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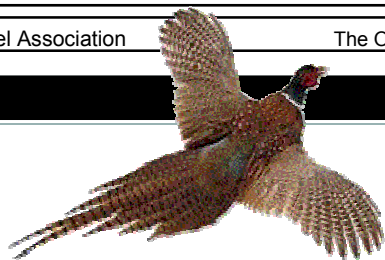
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I never thought I'd still be writing about dogs in snow on the first of March, at least not in conjunction with ten degree temperatures. I've had too much time to look at dog tracks in the snow this winter. Have you noticed how the efficiency of a dogs gait shows in their tracks?

At the top end of the efficiency scale are the wild canids: foxes, coyotes and wolves. You have probably notice that all when moving slowly leave tracks perfectly in line. Their tracks reflect that all their effort is expended in a straight forward force vector, with no effort used to push from side to side. This tends to be true for most of their gaits. In the case of the walk, trot or pace, the symmetrical gaits in which the legs on one side repeat the movements of the legs on the other side, they leave evenly spaced tracks. In the case of canters and gallops, they leave tracks in line, but in sets of four with longer gaps between the sets of four than between the prints left in each set.

I remember tracking foxes for miles as a boy, fascinated by their neat stitch-like tracks. Later, when studying radio-collared foxes, then wolves, I had the opportunity to see first hand the efficiency of their gaits. Once we came upon a wolf on a smooth-packed logging road with a light dusting of snow on top. We gunned the truck to catch up to him and get a read on his top speed. I can't remember now the mileage on the speedometer, but I do remember the distance between the last track in each neat set of four prints: twenty two feet.

Lower down the efficiency scale are our domestic dogs. My broad-chested Cockers have all had off-set tracks in their slower gaits, and their canters and gallops leave sets of four that are either severely curved, or have a track or two off-set. I remember well the first wolf I picked up. I was amazed by how narrow his chest was under all the fur. Cooper, with his narrower more wolf-like chest, leaves straighter lines in the snow and runs with more apparent ease than Gryphon. My Springers were similar to Cooper, while my Setter and my sled dogs all left tracks very similar those of wolves. In the case of my sled dogs, the tracks were almost indistinguishable.

Take a look in the snow on your next walk. You might find some evidence of why one of your dogs runs so effortlessly while another cannot. Tracks in the snow do not yield data as precise as that gathered by modern gait researchers with force-plates gathering data on limb-loading times, maximum pressure, foot-fall time intervals and the like.

But tracks in the snow yield things more important to me than precise data: clean crisp air, halos of snow crystals floating above dog's backs and later the relaxation only outdoor exercise can provide. Oh, and what my wife seems to particularly enjoy... our dogs' exhaustion. A tired dog always seems to be a well behaved dog.

My Best, Dick Bend

MHSA SPONSORED EVENTS:

March 7 – Major Avenue

Gunning Seminar – Chair/Secretary: Richard Bend

Report from Chair: Thirteen registrants. \$270 received. Three paying at the door. Amount to be reimbursed to Mark Haglund for mileage, donuts & lunches to be determined.

May 1, 2 & 3 – Major Avenue

AKC Cocker Spaniel Field Trial – Chairpersons: Bethann & Kim Wiley

May 9 & 10 – Major Avenue

AKC Spaniel Hunt Test – Chair: Bill Dunaski

Secretary: Ann Sunderman

Game Steward: Linda Simon

Report from Chair: here is an update on the spring hunt test. The hunt test judges have been chosen and sent to Ann for submission to AKC. Bethann Wiley is working on getting bird planters. Linda Simon will be head bird person and John Dartt will be head gunner. Heidi Reinhardt is working on marshalls but at this time we need more volunteers

June 6 – Good Going Kennels

Club Training	Chair	Linda Simon
Noon Potluck		
Working Dog Test	Chair	Brett Edstrom
American Water Spaniel RCT Test	Chair	Selected?

June 20 – Major Avenue

MHSA Fun Trial	Chair	Linda Simon
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July 19 – Major Avenue

MHSA Fun Trial	Chair	Linda Simon
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August 1 – Richard Bend's House

MHSA Summer Picnic	Chair	Richard Bend
Membership Meeting		

MHSA SPONSORED EVENTS:

August 22 - Major Avenue

MHSA Fun Trial

Chair

Linda Simon

September 5 & 6 - Good Going Kennels

AKC Spaniel Hunt Test

October 16 & 17

AKC Cocker Spaniel Field Trial

Chairpersons

Kim & Bethann Wiley

November

MHSA Duck Shoot

Holiday Party

MHSA Board Meeting Minutes**February 3, 2009****Bakers Square-Richfield**

Present: Ann Sunderman, Brett Edstrom, Art Fowler, Bill Dunaski, Rachel Samsel, Jim Lynch, Kim Wiley, Richard Bend

Absent: Charlie Casey

Guest: Scott Lichy

Old Business

Approval of January meeting minutes: motion to approve and seconded.

Discussion of the degree of formality or informality the new board would like to take in the up coming year. The board agreed to adhere to the bylaws as closely as possible.

Discussion the transfer of information from past board members to new members. Plan is to compile information and consider posting on the website. Jim Lynch and Kim Wiley to work on compiling and consolidating information.

Field Trial checklist discussed at previous meeting: A checklist was found along with other club information and appears complete. Bill Dunaski is chairing the next hunt test and will use the checklist and make any notes and it will be revisited after the test.

Discussed chair positions which need to be filled for 2009 events. People who have chaired the events in the past will be contacted to see if they are interested in continuing for the upcoming year.

Discussed the addition of a chair/committee to work on soliciting donations for our club events. Ann to look into someone for donations such as raffles and Brett to look into sponsorship to cover costs of the premiums.

New Business

Approval of joining the Minnesota Federation of Field Trial Clubs. The main part of their work is on fighting antidog legislation. Motion to approve without further discussion if dues are less than \$80, motion seconded.

Major Ave lease has been paid for the 2009 year.

Veterans' awards: Ann to request from the membership all applicants who applied and compile a list. We will continue to use the awards Leanne previously purchased until they are gone then we will revisit the topic.

Field Events

Spring Hunt Test: chair Bill Dunaski, Secretary Ann Sunderman, and Steward: Linda Simon. To be held at Major Ave.

Spring Cocker Trial: chairpersons Kim and Bethann Wiley. To be held at Major Ave

Working Dog Test and Water Spaniel RCT test: Brett to chair the Working dog test, will see if member with water spaniel will chair the RCT test. The event to be held at Good Going Kennels in Baldwin Wisconsin.

Fall Cocker Trial: chairs Kim and Bethann Wiley, to be held at Good Going Kennels

Gunning Seminar: chair/secretary Richard Bend

Fall hunt test: tentative dates September 5-6.

Membership

Discussed level of participation of new members Scott and Anita Smits who are non-spaniel owners (Airedales). As of July 2009 they will be allowed to participate in all AKC sanctioned hunt test. The board has approved participation in all club events but no award will be given in a non AKC sanctioned event.

Two new members have been approved and will be sent out to the membership for consideration. Lynnda Lenzen from Minneapolis, she owns a cocker spaniel, and Tim, Susie and Phoebe Brown from St. Paul they have a ESS.

President's Report: Nothing to report

Secretary's Report: Two new members discussed above.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$2479.45

Motion to adjourn at 9:15, seconded.

MHSA Merchandise Order Form

MHSA is pleased to offer the following club merchandise for sale. T-shirts, sweatshirts & hats are stocked by the Association & orders will be accepted throughout the year. Orders can be picked up at any MHSA event. If you would prefer to have your order mailed, **add \$10** to your order for shipping and handling.

Delivery will be at the event following receipt of the order. A check, made payable to **MHSA**, must accompany your order, which can be mailed to Shirley Harford - 7816 66th Ave N., Brooklyn Park, MN 55428. If you have any questions regarding merchandise, please contact Shirley at Lougeelake@comcast.net.

Description of merchandise and order number

#5930 Fruit of the Loom Adult Short Sleeve T-shirt

Colors -Blaze Orange, Jade Green, Ash Grey, Khaki, Burgundy
 Sizes - Small to XL Cost - \$15.00

#1630 Sweatshirt

Colors - Blaze Orange, Ash Grey, Forest Green, Khaki, Burgundy
 Sizes -Small to XL Cost - \$25.00

#0504 Polo w/pocket

Colors - Ash Grey, Forest Green, Steel Grey, Orange
 Sizes -Small to XL Cost - \$30.00

#16130 Hooded Pullover Sweatshirt

Colors - Ash Grey, Heather Grey, Royal Blue
 Sizes -Small to XL Cost - \$30.00

#2110 Polyester Fleece Lined Bomber Jacket

Colors - Pine/ Charcoal, Black/Black, Black/Heather Grey
 Sizes - Small to XL

#6288 WXT Upland Blaze Orange Safety Cap

Sizes - One size fits all Cost - \$15.00

Cost - With crest logo on the front \$60.00

- With both crest and back logo \$75.00

#3261 Blaze Orange Cap w/2 tone Pheasant on side

Size - One size fits all Cost - \$20.00

Two-sided MHSA Logo Mug (11oz.)

Colors - Ivory w/Burgundy Cost \$7.00 ea. or 2 for \$12.00

MHSA Patch

Cost -\$7.50

MHSA Lapel Pin

Cost - \$5.00

Note: for all clothing items: 2XL sizes are available - add \$1.50 / 3XL sizes are available - add \$3.00)

Item #:	Description	Sizes	Color	Qt y.	Price each	Total Price
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
SHADED AREA FOR BOMBER JACKET ONLY:						
#2110	Bomber Jacket				Crest Logo	\$
					Both Lo-gos	\$
					Size Up Chrg	\$
Shipping (if applicable):						\$
Order Total:						\$

Shipping/Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sulley hanging with the new babies...



Eric and Rachel Samsel are pleased to welcome Emily and Megan Samsel, born 2/8/09.

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