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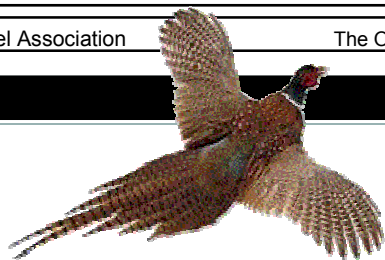
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Welcome to the new MHSA board. We are fortunate this year, as is usually the case, to have a superb group of people who have stepped forward to help guide MHSA during 2009. Our second meeting of the year, following the one held at the annual banquet, will be held at the Richfield Baker's Square on 66th street. As always, it is open to all members. If you are interested in the club's plans for the coming year or have suggestions to offer board, plan to attend. A number of this year's board members started attending meetings near the end of last year. They are now members of the board and all of you will benefit from the contributions they made last year, prior to officially joining the board.

Despite a brutal workload occasioned by the changing economy, I've managed to do some training with a few club members during recent weekends, sometimes in below zero weather. Birds have been found by eager dogs, have flown, been retrieved and all have managed to stay warm. The dogs, especially, have enjoyed the runs in brisk weather. Last weekend I did a bit of scratch hunting at a local club, running my Cockers for about an hour and Zorro, my Setter, for an hour in minus five temperatures. All stayed warm and happy and due to the hard work of plowing through deep snow, I was especially warm. The long legs of Zorro and his wide ground coverage added more to the bag than the Cockers. Zorro accounted for three birds to the Cocker's combined one, or, if a Cocker produced wide flush counts, two. I'm still wedded to Spaniels for pheasants, but the birds were sitting tight, often on open south slopes under pines where it was warmest, and fewer were in the cattails where Spaniels shine at this time of year.

Trialing friends in California and elsewhere have told me they are feeling the pinch from the current economy and may be travelling less to trials this year. I assume the same is true for our club members, whether your event of choice is in the field, obedience indoors, or an agility course. Keep in mind that our club events are all local, cheaper and easier to get to, and often even more fun than distant events. Our fun trials, for example, have all the challenge of an AKC field trial with lower entry fees, lower travel fees and, assuming you come from home, no hotel/motel cost. We will be having three of them, so get every one on your calendar. They have become so popular that people came from South Dakota and eastern Wisconsin last year.

Presidents' Letter Continued...

To wrap things up, here are a few comments on the effects on wildlife of our first true Minnesota winter in some time: In December, I started seeing the first dead long and short tail shrews. I'm not sure why I saw so many. For some reason they must have been having trouble finding the insects necessary to fuel their high metabolic rates. In other years, I have found more mice and voles dying off and not until much later in the winter. Recently, the dogs have pulled a number of moles from the snow. I suspect that the deep snow cover has caused them to come closer to the surface than in other years, but again don't know the reason, only that it is different than other years.

Also different is the early departure of a number of raccoons from wintering tree cavities. I usually see one or two who have exhausted their winter fat and had to leave early to search unsuccessfully for food in late February or early March. They come out, circle in the snow, then die to be fed on by Redtails or coyotes. This year, two left a frequent nest cavity by the lake before the end of December, dying at the base of the tree.

The deer are travelling widely. Their tracks in the snow reveal that many have started dragging their feet. It is a tough winter for the wildlife. For some, the deep snow offers shelter: the mice and voles are insulated by the deep snow, as are Grouse which burrow under it at night to stay warm and away from owls.

The coyotes, now in heat as apparent from the blood drops in the snow, are travelling widely and judging from their scats, catching not only mice, voles and rabbits, but also finding the occasional carrion deer. A Redtail has been enjoying the squirrels a trapped that were getting into a container where I keep food for my birds, as well as the occasional pigeon I place on the roof of a pigeon coup. The feathers he thoroughly plucks litter the ground. I could put him to work during hunting season if he would relinquish the birds after plucking!

Get out and enjoy the country with your dogs. There is lots to see and the occasional bird to flush.

My best, Dick Bend

ESSFTA Gunning Seminar
Sponsored by Minnesota Hunting Spaniel Association

March 7, 2009

Taught by Mark Haglund, ESSFTA Field Trial Gunners Seminar Leader

Location: Major Avenue Hunt Club
11721 *Major Ave*
Glencoe MN 55336
320-864-6025

Time: 8:30am Registration, coffee & donuts
9:00 Start
12:00 Lunch (provided)

Registration is required and the number of attendees is limited

Fee: \$27.00

REGISTRATION DEAD LINE: February 27, 2009

Materials will be e-mailed out and should be studied before class.

This workshop will consist of indoor classroom training and open discussion. Please be prepared to participate.

Registration Information:

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Send Registration Information and fee to: rbend@bendellingson.com, or,

Richard Bend

Event Secretary

1002 Stagecoach Tr. S.

Afton, MN 55001

MHSA Club Events 2009

March 7th	Gunning Seminar
May 1-3	AKC Cocker Spaniel Field Trial (Chairpersons: Kim and Bethann Wiley)
May 9-10	AKC Spaniel Hunt Test (Chairperson: Bill Dunaski)
June 6	Club Training Potluck Lunch Working Dog Test American Water Spaniel RCT Test
June 20	MHSA Fun Trial
July 19	MHSA Fun Trial
August 1	MHSA Club Picnic
August 22	MHSA Fun Trial
September 5-6	AKC Spaniel Hunt Test
October 16-18	AKC Cocker Spaniel Field Trial (Chairpersons: Kim and Bethann Wiley)
November	MHSA Duck Shoot and Holiday Party
January 2010	MHSA Awards Banquet

MHSA Board Meeting Minutes Bakers Square – Richfield January 6, 2009

Called to order at 7:20 pm

Present: Lynn Lynch, Charlie Casey, Ann Sunderman, Dick Bend, Linda Simon and Nadine Kohn by phone.

Absent: Doug Scurr, Nadine Kohn and Tony Roettger.

Guests: Kim Wiley and Brett Edstrom.

1. Minutes of December 2, 2008 – Motion to approve the minutes – Charlie Casey, second by Ann Sunderman – Approved
2. Discussion to approving meeting minutes prior to sending for publishing in the club's newsletter. Secretary to send via email to Board members for approval prior to publication.
3. Suggestions for next years banquet were discussed. Good options were presented. Ann Sunderman will Chair the 2010 Banquet.
4. Discussed the presentation of the Bylaw changes at the Membership Meeting to be held at the Banquet. Dick Bend will present.
5. Continued discussion of refunds. To be considered on a case by case situation. Going forward, the AKC fees will be deducted from any refund approved by the Board as stated in our premiums.
6. Discussed the creation of a checklist to assist with all of the tasks and details that need to be addressed for field events. Kim Wiley and Brett Edstrom will take on this task.
7. Spring Hunt Test. Ann Sunderman has agreed to be the secretary. Dates are May 9th and 10th. A Chair for this event has not yet been identified.
8. Spring Field Trial. Judges for the Open Stake will be Pete Rainey and David Jones. Amateur and Puppy stake judges are yet to be determined. Dates are May 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
9. Discussion regarding an American Water Spaniel special test. This could be a stand alone event. It could be added to a non-AKC event, such as the Working Dog Test or Fun Trial. Possible date of June 6th, a Saturday. Location to be determined. Suggested agenda of training in the morning, noon potluck, the AWS Test, then the Working Dog Test.
10. The dates for the Fun Trials were discussed. Tentative dates as follows: The first Fun Trial – June 20th Saturday. The second on July 19th Sunday and the third on August 22nd a Saturday.
11. Discussion of the date for the Club Summer Picnic tabled to the next meeting.
12. Dates for the fall Cocker Trial – October 16th, 17th and 18th.
13. Dates for the fall Hunt Test – September 12th and 13th. The Board is looking at optional dates due to various conflicts.
14. Brett Edstrom has volunteered to coordinate the clubs training dates. To be held at Good Going Kennels. He will be sending information via email to the club members.
15. To date 16 members have renewed their membership for 2009.
16. Treasurer's Report – balance of \$3621.40 at this time.
17. Motion to adjourn by Charlie Casey at 9:15, seconded by Linda Simon

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 - Motion by Charlie Casey, seconded by Linda Simon.



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 MHS 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 monthly 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, 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

✓ one: New Membership Renewal Membership year: _____

Family Name: _____ First Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Home Ph: _____ Work Ph: _____ Other Ph: _____

Email address: _____

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

Date: _____ Signature: _____

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

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
 Cost - With crest logo on the front \$60.00
 - With both crest and back logo \$75.00

#6288 WXT Upland Blaze Orange Safety Cap

Sizes - One size fits all Cost - \$15.00

#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
					\$	\$
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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: _____

MHSA Membership Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Dick Bend.

Dick presented a review of the changes/updates to the clubs bylaws that had been previously to the clubs membership prior to the meeting. Determination of a quorum was made so that they could be voted upon. Motion to accept the changes to the bylaws was made and seconded. Motion approved.

Dick also presented the nominations for the 2009 Board members.

President – Dick Bend

Vice President – Kim Wiley

Secretary – Rachel Samsel

Treasurer – Jim Lynch

Director – Charlie Casey

Director – Ann Sunderman

Director – Brett Edstrom

Director – Bill Dunaski

Director - Art Fowler

Motion made to accept the nominations as presented and seconded. Motion approved.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting, seconded.

Awards Banquet

A few pictures of some of the prizes awarded at the Awards Banquet. Next month I will post a list of all the award winners.



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