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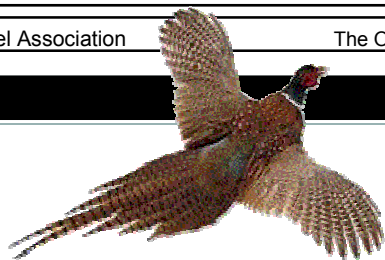
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My note this month is short. First, a report on our training day, potluck, working dog test and American Water Spaniel RCT Test held at Good Going Kennel near Baldwin, Wisconsin. Despite cold, rainy weather we had so many participants that training was halted in the morning due to the potluck, not a lack of handlers with more training to do. The food, warmth and camaraderie set us all up for an afternoon of tests, starting with challenging water spaniel retrieving tests and ending with working dog tests. The water spaniel tests were educational for those of us with Cockers and Springers. The master test in particular, with its three sixty yard marked retrieves through decoys and sixty yard water blind, was very challenging!

Our working dog test ran up a shallow fold in the landscape holding good cover and pheasants loath to fly from the water soaked brush and grass. All in all, I'd say the most outstanding job handling the cold weather was done not by the handlers but by the dogs which were eager and efficient in finding and flushing their birds.

The fun trial just completed this past Saturday at Major Avenue, near Glencoe, was held in weather the opposite of that at Good Going Kennel. We had temps in the upper 80's with sun the whole day. All events were well attended and hotly contested. As usual, the presence of both Cocker and Springer handlers increased the amount of friendly rivalry, with placements spread between the breeds. Where were the Clumber, Field Spaniel, Water Spaniel, and Welsh dogs? You made it easy on the rest of us. Regardless of breed, if neither you nor your dog has a field trial placement, you qualify for our novice event. Be sure to attend and enter, especially if you or your dog is a beginner. Hunters in particular excel at the events where you shoot over your own dog and steadiness is not required in many of the classes.

Our gunners, judges, planters and organizers all did a fantastic job at both of these events, convincing me that I don't want to miss a single one of the two fun trials and two training days on the calendar for the rest of the summer. Our August club picnic also includes training, in the water given the hoped for August swimming weather, so be sure to attend that as well. See the calendar later in this newsletter for all the times and places.

My Best,

Richard Bend

MHSA Field Trial - Spring 2009

Revised 10/10/06

Income		
Description		Amount
Entries	\$	9,705.00
Mesa's	\$	606.00
Bird purchase 66 @ \$5.00	\$	330.00
Total Income	\$	10,721.00
Expenses		
Judges Hotel (David)	\$	184.50
Judges Airfare (Paid 8/06)	\$	589.00
Planter Hotel (Mike)	\$	184.50
Planter Gas	\$	120.00
Judges gifts	\$	142.29
508 birds	\$3,545.25	(353 roosters @ \$6.75 and 155 hens @ \$7.50)
pigeons 35 @ 5.00	\$	175.00
Bird Planting	\$	300.00
4-wheeler gas/rent	\$	40.00
Lunches	\$	485.77
Banquet	\$	606.00
Water/pop/snacks	\$	30.00
Shells	\$	321.50
Trophies	\$	206.95
Printing	\$	59.39
Porta Potties	\$	77.83
AKC Fees	\$	384.50
Refunds	\$	270.00
Total Expenses	\$	7,712.28
Total Income	\$	10,721.00
Total Expenses	\$	7,712.28
Net Profit	\$	3,008.72

Minutes June 2nd board meeting of MHS

1. Call to order - Meeting called to order by President Bend

2. Roll call Present: Brett Edstrom, Art Fowler, Bill Dunaski, Jim Lynch, Kim Wiley, Richard Bend

3. and 4. Approval of minutes and Agenda - The minutes of the May meeting were approved as was the agenda for this meeting with some addition from Brett and Kim

5. Old Business

a. The digital copy of our Logo has been found and now all that need it have it.

b. Heidi (membership chair) has been looking for a better way to handle the membership list and get updated lists out to members. This has been accomplished by changing software from Excel to Access. Heidi will send out revised lists as needed when new members join.

c. Kim provided the club with an existing filed trial check list that was prepared by Sue Rose. The board accepted this as a reference for putting on a field trial.

6. New Business

a. Brett suggested that there might be a place for a rotating trophy within the club, either for the cocker trial or attached in some way to the fun trials. The thought being that it is one way to record some of the history of the club. There was mention of there being one at one time but it is not known where it is. There was some discussion as to creating an additional event to award it. There was no motion made at this time.

b. Kim suggested that he would like to see the agenda out to the board members at least ten days before a meeting. There was discussion as to who would have this responsibility the President or the Secretary. The bylaws as they read now specify the Secretary. The seemed somewhat impractical so the president will work with the secretary to see that this is done.

c. Maintaining the club's excellent gunning safety record at club events was discussed and it was agreed that gunning safety needs to be given continued emphasis. It was discussed that new resources for training and education should be taken advantage of by people who gun at club events. The board will explore ways to encourage this.

7. Sponsored events

a. Cocker Trial - Kim reported on the completion of this event. Thank you to all who helped and participated, it was a great event and I believe the biggest one of the year so far. The trial was a financial success as well with profits of \$3008.72. Nice job everyone!

b. Spring Hunt Test -Bill reported on the completion of the event. Another thank you to all who helped and participated. The number of entries was down somewhat from last year but it was still a great event. The test finished with a net loss of \$213.07 but this event took the expenses for ribbons that will be used in the future. Without that cost, it would have shown a small profit. Over all another great event for this club!

c. Club training, working dog test, and Water Spaniel test.- Brett and Kim reported that all seems to be in order and we look forward to a good day.

d. August fun trial. - The date has been changed from Saturday 8/22 to Sunday 8/23.

8. New memberships

Mark and Susan Schwope as well as Dave and Paula Geurts were accepted by the board for submittal to the membership.

9. and 10 - No report

11. Treasurer's Report - The club account stands at \$6796.17

12. Committee Reports - Kim reported that some of the initial work on acquiring the 2011 National Cocker Championship has been done. The first order of business is to identify suitable grounds and there is a desire to stay within the state of MN. Kim and Bethann will take this as a project for the summer.

THE END we all went home.



2009 Minnesota Hunting Spaniel Association
Spaniel Fun Trial Stakes and Rules

Dates: July 19, & August 23, 2009

The Fun Trials will start at 9 AM sharp, rain or shine!

All Fun Trials will be held at Major Avenue Hunt Club, Glencoe – MN

Entry Fee - \$15/per dog for each stake

Purpose: A fun, non-threatening way to learn and participate in Field Trial-style events. For all stakes except Hunting and Shooting, gunners will be provided by the MHSA Club. Ribbons will be awarded to all placing Handlers/Dogs.

Puppy Stake: Steady/Unsteady spaniel less than 15 months old at the time of the first Fun Trial. Open to any Handler. Open to any breed of flushing spaniel

Junior Stake: Handler age 16 or younger. Dog may be steady or unsteady. Handler and Dog are judged 50% each. Open to any breed of flushing spaniel. Age and titles of dog do not matter.

Derby Stake: Steady dog less than 2 years at the time of the first Fun Trial. Open to any Handler. Open to any breed of flushing spaniel.

Novice Stake: This stake is for the new dog and new handler. Dog does not need to be steady. Handler and Dog are judged 50% each. Dog or handler may not have any field trial placements. First place and High Point handler/dogs of previous years Novice Stake should retire from this category. Open to any breed of flushing spaniel.

Open Stake: Open to any Handler. Open to any all age steady dog. Open to any breed of flushing spaniel.

Hunting Dog Stake: Open to any unsteady dog. Open to any Handler. Handler does his/her own shooting. Handler and Dog are judged 50% each. Limited to 2 shells per bird. Break open action shotgun preferred but not required. Open to any breed of flushing spaniel

Shooting Dog Stake: Open to any steady spaniel. Handler does his/her own shooting. Handler and Dog are judged 50% each. Limited to 2 shells per bird. Break open action shotgun preferred but not required. Open to any breed of flushing spaniel

FUN TRIAL RULES

All participants must wear one piece of blaze orange clothing above the waist while out in the field, preferably a vest. Eye protection is strongly recommended.

- No dog in season allowed on grounds. All dogs must be on a leash, except when participating. Spaniels are not allowed to wear a collar of any type when participating.
- Unless otherwise indicated, gunners will be provided for each stake by the MHSA Club.
- Open to any breed of flushing spaniel.

A steady dog is one that stops at the flush of the bird, and/or sound of a shot, and waits for the command to retrieve, heel, or carry on.

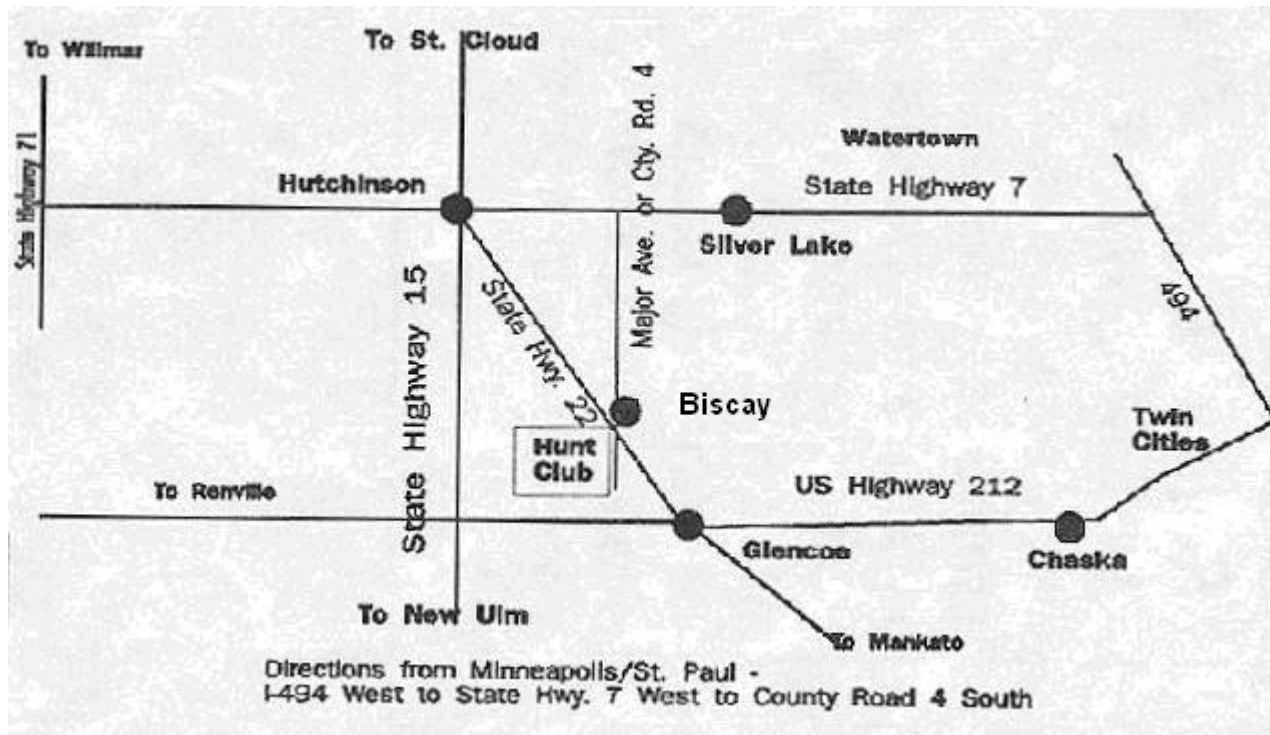
The Fun Trials will use Pigeons in all stakes.

- You may enter as many stakes as you are qualified for.
- The order of the stakes will be as listed, however some stakes may be run simultaneous.
- The Fun Trials will start at 9 AM sharp, rain or shine!
- All Fun Trials will be held at Major Avenue Hunt Club – Glencoe, MN – Map below.

If you wish to participate, or have questions, please contact:

Linda Simon at (320)-510-1904 or email whistlestopkennel@hotmail.com.

Pre-registration is not necessary but helpful so we will have enough birds on hand.



It was a Great Training Day!

Our training day and Working Dog test were a wonderful experience despite the cold and much needed rain.... 22 dogs came out for the training portion of the day and 15 dogs entered the Working Dog and Retriever Certification Test in the afternoon. We hosted 8 American Water Spaniels for the RCT test and 6 English Springers in the Working Dog and Working Dog Excellent Test. We had many club members who worked very hard to make this day a success including Linda Simon, Charlie Casey, Jim Lynch., Richard Bend, Brett Edstrom, John Dartt, Charles Starner, John Pidde, Amy Edstrom, Jim Roberson, Heidi Reinhardt and the folks at Good Going Kennel!

We are looking forward to our next club training event which will also be hosted at Good Going Kennels in Baldwin, Wisconsin. Details for that training opportunity are:

Location: Good Going Kennels, Baldwin, WI

Date: July 15, 2009 (Wednesday)

Time: 5:00p.m. until dark

Feel free to show up anytime after 5:00 to train, whatever works in your schedule

Birds: Pigeons for \$5.00 each (pheasants will not be available due to the time of year)

Meet in the same field we used in June.

Training Fee: \$5.00 per dog – for the use of the property

*****Let us know you are coming and what you need for birds – if you are unsure that is fine but let us know you are coming to train*****

Kim and Bethann Wiley

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Training Resources

For those of you looking for training resources over the summer months here are some of our favorite books and videos by some of the late and great British trainers of all time:

Books: (available through www.amazon.com or www.spanielsinthefield.com/store.asp)

Gun-Dog Training Spaniels and Retrievers by Kenneth C. Roebuck

Gundog Training by Keith Erlandson

Spaniels for Sport by Talbot Radcliffe

Videos:

Gun Dog (available at www.gundogmag.com)

Training Spaniels Featuring Kenneth C. Roebuck

Basic Spaniel Training and Advanced Spaniel Training

(available at www.sporting-scene.com make sure to order the American video version)

Featuring Ian Opoenshaw with Martin Deeley (2 video set)

Hopefully many of you plan to attend the Fun Trial out at Major Ave. Hunt Club June 20th! There are many events to enter and the information for each event can be found in the May club newsletter.

We look forward to seeing many of you out at the next training session – Happy 4th of July!

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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
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
					\$	\$
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: _____

Your Dogs Health and Wellness

I thought I would include a few articles on common diseases we see in dogs. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Article from the American Heartworm Society (www.heartwormsociety.org)

Adapted for the newsletter by Rachel Samsel DVM

Canine Heartworm Disease

Dogs are considered the definitive host for heartworms (*Dirofilaria immitis*). However, heartworms may infect more than 30 species of animals (e.g., coyotes, foxes, wolves and other wild canids, domestic cats and wild felids, ferrets, sea lions, etc.) and humans as well. When a mosquito carrying infective heartworm [larvae](#) bites a dog and transmits the infection, the [larvae](#) grow, develop and migrate in the body over a period of several months to become sexually mature male and female worms. These reside in the heart, lungs and associated blood vessels. As mature adults, the worms mate and the females release their offspring ([microfilariae](#)), pronounced: (micro-fil-ar-ee-a), into the blood stream.

Offspring can be detected in the blood ([pre-patent period](#)) about six to seven months after the infective [larvae](#) from the mosquito enter the dog. The male heartworms (four to six inches in length) and the females (10-12 inches) become fully grown about one year after infection, and their life span in dogs appears to average up to five to seven years.

In experimentally induced infections of heartworms in dogs, the percentage of infective [larvae](#) developing to adults is high (40% to 90%). However, the percentage of experimentally infected dogs from which adult worms are recovered is virtually 100%. The number of worms infecting a dog can be very high, with the number of worms in dogs ranging from one to approximately 250.

[Microfilaremia](#), the presence of heartworm offspring in the blood of infected dogs, is relatively common. However, not all heartworm infections result in such offspring circulating in the blood. These are known as [occult](#) heartworm infections and may be the result of a number of factors such as single sex heartworm infections, host [immune responses](#) affecting the presence of circulating offspring ([microfilariae](#)) and most significantly, the administration of heartworm preventives.

The onset and severity of disease in the dog is mainly a reflection of the number of adult heartworms present, the age of the infection and the level of activity of the dog. Dogs with higher numbers of worms are generally found to have more severe heart and lung disease changes. Until the number of mature heartworms exceeds 50 in a 25-kg dog (approximately 55 pounds), nearly all of the heartworms reside in the lower [caudal pulmonary arteries](#) (the arteries of the lower [lung lobes](#)). Higher numbers of heartworms result in their presence in the right chambers of the heart. In such infections, the most common early [pathological](#) changes caused by heartworms are due to inflammatory processes that occur in and around the arteries of the lower portion of the lungs in response to the presence of heartworms. Later, the heart may enlarge and become weakened due to an increased workload and [congestive heart failure](#) may occur. A very active dog (e.g., working dog) is more likely to develop severe disease with a relatively small number of heartworms than an inactive one (e.g., a lap dog or couch potato). Occasionally, a dog with a large number of heartworms may not only have worms in the heart, but also in the [caudal vena cava](#) (large primary vein of the lower body) between the liver and the heart. If the heartworms are not removed surgically, this syndrome causes sudden collapse and death within two to three days.

Clinical Signs

Heartworm disease may cause a combination of medical problems in the same dog including [dysfunction](#) of the lungs, heart, liver and kidneys. The disease may have an [acute](#) onset but usually begins with barely detectable signs resulting from a chronic infection and a combination of physiologic changes. Dogs with a low number of adult worms in the body that are not exercised strenuously may never have apparent signs of heartworm disease. However, in most dogs, the heart and lungs are the major organs affected by heartworms with varying degrees of clinical signs.

Clinical Signs Associated with Canine Heartworm Disease

Early Infection No abnormal clinical signs observed

Mild Disease Cough

Moderate Disease Cough, exercise intolerance, abnormal lung sounds

Severe Disease Cough, exercise intolerance, [dyspnea](#) (difficulty breathing), abnormal lung sounds, [hepatomegaly](#) (enlargement of the liver), [syncope](#) (temporary loss of consciousness due to poor blood flow to the brain), [ascites](#) (fluid accumulation in the abdominal cavity), abnormal heart sounds, death

Diagnosis: The diagnosis of canine heartworm disease depends upon the following:

- an accurate patient history
- the recognition of varied clinical signs
 - the use of several diagnostic procedures that may include:
- blood ([serological](#)) testing
- [microfilarial](#) detection and differentiation
- physical exam and clinical laboratory tests X-ray ([radiology](#))
- [angiography](#) and
- [ultrasound](#) ([echocardiography](#))
- in the worst case scenario, examination after death ([necropsy](#)).

Antigen Tests

[Antigen](#) tests detect specific [antigens](#) primarily found in adult female heartworms and are used with much success to detect canine heartworm infection. Currently, tests are available as in-clinic tests as well as at many veterinary reference laboratories. Most commercial tests will accurately detect infections with one or more mature female heartworms that are at least seven or eight months old, but the tests generally do not detect infections of less than five months duration.

Preventives

While treatment of canine heartworm disease is usually successful, prevention of the disease is much safer and more economical. There are a variety of products available given monthly to prevent disease; tablets and chewables, along with a monthly topical product. These products are extremely effective and when administered properly on a timely schedule, heartworm infection can be prevented.

The American Heartworm Society is now recommending year-round prevention, even in seasonal areas. One reason for this is [compliance](#) – to make sure the medicine has been given properly by the pet owner. In addition, most monthly heartworm preventives have activity against intestinal parasites. Many of these same intestinal parasites that infect dogs can also infect people, with estimated infections occurring in three to six million people every year. So this added benefit of monthly deworming makes great sense.

Before starting a preventive program, all dogs that could possibly be infected with mature heartworms should be tested.

Summer is finally here!

Get out and enjoy your dogs!

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