Specialty Show, and Flash managed to gnaw her way around the ring (the girl does love her bait!) a few times and win the BOS in Veteran Sweepstakes (is that what it was called?) - **Steve Marcq**

AKC HUNT TEST SEMINAR

(Seminar for Pointing Breed Judges and Pointing Breed Hunt Test Participants)

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THE KATAHDIN GSP CLUB

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2008

8:30-4:30

KITTERY TRADING POST

EXIT 1 ROUTE I-95--KITTERY, MAINE

Presenter: GARY SADLER, AKC Field Rep and GSP Breeder

- Boost your success in AKC Hunt Tests by knowing the rules
 - Learn about the new 2008 AKC Hunt Test regulations
 - Fulfill a requirement for AKC Hunt Test judge application
 - Update your AKC Hunt Test judging accreditation

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\$45 covers all materials and a fabulous lunch

Please arrive by 8:00 for registration as we will start promptly

Name

Address:

Phone Number:

email address:

Are you currently an AKC judge? Yes No

Are you applying for judging approval? Yes No

Make Check for \$45 payable to Katahdin GSP Club and mail to Sandra Kretz, 58 Sedgemoor Rd., Wayland, MA 01778 Deadline February 20, 2008.

WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER ABOUT
OUR UPCOMING EVENT WHICH WILL BE A SUPPORTED ENTRY ALONG WITH
THE NE SPORTING DOG ASSOCIATION SHOW IN FITCHBURG, MA, MARCH 2008
PLEASE CONTACT PAT WITH ANY DONATIONS TOWARD OUR TROPHY FUND

Please visit our website for new announcements, updated information and pups available, or take a stroll down memory lane with our past events and photos. www.katahdingsp.org



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