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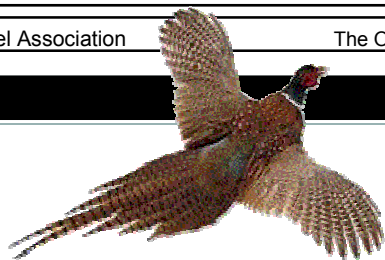
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First, and most importantly, make sure you have the MHSA annual banquet on your calendars and make sure you have notified us you'll be coming. It is always a lot of fun for everyone and don't forget to be a donor, bidder or both at the wonderful auction we hold on banquet night!

-I have resorted to skis for my daily dog run. For the last few days I've been using skate skis which lets me really tire out the dogs, but yesterday's snow fall requires that today I use classic skis which slow me down a bit. Fortunately the deep snow also makes the dogs work harder so they are still getting good runs.

When the temperature is below five degrees or so, I boot the dogs with sled dog boots. They are cheap and wear better than the expensive, heavy kind they sell for hunting dogs (except Lewis boots, which aren't good in the cold, although superb for cactus). It is a bother, but enables the dogs to run for our usual half hour or hour without cold feet or snowballs between the pads.

The cold has bunched the birds and they are holder tighter than they were a few weeks ago, but it is a lot more work getting to them. I notice the deer are feeling the pinch of the cold, which necessitates that they start foraging before it gets dark. We have two or three that are out each day by 4:30 now.

Cold has removed one concern of mine: a dog going through thin ice. Both my older dogs are experienced and safe around thin ice. They are also small and strong enough manage cracking ice at edges, which they've both done for years. Zorro, on the other hand, is heavier and inexperienced. I've had a few worries when he has followed Cooper out to check on geese in the open water in the middle of the lake. All is now solid ice except the inlet, which had a thick ice shelf right up to the open water. Zorro cracked the ice at the very edge and got wet today at about six degrees, which was cold enough to teach him the importance of watching for thin ice. I purposely took him there, hoping he would learn.

When I was following sled dogs, I was always amazed at their trail and ice sense, which seemed inborn, requiring no learning experiences. A Siberian I winter camped with a great deal saved me from a number of situations that could have been uncomfortable.

### Presidents' Letter Continued...

Roles switched with me the watchdog for my retrievers, Springers and Cockers and Setter. All benefit from an experience or two with fast water, thin ice, and other risky outdoor situations. I make these learning experiences safe ones by ensuring they don't encounter fast water, thin ice, barbed wire or other hazards without appropriate safeguards. Boats, shallow water, non-barbed wire fences at slow speed, and other tricks can make first experiences injury free, yet uncomfortable enough to insure learning.

The one risk I go to great lengths to make sure they never face alone is vehicular traffic. Although my dog are trained to leave the road on the approach of a car and sit down, I do that as a precaution with the expectation that the habit will never be called into play in my absence. They all head for the ditch when out on walks, but it is training I've never tested by triggering the behavior while at distance.

I remember well being called out to help my mother, who was a rural dog trainer in the days when farmer's free ranging dogs chased cars. A number of them would call her to train their dogs not to chase. It was not an easy behavior to eradicate; I've also known a few dogs that were hit multiple times by cars.

So my advice for today: let your dogs learn about thin ice and fast water on their own, in safe circumstances; don't ever assume they know about cars!

Have a wonderful winter and keep getting your dogs outdoors. They need it even more than in the summer.

Best, Dick Bend



## *MHSA'S INDOOR DUCK SHOOT & CHRISTMAS PARTY*



We had a great time at the indoor shoot was a great success and we all had a great time (dogs included!). Here are a couple of pictures of the event.



# *Glenhurst Versatility Award*

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The criteria for this award are as follows:

1. The Versatility Award will be presented to the spaniel, which over the lifetime of the dog completes a title in three of the six areas listed below.

Breed: CH

Obedience: CD, CDX, UD, UDX, OTCH

Hunting: JH, SH, MH, WD, WDX or any other parent club recognized title

Field: FC, AFC, NFC, NAFC

Agility: NA, NAP, NAJ, NJP, OA, OAJ, OAP, OJP, AX, AXJ, AJP, AXP, MX, MXJ, MJP, MXP,  
MACH

Tracking: TD, TDX, VST, CT

2. One of the areas must be hunting or field.
3. If more than one individual owns the dog, only one individual needs to be an MHSA member.
4. Dog may only earn the versatility award one time.
5. Titles in at least one of the three categories must have been completed while the owner was a member in good standing with the MHSA and during the award year.
6. The award year is the current calendar year: January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.
7. All dogs and owners who qualify for this award will be recognized.
8. The contenders are responsible for reporting their own titles. A reporting form will be provided each year in the club newsletter. Award to be presented at the annual awards banquet.

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Fill out the form below to submit your information for consideration for this award.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Titles completed in 2007: \_\_\_\_\_

Titles earned in previous years: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit **no later than December 31st** to:

Nadine Kohn  
813 Elliot Ave N  
Glencoe, MN 55336

## MHSA Outstanding Achievement Award

### Criteria:

1. The Outstanding Achievement Award will be presented to the spaniel that earns the most AKC or parent club titles and legs toward other titles in the award year.
2. A minimum of three titles completed is required, of which, only one can be a parent club title.
3. The award year is the current calendar year: January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>
4. Only titles earned while an MHSA member in good standing will be considered.
5. If more than one person owns the dog, only one individual needs to be an MHSA member.
6. Only new parent club titles will be recognized. Example: If a dog earned a WD in a previous year, then earns another WD that could not be counted as one of the titles earned for the current year's award.
7. The titles and legs towards titles to be recognized are the AKC titles as follows:
  - Field: FC, AFC, JH, SH, MH, WD, WDX, or any other parent club hunting certificate.
  - Obedience: CD, CDX, UD, UDX and OTCH
  - Breed: CH
  - Tracking: TD, TDX, VST and CT
  - Agility: NA, OA, AX, MX, NAJ, OAJ, AXJ, MXJ and MACH
8. Multiple titles may be earned in the same area. Example: WDX, SH and MH would qualify for the award.
9. Dog must have earned, either previously, or the year of the award: a hunt test title, field trial title or working dog (parent club) title.
10. In case of a tie, all recipients will be recognized.
11. The contenders are responsible for reporting their own titles. A reporting form will be provided each year in the club newsletter. Award to be presented at the annual awards banquet.

Fill out the form below to submit your information for consideration for this award.

### **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Titles completed in 2007: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of legs earned toward uncompleted titles:

Name of title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of title: \_\_\_\_\_

# of legs earned towards this title this year: \_\_\_\_ # of legs earned towards this title this year: \_\_\_\_

Please submit no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> to:

**Nadine Kohn - 813 Elliot Ave N., Glencoe, MN 55336**

## *CCI Veteran's Achievement Award*

Sponsored by Leanne Schmitz

This award is being offered in recognition of our veteran dogs that are still active and achieving great things and to the owners who demonstrate true dedication towards them.

The criteria for this award are as follows:

1. The CCI Veteran's Achievement Award will be presented to the spaniel owned by a club member in good standing that completes an AKC or parent club title, receives an AKC field trial placement and/or receives an MHS A Fun Trial placement after 7 years of age.
2. The award year will be the current calendar year: January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>
3. Dogs must have earned, either previously or during the year of the award: a hunt test title, field trial title or working (parent club) title.
4. All AKC titles and AKC field trial placements received during the award year will be recognized. Placements in any MHS A Fun Trial received during the award year will also be recognized.
5. Only titles/placements earned while owner is an MHS A member in good standing will be considered.
6. A dog may earn the Veteran's Achievement Award multiple times (one award per dog each year, regardless of the number of titles/placements earned during a year).
7. All dogs and owners who qualify for this award will be recognized.
8. All contenders are responsible for reporting their own titles. A reporting form will be provided each year in the club newsletter. Award will be presented at the annual awards banquet.

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If you qualify for this award, please submit the form below:

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration # (AKC or other – please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Titles/Placements received in 2007: \_\_\_\_\_

MHS A Fun Trial Placements received in 2007: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Age at time title/placement was received: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit form no later than December 31, 2007 to:

Leanne Schmitz  
9674 Hale Ave. So.  
Cottage Grove, MN 55016

*It's time to start sending your dog's accomplishments for the past year!!!*

## **MHSA Awards Form 2008**

### **Please Print Clearly!**

Owners Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List AKC Titles earned this year: \_\_\_\_\_

List Parent Club titles earned this year: \_\_\_\_\_

List # of legs earned towards an uncompleted hunting title this year: \_\_\_\_\_ Title name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have a plaque for this dog and need it updated with new titles

\_\_\_\_\_ This is a newly titled dog and I need a new plaque.

You may also list a few brief highlights, funny moments/comments about your dog's accomplishments this past year if you would like them shared at the banquet.

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### **Awards Requirements:**

An award shall be given for any dog that earned a title or final qualifying score while the owner was an active member of MHSA, provided that the time it was earned the dog:

1. Was owned or co-owned by the member(s), or an immediate family member living within the same household;
2. Resided within that same household or temporarily with their designated agent/handler and;
3. Was handled to the totle by one of the individuals described above.

Please fill out one form for each dog earning a title/legs towards titles and return it **no later than December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Nadine if you have any questions.

Nadine Kohn  
813 Elliott Ave N  
Glencoe, MN 55336  
[n\\_kohn@earthlink.net](mailto:n_kohn@earthlink.net)  
(320) 510-1903

MHSA Board Meeting Minutes     Bakers Square – Richfield

December 2, 2008

Called to order at 7:15 pm

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

Guests: Kim Wiley.

Absent: Doug Scurr, Charlie Casey and Tony Roettger.

Minutes of October 7, 2008 – Motion to accept – Linda Simon, second Dick Bend – Approved

President's Report: Rob Blaha spoke with Dick regarding training birds. They are \$7.50 at this time.

No Secretary's Report

Treasurer's report – The checkbook has \$3,530.45. Received memberships from Heidi Reinhardt - \$105.00. There are two checks that have not yet been cashed.

Committee Reports – Updates to Bylaws. Procedural change – contact Heidi Reinhardt as Membership Chair to send out renewal notices. Nadine will send a notice to the membership regarding the Bylaw changes. Must show old and new changes. Must be out prior to the Membership Meeting that will be held at the Banquet. Linda Simon motioned to accept the recommendations to update the bylaws. Second by Dick Bend. All approved.

Banquet: Cost seems high. Some members will not attend due to cost.

Indoor Duck Shoot: Good attendance, good fellowship and great food.

Fall Cocker Trial: Not much money was made on the trial. Judges gifts seemed high. After discussion, with information that has been provided regarding costs, budgeting for future events will be better.

Discussion regarding the club making a donation to a non-profit organization. This was done in the past.

Advertising policy on the club's website. No advertising will be permitted, however acknowledgement of donations and sponsors will continue to be done.

New Business:

Issues with printing the newsletters and forms were resolved.

Annual Awards Banquet – Northland Inn, Chair Chris Dartt. More information will be provided in the next newsletter.

The Spring Cocker Trials will be held May 1, 2 and 3. Dates confirmed with Major Avenue. Kim and Bethann Wiley will co-chair. David Jones has been confirmed as a judge for all 3 days.

Hunt Test Chair has yet to be determined. Dates have been confirmed with Major Avenue. Event Secretary will be Ann Sunderman.

Working Dog Test. Dick will talk with Tony Roettger. Will want to piggy back test with a Fun Trial.

Fall Hunt Test will remain on our normal scheduled dates.

Fall Cocker Trials have been approved by the Cocker Parent Club for October 16, 17, and 18. A possible location will be the grounds at the Good Going Kennels which is about 30 minutes east of Summerset. Motion made to have a cocker trial in the fall made by Ann Sunderman, seconded by Lynn Lynch. Approved.

Meeting adjourned - Motion by Linda Simon, seconded by Ann Sunderman.



## 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.

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### 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](mailto: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
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
<b>SHADED AREA FOR BOMBER JACKET ONLY:</b>						
#2110	Bomber Jacket				Crest Logo	\$
					Both Lo-gos	\$
					Size Up Chrg	\$
<b>Shipping (if applicable):</b>						<b>\$</b>
<b>Order Total:</b>						<b>\$</b>

**Shipping/Contact Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**MHSA Holiday Party**  
**Northland Inn – Brooklyn Park, MN**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup> 5 PM - ??**  
**(Dinner at 6:30)**

Please mark your calendars for January 17th!!

Send your dinner choices with payment by

**January 8th** to:

Chris Dartt

31175 Heather St NW

Cambridge, MN 55008

**Option #1:**

Roasted Prime Rib of Beef

(please note for well done cut)

Petite Yorkshire Popover and au jus

**Option #2**

Roasted Fillet of Salmon

Teriyaki glazed

Cost \$40 per person

Name #1 \_\_\_\_\_ - option # \_\_\_\_\_

Name #2 \_\_\_\_\_ - option # \_\_\_\_\_

***Hope to see you there!***

Happy Holidays!

At the December meeting of the Board of Directors, some changes/edits to the Club's Bylaws were proposed and approved. These changes included updates to terminology, article numbering and additions under Nominations and Order of Business.

These also need to be approved by the Club Membership. So, in accordance with our Bylaws, this notification is being provided to each of you for your review, 30 days prior to the Membership Meeting that will be conducted at the Banquet in January.

Below is a link to the revised Club's Bylaws. The changes/edits have been highlighted in yellow. This is easier on your inboxes rather than having me fill it up with a large attachment. Please take the time to review them. These will be discussed at the Membership Meeting. These will also be mailed (snail mail) to those without email access.

[http://www.mnhuntingspaniel.com/MHSA\\_ByLaws\\_121608.pdf](http://www.mnhuntingspaniel.com/MHSA_ByLaws_121608.pdf)

Thanks,

Nadine

ps. Note that due to the recent move of the Club's website, the version of the Bylaws that are currently on the new website are an old version. They do not reflect the updates to the Membership section that were made in 2007. A current copy will be posted after the January meeting.

