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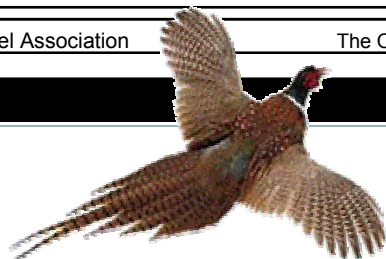
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The Indoor Duck Shoot

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The Indoor Duck Shoot has been held 15 times since its inception in 1992. If you have never attended this event you should put it on your calendar for next year. It is always a fun time for both dogs and people. The last competition was held on February 5th at Tails Up Dog Training in Burnsville.

The event started at 1:00 and after giving the attendees some time to catch up on their hunting season, we all shared a tasty potluck. By 2:00 we were ready to start the warm up event, one I call the Speed Retrieve. We had 18 dogs of all ages entered and it was a lot of fun to see how these dogs handled retrieving under totally strange circumstances. The most points available were 17 and the winning dog earned 15 of them. Nadine Kohn and her dog Chance were the winners with 2 dogs close behind with 13 points. Bethann Wiley with Buster won a runoff against Gregg Eide and Skeet for the second place.

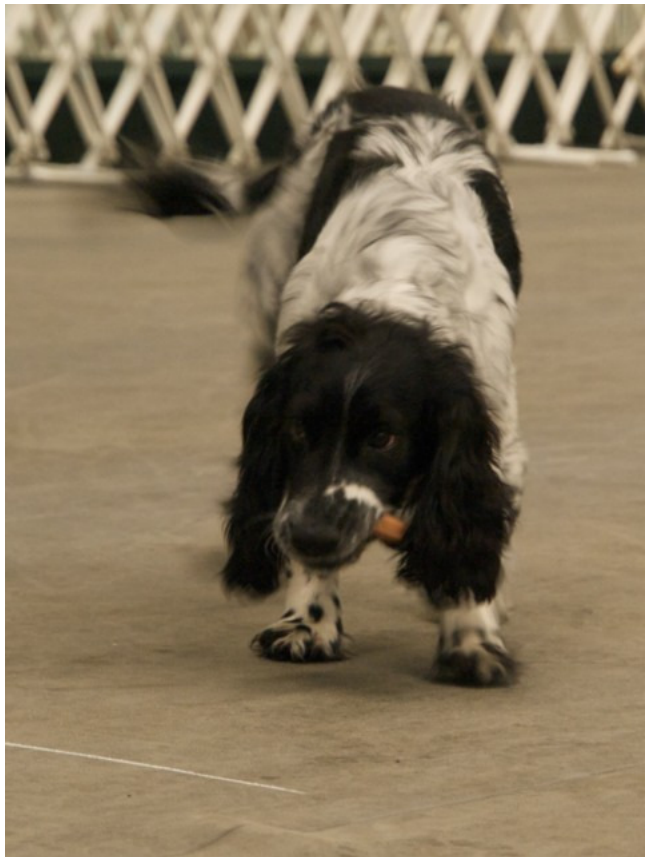
The afternoon ended with the famous wiener retrieve. Lori Koehler handled Bacon to a win in this prestigious event. Bacon was a little slow returning with the wiener but there was barely a tooth mark on his winning wiener. Second place was earned by Marge Schultz and Topaz who brought back about 3/4 of the wiener. All of the other 15 dogs entered exhibited "hard mouth" and only came back with a smile on their face. The third place dog was the dog that ate the wiener the fastest and came back the quickest. That dubious honor was awarded to my dog Benson who was 3 tenths of a second faster than the next dog. (My other dog Jake)(I do feed them, really)

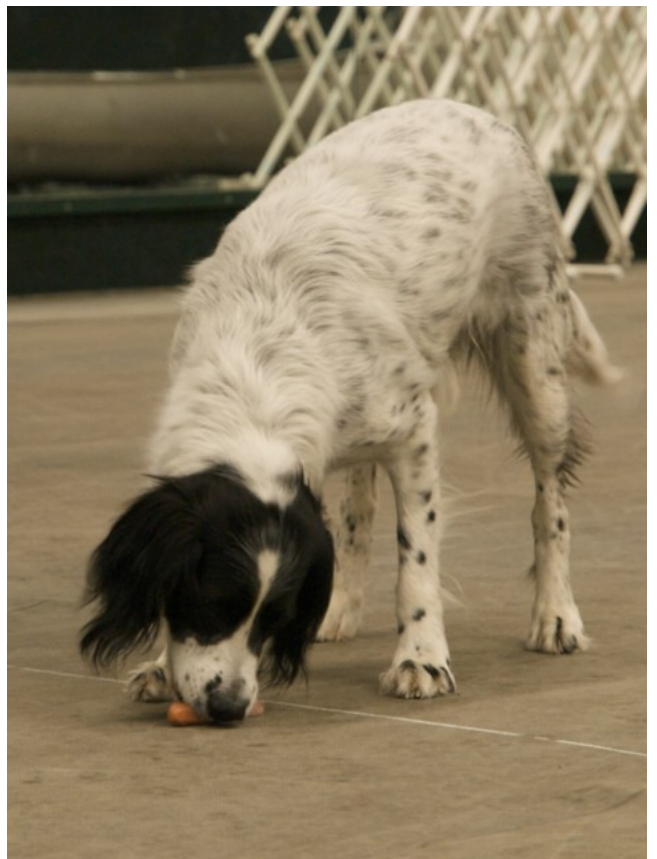
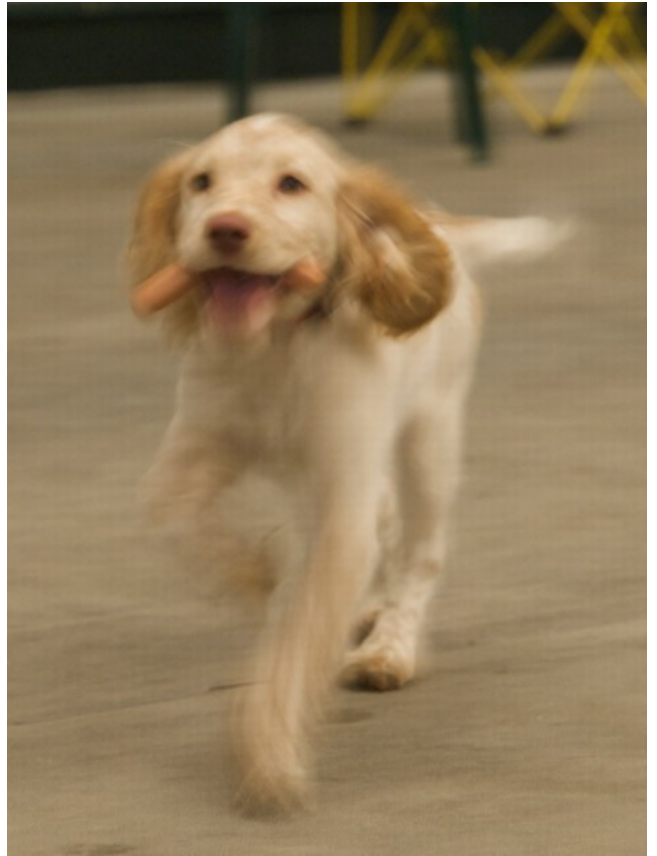
In between these two competitions was the main event. There were a few of the handlers who had to go "wading" after their dogs. It seems that to some dogs it was more fun to go visiting than retrieve a tennis ball. Even the last place dog had a point because he was "steady" in the canoe. It was a close competition this year. The winning dog, with eight points, finished one point ahead of seven dogs that all had seven points. The amount of time on the retrieves was the deciding factor. Dick Bend with Cooper finished in third place all of 2 1/2 seconds out of second place. Winning second place was Kim Wiley and Bridger. This year the winner of MHSA's Indoor Duck Shoot was Dick Bend and Skitter. The trophy will be awarded at the spring hunt test.

Submitted by Jon Pidde



The Duck Shoot







NEW MEMBER

Jane Noll West of Richfield, MN.

She owns American Water Spaniels and a Wirehair Griffon. Her interests with the club are hunting and Hunt Tests.



Volunteers are needed!

MHSA's annual field trial and hunt tests are in the works. Please contact Heidi if you would like to volunteer.

hydexxi@gmail.com



The MHSA Yahoo discussion group is up and running! If you have not signed up please go to

www.yahogroups.com

and look up

MNHuntingspaniel

to join our group. If you would rather have an invitation to join sent directly to you with the link please email Bethann Wiley at bethannwiley@yahoo.com



ANNOUNCEMENTS



MINNESOTA HUNTING SPANIEL ASSOCIATION

For the flushing spaniel . . . and it's family

The Minnesota Hunting Spaniel Association is an American Kennel Club licensed non-profit club organized to:

- PROVIDE: Information and education for members and the public on care, breeding, training and ability testing for purebred flushing spaniels.
- PROMOTE: Family activities and participation for owners of purebred flushing spaniels.
- CONDUCT: Training programs, hunting tests, working trials and related events to promote our breeds' abilities
- ENCOURAGE: Sportsmanship in all dog events and activities

The MHSAA is dedicated to the: American Cocker Spaniel, American Water Spaniel, Boykin Spaniel, Clumber Spaniel, English Cocker Spaniel, English Springer Spaniel, Field Spaniel, Sussex Spaniel, and Welsh Springer Spaniel.

General Membership meetings are held in the Twin Cities area. Meetings are open to all family members, guests and interested individuals. Each meeting provides an educational or informative topic as well as the opportunity for fellowship and socializing.

Regular annual events include: Club picnics, training days, holiday parties, awards banquet and election, working trials, field trails, fun trials, working dog tests and hunting tests.

We join with other dog clubs to sponsor events of interest to spaniel owners and other breed fanciers. We work with community and social service agencies to provide special services and activities to benefit animals and people.

Many of our club members are very knowledgeable in dog care, training and breeding and are willing to assist other dog owners.

The \$35.00 annual membership is for an individual or family.

Membership Application / Renewal Form

New Membership Renewal Membership year: _____

Family Name: _____ First Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Home Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____ Cell/Other Ph: _____

Email address: _____

Number of Dogs in Household: _____ Breed(s): _____

What are you goals with the club? Hunting _____ Hunt Tests _____ Field Trials _____ Other _____

What skills could you contribute to the club? _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Mail Application with \$35.00 Membership Fee to:
Heidi Reinhardt, Membership Chair
406 East 5th St, New Richmond, WI 54017

MHSA February Board Meeting Agenda

The Sunshine Factory in New Hope, Tuesday, February 1st, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER (establish quorum)

Dean Koehler -Present

Bethann Wiley -Present

Nate Reinhardt -Present

Lynn Lynch -Present

Kathy Patregnani -Present

Hudson Nichols -Present

Curt Poquette -Present

Scott Lichty -Present

Chris Dartt -Present

Meeting called to order at 7 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Moved and approved with the addition of new business related to MHSA Club owned radios, MHSA purchase of bird crates, Major Ave membership

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT - Nothing to report.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT - Financial Statement produced showing a balance of \$7438.00.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS - Nothing to report

6. CLUB EVENTS for 2011

February 5th (Sat), 1-5 PM - MHSA Indoor Duck Shoot - Tails Up Dog Training, Burnsville

Chair: John Pidde

April 21-May 1 (Fri-Sun), Cocker Spaniel Field Trial – Major Avenue

Chair: Kim Wiley, Secretary: Bethann Wiley

May 7 & 8 (Sat&Sun) – AKC Spaniel Hunt Tests - Major Avenue

Chair: Heidi Reinhardt, Secretary: Dean Koehler

June 11(Sat) – Training Day, Working Dog Test & Potluck – Good Going Kennels

Training Chair: Bethann Wiley

Working Dog Test Chair: Brett Edstrom

Fun Trials (Sundays) – Major Avenue

Chair: Linda Simon

June 26 (Sunday)

July 24 (Sunday)

August 21 (Sunday)

July TBD – Training Day – Good Going Kennels?

Chair: TBD ?

July 30 (Sat), – MHSA Water Training, Summer Picnic & Membership Meeting - Bend's, Afton

Chair: Dick Bend

Membership Meeting – Vote on clarification of votes/membership & membership count to establish quorum

August TBD – Training Day – Good Going Kennels?

Chair: TBD

September 10 & 12 (Sat*Sun) – AKC Spaniel Hunt Tests - Major Avenue

Chair: Hudson Nichols

Secretary: ?

October 27-30 () 2011 Nat'l Cocker Championship Field Trial – Little Moran Hunting Club, Staples, MN

Chair: Kim Wiley

Secretary: Bethann Wiley

7. OLD BUSINESS

Criteria for MHSA Awards (chevrons for dog achievement plaques)

The board will re-evaluate the criteria for MHSA awards and the awarding of chevrons in reference to:

the request that the club consider recognizing non-AKC titles, as well as

the wishes of some members that each field trial placements (and not just completed field trial titles) also be recognized with a chevron.

Proposals for each will be presented for consideration at the next meeting

Other Old Business?

8. NEW BUSINESS

Possible Constitutional Amendments

Clarify who has the right to vote at membership meetings “all members in good standing”

Section 2: Types of Membership

There shall be one type of membership. Two individuals (husband and wife or significant others) residing in the same household may apply on the same application and in such case shall pay dues the same as for an individual membership. Both of the individuals named on said application shall be entitled to all rights, privileges and awards within the Association, as shall any children under the age of 18.

This implies that there can be a maximum of 2 votes per paid membership consisting of two persons aged 18 or older from one household. Is that correct?

Minimum age of 18? Or do all children have a vote? (Obviously, all children are eligible for club awards)

Membership count – the current system doesn't allow for a count of members.

This makes it impossible to accurately determine whether a quorum is present at membership meetings.

In turn, this makes it impossible to adopt constitutional amendments in compliance with the requirements specified in the constitution.

The MHSA membership application should specifically ask for names of members so that we can get an accurate count.

Formal proposal for clarification will be provided for consideration at next meeting.

Other New Business?

Motion made to purchase 2 bird crates (large) for club use at approx \$75 each. Approved and passed.

Discussion regarding MHSA purchasing radios for hosting club events.

Discussion regarding MHSA membership to Major Ave and associated/extendable benefits for MHSA members.

9. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS-

The MHSA board has reviewed and approved the membership applications of :

Cameron & Amy Marshall

Jane West

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Nothing to report.

11. ADJOURNMENT – moved and passed.

The next MHSA board meeting will be Tuesday, March 1st at 7 PM at The Sunshine Factory, 7600 43rd Av N, in New Hope.