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President's Message

By Kevin MacWilliams

Hello to everyone. Looking outside today and seeing the bright sunshine reminds me of spring. Put away the snow shovels and break out the lawn rakes! Hopefully we have seen the end of old man winter.

We have an exciting and challenging next six months. Please try and attend/support all of the upcoming club events. There are a lot of people behind the scenes working very hard to see that these yearly events are successful and that everyone enjoys themselves. If you are planning on attending, see the event chair and ask if you can help out. It is a great way to get some first hand knowledge.

If you are planning a field test please take note of the training days and make sure you come out.

Conditioning for the test is a large part of a successful formula. You need to have your K9 buddy in top shape due to the ever increasing heat your pup may encounter on test day. You might be feeling a breeze at your height but down low where your pup runs that breeze could be non existent. Water is paramount when testing. Please teach your pup to drink from a container before test day.

Most of all have fun! Your pup can tell if you are stressed during a test situation. Have fun and make sure you bring a friend out to the events.

Don't miss out on NAVHDA testing! Members have priority to available spaces in our tests until May 11, 2008. Get your entry form and payment to Rene Jones by the deadline to avoid being disappointed.

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PROPOSED FIELD TRAINING DAYS FOR 2008

June 8, July 13, August 10, November 23

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

Club Officers for 2008-2009

President
Kevin MacWilliams

Vice President
Steve Zlepniq

Secretary
Gail Docherty

Treasurer
Debbie Cook

Field Director
Rene Jones

Show Director
Vacant

Obedience Director
Murray Kemp

Membership
Rachel Delaney

With the weather this spring and the unavailability of our dedicated core group of field trainers the weekend prior to our May tests, we are unable to have an all day field session in early May. Murray has been kind enough to offer 2 week night training sessions during the weeks of April 28th and May 5th. **These evenings are for dogs running in the Wolfe Island May tests only!** There isn't enough daylight to run any other dogs.

Please contact Gail at bravepoint@gmail.com if you are interested in running your dog in the field prior to the test.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

1. CKC-Sanctioned Field Tests, Saturday, May 10, 2008 and Sunday, May 11, 2008 at Wolfe Island, Ontario. Contact Rene Jones at 613-257-7319 or email rnjones@rogers.com for more information.
2. NAVHDA Test, Saturday, August 16, 2008 and Sunday, August 17, 2008 near Hopetown, ON. Contact Rene Jones, Test Secretary at 613-257-7319 or email rnjones@rogers.com for more info.
3. 2008 OVPDC Pointing Breed Specialty Show, Sunday, August 24, 2008, Cornwall. Contact Debbie Colbourn at 613-314-9960 or email: outside99@netzero.net
4. OVPDC Specialty CKC Field Test, Tuesday, August 26, 2008, Maxville. Contact Rachel Delaney at 613-824-2290 or email delaney_vizsla@yahoo.ca

Premium for May CKC Field tests at Wolfe Island are available on the web site at www.ovnavhda.com under Events.

Treasurer's Report
Submitted by Debbie Cook

Assets:

Bank Balance		\$4,890.72
Merchandise Inventory		1,500.00
Trailer	\$2,875.00	
Less: Depreciation (10%)	288.00	2,587.00
 Total Assets		 \$8,977.72

2007 - 2008 Profit & Loss Statement
 January 9, 2007 to December 7, 2007

Income:

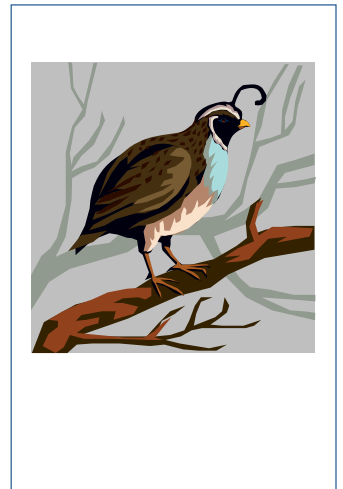
Membership	\$1,435.00
Training Days	52.00
NAVHDA Test-August, 2007	-193.53
Field-Wolfe Island	513.34
Specialty-August, 2007	2,432.39
Bank Interest	1.20
Misc. Income-Advertising, gear sales	1,420.57
 Total Income	 \$5,660.97

Expenses:

Bank Fees	25.00
Insurance	577.80
Newsletter	377.54
CKC Dues	61.73
Misc.-IR&W-Silent Auction-2006	217.00
 Total Expenses	 \$1,259.07

Profit

Opening Balance	\$488.82
Closing Balance	4,890.72
 Profit	 \$4,401.90



Secretary's Report

By Gail Docherty

Annual Meeting: The Club's Annual General Meeting was held Sunday afternoon, February 10, 2008 at Carp, Ontario, following our second indoor training session of the year. Thank you to Darko and Blazenko Brozovic for hosting the meeting. There were 18 members in attendance.

New Executive: The new Executive for the Club year 2008/2009 was sworn in. The report of the 2008/2009 Nomination Committee was sent to all members on November 1, 2007. The position of Show Director has become vacant as Anne Perkins resigned the week before the meeting for personal reasons and work commitments.

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

(1) **2008 NAVHDA Test.** The test will be held August 16-17 near Hopetown, Ontario at Peter McCooye's family hunt camp. We will offer Natural Ability, Utility Prep and Utility. The judges will be David Trahan, Senior judge from New Hampshire, Lon Ruddock, Rhode Island, and Jack Hague, Ontario.

(2) **2008 CKC Field Test (May).** The tests will be May 10-11 at Wolfe Island. The following judges have been approved for this year: Ginette Boyer, Gilbert Tremblay and Mike Nelson. The premium should be available very soon.

(3) **2008 Specialty CKC Field Test (August).** The field test will be on the Tuesday following the Specialty, August 26th at the Ambertrail Training grounds in Maxville. Rachel Delaney is organizing the test this year. Pending CKC approval, the judges will be Yves Cossette, Serge Labelle, and Gerry Vokral. The Premium should be out once we receive approval.

(4) **2008 Specialty.** Unless we can find someone to take the Specialty duties on, we will have to cancel. Gail will send an email out to the membership asking for a volunteer. The decision needs to be made by next week. Joan Colbourn and Debbie Cook offered to advise and help if we get someone to take over. The paperwork has been filed with the CKC. The Premium needs to be completed by the end of February. Entries have grown each year and the Specialty brings in money to the Club. There would be a fine of \$50 to the CKC should we have to cancel. Versatility trophies would need to be returned to donors if we cancel. The field test will go ahead regardless.

UPDATE: Debbie Colbourn has volunteered to take over the Specialty for this year!

The Specialty will be held August 24th in conjunction with the Stormont, Dundas & Glengary Shows. There will be a booster on the Friday. Arlene Davis from California will be our judge for the Specialty. There are lots of other specialties being held that weekend. Liz McLean will be our Sweepstakes judge.

(5) **Burkhart Seminar.** The seminar is going to be held April 26-27 in Petawawa at Kevin MacWilliam's property. Alan Burkhart is a professional trainer from NY, USA who is heavily involved with NAVHDA. All spaces have been filled. There will be no observer spots. The plan is that the attendees will pass the knowledge they gain at the seminar onto the rest of the group at future training days.

Secretary's Report cont'd

(6) Training Days. Murray feels that there is too much standing around at the training days. This year, we will set up stations that everyone would rotate through over the course of the day i.e. heeling, table work, field, etc. One person will man each station. People should expect to stick around all day not just run their dog in the field and then leave. There is much to be learnt watching other people's dogs. Everyone should arrive at the training days saying "What can I do?"

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, 35 certificates were handed out by the Secretary covering a 12 month period, 3 for Conformation, 7 for Field, 4 for NAVHDA, 19 for Agility and 2 for Other Achievements:

CONFORMATION: (1) Irish Setter. Carannagh's KC of Fallowfield, owned by Joan Colbourn; Canadian Conformation Championship. (2) Weimaraner. Weatherrun Ghospoin's Adara, owned by Kerry McGonegal; Canadian Conformation Championship. (3) GWP. Heywire Cdrbrk Northern Light FDJ, owned by Eric Beere; Canadian Conformation Championship.

FIELD: (1) GWP. CH Heywire Cdrbrk Northern Light FDJ, owned by Eric Beere; Field Dog title. (2) Brittany. CH Hidden Creek Unsinkable Molly AGI TT MADC CGN FDJ NA NAJ, owned by Shelley and Barry Price; Field Dog title. (3) Brittany. MLM's Hitchin a Ride FDJ, owned by Kirk Jones and Sandy Farrell; Field Dog title. (4) DK. Vito von Osterberg FDJ NA1, owned by Kevin MacWilliams; Field Dog title. (5) Vizsla Pointblank's Lucky Dog, owned by Angie Gibson and Ron Allison; Field Dog Junior title. (6) Irish Setter. CH Carannagh's KC of Fallowfield, owned by Joan Colbourn; Field Dog Junior title. (7) English Setter. Matriarch Baron Sheridan Rapids, owned by Peter and Debbie Cook; Field Dog Junior title.

NAVHDA: (1) GSP. Esser's Boots vd Wildburg FD, owned by Peter McCooeye; Utility prize 1. (2) DK Vito von Osterberg FDJ NA1, owned by Kevin MacWilliams; Utility prize 1. (3) DK Viola vom Nordhof, owned by Steve Zlepnig; Natural Ability Prize 3. (4) DK Vara vom Nordhof, owned by Murray Kemp; Natural Ability prize 1 with 112 points, a perfect score.

AGILITY: (1) GSP. Bravepoint's Mud Puddle CD AGN FDJ CGN ADC SGDC NA1 FM, owned by Gail Docherty; Agility Intermediate, Agility Novice Jumpers with Weaves, Advanced Agility Dog of Canada, Master Agility Dog of Canada, Master Snooker Dog of Canada, Master Team Relay Dog of Canada and Master Jumpers Dog of Canada titles. (2) Vizsla. Onpoint's Hard Cash AGI AGNJ AADC, owned by Rachel Delaney; Agility Intermediate Jumpers with Weaves, Advanced Games Dog of Canada, Master Agility Dog of Canada, Master Gambler Dog of Canada and Master Jumpers Dog of Canada titles. (3) GSP. CH Stradivarius Ever After AGN CD CGC AADC RNMCL, owned by Gail Docherty; Agility Novice Jumpers with Weaves, Advanced Games Dog of Canada title and Master Snooker Dog of Canada titles. (4) EP. CH Perryglen's Mark of Distinction FD, owned by Deanna Ross, Murray Spearin, Barry and Shelley Price; Agility Novice, Agility Novice Jumpers with Weaves, Agility Dog Of Canada and Starters Games Dog of Canada titles.

OTHER: (1) GSP Bravepoint's Mud Puddle CD AGN FDJ CGN ADC SGDC NA1 FDCH-G, owned by Gail Docherty earned her Top Flite II title and was honoured as the fastest GSP in UFI for 2007.



**ANNOUNCES....
SPECIALTIES FOR
POINTING DOG BREEDS**

6 planned for One Weekend

Sunday, August 24, 2008
Ottawa Valley Pointing Dog Club Specialty*

Welcoming all Braque Français, Wire-haired Pointing Griffon, Pointer, Pointer (GLH, GSH, GWH), Pudelpointer, Setter(Irish, English, Gordon, Irish R & W), Spaniel (Blue Picardy, Brittany, French, Picardy), Spinone Italiano, Vizsla (SM & WH), Weimaraner

Saturday, August 23, 2008
GSP Club of Canada National Specialty
Pointer Club of Canada National
Weimaraner Association of Canada National
Ottawa Valley All Setter Association Specialty*

Friday, August 22, 2008
English Setter Regional Specialty

*Specialties sponsored by **Eukanuba**

**MOST CLUBS HAVE SPECIAL TROPHIES FOR OBEDIENCE, AGILITY, AND VERSATILITY.
A CKC FIELD TEST FOR ALL POINTING BREEDS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY AUGUST 26th,
WHEN CLUB VERSATILITY AWARDS ARE GIVEN.**

At Woodlands Campsite, Long Sault Ontario Canada. Shady, roomy & peaceful site on the beautiful St. Lawrence River. Quick and Easy access from New England and the Northeast US, as well as Western Ontario, Quebec, and Eastern Canada. Book campsites early at the site, by telephone 1-800-437-2233 (April 14th) or www.stlawrenceparks.com

For further information, contact:
Debbie Colbourn by phone 613-314-9960 or email outside99@netzero.net

Breed Profile: Gordon Setter

Reprinted from the Gordon Setter association web page, <http://www.gordon-setter-association.co.uk>

Origin

Although it is often credited that the Gordon Setter was the result of the Duke of Gordon crossing his black and tan Scottish collies with his Setters, to quote from the definitive work on the breed - *The Gordon Setter - History and Character* by G St. G M Gompertz - published by the author in 1976:

"There are reliable records to show that the Black and Tan Setter was in existence as a separate breed long before it was taken up by the Duke of Gordon."

In the first half of the 18th Century records show that there were several noted kennels of Black and Tan Setters in the Midland Counties well before the Duke took up the breed in the early part of the 19th Century - obtaining his original stock from Thomas William Coke, late to become the Earl of Leicester, and that some of this stock was maintained as pure-bred stock, without the introduction of outside crosses for many years. It seems to be clear that this was the reason that the Kennel Club, founded in 1873, classified the breed at this time as "The Black and Tan Setter."

Some 50 years were to elapse before in the Kennel Club Gazette of 1924, it was announced:

"In the list of breeds ... dated 1st January 1924 ... [without any reason being given] ... the Setter (Black and Tan) ... is now officially designated ... "The Gordon Setter."

... possibly in recognition that by this time most Gordon Setters, but not all, could be traced back to the Gordon Castle strain, whilst it would be wrong to accredit solely the production of the breed to the Dukes of Gordon there is very little doubt that they played a very important part in the breed's development.

The effect that Robert Chapman from the late 1870s to the end of the century, and Isaac Sharpe from that point to just before 2nd World War, exercised cannot be ignored. They possibly exerted a greater influence in the refinement and uniformity of the breed and produced a type better suited to changing needs.

Within this brief précis it is impossible to examine and come to a definitive conclusion on importance of the individual contributions made to the development of the breed.

Characteristics

To attempt to define the complicated character of the Gordon Setter is perhaps the most difficult task any Gordoner can be asked to undertake. While it can be said that if there was a room full of Gordoners from all over the world, the stories they would tell about the exploits of their dogs would be much the same, this is equally true of any breed. These are perhaps characteristics, but not a reflection of the breed's true character.

The Gordon Setter is an extremely intelligent dog of bold character and whilst they can be very outgoing, in some company they can also be equally reserved. The deduction that can perhaps be made is that whilst you might be judging them, they have already made up their minds up about you. However, when they have made up their mind that they like you, then the roles are quickly reversed and they will soon become your owner.

Whilst in most cases the character - or perhaps a better word to use would be temperament - of the Gordon Setter is with people excellent, with other dogs they can have their moments, but after all do we always like everyone we meet?

Breed Profile: Gordon Setter continued

They are leaders, and will nearly always want to be, in the company of other dogs, the Alpha figure.

Despite the outward bold impression they give - that they look the world in the eye without fear of anything - they have in most cases a very soft centre and subject to physical correction can soon become subdued and lose that lovely outgoing personality associated with the breed. They can, however, if not from the outset subject to an understanding but firm and fair regime, become wilful, destructive and dominant.

To get the best out of your relationship with a Gordon Setter you must challenge and channel their intelligence; if you do this, you will have a handsome, loyal and loving companion.

If you cannot get them to do your bidding by the strength of your personality and their respect for you - a Gordon Setter is not for you.

In a family situation, a Gordon Setter is always ready for as much exercise as their owner is able to give them. With children they can be a loyal and protective friend - but be warned, no dog should be left on their own with a small child, in the best interest of both the dog and the child.

Gordon Setters can be determined to find out, and make up their own minds about situations. Once told not to do something, they can appear to observe their owners wishes. However, the chances are that sometime in the future (be it a day, week or a year later) it is more than probable that you will catch them trying again to find out for themselves. It's not that they are disobedient, just very curious by nature.

To encapsulate the Gordon Setter's character: they will never be sorry for their actions although at the time they will make a good show of being so. Sorry is not a word they understand, or pretends not to. They will only be sorry if you managed to have caught them before they were able to complete their actions.

What is for sure is that if you like the great outdoors and the company of an interesting and interested companion, you will never be sorry for becoming a member of that select band who are proud to say they are owned by a Gordon Setter.

The Working Gordon Setter

The working abilities of the Gordon Setter are very often under-estimated, particularly by those who mistakenly believe the Gordon Setter's heavier build disadvantages them in the company of their more racy relatives.

The discerning, however, have long recognised the Gordon Setter's outstanding attributes: they are tireless and thoughtful workers. It has been estimated that a Gordon Setter can cover upwards of 50 miles in a day's work on a Grouse Moor.

To see Gordon Setters doing what they were bred for is to see them at their very best and, to see for the first time a Gordon Setter come on point when it scents birds, is a moment never to be forgotten.

In Memoriam

BISS Can. Am. Ch. Caramel Sundae at Follyhill FDJ JH February 17, 1992- February 6, 2008



Grizel, the matriarch of the Weird Hairs at Follyhill was 11 days short of her 16th birthday when she crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

She was our first German Wirehaired Pointer and was a wonderful, loving gal who gave us two litters of great puppies, two of whom, Axel and Piper give us great comfort now.

Grizel's ashes will be scattered here at Follyhill over the acres she roamed.

R.I.P. Grizzie

Wendy McKay, Follyhill Perm Reg'd.

Sad News.....

Club member, Bill Gignac passed away on April 4, 2008 at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX, following a year long battle with bladder cancer. Bill is survived by his wife, Nancy Keder of Cupertino, CA and Carp, ON; four dogs Bert, Jem (Vizsla), Radar and Glaze; Bill came out to a few of our training days in the 2 years that he and Nan have been members. Agility was his dog sport! Bill and his Border Collie, Bert were AAC National Champions in 2006.



This is the last newsletter that you will receive if you have not sent in your 2008 dues. Renew your membership today! Time is running out

