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From the President ...

Welcome MHSA Members!

The Great Minnesota Get Together has come to an end as our grand finale of summer! I hope all of you had the chance to enjoy eating something tasty on a stick. Personally, I went several times just to build my stamina for walking in the fields. Unfortunately, I ate so much that I may now need a larger shell vest – maybe the fair wasn't the wisest choice of places to exercise.

Fall is my favorite time of year and it is just around the corner! I'm looking forward to the changing of the seasons. I really enjoy the warm days and cool nights, the beautiful fall colors, and most of all, the start of Hunting Season!

We are getting ready to kick start the fall with the MHSA Fall Hunt Test on September 8th and 9th at Major Avenue Hunt Club in Glencoe Minnesota. We are having our annual Barbeque and Raffle after the test on Saturday; it is a great time for fun and fellowship with other club members! This is a big event for us and we look forward to seeing everyone there!

Also, it is not too late for you to volunteer to help out at this event. We would love to assist you in learning how to plant birds, martial a field, or a variety of other activities that are necessary to make our events run smoothly and be successful. Just contact Bethann Roettger or anyone working at the event for more information. You may also bring items you wish to donate to the raffle!

Thank you all for making MHSA such a fun club to be a part of!! I look forward to seeing you in the field!

Best Regards,

Michael Bury

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Pheasants Forever's **National Pheasant Fest** and 25th Anniversary Convention

January 18, 19 & 20, 2008 - RiverCentre, St. Paul, MN

The MHSA Board will have a booth set up in "Bird Dog Alley" at the 2008 National Pheasant Fest!! This will be an extraordinary opportunity for the MHSA to present itself to the public and fellow dog clubs. Over 25,000 people are expected to attend this event and we see it as a huge opportunity for the club. The 2008 National Pheasant Fest 2008 promises to be the largest and most complete event in the organization's history with over 800 exhibitors – 250 of those being dog-related.

We are in the process of putting together display ideas and a list of those interested in volunteering for this event. If you have any ideas for our booth or are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact the Event Chair, Leanne Schmitz at lschmitz@comcast.net.

For additional information on the National Pheasant Fest from Pheasants Forever, please visit: www.nationalpheasantfest.com



MHSB Board Meeting Minutes

Applebee's in Roseville – 6:30pm

June 4, 2007

Present: Tony Roettger, Jon Pidde, Lynn Lynch, Nadine Kohn, Linda Simon, Leanne Schmitz and Heidi Reinhardt
Absent: Dave Hofstadter, Mike Bury

Called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Jon seconded by Leanne

- I. President's report – Nothing new at this time.
- II. Secretary's report – Nothing new at this time.
- III. Treasure's report- \$9534.30 Bird invoice is still pending estimated to be \$6360..
- IV. Committee reports-

A. Hunt Test Committee

Spring

Everything went well. 1 H₂O tub is unaccounted for. Need to collaborate a list of persons interested in apprenticing. Tony will do some research and find out who may be interested in apprenticing.

Fall

Planning going well. Volunteers needed.

B. Cocker Trial

Good turn out. All the AKC reps present had a good time, and were impressed.

C. Training committee

Summer picnic at Dick Bends. Need to confirm with him for dates and what is needed.

Dick has expressed interest in a shooting seminar. Location is needed, possible to have a training day at Major Ave to include this.

V. Unfinished Business

A. Club calendar- fund raising

Pending

B. Merchandise

New ideas for merchandise include window decals. Would like to stick with club colors for clothing. Maroon, grey and orange. Interest has been expressed for polo's, t-shirts and Jackets. More hats need to be ordered.

C. Pheasant Fest 2008

Leanne has secured a booth, planning is underway. Individuals volunteering to work the booth should wear club logo.

VI. New Business-

A. Radios

The club is in need of new radios, the current units are in disrepair and are run down. Need to look into new ones, possible on eBay, or contact Mark Monson who has experience in radio repair.

Nadine motions that it will be expensive to replace all the radios at once. the current units will be kept and the working models used until a full change out can be completed. Unanimously passed.

B. Insurance-

Insurance is due in August. The cost is \$600.00 per year. Lynn motions to pay now. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion to adjourn: by Jon, second by Linda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

MHSB Board Meeting Minutes

Applebee's in Roseville – 6:30pm

July 9th 2007

Present: Mike Bury, Jon Pidde, Lynn Lynch, Nadine Kohn, and Linda Simon

Absent: Dave Hofstadter, Tony Roettger, Leanne Schmitz and Heidi Reinhardt

Called to order at 7:10 p.m.

- I. President's report – Nothing new at this time.
- II. Secretary's report – Nothing new at this time.
- III. Treasure's report- \$1808.69 Insurance paid, no outstanding payments, approximately \$1400 after expenses
- IV. Committee reports-
 - A. Hunt Test Committee-
Fall-
Planning going well. Volunteers needed.
Bethann submitted a slate of judges.
Might need to pull weeds for better water.
Motion to purchase a club range finder.
 - B. Fun Trial-
To be held at Major Ave on the 18th of August. Linda and Nadine will confirm with Jerry for date.
- V. Unfinished Business-
 - A. Merchandise-
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 - B. Pheasant Fest 2008
Leanne has secured a booth, planning is underway. Individuals volunteering to work the booth should wear club logo.
 - C. Bylaws need to be updated with the AKC, and rewritten.
- VII New Business-
 - A. 2008 Board
Need to look into forming a committee to nominate next years board members.
 - B. Banquet
Need to start looking into a new location for the 2007 banquet.
 - C. Check with Doug about getting website updated. Does he need pictures or input from others, what format?

Motion to adjourn: by Linda. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Ear problems very common in dogs - but so are solutions

BY DR. MARTY BECKER

A dog's ear canals are much longer and more L-shaped than humans. Much like the plumbing elbow underneath the kitchen sink, doggy-ears are the perfect place for debris and microbes to gather. Ear canals are often wet and warm, and when filled with microbes - be they bacteria, fungi, ear mites or yeast - they are the perfect environments for infection.

How do you know if your dog has an ear infection?

"Pet owners often complain about a foul odor coming from their pet's ears," says Dr. Mary Bryant, a small animal veterinarian from Delaware. "Or, they'll notice their pet scratching at their ears or shaking their heads." According to veterinary dermatologist, Dr. Steve Melman, allergies with secondary infections are the number one cause of otitis (inflammation of the ear), with *Malassezia*/yeast as the culprit 90 percent of the time. "Malassezia otitis often looks like a dark, waxy discharge and will respond to cleaning with once daily for a week," says Melman. "But to prevent recurrence, the underlying cause must be discovered and treated." Some cases progress to a much more severe form of bacterial otitis, i.e., *Pseudomonas* otitis. This ear infection is more difficult to treat, requiring a veterinary cleaning with a tris-edta solution followed by 1-2 weeks of prescribed oral and topical antibiotics.

According to the American Animal Hospital Association, the two most common types of ear infection are: otitis externa, an infection of the external ear canal, and otitis media, infection of the middle ear.

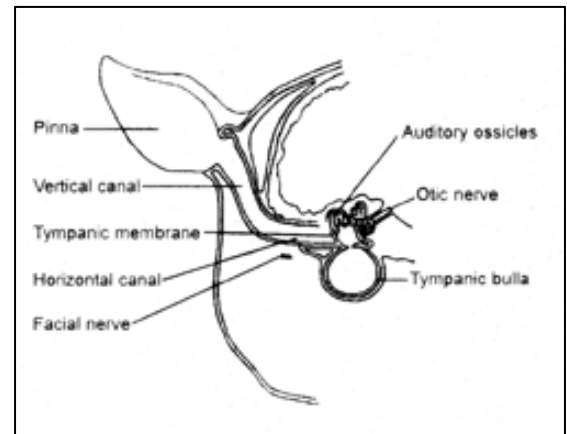
Other causes of ear problems include tumors, ear mites, fly strike, hair build up, food sensitivities and even metabolic disorders of the ear canal lining. Retrievers, spaniels and hounds with pendulous ears that hang down covering the ear opening, dogs with narrow ear canals and dogs with hairy inner ear flaps like poodles and schnauzers that prevent air from entering the ears to dry them out are more prone to ear infections. Left untreated, dirty ears can cause chronic infections that are resistant to normal medications. Vigorous shaking of the head can also break the earflap cartilage causing painful blood clots called hematomas that must be drained or surgically corrected. The worst-case scenario is an inner ear loss of balance and/or permanent hearing loss.

Prevention is the best medicine. For long floppy eared dogs, you can use tall, narrow dishes designed to keep earflap tips from daily exposure to moisture that puts ears in harm's way. Dogs with a history of ear problems will benefit from professional grooming to remove the hair blocking airflow to the inner ear. With recurrent ear problems, your veterinarian will likely recommend a regular program of professional grooming, cleaning the ears and keeping them dry.

Ear infections can be very painful, so dogs may associate treatment routines with this pain. "Remember that most dogs don't know we are cleaning their ears for their own good. Help the dog to accept this health care by coupling ear cleanings with food treats and praise for good behavior," recommends Dr. Rolan Tripp, the founder of www.AnimalBehavior.Net (<http://www.animalbehavior.net/>). "Talk in a soothing voice and give tasty rewards before, during and after the ears are cleaned or treated. Some dogs may even look forward to this type of ear preventive care."

To clean the ear canal, pull the earflap or pinna straight out from the head at almost a 90-degree angle. That pulls the L-shaped ear canal into a straight line allowing the ear cleaning solution to reach the entire ear. For this step, your veterinarian will recommend an ear-cleaning product that dissolves wax and debris build-up gently but thoroughly and is easy on the surrounding tissues.

Anatomy of the Ear:



Once the cleaning solution has filled the ear canal, massage the base of the ear with your fingers for about 15 seconds. Some veterinarians recommend the careful use of a bulb syringe (looks like small turkey baster) to flush the ear. Either way, the agitation action helps the cleaning solution to penetrate deeply and cover all of the surfaces of the inner ear.

After this cleaning, allow your dog to shake his or her head to get rid of the excess solution. Then, using a small, thin cloth or a gauze sponge wrapped around your index fingertip, probe into the outer part of the ear canal to gently wipe away the wax and debris that the ear cleaner has loosened. Do NOT use a Q-Tip to go any further than you can see since it is possible to go too deep and break the eardrum! The next step is a treatment solution that stays in the ears.

Get in the habit of smelling your dog's ears for the first sign of a rank odor, one indication of a budding infection. In chronic cases, your veterinarian may recommend using a preventive ear medicine in the ears after every bath, since water often triggers infections in dogs prone to ear problems. For these dogs, your veterinarian may also recommend a drying agent as a routine preventive treatment to keep bacteria at bay.

If your dog acts deaf when you call him or pretends he can't hear you when you are only steps away, a simple test may tell you if your pooch's hearing is still keen. Open a can of dog food, rustle a package of his favorite treats or rattle his leash and see what happens! If in doubt, have your veterinarian perform a thorough ear exam.



DON'T FORGET . . . We Need Your Photos!!

The MHSA is working on two very important projects, re-designing our brochures and planning a display for the 2008 National Pheasant Fest.

If you have any photos from the field that you would like to share for possible use in the new brochure and/or display, please send them! We can accept digital photos (the higher the resolution the better) or hardcopy photos. Hardcopy photos can be returned if you would like.

We are looking for dog shots in particular for the brochure. They can be of any flushing spaniel breed - posed or action shot. The only requirement is that they are shots from the field! We are also looking for hunting shots, group shots, puppy shots, etc. for the Pheasant Fest display as well as dog shots.

There's plenty of time but we wanted to send this request so you can keep it in mind during your hunting trips, hunt tests and field trials this fall!

Please send photos no later than Oct. 31, 2007 to:

Leanne Schmitz
9674 Hale Ave. So.
Cottage Grove, MN 55016
Email: lschmitz@comcast.net



WATER TRAINING & CLUB PICNIC

Rumor has it that everyone had a fabulous time at the Water Training Day & Club Picnic, especially the dogs! But don't just take my word for it . . . the proof is in the photos!!

A very special thanks goes to Carol & Dick Bend for hosting this great event!





Thanks to Sarah Dennett and Nadine Kohn for sending in these fabulous shots!



FALL 2007 HUNT TEST NEWS



See you at the hunt tests!

The hunt tests will be held on September 8th & 9th at Major Ave. Hunt Club in Glencoe, MN and it looks like our tests are very close to entry capacity once again!

Chair: Bethann Roettger broettger@isp.com

Secretary: Heidi Reinhardt hydexxi@frontiernet.net

Your judges are:

Saturday

Master – Paul Mommaerts & Deb Schoene

Senior – Randy Capsel & Leanne Schmitz

Junior - Randy Capsel & Leanne Schmitz

Sunday

Master - Randy Capsel & Deb Schoene

Senior - Paul Mommaerts & Leanne Schmitz

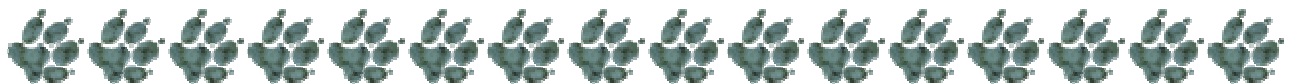
Junior - Paul Mommaerts & Leanne Schmitz

Volunteers are still needed. Anyone willing and able to help out at the hunts is more than welcome.

Are you interested in . . . ?

- Marshalling?
- Bird Planting?
- Helping with the raffle?
- Helping with the BBQ?
- Apprenticing?

If you would like to help in any capacity, please contact Bethann or Heidi.





MHSA 2007 Fun Trials



Here are the results from the August 18, 2007 fun trial:

Puppy:

1st – Ash (ESS) - Nate Reinhardt

Derby:

1st – Bacon (ESS) – Dean Koehler

Novice:

1st – KC (ECS) – Marge Schultz
2nd – Bacon (ESS) – Dean Koehler
3rd – Blizzard (ESS) – Dean Koehler
4th – Emma (ESS) – Art Fowler

Open:

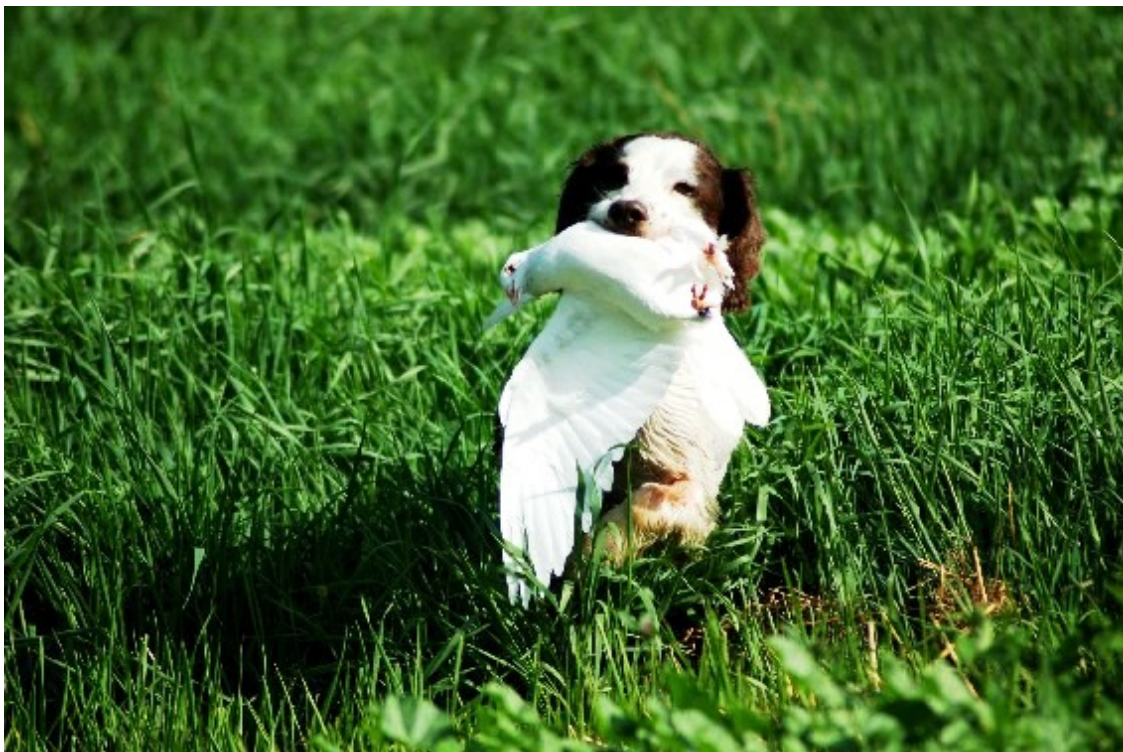
1st – Dobie (ECS) – Chris Dartt
2nd – Pepper (ECS) – Chris Dartt
3rd – Max (ECS) – Chris Dartt
4th – Ross (ESS) – Linda Simon

Hunting Dog:

1st – Blue (ESS) – Nadine Kohn

Sporting Dog:

1st – Blizzard (ESS) – Dean Koehler
2nd – Blaze (ECS) – John Dartt
3rd – Max (ECS) – John Dartt
4th – Bacon (ESS) – Dean Koehler





The MHSA is offering new merchandise!! Samples will be posted on the website very soon.

<http://www.mnhuntingspaniel.org/Merchandise.asp>

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
 Sizes -Small to XL Cost - \$25.00

#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	Qty	Price each	Total Price
					\$	\$
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SHADED AREA FOR BOMBER JACKET ONLY:						
#2110	Bomber Jacket				Crest Logo	\$
					Both Logos	\$
					Size Up Chrg	\$
					Shipping (if applicable):	\$
					Order Total:	\$

Shipping/Contact Information:

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

WOODCOCK ALMANDINE

6 woodcock, split down back
1/4-cup flour
Salt and pepper
4 tbsp. butter
1/2 cup white table wine
2 tbsp. lemon juice
1/4 cup blanched, sliced almonds

Dust birds in flour seasoned with salt and pepper. Melt butter in a heavy skillet or electric frying pan and sauté birds until nicely browned. Add wine and lemon juice. Cover and continue cooking slowly for 15-20 minutes. Add almonds and cook for 5-10 minutes longer or until birds are fork tender. (Allow 2 woodcock per serving.)

Parting Shot



Brainerd International Raceway 2007

Roanlodge Colorado, a.k.a. "Fletch" served as the Honorary Mascot of the Snap-on Tools Drag Racing Team and enjoyed every minute of it!

Upcoming MHSA Events

2007

Sept. 8 & 9 – MHSA Fall Hunt Tests

2008

Jan. 18-21 – 2008 National Pheasant Fest

More to come . . . !!



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