



# OTTAWA VALLEY POINTING DOG CLUB AND NAVHDA CHAPTER

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## President's Message

*By Kevin MacWilliams*

Today I am working outside and thinking that spring is a long way off, we hope not! It is however excellent training weather. There is no trouble with over heating. Now is the time to get your pal in shape for the upcoming field events. There is no substitute for conditioning. It will show on test day.

This year all game birds will be sold at the end of our tests. So think ahead and bring a cardboard box to take some good birds home at an excellent price.

On behalf of the club I would like to thank Robert Kluge for picking up our birds in St Jacobs. This is a big job and we, the club members very much appreciate the help. Thanks again, Robert!

I am looking forward to the training day on the 29th of April. Please come and get involved. We need your help and participation. We will be running a gunner's clinic before our day starts.

**Don't miss out on NAVHDA testing! Members have priority to available spaces in our tests until May 13, 2007. Get your entry form and payment to Rene Jones by the deadline to avoid being disappointed.**

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***Articles and photos needed for the newsletter. Send items to Gail, newsletter editor via email at [bravepoint@gmail.com](mailto:bravepoint@gmail.com)***

## PROPOSED FIELD TRAINING DAYS FOR 2007

April 29, June 10, July 14, August 12, November 25

Locations, times and specific details will be in upcoming newsletters or email flyers.

### Club Officers for 2007-2008

**President**

Kevin MacWilliams

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Rene Jones

**Show Director**

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**Obedience Director**

Murray Kemp

**Membership**

Rachel Delaney

## SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **Training Day**, (see p.16), Sunday, April 29 at Murray Kemp's
2. **CKC-Sanctioned Field Tests**, Saturday, May 12, 2007 and Sunday, May 13, 2007 at Wolfe Island, Ontario. Contact Rene Jones at (613) 257-7319 or email [rnjones@rogers.com](mailto:rnjones@rogers.com) for more information.
3. **NAVHDA Test**, Saturday, August 18, 2007 and Sunday, August 19, 2007 at Wolfe Island, ON. Contact Rene Jones, Test Secretary at (613) 257-7319 or email [rnjones@rogers.com](mailto:rnjones@rogers.com) for more info.
4. **2006 OVPDC Pointing Breed Specialty Show**, Sunday, August 26, 2007, Cornwall. Contact Anne Perkins at (613) 826-3297 or email: [aperkins@skilsplus.ca](mailto:aperkins@skilsplus.ca) OR Debbie Cook email [dcook@ngco.com](mailto:dcook@ngco.com)
5. **Pointing Breeds Silent Auction**, Saturday, August 25 and Sunday, August 26 to be held during the Specialty. Donations needed and volunteers required to man the table. Contact Anne Perkins at (613) 826-3297 or email [aperkins@skilsplus.ca](mailto:aperkins@skilsplus.ca) or Debbie Cook email [dcook@ngco.com](mailto:dcook@ngco.com)
6. **OVPDC Specialty CKC Field Test**, Tuesday, August 28, 2007, Maxville. Contact Anne Perkins at (613) 826-3297 or email [aperkins@skilsplus.ca](mailto:aperkins@skilsplus.ca)

## NEWS FROM OR ABOUT MEMBERS

1. Congratulations to Caranagh's K.C. of Fallowfield "K.C." owned by Joan Colbourn on the completion of her Canadian Conformation championship. K.C. finished with 3 Best of Breed wins and a Group 4<sup>th</sup> at the Ontario Breeder's Show in Markham, February 18.

Premium for May CKC Field tests at Wolfe Island are available on the web site at [www.ovnavhda.com](http://www.ovnavhda.com) under Events.

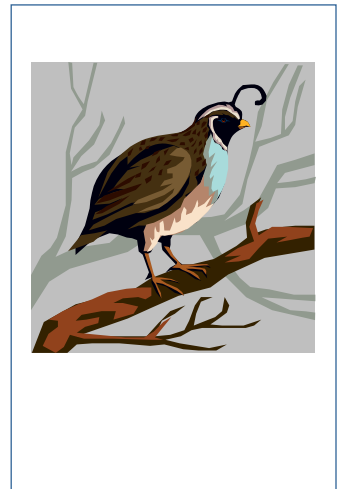
**Treasurer's Report**  
*Submitted by Debbie Cook*

## Assets

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Bank Balance          | 488.82            |
| Merchandise Inventory | 2,920.00          |
| Towels                | 612.52            |
| Trailer               | 2,875.00          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>\$6,896.34</b> |

2006 - 2007 Profit and Loss Statement  
 May 9, 2006 to January 9, 2007

|                                    |                  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Opening Balance                    | 5,425.20         |
| Closing Balance                    | 488.82           |
| <b>Profit/Loss</b>                 | <b>-4,936.38</b> |
| Bank Interest                      | 1.33             |
| Memberships                        | 505.00           |
| Sanction Matches<br>(3)            | 276.78           |
| Field Test-May<br>12/13            | 419.86           |
| Carter Clinic                      | 309.94           |
| N/A Test-Aug 19/20                 | -1,116.05        |
| Specialty-Aug 27                   | 2,744.13         |
| Field Test-Aug 29                  | -872.28          |
| Insurance                          | -631.80          |
| Trailer Purchase                   | -2,875.00        |
| Gear Sales & Purchases             | -3,553.36        |
| Towels                             | -612.52          |
| Mics. Income-Birds/Cages Purchases | 733.00           |
| Misc Expense-cage repairs          | -125.00          |
| postage,etc                        | -18.41           |
| Bank Charges                       | -122.00          |
|                                    | <b>-4,936.38</b> |



## Secretary's Report

By Gail Docherty

**Annual Meeting:** The Club's Annual General Meeting was held Sunday afternoon, February 18, 2007 at Carp, Ontario, following our second indoor training session of the year. A record 26 members were in attendance! This represents 55% of our total membership. The change of venue and date for the AGM appears to have been a good move.

**New Executive:** The new Executive for the Club year 2007/2008 was sworn in. The report of the 2007/2008 Nomination Committee was sent to all members on October 12, 2006. The position of Obedience Director has been vacant for several years. Steve Zlepnig nominated Murray Kemp for this role. Seconded by Wendy Watson. All in favour. Murray agreed to fill the role for 2007-2008.

**New Business:** Following the reports of the various Club Directors, six items of new business were discussed.

(1) **2007 NAVHDA Test.** The test will be held August 18-19 at Wolfe Island. We will offer Natural Ability, Utility Prep and Utility. The judges will be John Bauman, Senior judge from Ontario, NY, Martin Gagnon, Quebec, and Claudio Opacek, Ontario. Kevin MacWilliams proposed that a priority on available testing spots be given to Chapter members. Entry forms and payment would have to get to Rene Jones by May 13, 2007. After this date, any remaining spots would be available for anyone else. All in favour.

(2) **2007 CKC Field Test (May).** The tests will be May 12-13 at Wolfe Island. The following judges have been approved for this year: Ginette Boyer, Liz Outram, Doris Morrison, Laverne Morrison. The premium should be available very soon. Deadline for entries is May 9<sup>th</sup>. The entry fee will be \$50. Other spring tests in Ontario include: OAPB May 5-6; Vizsla Ontario June 2-3; Vizsla Canada June 9-10.

(3) **2007 Specialty.** The Specialty will be held August 26<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Stromont, Dundas & Glengary Shows. There will be a booster on the Friday. Margaret Jones from BC will be our judge for the Specialty. There are lots of other specialties being held that weekend. Rita Walker will be our Sweepstakes judge. Agility will be included in the Versatility title in 2007. The field test will be on the following Tuesday. Liz Outram will judge but so far that's all we have. The Irish Setter Club of Canada will be running the field test with us so we will split the costs and the proceeds with them.

(4) **Field Safety.** We would like to offer a gunner course to make sure everyone is following the same guidelines and safety is a top priority. Interested people: Paul Delaney, Chris St. Louis, John Price. This will be in April in conjunction with our first field training day.

(5) **Newsletter.** The suggestion has been made to email the newsletter to members to save on postage and paper. There are currently 6 members without Internet so they will continue to receive their newsletters by mail. Steve Zlepnig proposed putting the newsletters up our web site in a special members only password protected area. Chris Price will set this up for us.

*Secretary's Report cont'd*

(6) **Sponsorship/Fundraising.** Steve Zlepnig suggested that we put Chris Price's company, webapps.ca's logo on the trailer at no charge for all his efforts on the web site. Kevin MacWilliams made a motion that we do so. Seconded by Joan Colbourn. Eukanuba will be

sponsoring the Club for \$750 for each of our events, CKC field tests and the Specialty. Other fund raising suggestions include: selling more advertising space on the trailer, a raffle for an e collar and a calendar. Linda Cooney has offered to work out the details for the calendar. She will be at training days and events to take photos of members' dogs. Photos would need to be submitted by late June. These calendars should be available for purchase at our NAVHDA tests and the Specialty. Cost to produce calendar is \$12.95.

**Achievement Awards:** At each Annual meeting, the Club awards Achievement Certificates to members and their dogs for titles earned over the past year. This year, 27 certificates were handed out by the Secretary covering a 9 month period, 5 for Conformation, 13 for Field, 6 for NAVHDA, 1 for Obedience, 1 for Agility and 1 for Other Achievements:

**CONFORMATION:** (1) Irish Setter. Carranagh's Lindy FDJ, owned by Anne Perkins; Canadian Conformation Championship. (2) Irish Setter. Carranagh's Rhua Rose, owned by Michael Burke; Canadian Conformation Championship. (3) Brittany Hiddencreek's Bearing Witness FDJ, owned by John Price; Canadian Conformation Championship. (4) English Setter. Matriarch's Lady Sheridan FDJ, owned by Barbara Mantha; Canadian Conformation Championship. (5) English Setter. Matriarch's Hallelujah Musical, owned by Wendy E. Watson; Canadian Conformation Championship.

**FIELD:** (1) GSP. Buckshot von der Merrymeetings FD NA1 S1 D1 4H-search, owned by Steve Zlepnig; Field Dog Excellent title. (2) GSP. Beaumont von der Merrymeetings FD NA1 S1 D1, owned by Murray Kemp; Field Dog Excellent title. (3) Vizsla. CH Toldin's Steel Red Hummer FDJ, owned by Rachel and Paul Delaney; Field Dog title. (4) Brittany. Hiddencreek's Bearing Witness FDJ owned by John Price; Field Dog title. (5) GSP. Esser's Boots vd Wildburg, owned by Peter McCooeye; Field Dog title. (6) GSP. Shortcreek of Marcus FDJ, owned by Darko Brozovic; Field Dog title. (7) Brittany. Arthur Derouboy FDJ, owned by James Carpenter; Field Dog title. (8) GSP. Shortcreek of Marcus, owned by Darko Brozovic; Field Dog Junior title. (9) Brittany Arthur Derouboy, owned by James Carpenter; Field Dog Junior title. (10) GSP. Mozart van Haege, owned by Pascale Lacasse; Field Dog Junior title. (11) GSP. Vito von Osterberg, owned by Kevin MacWilliams; Field Dog Junior title. (12) GSP. Marshfield's Artemis, owned by Ray Baker; Field Dog Junior title. (13) English Setter. Matriarch's Lady Sheridan, owned by Barbara Mantha; Field Dog Junior title.

**NAVHDA:** (1) GSP. Marshfield's Artemis, owned by Ray Baker; Natural Ability Prize 1; (2) GSP. Vito von Osterberg, owned by Kevin MacWilliams; Natural Ability Prize 1; (3) GSP. Shortcreek of Marcus, owned by Darko Brozovic; Natural Ability Prize 1; (4) GSP. Mozart van Haege, owned by Pascale Lacasse; Natural Ability Prize 1; (5) Vizsla. CH Toldin's Steel Red Hummer FDJ, owned by Rachel and Paul Delaney; Natural Ability Prize 2 (evaluation); (6) GSP Merrymeeting's Roscoe, owned by Carlos Sendao; Natural Ability Prize 2

**OBEDIENCE:** (1) English Setter. Matriarch's Belle of the Ball FDJ, owned by Deborah Cook; Companion Dog title

**AGILITY:** (1) GSP. Bravepoint's Mud Puddle CD AGN FDJ CGN ADC NA1 FDCH-G, owned by Gail Docherty; Starters Games Dog title

**OTHER:** (1) GSP. Bravepoint's Mud Puddle CD AGN FDJ CGN ADC SGDC NA1 FDCH-G, owned by Gail Docherty; Flyball Master title



## **ANNOUNCES...**

**Sunday, August 26, 2007**

### **Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog Club Specialty**

***Welcoming all Pointers, Setters, Pointing Spaniels,  
Vizslas, Weimaraners & the Spinone Italiano***

**Judge: Margaret S. Jones (British Columbia)**

**Sweeps Judge: Rita S. Walker (Ontario)**

#### **\*\*\*OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS\*\*\***

Silent Auction (Saturday & Sunday) – see OVPDC website for list of items/updated weekly  
OVPDC Luncheon (Sunday)

Obedience (Sunday) & Agility (Saturday & Sunday) Competitions, with Host Show  
CKC Field Test nearby (Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>)

2 Versatility Awards (all pointing dogs and GSP)

Other pointing dog specialties: Irish Setter Club of Canada, Ottawa Valley All Setter  
Association,

Pointer Club of Canada & the Weimaraner Association of Canada Regional Specialty

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Premium list download: [www.canineshowservices.com](http://www.canineshowservices.com) -- available in May 2007

Select Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry Association Show information. 🇩🇪

OTTAWA VALLEY POINTING DOG CLUB  
**VERSATILITY AWARD 2007**

The purpose of Versatility Awards is to encourage owners and breeders to develop their dogs in performance activities and, in particular, in hunting, obedience, and agility. The main Award is given to the Pointing Dog who accumulates the highest number of points based on performance in two or more events held in conjunction with the Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog Club Specialty. **NEW THIS YEAR** is a Versatility Award for the **GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER** with the highest number of points based on the same criteria -- in recognition of the Club's immediate predecessor, the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Eastern Canada. Point structure reflects the Club's commitment to performance activities.

The winners will receive trophies and specially inscribed rosettes. The dogs' and owners' names will also be inscribed on Permanent Trophies retained by the Club.

#### GENERAL RULES

1. A dog must compete in at least 2 of 4 disciplines (conformation, hunting, obedience and/or agility).
2. Qualifying scores must be earned in the Field Test, Obedience Trials and/or Agility to be counted.
  - (a) A dog may enter a field class only if he or she has NOT completed a title in that class (for example, an FDJ dog must enter the field test at the FD level). The same is true of Agility competition.
  - (b) A dog may continue to compete at the CDX and/or at the Utility level once he/she has completed the title. A dog competing in Utility may continue to compete in the CDX class. Once a dog has completed the CD title, he/she *may not* continue to compete in the regular CD class. However, the host club is making **NOVICE C COMPETITION IS AVAILABLE** this year, in which any dog with an obedience title - irrespective of level - may compete. Novice C has been introduced by the CKC: (1) to keep obedience dogs competition-ready, and (2) to allow older dogs who should not be jumping to continue to compete. Scores achieved in Novice C will count towards the Versatility Awards.
  - (c) An altered dog may enter any performance event. However, altered dogs are only allowed in the Veteran classes (regular class and Sweepstakes), the Field Dog class and Exhibition in Conformation. See premium list for additional requirements.
3. Only the highest possible points will be given per competition. For example, a dog receiving both Best of Breed and Best of Opposite in Specialty will receive a maximum of 15 points. See the attached point structure. Similarly, if an entry wins both Best of Breed *and* Best Field Dog in Breed he or she will receive only 15 points. Or, if the same dog receives High in Trial for both trials on the same day and therefore HQS for the day, only 16 points will be awarded (in other words, NOT 16 + 14 + 14). A Best in Specialty who also wins Best in Field Test would receive a total score of 40 (two different disciplines). **The competing obedience or agility team WILL DECIDE** which of the two days (Saturday or Sunday) will be counted when competing for the Versatility Awards. It will be the team's responsibility to **notify the Specialty or Field Chair of the Team's choice BEFORE** the commencement of the Field Test on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Only ONE day's score(s) will be counted, therefore.
4. Because CKC rules do not allow FDX-completed dogs to continue to enter field tests, a dog who has completed FDX will be granted 5 points *IF* he or she enters in another discipline (conformation, obedience or agility). Similarly, a Specials dog in conformation will be given 5 points if entered into another discipline - e.g., field, obedience or agility).
5. In the case of a tie, the initial tie breaker shall be the highest score in Obedience or Agility or the Field. Where there is still a tie, the final tie breaker shall be the highest qualifying Field score.
6. The individual responsible for determining the winner of the Versatility Award must be a member of the Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog Club, or his or her appointee, but cannot be the owner or handler of any dog competing for the Versatility Titles. Note that points toward the Versatility Titles have no official tanding with the Canadian Kennel Club and are strictly an OVPDC awards recognizing versatile pointing dogs and their owners.

## POINT STRUCTURE VERSATILITY AWARDS

| Breeds Combined   |  | Breeds Combined, continued  |  |                  |
|---|--|---|--|------------------|
| <b>Specialty Conformation</b><br>Best in Specialty;<br>Best Field Dog in Specialty<br><b>Specialty Obedience</b><br>Highest Qualifying Score (HQS) for the Specialty (Highest Saturday <b>OR</b> Sunday)<br><b>Specialty Agility</b><br>Highest Qualifying Score (HQS) for the Specialty (Highest Saturday <b>OR</b> Sunday)<br><b>Specialty Field Test</b><br>Highest Qualifying Score (HQS) in Field Test | 20   | <b>Specialty Obedience / Agility / Field Test</b><br>Qualifying Score   | 3  |                  |
| <b>Specialty Obedience</b><br>HQS on the Day (HQS, <b>each day</b> , Saturday & Sunday)<br><b>Specialty Agility</b><br>HQS on the Day (HQS, <b>each day</b> , Saturday & Sunday)<br><b>Specialty Field Test</b><br>Highest Qualifying Score in Field Class  | 16   | <b>Specialty Conformation</b><br>Best of Breed in Specialty<br>Best Field Dog in Breed  | 15   |                  |
| <b>Specialty Conformation</b><br>Best of Opposite in Specialty<br><b>Specialty Obedience</b><br>in a Single Trial on Weekend of Specialty (HQS, <b>each trial</b> , Saturday & Sunday)<br><b>Specialty Agility</b><br>HQS in a Single Trial on Weekend of Specialty (HQS, <b>each trial</b> , Saturday & Sunday)  | 14   | <b>Specialty Conformation</b><br>Best of Opposite Sex in Breed  | 12   |                  |
| <b>Specialty Obedience</b><br>HQS per Class on Weekend of Specialty (HQS, <b>each class</b> , Saturday & Sunday)<br><b>Specialty Agility</b><br>HQS per Class on Weekend of Specialty (HQS, <b>each class</b> , Saturday & Sunday)  | 12   | <b>Specialty Conformation</b><br>Best of Winners<br>Best Puppy in Breed<br>Best Veteran in Breed  | 8  |                  |
| <b>Specialty Conformation</b><br>Best Puppy in Specialty<br>Best Puppy in Sweepstakes<br>Best Veteran in Sweepstakes<br><b>Specialty Obedience</b><br>Second Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday<br><b>Specialty Agility</b><br>Second Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday<br><b>Specialty Field Test</b><br>Second Qualifying Score in Class                         | 10   | <b>Specialty Conformation</b><br>Winners Male / Winners Female (Official Classes)<br>Winners Male / Winners Female (Field Class)          | 6  |                  |
| <b>Specialty Obedience</b><br>Third Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday<br><b>Specialty Agility</b><br>Third Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday<br><b>Specialty Field Test</b><br>Third Qualifying Score in Class  | 7  | <b>Specialty Conformation</b><br>Specials Entry   | 5  |                  |
| <b>Specialty Obedience</b><br>Fourth Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday<br><b>Specialty Agility</b><br>Fourth Qualifying Score/Class – each class, Saturday & Sunday<br><b>Specialty Field Test</b><br>FDX Titled Dog entered in another discipline<br>Fourth Qualifying Score in Class   | 5  | <b>Specialty Conformation</b><br>Veteran Male / Veteran Female (Official Classes)<br>Best Puppy Male / Female in class (Official Classes) | 4  |                  |
| <b>Specialty Conformation</b><br><b>Puppy &amp; Veteran Sweepstakes</b>   | 1 <sup>st</sup> place<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> place<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> place<br>4 <sup>th</sup> place | <b>Specialty Conformation – Official Classes &amp; Placements in other activities</b>   | 1 <sup>st</sup><br>2 <sup>nd</sup><br>3 <sup>rd</sup><br>4 <sup>th</sup> | 4<br>3<br>2<br>1 |

## Breed Profile: Irish Setter

*By Joan S Colbourn*

A thumbnail sketch of the Irish Setter...just designed to give a broader look at this breed.

Many breeds of dogs have names that reflect their history and background. The Irish Setter sort of falls into this category. Their background is certainly, in part, in Ireland. The origins of the setters are really in 'spaniels'. This term being one that has been applied to the hunting dogs from Spain...ergo 'spaniel'. So, hunting dogs came into other parts of Europe, and the British Isles as 'spaniels'. They hunted for/with men before guns, when men were using the net system of getting their game. These pointing spaniels set themselves low when on point and thus became known as Setters.

The fact is that there are many, many images in historical paintings and references of a breed of dog that looks like an Irish Setter much before the breed was dubbed an Irish Setter by purebred dog enthusiasts. It should be noted that at the same time many pointers (English type pointers) were also in evidence. It seems that the German Shorthaired/Wirehaired types came along later.

Temperamentally, Irish red-heads are affectionate to the point of being sloppy. So said author Will Judy in the early part of the 20th century. It's still true today. They'll turn themselves inside out to do what their master wants. They just have to understand what it is. But, as with beautiful women 'real men' appreciate the physical appearance of a beautiful woman -- or a beautiful dog -- and also appreciate the intelligence and biddability of the personality of the being which, of course in the case of the Irish Setter, includes the Irish playfulness that comes with it. And like many women this breed of dog is soft temperamentally. If one is too hard on them they become cowed. Having them understand what the master wants is the job of the master/trainer.

Hardy...of the pointing breeds the Irish Setter is one of the hardiest. Perhaps partly because of the extra insulation and protection of the coat in the cold. You see, being beautiful can be useful too. However it's not a waterproof coat. I'm reminded of one of my dogs that became a duck/goose hunter in the North West Territories. He wasn't quite as impervious to the COLD water as his kennel mate, the Chesapeake Bay Retriever because the Irish coat got wet and took a while to dry, unlike the almost impervious to cold water coat of the Chessie.

Over the years my own dogs, here in the Ottawa Valley, have lived the greatest part of the winter outside...except when it was a gail at 30 below zero. At which point we brought them inside. But during a usual winter the dogs remained outside in their kennel (with an insulated dog house) and they would come inside in the evening. But their systems were attuned to the outdoor temperatures and they would only stay in the house for 2 to 3 hours and then ask to go out again. They spent more time inside in the summer than in the winter. In the house, in the summer, there are fewer bugs and it is a lot cooler. Today, though, K.C. is a house dog. They can adapt to either indoor or outdoor living.

All in all, because of the extraordinarily good temper, affectionate behavior and intelligent character of these dogs they are well suited for family life and the rigors of field life too. However, like the other field dogs who have been bred for hundreds of years to run in the field all day long, they need lots of exercise. So, exercise must be a large part in their daily life or else you can get behavior problems. Like an athlete who is stuck at home not exercising for a few weeks he gets really frustrated and antsy.

*Breed Profile: Irish Setter continued*

March 17 St Patrick's Day, the day of the Irish



Photo @ Mark Raycroft

2007 is the Year of the DOG...in China. But also here in Fallowfield. As I write this we are less than 1/4 of the way through The Year of the Dog and KC is now Calendar Girl; (January 2007 Brown Trout Calendar) Cover Girl (March 2007 U.S. Dog Fancy Magazine)\*

We are planning an agility fun day at Nan Keder and Bill Gignac's place for this summer if there is sufficient interest. This would be for experienced and green dogs. Please let Nan know if you would be interested at [nan@kednac.com](mailto:nan@kednac.com) Date to be determined.

## **We love NAVDHA!**

*By Leslie and Steve Zlepnig*

As if most of you reading this don't know already what an incredible organization this is, we have to share our joy in belonging to a group of such amazing people. After many weeks and months of researching, making phone calls and emailing, we found our breeders, Blaine and Patti Carter in Brunswick, Maine. We purchased our first male from them about 7 years ago, little did we know at that time that not only did we have an incredible GSP on our hands but we had also made a connection of friendship. Over the years, we kept in touch, traveled to the Brunswick area for field tests and training days and the Carter's came to us on a couple of occasions to give our newly founded NAVDHA chapter training clinics as well. Now, there is an annual hunting trip to the prairies for upland game. On one of our regular chats with Patti, we mentioned that we were taking a family trip to Florida and she quickly hooked us up with a couple of her friends that vacation in the same area. What a hook-up it was! Don and Judie Bayles were incredible hosts to us, taking us on backwater fishing trips that produced awesome catches and breathtaking scenery. As is the NAVDHA fashion, Don and Judie kept on with the sharing of friendships and introduced us to Marcus and Melodie Rogers, also from the Yankee chapter. Yet another day of super fishing entailed and the most incredible close encounter dolphin experience that will warm our hearts for many years to come. Thank you Marcus!!!! What a day, not only did we spend a sun-filled day with friends, we also got our four legged friend fix too. Both couples were traveling with their GSPs and getting our faces licked certainly helped with how much we were missing our own furry buddy. On our drive home that day Steve and I chatted about how becoming involved with NAVDHA had not only improved our hunting and training, but enriched our social lives as well. We have made new friends all across North America and couldn't be more pleased with our newest collection of fishing buddies. We can hardly wait for our winter vacation next year to reel'em in again and share more time with our friends in the south. Kudos to NAVDHA for helping outdoors enthusiasts like ourselves meet other like-minded and generous people.

## **Whelping Box**

Anne Perkins is pleased to announce that Ch Carannagh's Lindy O'Burgandyrun FDJ had a litter of beautiful little redheads on March 11th -- 5 girls and 4 boys. Anne reports that Lindy (her smiling Setter) is a great mother and that the puppies are happy and healthy little monkeys. All but one girl and one boy are spoken for and will be travelling to their new homes in about 5 weeks.

# SPECIALTY NEWS

***HEAR-YE! HEAR-YE! HEAR-YE!***

## CHANGES & NEW ADDITIONS TO

**\* Versatility Awards \***

**\* Special Recognition for GSPs in Versatility & Obedience \***

**\* New Permanent Trophies \***

**\* Official Trophy Recognition for Field Class in Conformation \***

**\* 2-Day Specialty Obedience Competition \***

**\* 2-Day Specialty Agility Competition \***

and Much, much more....

See the OVPDC Website at  
[www.ovnavhda.com](http://www.ovnavhda.com)

or contact:

Anne Perkins at 613-826-3297 or email  
[anne@carannagh.ca](mailto:anne@carannagh.ca)

Let her know and she will keep you informed about changes by email or snail mail on a regular basis.

### Another reason to keep your dog's teeth in good shape.....

I think that most of us are aware that that the condition of a dog's mouth has a direct bearing on the cardiac health of the dog. As our dogs age we do expect deterioration and we are not always willing to subject them to the general anesthetic that a professional teeth cleaning requires.

On January 10, my elderly GWP, Grizel was feeling her age and was in a cranky mood. (Grizel celebrated her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 7, 2007) Her son, Axel, got too close to her and Grizel lunged at him. He sat down, looking rather stunned at this development, and she went at him again. This time I tried to stop her since I did not want the situation to escalate. Axel is a Casper Milque-toast sort of dog but if riled had the potential inflict serious damage to his mother. Grizel nicked the back of my left hand leaving about a ½ inch puncture. It bled very little, I cleaned it up and put a band-aid on it and went about my business.

That evening, at an OKC meeting I noticed that it was sore and a bit swollen across the knuckles. I took a couple of homeopathic remedies (which I should have taken earlier) before bed. When I got up in the morning, my left hand was significantly swollen.

When my house cleaner arrived the next morning, I showed it to her and she immediately said that I needed to see a doctor. Since she had been trained as a practical nurse I took her advice. I was lucky that my doctor had a cancellation that afternoon and when she saw me she prescribed an oral antibiotic, telling me to take two immediately and one in the morning. Furthermore, if the hand was not "significantly better" by noon the next day, I was to return to the clinic and they would "see about intravenous antibiotics.

The next morning, my hand and arm (halfway to my elbow) were significantly worse! So back I went and saw another doctor who said that I had to go to an Emergency Ward as soon as possible. Now I live in Ottawa but in the extreme northwest corner on the southern boundary of Renfrew County. The Arnprior Hospital is 15 minutes from my house whereas the nearest hospital in the City of Ottawa is about 35 minutes away. The doctor agreed that I would be seen more quickly in Arnprior, at a smaller but highly rated hospital.

So off I went to Arnprior where, after a short wait, I had a shunt installed and two vials of antibiotic were administered. I was told that it would be difficult for the VON (Victorian Order of Nurses who do home care) to start service in my area on the weekend, but that I would get a phone call the next morning from "Ottawa" to tell me where I needed to go for Saturday's dose.

I spent Saturday morning with my hand in a pot of hot water and Epsom salts, watching a nasty smelling yellowy-green substance emerge from the wound...Daily soakings were a routine thereafter as were bandage changes three times a day.

I had not heard from the VON at noon on Saturday so I called the Arnprior Hospital who referred me to the Public Health Agency in Renfrew County who in turn gave me the corresponding number for the City of Ottawa. When I called the Ottawa number, I was told that they knew nothing about my case and said that they would look into it. Another call around 1:30 p.m. came forth with the information that my file had only just been faxed to them and that I was to await a call to tell me where to go for my 4 p.m. treatment. At 4 p.m. I called the City of Ottawa number back only to be told that they had left me a message an hour earlier. I had been sitting beside

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the phone since 1:30 and it had not rung. When we discussed the number they had used it turned out that they had been provided with my husband's cell phone number rather than our home phone number. The message was that I had to go back to Arnprior for the treatment.

Saturday evening in an Emergency Room waiting area is an experience!!!

The shunt had to be moved and this was the first of the hour-long intravenous treatments. My wedding ring was cut off because of the swelling in my fingers. I left the hospital with both hands bandaged- a situation that lasted until the shunt was removed ten days later. I'm not a great housekeeper at the best of times but the bandages prevented me from doing almost anything except reading, watching TV and picking up my email using my right index finger.

Sunday's treatment took place at a clinic in Ottawa.

The first VON visit took place on Monday afternoon. The nurse treated my hand and hung the intravenous bag from a light fixture over the dining room table. Unusual, but these are innovative nurses.

Tuesday was a day to remember (in horror !). The nurse arrived, cleansed and rebandaged the wound in my left hand , and then started on the shunt in my right hand which had to be moved since it had been in place for three days. She made three attempts (jabs) to get the shunt in place and get the intravenous running. My veins refused to co-operate so she had to give up. She called in the " Intravenous Expert " who arrived a couple of hours later. The expert made six attempts to get a shunt in and running before she gave up. (I think that I was her first failure.) She told me that I would have to go to a hospital emergency ward to get them to do it. She then got on the telephone to both hospitals I had dealt with to talk to them about running the Intravenous antibiotic after installing the shunt. Both agreed to put in the shunt, but both refused to run the treatment...one because they would not use an antibiotic which had not originated in their hospital and the other because the doctor who had prescribed the medication was not accredited to that hospital.

The Expert then told me that Bill and I would have to run the intravenous treatment ourselves since she did not have time return that evening. She gave us her cell phone number and told us to call her when we returned from the hospital since she would be on duty until midnight and would guide us through the process step by step.

When we got back from the hospital Bill tried for over an hour to get the drip to work with instructions over the phone. I was not much help since I had only seen it done once at home and hadn't paid much attention on the two occasions when it was done at the hospital and the clinic. We finally gave up close to midnight.

Wednesday morning another nurse arrived at 8 a.m. to set up the drip since the treatment was by now 16 hours late. All of her innovative skills were called for!

She tried the chandelier over the dining room table with out any results. She then looked around our post and beam house and decided on a beam running under the staircase since it had a hook used for hanging a Christmas decoration.

So I sat under the staircase with the intravenous bag hanging from the hook. The flow began but it was only 2 drops per minute. .The treatment would have taken 4 hours at that rate. She then climbed our open staircase, placed the bag on the top open stair and dangled the tubing

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downwards towards me. Once I was connected, the flow began...almost too fast but at last I was getting the antibiotic .

The nurse then ordered a pump that was used for the remainder of my treatments. My last intravenous took place on January 23 and then I started on oral antibiotics lasting one week.

The entire very painful ordeal might have been avoided if 1) Grizel's teeth had been maintained in better shape and, 2) I had sought immediate medical attention.

A lesson learned and shared.

Wendy McKay



**APRIL TRAINING DAY****SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2007****AT****Murray Kemp's  
2772 Harbison Road  
Richmond, Ontario**

- **Potluck lunch. Bring a salad, main course or dessert and drinks.**
- **Bring boots, check cord, gloves etc.**
- **FD and FDX dogs will run first starting at 9 am; FDJ dogs won't run before 11 am. Everyone welcome to come early to watch!**

**NOTE: Birds have already been ordered for this session. Members will be invoiced and notified the week before as to how much their order will cost. Those who have ordered extra birds to take home should bring a container to hold their birds. If you didn't indicate that you would be attending, contact Gail at [bravepoint@gmail.com](mailto:bravepoint@gmail.com) or 613-833-0987 to see if there will be any extra birds.**

**Directions:**

**From Ottawa: Take Hwy. 416 south to Bankfield Road/Brophy Road exit. Keep right all the way to the end (T intersection). Turn left on McCordick Road. Then, right on Harbison Road to #2772.**

**From Kemptville or south of Ottawa: Take Hwy 416 north to Roger Stevens Drive exit. Go left and continue to McCordick Road. Turn right. Turn left on Harbison Road to #2772.**

*Gunner Safety Course  
8am Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>  
At Murray Kemps before the field training session begins  
Anyone interested in gunning this year should plan to  
attend!*



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