



GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB OF NORTHERN SAC VALLEY

NEWSLETTER

WINTER EVENTS – FIELD TRIAL RECAP



From the desk of event chair – Carol Chadwick

So many Kudos to our hard working volunteers who make these events happen!!! Grounds Chair Jim Simmons brought the Club trailer over Friday and set up the broke dog course and birdfield!! John Robison and Rebekah Riensche got the Puppy/Derby course laid out and birdfield set up!! Special thanks to Dina Walls for helping with out security fencing for the Puppy side and Patrick Vanier for helping to unload the club trailer!!

Huge thanks to WFT Secretary Cindy Smullen (also Club President) for wrangling paperwork, bracing sheets and results with help from assistant Lydia Barrett who will be WFT Secretary for our March WFT 🤗🤗🤗. Special shout out to Michele Campo Brown for her genius magnetic white board for showing bracing program!! Sure made any changes easy to make and see!!

You ROCK, Michelle!!!

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Many thanks to judges Derrick Mullin, David Nelson , Mike Menasco and Dave Michels for handling our fog delay Saturday morning and still getting everyone run in good time...we are so grateful 🙏.

Special thanks to our hard working gunners Brian Mathis , David Riensche and William Nitto for keeping the birds flying & dying!! Thanks to Dave for doing extra duty as back field bird planter while daughter Rebekah Riensche was running a few dogs 🤗🤗🤗

We appreciate Ray Solander dedication to keeping everyone well fed and caffinated for the weekend!! Taco salads were AWESOME!!

Karen Robison kept the puppy/Derby course safe behind the gate, husband John and Alex Cristiani were kind enough to plant Derby stake both days!!

Most of all to our line Marshall's Ricardo Vyhmeister and Dina Chauncey Walls for getting the dogs to the line on time and reduce the judges wait times!!!!

To say I have the best worker bees any FT Chair could ask for would be a terrible understatement!! I am truly blessed each event to have wonderful help to make the WFT run smoothly 🤗🤗🤗

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart 💙💜❤️🖤💗🤗🤗🤗🎉🎊🎋



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Member Brags!

From Julie Lahr – Von Lahrheim Kennels
Litter due Jan 12. More info on my site.

Also a new champion. Finishing with his 3rd major at the GSPC of Reno supported entry going WD, BOW and BOBOH over a bunch of OH specials.

To add to his Canadian championship. Ch.Lahrheim's Super Hornet FDJ (field title), Jet. He is the sire of top GSP's in Canada.

He is available for stud. Has all required testing.



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Sunny and Hanz puppies did well at GSPC of NSV field trial in December. All taking placements in Puppy stakes and Bo owned and handled by Chip Bell earned a 2nd place in Derby at just 7 months!

In photo Lto R Chip Bell and Bo, Cindy Smullen and Megan, Ron Kusler and George and Chuck Ramage and Toddy.

New puppy in the club

Dominic and Lynn Pettinato are excited to announce they have a new puppy. Tori and Jet aren't nearly as excited as they are. We have a new little girl from Santa named Libby. Rugerheim's Lady Starlight. She was delivered just in time for all the treats, and for Tori's 13th birthday on December 14th.



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Message from the President

This last week you have received an envelope from the GSPC of NSV to vote on our new revised bylaws. Our bylaw committee has volunteered countless hours to update our bylaws to conform to the changing times and to bring them into compliance with AKC.

Please do your best to return your vote in a timely manner. This is your club and it is important we all participate in the process. The dead line to return your vote is December 18, 2023.

Thank you, Cindy Smullen

Dog Flu: Symptoms, Treatment, and Prevention

When it comes to the dog flu, it's important to always be prepared. While most cases are not fatal, the canine influenza virus can make your pup uncomfortably sick, and cause you both a lot of stress and time spent at the vet's office. If you are a dog owner, you don't need to panic about the dog flu, but you should familiarize yourself with the symptoms so that you know what to look for in the event of an outbreak in your area.

What Is Dog Flu?

Dog flu, or canine influenza virus, is an infectious respiratory disease caused by an influenza A virus, similar to the viral strains that cause influenza in people. There are two known strains of dog flu found in the United States:

- H3N8
- H3N2

Link to the rest of the article is [**here!**](#)

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SPRING HUNT TEST MARCH 9-10, 2024

Our March hunt test is being planned currently. The event chair is Rebekah Riensche, and the secretary is Michele Brown. Premiums are set to go out shortly. If you have not been to Quail Point lately, the parking lot has been graveled and is really nice to park in. Once the event premium is ready, our webmaster will post it on our website or contact Michele via email – mtnbrown@sbcglobal.net – <http://gspcofnsv.net>

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Stop your dog from pulling on a leash

It's not only against the law to let your dog off-leash in most public areas, but it can also be unsafe. Your dog could get into a scrap with another dog or run away from you. Keeping your dog leashed allows you greater control over who they interact with and what they get into. But how do you teach your dog to walk politely on a leash? Nobody wants to be dragged down the street, and with a larger dog, you can even suffer injuries if they pull hard enough.

Although leash pulling is a common issue for dogs, there are simple techniques to teach your dog appropriate leash behavior. Plus, adjusting your behavior during walks can make a big difference too. If you follow these 10 tips, instead of your dog walking you, soon you and your dog will be walking together. Link [here](#) for the rest of the article.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – COMING UP DECEMBER 31, 2023

[Link to the form is here!](#)

Just click the whole line above

PLEASE MAKE SURE TO RENEW AS SOON AS YOU CAN SO THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE IN OUR 2024 ELECTIONS. THIS WILL INCLUDE BOARD OF DIRECTOR POSITIONS .



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What does it cost to have an event

We thought it would be good to include the budget and costs to hold an event for the club. We just completed our Winter Walking Field Trial. This event was a profitable event. We made about \$680.00 for this event. The reason we made money at this event is that the birds were less than what was budgeted for. The price was quoted at \$22.00 each and when it came to paying the bill, they ended up being \$18.00 each. Our entries revenue was less than what was estimated, so we are glad for the price break on birds. The facility costs \$600.00 for us to rent. Judges for this event cost us \$1400.00 and that is nowhere near what their costs were. They were very generous with us. AKC fees are about \$350.00 for the event and food for both days was \$470.00 to cover our crew of volunteers. Without the generosity of our volunteers, these events would not be possible. The board constantly reviews budgets and the costs involved with events to keep the prices in line with other events in the area, but also allowing for a bit of profit.

2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- SPRING TEST MARCH 9-10, 2024 QUAIL POINT. THE EVENT WILL INCLUDE AN AMATEUR WALKING PUPPY STAKE – PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE
- SPRING WALKING FIELD TRIAL – MARCH 23-24, 2024 QUAIL POINT
- WOOFSTOCK – JUNE 7-8, 2024 – SOLANO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – SUPPORTED ENTRY AND DESIGNATED SPECIALTY

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Nomination Season is coming up

Just to let you all know that the GSPC of Northern Sacramento Valley is coming up on Nomination Season soon. Are you interested in running for a position on the Board. The President, Cindy Smullen, and Secretary, Nicole Prudhel, are up for election this year as well as 3 directors. The committee is looking for people to run in those spots.

Club Officers

President – Cindy Smullen – runningdesire@aol.com
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2023

Topic: GSPC of NSV General Membership Zoom Meeting
Time: Dec 12, 2023 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86387829834?
pwd=npVula7cjZwNBXPJ4geLjTewaura1a.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86387829834?pwd=npVula7cjZwNBXPJ4geLjTewaura1a.1)

Meeting ID: 863 8782 9834
Passcode: 956752

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Do you have any GSPCA concerns that you want discussed or explained by the Board of Directors, please let Dominic Pettinato, (email NWDirector@gspca.org), know so he can get your request addressed. The GSPCA board meeting is January 13-14, 2024 and will be a Zoom call.

Consider membership to the GSPCA, if you are not already. Here is a [link](#) to the most recent Shorthair Journal so you can see an issue.

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