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From the Editor...

A fresh, New Year is upon us. I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to a great one!

First up – Membership renewals are now due!! I've included the membership renewal form in this newsletter again. Make sure you get them sent in to Heidi! If you have not yet renewed by the time of the banquet, you will not be able to vote on any club business that may be presented at the membership meeting that evening. If you plan on handing in your renewal that evening, please write a separate check for your renewal rather than lumping it in with a check for raffle tickets, otherwise it makes the membership renewal process much more difficult than it has to be for our secretary.

We are trying to get the jump on our 2007 events. Plans are already underway for several of them. Please check out the information for each of them in this newsletter. If you are able to volunteer, we are desperately in need of more hands at each of these events and everyone is welcome. I should add that many of the volunteer positions give you a birds eye view of the action and everything that is involved in coordinating these events.

Last but not least . . . see you at the banquet!!

Best Afield and a Very Happy New Year!
- Leanne



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Minnesota Hunting Spaniel Association Annual Banquet

January 20, 2007



Oak Marsh Golf Club
526 Inwood Ave. N.
Oakdale, MN 55128
651-730-8886

6:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour (cash bar)
7:00 Dinner
Awards Program and Raffle to follow

Buffet Dinner Menu
Mixed Greens Salad
Oak Marsh Bread Basket
Creamy Pasta Salad
Carved New York Strip Loin & Stuffed Chicken Breast
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Sautéed Green Beans with Pimiento Butter
Dessert and Coffee

We invite everyone to come to an evening of fun and celebration in honor of the dogs and their accomplishments! The evening will consist of socializing, games, dinner, and the presentation of awards for the 2006 event year. We will close with our traditional raffle – we have many great prizes already donated but we are looking for more – please bring them along or contact Bethann or Leanne.

Bethann Roettger - broettger@isp.com

Leanne Schmitz lschmitz@comcast.net

Name _____ Phone Number _____

attending _____ X \$30.00 = \$ _____

Return no later than January 5, 2007 to:

Bethann Roettger
438 W. Church St.
Ellsworth, WI 54011

Please make checks payable to: MHSA

The Great Lakes American Cocker Spaniel Hunting Enthusiasts (GLACSHE) has extended an invitation to all MHSA members who may be interested in attending a hunt test run thru. See below for more details . . .



Hunt Test Run Thru

The Great Lakes American Cocker Spaniel Hunting Enthusiasts (GLACSHE) will be holding a hunt test run thru for all flushing spaniels. The run thru will start at 8:00 AM. on Saturday, January 27, 2007. The run thru will be held at Springer Valley Game Farm, N8675 Nitschke Rd, Van Dyne, WI 54979. The judge/trainer will be Jeff Schwartz of Rock River Kennels . The fee for the run thru will be \$35. Chukar and/or pigeons will be used. There will be a limit of 20 dogs for this event. The test will close January 24, 2007.

There will be no water work in this run thru, however, marks on land will be substituted for water work. The cost will cover 2 birds on land, 1 mark on land, hunt dead for Senior and Master levels and training advice from a professional trainer.

Please fill out the information below and send along with your check made out to GLACSHE to:
Dawn Schuster, N2090 Hwy 55, Kaukauna, Wi. 54130 920-788-1523 or 920-427-8540

Dog's Name _____ Call Name _____
AKC Registration # _____
Breed _____ Sex _____ Date of Birth _____
Sire _____ Dam _____

Owner _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email Address _____ Phone _____
Handler _____ Entry of \$ _____ For the above dog
enclosed (\$35).

If you need additional information or have any questions please contact Dawn Schuster at 920-788-1523 or 920-427-8540 or Email rdcgschuster@aol.com

I agree not to hold the GLACSHE Club, nor any of its officers or members responsible for any accident, injury or loss that might occur to me, my dog, or my family as a result of my attending this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

MHS Board Meeting Minutes

Applebee's in Roseville – 6:30pm
November 7, 2006

Board members attending: Mike Bury, Jon Pidde, Jim Lynch, and Mark Monson. Past-Pres. Bethann Roettger

Meeting called to order: 7:12 p.m.

- I. Newsletter
 - a. Discuss at Christmas party
Mixed comments on pulling it off the website and sending it via email to members only
Leanne will contact those currently getting it mailed to see if she can send it via email to reduce postage costs (\$125.00/Year)
- II. Mugs
Order as member gifts and as thank you gifts – Leanne/Bethann
- III. Andrew Smith website
He wants a reciprocal link to ours – nobody knows who or what he is...research will be done before any other action is taken.
- IV. AKC Hunt Test judges Seminar – February 17, 2007
Bethann and Leanne are working on a location
- V. 2007 Calendar – tabled until Dec. board meeting
- VI. Club Training/committee – tabled until Dec. board meeting
- VII. Membership applications – December Xmas party
- VIII. Xmas Party
Jon Pidde – Prizes are set as well as all plans. Party from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- IX. Rally Title and Club Awards
Tabled for further discussion. When that discussion happens the purpose of the “Outstanding Achievement Award” should be defined. Possible idea is to create 2 awards, one for Outstanding Achievement and one for Most titles in a year. The Outstanding achievement award could be done on a weighted system similar to what the parent clubs do. Possibly an Awards Committee will be created to research this.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

2006 ESS National Amateur Championship Field Trial
December 4, 2006
Hutchinson, KS



As luck would have it, I was visiting friends in Kansas during the same week that the 2006 ESS National Amateur Championship Field Trial was being held. We decided to go watch the NAC for a day and were able to catch the end of the 2nd and beginning of the 3rd series.

The weather was beautiful and the fields were great for watching the action. There were some fantastic dogs running and some equally talented handlers. I'm very glad we took the time out to go. If you ever have the opportunity to go to a National Championship Field Trial, I strongly suggest it.



MHSA club member, Linda Simon was running her dog, Libby and we were able to see her successfully run the 3rd series run. They truly did a fabulous job and have a lot to be proud of!!



AKC SPANIEL HUNT TEST SEMINAR
FOR JUDGES AND HANDLERS



HOSTED BY THE MINNESOTA HUNTING SPANIEL ASSOCIATION

Date: February 17, 2007

Location: Country Inn and Suites
6003 Hudson Rd.
Woodbury, MN 55125

The MHS invites you to a one-day hunt test seminar for judges and handlers.

This seminar is designed to review and explain the regulations and guidelines for AKC spaniel hunting tests so that all participants and judges have a better understanding of all performance requirements and standards as well as additional AKC policies. The program will be presented utilizing multimedia demonstrations, lecture and group discussions. The seminar will cover topics such as:

- * Purpose of Hunt Tests
- * Performance Standard for Junior, and Master Levels
- * Hunt Test Scoring
- * Guidelines for Hunt Test Judges
- * How to apply for and conduct a Hunt Test
- * Responsibility of the key personnel involved Senior
- * Gun Safety
- * How to handle misconduct

***** This seminar allows Spaniel Hunt Test Judges to renew their accreditation by fulfilling the requirement to attend an AKC seminar every five years. *****

Registration Deadline and Fee

Registration is \$40.00 per person including coffee and lunch. Please fill out the form below and return by **February 1, 2007**. Late reservations will be accepted only if space is available.

AKC SPANIEL HUNT TEST SEMINAR – FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Name(s): _____

AKC Judges # (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to: MHS

Mail payment with this form to:
Leanne Schmitz
9674 Hale Ave. So.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

AKC Sanctioned Cocker Field Trial

In order to acquire the appropriate licensing for the MHSa to hold spaniel field trials, we must first hold two qualifying sanctioned field trials. The board has approved a proposal for our club to pursue this licensing so that the MHSa may be able to hold trials in the future, if it so chooses.

The first of these AKC Sanctioned Field Trials will be held in February of this year. Plans are well underway, but there is still plenty of work to be done. If you would like to help out in anyway or would simply like to learn more, please contact Nadine Kohn at n_kohn@earthlink.net.

Currently, the sanctioned field trial is set for February 24 & 25, 2007 and is open to Cocker and English Cocker Spaniels.

The committee consists of:

Nadine Kohn – Field Trial Chair
Leanne Schmitz – Field Trial Secretary
Bethann Roettger – Head Marshal
Brad Schindler – Game Steward
Tony Roettger – Steward of the Beat

The judges will be: Craig Chilstrom and Tom Radde.

The grounds will be at Major Ave. Hunt Club in Glencoe, MN.



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Plans for the upcoming Spring Hunt Tests are now underway. The Hunt Test Committee is forming.

Currently, the Spring Hunt Test Committee consists of:

Nadine Kohn – Chair
Leanne Schmitz – Secretary
Richard Bend – Committee member
Heidi Lund – Committee member

Anyone willing and able to help out at the hunts is more than welcome.

Are you interested in . . .

- ✎ Serving on the committee?
- ✎ Marshalling?
- ✎ Bird Planting?
- ✎ Organizing the raffle?
- ✎ Organizing the BBQ?
- ✎ Shadowing the secretary or chair?
- ✎ Maybe you have a suggestion for judges?

If you would like to help in any capacity, please contact Leanne at lschmitz@comcast.net or Nadine Kohn at n_kohn@earthlink.net.

Pheasant Pot Pie

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| 2 pheasants | 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce |
| 4 cups water | 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg |
| 1 medium onion, quartered | 3/4 cup all-purpose flour |
| 1 celery rib, quartered | 1 jar whole onions, drained |
| 1 garlic clove, minced | 1 package (10 ounces) frozen peas |
| 2 tablespoons lemon juice | 1 1/2 cups sliced carrots |
| 1 1/4 teaspoons salt | 1 jar (2 ounces) sliced pimentos, drained |
| 1/2 teaspoon pepper | Pastry for a single-crust pie |

In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, place pheasants, water, quartered onion, celery and garlic; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 60 minutes or until tender. Remove meat, cool. Debone and set aside. Strain broth, discarding vegetables.

Measure 3 1/2 cups broth and place in a saucepan. Add lemon juice, salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce and nutmeg. Remove 1/2 cup and stir in flour. Bring broth in saucepan to a boil.

Add flour mixture; boil 1 minute or until thickened and bubbly. Add the whole onions, peas, carrots, pimentos, and pheasant; mix well. Spoon into a 2 1/2 -quart baking dish.

Roll pastry to fit dish; place over meat mixture and seal edges to dish. Cut small steam vents in crust. Bake at 425 degrees F for 35-40 minutes or golden brown.



Membership Renewals are now due
You must renew by Jan. 20th in order to vote on club business at the awards banquet.



Membership Application / Renewal Form

√ **one:** _____ New Membership _____ Renewal Membership year: 2007

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

Upcoming 2007 MHSA Events

2007

Jan. 1 – Membership Renewals Due!!

Jan. 20 – Awards Banquet

Feb. 17 – AKC Spaniel Hunting Test Seminar for Judges & Handlers

Feb. 24 & 25 – AKC Sanctioned Cocker Field Trial


May 12 & 13 – MHSA Spring Hunt Tests

May 19 & 20 – MHSA hosted ECSCA Cocker Field Trial

June 23 – MHSA Working Dog Test

Sept. 8 & 9 – MHSA Fall Hunt Tests

More to come . . . !!



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PO Box 190, Perham, MN 56573
(218) 346-7500

<http://www.nutrisourcedogfood.com>

English Springer Spaniel Information
and Field Trial Page

ESSFT.COM



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www.fieldcockers.com