

BGSC Newsletter

April 2012



BGSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4/28 & 29/12 AKC HUNT TEST – OPEN TO ALL POINTING BREEDS

Held at Pine Island Trial Grounds in Portage, WI

8/18 & 8/19/11 SUPPORTED ENTRY

Held in conjunction with the Marshfield All Breed Shows in Marshfield, WI

8/25 & 8/26/11 FIELD TRIAL

MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting will be held at the Hunt Test on April 28th. This will be held at Pine Island Grounds in Portage, WI. We will also be discussing the help needed for our August Field Trial. We need lots of help to make this event successful so please consider volunteering. If you can help but won't be at the meeting please contact either Connie or Chris Rhoden.

DIRECTIONS to the GROUNDS

I-90/94 to I-39 North to Hwy 33 East towards Portage, WI. Take the first left (Fairfield Rd.). Go 5 miles to the 2nd gravel road to the left to headquarters.

EDITORS NOTES

As always, if you have something you'd like to see in the newsletter send me something or drop me a note.

Don't feel shy if you want to help the club with any of our events. We are always glad to have help at the Fun Field Day, Hunt Test, and Field Trial and can always find something for you to help with. If you want to volunteer just contact one of the board members or let me know.

As usual, I'd like to thank Marte Wetzel for all her help accumulating the Memorials, New Titles & Wags and Brags then sending them to me for the Newsletter. It saves me a lot of time and work. Thanks Marte.

Janet

NEW MEMBER

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BGSC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2012

Call to order by Vice President Clyde Sippel at 2:10 PM

Minutes of the Board Meeting teleconference were accepted as published.

Treasurer's report: \$7257.64 in bank.

Old Business:

Field Trial - Janet is working on judges and horses. The date is set for August 25th and 26th, 2012 at Pine Island Field Trial Grounds.

Web Site: The site is up and running. It is best viewed in IE8 or above, for the browser.

Rescue: A Woman here in Wisconsin had called us, inquiring about any rescue dogs. We have none at this time.

Hunt Test: The AKC finally sent us approval for our Hunt Test, after having a few problems with our date. Seems they can't keep straight the difference between our all breed Pointing Hunt Test and the GSPC's one time "National" Test in this area. April 28th and 29th are the dates. The judges are lined up and we are ready to go.

Jackson's Abbott Print: The Print will be donated to the 2012 National. We would like the money earned from it to be donated to the Health and Genetics.

Software for the Field Events: Janet is checking on information and pricing. Motion to approve up to \$500.00 for 2 licensed copies was made by Steve Gibson. Chuck Kolar Second the motion. Motion passed.

New Business:

Discussion on the GSCA definition on Event Committee and Area Committee. Peg DaValt our GSCA representative. She stated that Event Committee and Area Committee are one and the same. We had several questions as to what we will be able to do, for example, donations for member's projects, money to Pine Island for repairs to equipment, awards, software. Do we need to hold on to our extra insurance? This discussion was tabled until more information is received. (See following article)

There are repairs to the tractor at Pine Island needed. Frank Wetzel made a motion to donate money for the repairs. Steve Gibson Second.

A discussion on making a donation to H & G or Wildlife Rehab in Lynne's name. At this time we don't know what the memorial plans are. We will make a donation when we know the memorial date.

Fun Field Day: The tentative date for the Fun Field Day is going to be March 24th in Marshfield, at River Ranch. Connie will send out cards to the membership.

Awards will be handed out after the meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made by Betsy Sippel and second by Connie Rhoden. We are adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Marte Wetzel.

Thanks to Peg DaValt for sending me the following information from the GSCA National Newsletter to include in this Newsletter.

Event Committee Restructuring Proposal Questions and Answers – GSCA News – April 2012

Peggy DaValt, Board liaison for the Badgerland area committee, attended one of their recent meetings to address questions they had about the Event Committee proposal. Peggy felt that the questions were very good ones and that she should bring them to the attention of the Board for a detailed discussion. Her report to the Board appears in the February 26th teleconference minutes which appear on page 14 of this issue.

In order to properly address these issues, the Board convened a special teleconference on March 15. Anticipating that the questions posed by Badgerland are probably applicable to the other area committees as well, the Board felt it would be beneficial to publish these questions and answers in the newsletter.

1) Badgerland currently purchases its own insurance from a vendor in Wisconsin. With regards to insurance:

a) If we are truly an event/area committee of the GSCA, do we need this policy? Does the GSCA "mind" that we are purchasing additional insurance (this has always been our policy) with GSCA Event Committee funds?

A: It was confirmed that ALL GSCA functions are covered by the GSCA insurance policy as long as they are endorsed by the GSCA; thus there is no reason for an Area Committee (AC), henceforth referred to as an 'Event Committee' (EC), to purchase insurance for GSCA 'endorsed' functions. This would include specialties, performance events, field events, meetings, dog walks, fun days, etc. If a GSCA EC continues as a GSCA Event Committee ONLY, the GSCA insurance covers their activities. If the group decides to have a local club in addition to a GSCA Event Committee, then the local club must get separate insurance to cover events hosted by the club.

b) Does the GSCA's umbrella policy cover us for "fun field days," "winter walks," and dog fairs?

A: See answer to (a) above. It is our understanding that this is indeed the case. These activities would have to be referred to as a GSCA endorsed event and the GSCA banner would have to be displayed at activities.

2) Also along the lines of insurance, can we please be given a copy of the GSCA's policy? Who do we go to should we need a policy and information? Can Jane (or whomever) send that to all the GSCA Area Committees? Badgerland felt it was important that this be done.

A: The insurance policy highlights can be viewed at <http://equisure-inc.com/canine/clubliability.html> and http://equisure-inc.com/canine/forms/AKC_Coverage_Highlights.pdf

Remember that if the owner of a location where an event is held requests a certificate of insurance, this must be obtained from the GSCA insurance company.

http://www.equisure-inc.com/canine/forms/certificate_request_form.pdf

3) Are we able to do Badgerland Area Committee awards? (Badgerland has for years given plaques to its members for titles earned in a calendar year.)

A: There is no problem with this as long as the awards are given to GSCA members. If this were a "local club," they would be able to do all of these things with GSCA members and non-GSCA members, thereby serving more people and getting more people involved who do not need to be GSCA members.

4) Does the GSCA allow the Area Committees to have their own websites (paid for with GSCA monies?)

A: Yes, an Event Committee website would keep the local members up to date on what is going on within their committee, allow for local 'brags,' etc. Once again they have all worked very hard to raise the money, and annual charges for the websites are not that significant. AKC breed clubs have their own websites so why not on the smaller scale of event committees of the GSCA?

5) The question came up just "who is" Badgerland when it comes to purposes of insurance since we can no longer have officers?

A: Separate insurance is not needed as this is an Event Committee of the parent club.

6) Can we as Badgerland still "vote" on anything brought up for us as an Area Committee or do we need to bring that all to the GSCA Board?

A: Committee members vote on issues that involve the committee. For example, if they want to change the location of their specialty, they can vote on that within the committee. The GSCA Board is not going to micro-manage the ECs. If there is a call for a vote that does not follow the GSCA P&P or bylaws, then the GSCA Board should be consulted.

7) Is the GSCA giving the Area Committees/Event Committees latitude in which to operate and allocate funds as necessary? Hence the bank accounts being sent to Jane monthly?

A: As stated, the GSCA is not going to micro-manage the Event Committees. If there is an issue such as a large donation to a charitable organization, this should be brought up to the Board for approval, but if the EC needs to spend money to have a luncheon or to pay someone to speak at a meeting, this does not need to go to the Board. All GSCA ECs must provide the GSCA Treasurer with copies of receipts for any charitable donations. These are needed for IRS purposes and for the GSCA federal tax return. Also, note that the EC bank statements need to be sent to the GSCA Treasurer quarterly, not monthly.

8) Badgerland wants to purchase software and a laptop for use at GSCA events (Hunt Test/

Field Trial). Does this have to go through the GSCA Board? April 2012 Issue #699 www.gsc.org 5

A: This is not a problem but, if the EC does purchase this, the Board should be informed so they can keep a schedule of GSCA equipment and to whom the equipment is 'assigned.' In addition, there may be an insurance issue, for instance, if the laptop is stolen or lost. Jane will have to confirm what our insurance policy says about equipment owned by the GSCA. Also, if the EC were ever to disband and not want to operate any longer, the laptop and associated software would need to be turned over to the GSCA Board.

9) If we were to have a Badgerland Gordon Setter Fanciers 'club,' then we understand that there would have to be two checking accounts—one as we currently have it for the GSCA Badgerland Events Committee and the other one as Fanciers. Correct? However, we would NOT be able to host GSCA/AKC events such as field trials/hunt tests/specialties?

A: A 'club' would not be the group hosting a GSCA/AKC event. The Event Committee would host the GSCA/AKC events as the GSCA and would use the GSCA (Event Committee) bank account, not the 'club' account.

10) Badgerland currently has 40 members with dues being about \$15 each. That's about \$600 that we gain yearly. It is our belief that people will not necessarily want to make "donations" to the GSCA, especially if they are NOT GSCA members.

A: There is no need for an EC to collect dues. If the EC needs money to operate, then they should do some fundraising instead. Non-GSCA members can work at GSCA endorsed events as long as they are under the supervision of a GSCA member. Non-GSCA members can attend GSCA endorsed events to share in the fun but they cannot be listed as a member of the committee. If there are people in the area who are not GSCA members, then forming a separate local club should be considered. It may better serve the Gordon Setter owners in the area and also allow them to participate in the GSCA events held by the EC. Keep in mind that this local 'club' is different from a group that wants to become independent and recognized by the AKC.

11) The question is what to do (how to keep them interested enough to send a donation) about the group of people who are not GSCA members but who become potential BGSC "donors" in the

future? We currently suggest the local newsletter is what they are paying for. Do we continue with a newsletter? I hope so since it keeps members up to date and makes them feel they are working with a local group (from Chris Rhoden).

A: There is no reason why a GSCA Event Committee cannot have a newsletter that reports what is going on in the area. Nonmembers should be included in the events and they can work at the event as long as they are under the supervision of a GSCA member. Hopefully, over time, non-members will realize the advantage of being a GSCA member.

12) Seems we may be making more about this than is needed—if GSCA just wants us to operate with an understanding that we are an area committee but we can operate much as we currently do—sans the board and unneeded officers—then maybe we can continue. I suspect, though, that without having a local board we'll lose attendees at certain meetings, like the "Winter Walk"...but that's just a guess (also from Chris Rhoden).

A: The Event Committee only requires a Chairperson and a Treasurer. There is no reason to think that this structure would impact attendance at functions or meetings.

13) Question came up as to whether we, as Badgerland Area Committee, can allocate funds to Pine Island for tractor maintenance, money donated to a club member for her book to be published and in a club member's name for a memorial (i.e., Wildlife Rehab/CHF)?

A: If Pine Island is where the EC has their events and the tractor is needed at these events, then this would be allowed. Money donated to benefit any one member would not be a GSCA allowable expense. If people want to give money to a member for something, they should have a separate fundraiser that anyone can contribute to such as a 50/50 raffle, but the funds do not go into the GSCA account. If the EC makes a donation to a charity in memory of a member, this would be acceptable. If the amount is significant, it should be presented to the GSCA Board for approval. And, as mentioned earlier, the GSCA Treasurer needs to be notified of donations to charities for GSCA tax purposes.

CONDOLENCES



DEVI – owned and loved by Jack Johnson and his family lost her battle with cancer the first part of April. Rest in peace Devi .

CAMBLE'S SWIFT SOPHIE PT OA OAJ

2/21/00-4/25/12. Although not a Gordon she did live with three over the eleven years at the Gomez house. Sophie the Border Collie was sent to the other side to be pain free and run like the wind. Sophie was owned and loved by Bob and Janet Gomez.

NEW TITLES

CH. SHADOWDANCER'S SKYHIGH WALKABOUT

Walker finished his Championship in Novi, MI. He was Reserve Winner's Dog on January 19th and took Winner's Dog on January 22nd to finish. Walker is owned by Ed and Carol Ervin. Congratulations to all!

U-CH ALAINN'S WILDWOOD RING OF FIRE, JH, CGC

Cash finished his UKC Championship in Ixonia, WI on February 12th. Cash took BOW and BOB at both shows to finish his title. Cash is owned by Ron and Gwen Pfeil. Good job everyone!

WAGS AND BRAGS

BISS GRCH. U-GRCH. GLEN OAKS RIVER BREEZE SHIRAZ

River took Best of Breed and a Group IV Placement on January 28th in Grayslake, IL. He competed in February at the Westminster Kennel Club Show again this year and brought home an Award of Merit (see picture on page 6). River is owned by Marte Wetzel, Gail Godding and Peg DaVault.

ALAINN'S FIRST LADY RN, MH, CGC

Ceillidh was Best Female at both UKC shows on Feb. 12 in Ixonia, WI. She is owned by Ron and Gwen Pfeil.

LYRIC N'AMETHYST RISING O' THE MOON, CGC

Crescent was Winner's Bitch and Best of Winners on Saturday, March 3rd, at the Wisconsin Kennel Club Show. Crescent is owned by Peg DaVault and Laurie Carlson.

TAMDHU TARTANA TALIESIN

Stella was RWB on Saturday, March 3rd in Milwaukee. She also took RWB on March 31st in Manitowoc at the Packerland Kennel Club Show. Stella is owned by Jeanne Bleck, Holly Wachuta, and Jamie Wisnewski.

CH. U-CH ROCKY KNOLL'S RESPECTABLE KNIGHT, CGC

Knight took Select Dog on Saturday, March 3rd in Milwaukee. He is owned by Beth Hintz.

CH. U-CH GLEN OAKS BLACK SWAN SHIRAZ

Sydney was Select Bitch at the Wisconsin Kennel Club Show in Milwaukee. She is owned by Marte Wetzel and Beth Hintz.

BOGART O'MACINTYRE SKYE OF GAELWYND

Bogie took Winner's Dog on Sunday, March 4th in Milwaukee. He was Winner's Dog and Best of Winner's both days in Manitowoc, March 31st and April 1st. Bogie is owned by Nanette Johnson and Richard Rusch.

GRCH. U-CH GLEN OAKS' AFTERGLOW O' AMETHYST, JH, RN

Flame took Select Bitch on Sunday March 4th in Milwaukee and again on Sunday April 1st in Manitowoc. Flame is owned by Laurie Carlson and Peg DaVault.

CH. TAMDHU STELLAR EXPLOSION

Nova was Select Bitch on March 31st in Manitowoc, at the Packerland Kennel Club Show. Nova is owned by Chris and Connie Rhoden.

TAMDHU XLV MVP

Erin took a 4th place in the Puppy stake at the Four Lakes GSP club walking field Trial on March 25th, 2012. Erin is owned by Chris and Connie Rhoden.



What to Do When Your Dog Gets Diarrhea

If your pet is an adult, otherwise healthy, and behaving normally except for the diarrhea, it is recommended to withhold food – NOT WATER – for 12 hours.

At the 12-hour mark, offer a bland, fat-free diet. Cooked ground turkey and plain 100 percent pumpkin is recommended.

Cook the ground turkey to remove grease and extra fat. And make sure the pumpkin isn't pie filling, just plain canned or fresh cooked. If you can't find plain canned pumpkin, substitute cooked sweet potato or even instant mashed potatoes.

This is a different bland diet from the traditional ground beef and rice combination that is often recommended. Even the leanest ground beef contains a lot of fat, and fat can worsen a case of diarrhea.

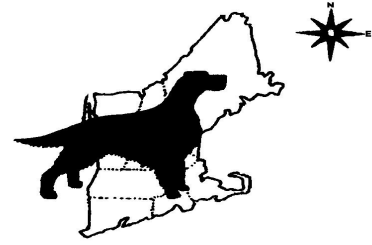
Rice, even though it's bland, is very fermentable. Fermenting rice in the colon of a pet with diarrhea tends to increase gassiness. Also, rice tends to just zip right through the GI tract, exiting with the next bout of explosive diarrhea totally undigested.

Because of its large surface area (when compared to kernels of rice), many pets do much better with pureed pumpkin or sweet potato. Even through a bout of diarrhea, it is readily absorbed.

Mix the cooked ground turkey and pumpkin or sweet potato 50-50 in your dog's bowl. Feed 2 to 3 small meals a day until stools are back to 100 percent, which should happen in about 72 hours.

Feeding a bland diet is a good plan for about 3 days, at which time your dog's stool should be back to normal.

If after 3 days the diarrhea hasn't cleared up, it's time to check in with your veterinarian.



TARTAN GORDON SETTER CLUB, INC. NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The TarTan Gordon Setter Club, Inc. has applications available for one (1) \$1,500 scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Applicant requirements:

- Owns a Gordon Setter or
- Is the child or spouse of someone who owns a Gordon Setter
- Will be enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited institution of higher learning for the 2012-2013 academic year
- Major field of study shall be related to Animal Sciences (including, but not limited to, veterinary, zoology, wildlife management, ecology, behavioral science, etc.) or Comparative Medicine (including, but not limited to) microbiology, pathology, biotechnology, genomics, molecular genetics, etc.)

The application can be downloaded from the TarTan GSC Inc. website: www.tartangsc.org or is available from:

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The deadline for submitting completed applications is May 31, 2012.

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