



## GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB OF NORTHERN SAC VALLEY

# NEWSLETTER

## SPRING EVENTS RECAP FOR 2024



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all our worker bees who worked so hard to have two great events this past month! Our Hunt Tests on March 9 and 10, 2024, at Quail Point Hunt Club were lead by Chairman Rebekah Riensche and her secretary Michele Brown. Our Field Trial on March 30 and 31, 2024 was lead by Carol Chadwick and her secretary Lydia Barrett. Both events were highly successful and I only heard good things from the awards, to the judges, to the bird planters and gunners. Everyone worked hard and as a team. Just so great to be part of this club!

I do have to note that our long time member Ray Solander suffered a heart attack the day before our field trial. Ray has for many years been there in the rain, heat and 90 mile winds to serve meals. We missed you Ray! We hope you are continuing your path to being well again. (I'm sure Ray would love any get well wishes mailed to him at P.O. Box 341 Lincoln CA 95648.)

The club has events coming up that also need your attention. May 25, 2024 Ola Simmons has put together a snake avoidance workshop. Ola and Jim have offered their place to hold this event so there will be little overhead and money made goes back into club.

June 7 and 8 the club has specialty show with the Contra Costa Kennel Club. Nicole Prudhel is chairman for this event. Please contact her with trophy donations and with help to set event up.

July 20 and 21 2024 is our Fun Days event. Entries are out and we hope you can attend!

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## SPRING WALKING FIELD TRIAL UPDATE

From the desk of Chairperson Carol Chadwick:

They say it "takes a village" to pull off a well run field trial and in the case of the GSPC of NSV field trial this past weekend, it really took THREE villages to get through the weekend!!!! With more twists and turns than Laguna Seca road course, my fabulous committee and selfless Team Orange volunteers rose to meet every challenge to make the field trial a wonderful and successful event Friday we learned our beloved Camp Chef Ray Solander had a serious heart attack and was in ICU.

The committee organized by Michele Brown sprang into action to make sure the judges and volunteers were well fed the whole event. BFF Derrick Mullin helped keep everyone caffeinated with his AWESOME Wild Hawk Coffee !!!

Can not thank our grounds crew led by Jim Simmons , John Robison, Michele Brown and Rebekah Riensche for bringing the club trailer over to grounds and getting both birdfields set up.

We were deeply indebted to our new field trial Secretary Lydia Barrett and mentor Cindy Smullen for keeping the paperwork side of the trial running smoothly with updated bracing and fun Easter themed trophies to go along with ribbons!!

Even with a rainy Saturday start to the trial, line Marshalls Dina Walls and Annika Pelascini kept dogs ready on the line all weekend!!!! Annika Pelascini and Karen Robison were awesome to plant Derby field both days, and everyone got birdwork!! Thank you, Ladies

Kudos to our great gunners Dave Riensche, Darrin Lopez and Dave Debaco for another fabulous job gunning!!!

Annika and Cindy got lots of photos for the Club newsletter and of baby Kahn!!

Many thanks go to Nick and John for donating their Gator and ATV to help move birds and workers around all weekend!!

Thank you to Robin Remondi\_for helping getting everyone fed both day at lunch, rain or shine!!! Our judges kept everyone on task and made several folks VERY happy with some wonderful blue ribbon awards!! Derrick Mullin, Sarah Hayes , Roy Smith, Terry Barnes and Jim Simmons worked hard to keep the braces moving and dogs running on time!! Special thanks to Bob Geib for backfield bird planting both days AND for baking some AWESOME sourdough bread as part of the judges thank you gifts!!!

I am one of the most fortunate FT Chairpersons to have the most incredible group of new people who handled every challenge thrown at us with calm problem solving and professional commitment to having a great trial for everyone there

I could not be prouder of this team and committee members...our Club is truly blessed with a great future in holding performance events!!! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to excellence...thank you all so much

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## SPRING HUNT TEST UPDATE

A Huge Thank You to Everyone Who Joined Us This Weekend!

We are overwhelmed with gratitude for each and every one of you who attended the hunt test this weekend. It was an incredible event brimming with joy, camaraderie, adorable dogs, and supportive cheers. The spirit of sportsmanship was alive and thriving, making it a memorable weekend for all.

A special shoutout to our amazing volunteers who were the backbone of this event. Your dedication and hard work ensured everything ran smoothly from start to finish. We couldn't have done it without your enthusiasm and commitment. Special thanks to Rebekah Riensche, event chair, and Michele Brown, newbie event secretary, for keeping the event so organized and on time. Many compliments came in from the club and the exhibitors.

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our exceptional judges. Your fairness, kindness, encouragement, and overall wonderful demeanor made you the perfect judges for our event. A special thank you to Jannie Humphrey, Cindy Smullen, Derrick Mullin, Jim Simmons for your invaluable contribution.

Thank you once again for making this weekend not just an event, but a celebration of our love for dogs and the community. Here's to many more successful events in the future!



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## MEMBER BRAGS!



Echo, owned by Karen and John Robison, was awarded OH Sporting Group 1 and OH Best in Show on Sunday, March 24, 2024, in Corning, CA put on by the Oakland Kennel Club. CONGRATULATIONS!



Just in from Rebekah Riensche – Izzy went first in Open Gun Dog and third in Amateur Gun Dog at the GSPC of NSV Walking Field Trial in March.

Congratulations!

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## MEMBER BRAGS!



From Ola and Jim Simmons – I would like to brag about Willow’s completion of her AFC title at our FT. She is now DC AFC CH NMK’s Willow In The Wind MH.  
– Way to go! –



Also from Ola and Jim – Willow’s 3 kids, Maverick, Rudy and Pearl entered in our FT had placements in Amateur and Open Derby with Pearl winning AD.

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## UPCOMING SNAKE BREAK EVENT



### RATTLESNAKE Avoidance Clinic For Dogs

Let the experts from “SNAKEOUT”  
train you and your dog to avoid  
rattlesnakes

The German Shorthaired Pointer Club of  
Northern Sacramento Valley is hosting  
rattlesnake avoidance training in  
Somerset, Ca. A Licensed snake  
handler will conduct the training to  
assure maximum effectiveness and safety. Dogs will be trained  
to use 3 senses; sight, sound and smell, to detect and avoid  
rattlers. This training could save your dog’s life.

**WHEN:** May 25, 2024

**Where:** 4261 Sand Ridge Road  
Somerset, Ca

**Cost:** \$125.00/dog

Appointments will be scheduled in 15 minute increments  
beginning at 8:00 am.

Call today to register and reserve a spot for your dog(s)

To Register contact Ola Simmons (530) 919-6689

The methods used by the snake handlers at SNAKEOUT differ significantly from  
other companies as the owner handles the dog through the training process with the  
guidance of the snake handler. This allows the owner to recognize the dog’s behavior  
when it encounters a snake. The snake handlers identify and modify training based  
on each individual dog due to their extensive experience with all breeds of dogs.

Please contact Ola Simmons to register and with any questions you may have. Ola  
may be reached at 530-919-6689. We look forward to seeing you and your dogs at our  
snake avoidance clinic.



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## Vestibular Disease in Dogs: Signs, Symptoms, Treatment

If you've ever had issues with your balance, you know how frightening it can be. Well, dogs can have balance issues, too, and the dramatic way it manifests is scary for the dog, as well as the owner observing the signs. Any dysfunction in the body's system for balance and equilibrium leads to something known as vestibular disease. Learn what vestibular disease in dogs looks like and what you can do to help your dog if they're ever affected. Click the link for the rest of the article – <https://www.akc.org/expert-advice/health/vestibular-disease-in-dogs/>

### **DON'T FORGET OUR MERCHANDISE OPTIONS WITH NEW SPRING COLORS!**

**THE LINK IS HERE! – JUST CLICK IT – YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO!**



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## Woofstock Specialty and Supported Entry

Thank you so much to our generous club members who have donated so far to our trophy fund for Woofstock. We have some fabulous trophies that are colorful AND useful set for both days. We do have a few slots left open, if anyone would like to fill them. Best of Opposite for both Sweepstakes on Saturday (\$55 each spot) and Select Dog for Saturday (\$50 for that spot).

**Generous Donors so far**

**The Tzartzanis Family**

**Cindy Smullen**

**The Bodutch Family**

**Carol Bratcher**

**Judy Rocchi and Jason McDill**

**The Alcalá Family**

**Patrick Vanier**

**Remember to Vote!**

**The ballots have been sent to your email. They will be tabulated for the April 9th meeting. Contact [NPrudhel@gmail.com](mailto:NPrudhel@gmail.com) if you do not have your ballot.**

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## GSPCA Corner

Sun May 12 GSPCA National Agility Trials

Mon May 13 Wisconsin GSPC Specialty Show Judge: Ms. Margaret (Margie) Wilson, Junior Showmanship Judge: Becky Feigh\*

Tue May 14 GSPCA Regional Specialty Show, Junior Showmanship Judge: Mrs Char Rutar

Wed May 15

GSPCA NSS Sweepstakes/ Veteran Sweepstakes Judge: Ms Gerry Thornton

Regional Obedience Trial Judge: Ms. Loretta Lazzara

Regional Rally Trial Judge: Mr. Fred Buroff

4-6 Beginner Puppy Competition Judge: Mrs Char Rutar

Thu May 16

GSPCA NSS Futurity Judge: Ms. Shelley Schwerdt

National Obedience Trial Judge: Mr. Fred Buroff

National Rally Trial Judge: Ms. Loretta Lazzara

NSSEC Delegates Meeting (afternoon) (TBC)

Top 25 & Parade of Titleholders (eve)

Fri May 17 National Specialty

Regular & Non-Regular Classes Judge: Mr. James Covey

Pee Wee Special Attraction (afternoon) Judge: Ms Karen Rooks Nauer

General Membership Meeting (TBC)

Sat May 18 National Specialty

Junior Showmanship Judge: Mrs Christy Douglas Featherston

Best of Breed Judge: Mr. James Covey

Stud Dog & Brood Bitch Judge: Mrs Christy Douglas Featherston

Annual Awards Banquet (eve)

## 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- SNAKE BREAK – MAY 25, 2024 – SOMERSET, CA
- WOOFSTOCK – JUNE 7–8, 2024 – SOLANO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS – SUPPORTED ENTRY AND DESIGNATED SPECIALTY
- FUN DAYS – JULY 20–21, 2024 – HASTING ISLAND
- FALL SPECIALTY AND SUPPORTED ENTRY – OCTOBER 26–27, 2024 – DIXON MAY FAIRGROUNDS

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### **Bringing back club awards!**

At our Fun Days this year, the committee is resurrecting club awards.

Please find the link below for recognizing your dog and the titles it has earned! Certificates will be handed out at Fun Days!

<https://forms.gle/3iqukmqu8mRovFbb8>

### **Club Officers**

President – Cindy Smullen – [runningdesire@aol.com](mailto:runningdesire@aol.com)

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Dave Riensche – [driensche@ebparks.org](mailto:driensche@ebparks.org)

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 9, 2024**

Topic: General Membership Meeting

Time: Apr 9, 2024 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83193079517?  
pwd=NUJrakizmXV9ovBmOWJcjlCMVihFix.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83193079517?pwd=NUJrakizmXV9ovBmOWJcjlCMVihFix.1)

Meeting ID: 831 9307 9517

Passcode: 092676

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# FUN DAYS 2024

July 20 and 21 at Hastings Island  
**Open to all dog owners and families**

We hope this is an educational and fun weekend. Fill out entry form, make check payable to GSPC of NSV. Entries close July 5 or when we reach number of entries we can handle. When entries close we will email out a final schedule of times and directions.

Please mark all workshops and events you plan to attend. There is a charge for Hunt Test, Agility workshop, Chukar Shoot and Water Retrieve. All other events are free **and** if you are a Junior Handler all events are **free!**

**Mail entry and check payable to GSPC of NSV**

*Cindy Smullen at 19780 Heater Ln Reno Nevada 89521  
 775 843 8204*

Saturday July 21, 2024

- Mock Hunt Test 8 AM to 3PM..... Jim Simmons
- AKC Water Retrieve to follow Hunt Test..... Chuck Ramage
- AKC Fit Dog Walk One ..... Michelle Brown
- How to Show your dog ..... Malina Tzartzanis
- Taco Pot Luck Lunch noon at club house..... Dina Walls

Sunday July 22, 2024

- Chukkar Shoot 8AM ..... Dave Riensche
- Agility Workshop 8 AM lawn area ..... Cindy Smullen
- Stand Up Paddle Board 9:30 AM lawn area ..... Grace Waymire
- How to groom your dog 11 AM at club house..... Mercedes Johnson
- Pizza Pot Luck and Raffle at noon at club house ..... Dina Walls
- AKC Fit Dog Walk Two to follow..... Michelle Brown
- Bird planting and how to handle birds 2PM Club House ..... Jim Simmons
- Judges Seminar learn from panel of AKC Judges ..... Jim Simmons

**Remember to wear orange at all times.** Bring water for dog and a folding chair for you.

The mock hunt test your dog can wear a training collar. Agility workshop and show workshop bring bait. Also if you have show lead bring to show class.

Have a crate to keep dog when not working him. Dogs are not allowed in club house.

The raffle can always use a few donations and any item like a bottle of wine, dog bed, dog food or that white elephant in the closet bring it on down. We are raffling a Final Rise Hunting Vest and to get a ticket contact Grace Waymire at 916 765 7654. We can use some help with the pot luck and Dina Walls will be giving you a call or call her at 925 381 6111, to find out what is needed.



## GSPC of NSV FUN DAY ENTRY

Use one entry per dog and handler team.

Dogs name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Handler name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

JUNIOR HANDLER AKC # \_\_\_\_\_

Mark an X on each event you and your dog plan to attend.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mock Hunt Test -Junior, Senior or Master (please circle) ..... \$55
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water Retriever Workshop..... \$15
- \_\_\_\_\_ AKC Fit Dog Walk Sat ..... Free
- \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop How to Show your Dog ..... Free
- \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Pot Luck ..... \$5
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chukar Shoot.....\$75
- \_\_\_\_\_ Agility Workshop.....\$20
- \_\_\_\_\_ Paddle Board Workshop ..... Free
- \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop How to Groom Your Dog..... Free
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Pizza Pot Luck and Raffle ..... \$5
- \_\_\_\_\_ AKC Fit Dog Walk Sun ..... Free
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bird Planting Workshop ..... Free
- \_\_\_\_\_ Judges panel Hunt Test/Field Trial ..... Free

Total \_\_\_\_\_

I am responsible for me and my dog and I hold harmless GSPC of NSV and Hastings Island and any parties connected to this event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date