

THE HOT WIRE

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GENERAL MEETING

There will be a general meeting on **Saturday January 31, 2004** at the home of Sarah Colwell and Ellis Herz. The meeting will begin at 11AM and will end no later than 2PM. This location is somewhat centrally located for those coming from the northern, southern or western areas.

The major discussion will focus on the Club's hosting the 2006 GWPCA Nationals. While the field events will follow the Club's usual Hunt Test/Field Trial routine and location (California City), there is concern about the Show portion of the event. Help is needed in securing information about prospective sites in the Lancaster area, as well as the costs involved. Another area needing to be addressed is securing a "host" hotel to handle the annual meeting, the banquet, and judges accommodations. Your help is needed.

Also on the agenda is the need to set up Club meetings for the months of March and April. According to the Club By-Laws, nominations for club officers may be made from the floor. A ballot would then be sent to club members to vote for the person they feel would best fill the office for which they are nominated. April is the start of the Club's year and the meeting is the one at which new officers take over.

Please RSVP to Sarah and Ellis no later than January 28th if you are planning to attend the meeting. They need to arrange for lunch and need a "head count." Their telephone number is 661-268-8805 or you can email them at redogsrus@earthlink.net. Directions to their home: Take the 14 Freeway north towards Palmdale/Lancaster. Exit Agua Dulce Canyon Road. Turn left. Proceed to Davenport Road (1.3 miles from the freeway). Turn left. Go .2 mile to Barber Road. Turn left again. (There is a big pepper tree that partially blocks the street sign, so if you go more than two tenths of a mile, you've gone too far!) Turn left at the second house – the address is: 32446 Barber Road. The house is set back from the street.

Please check the club website for any updates. The last posting prior to the meeting will be January 29th.

December Meeting Report

A general meeting was held on December 7, 2003 at the home of Sarah Colwell and Ellis Herz. While attendance was low (owing to bad weather, being out of town, or attending the Long Beach shows), a lot was accomplished.

As most of you know, Fran and Jim Kidder have been spending a lot of time in Virginia, where they will be re-locating shortly. As a result, there was no Treasurer's Report. Since Don and Cathy Magoon were at the

Long Beach shows, there was not a final report on the November Field Trial. Harvey Rawn recommended getting a full Treasurer's Report. There followed a discussion about locations of the bank currently being used and the difficulty in opening an account at a new bank because of the club's non-profit status. Ellis Herz offered to get the club a deposit stamp to make endorsing checks easier.

Secretary Karen Nelsen reported that a hard copy of the next newsletter (January) will be sent as memberships need to be renewed. A membership application will be enclosed with the newsletter. The newsletter will also be sent to the club website.

Karla Weber reported that the October Hunt Test made \$750. The walkie-talkies were given to Karen to be put in the Club trailer.

A Nominating Committee (Karen Nelsen, Sarah Colwell and Harvey Rawn) was appointed. The committee met to discuss and arrive at a slate of officers for the upcoming year. (See "Slate" article.)

The Club's annual Supported Entry and Specialty will both be held in conjunction with the Pasadena Kennel Club Show. The dates will be June 5th and 6th. LeAnn Farrell is a possible Sweepstakes judge being considered. A discussion followed on how the Club would go about finding out what input we would have in choosing the specialty judge.

The Club's Hunt Test will be held October 23-24, 2004. Karla offered to be Chairman and volunteered the services of Linda Ercoli as Secretary. It was decided to skip the Club's February Field Trial and concentrate on the Fall event. Two possible dates are being considered: November 13-14 (our standing dates) or December 4-5. Ellis offered to be Chairman and Karen volunteered to be Secretary.

It was decided that the Club would offer to host the 2006 Nationals, and the following information was discussed. Because of the hot weather stretching far into October, it was felt that later was better. It was felt that October 27th through November 4th would work best. The Field Trial would be held at California City with Ellis being the chairman and Sarah the Secretary. For the Hunt Test, including a Water Test, Karla offered chairing with Linda Ercoli as Secretary. Karen offered to be Hospitality/Food Chairman. Show Coordinator would/could be Joan Payton. Karen said she would contact the parent club to see if they could hold two stand alone specialties. That would give us three shows – our own Specialty, the National Specialty, and one hosted by the GWPCA. Ellis suggested Leslie Vargas doing the catalog. Karla mentioned that we might be able to borrow the equipment needed for obedience/agility from Judy Coffman. Suz Rawn's name was mentioned as handling the Merchandise items. Raffle and Catalog Advertising were mentioned, but no names surfaced.

It was decided to hold a meeting addressing the "show" issues as soon as possible. Karla said she would check with Joan to see what her availability was.

The meeting was adjourned about 2PM.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee members, Karen Nelsen, Sarah Colwell and Harvey Rawn met at the general meeting and arrived at the following slate for officers for the upcoming year: President – Ellis Herz; Vice-President – Karla Weber; Secretary – Karen Nelsen; Treasurer – Suz Rawn. Board positions were as follows: Linda Ercoli, Charlie Licitra and Don Magoon. Club members may make additional nominations from the floor at the March meeting.

Letters to the Editor

This was received some time ago from Dick Hoeflinger, who now lives in Hawaii.

“Aloha Karen. I receive the GWP Newsletter in fine fettle – it appears the electrons travel unimpeded the 2500 miles from there to here.

“When I first arrived on the island of Hawaii some years ago, I observed that there were not many hunting dogs that really knew how to hunt. I decided to try to help out the dogs and their owners, and formed Big Island Gun Dogs a year or so ago. We are an organization devoted to promoting excellence in the pointing breeds.

“We hold monthly meetings, conduct a training session at least once a month, and publish a monthly Newsletter. Our membership is now 26 persons on two islands, and growing exponentially. There are four GWPs in the club – my three (two dogs and a bitch), and a neutered male. The rest are GSPs, Pointers and Brits.

“The big news here, of course, is that the 100 year old canine quarantine law has been relaxed. Having imported 3 dogs into Hawaii, and testifying before the State Department of Agriculture on the proposed change, I can tell you factually that the former law was scientifically unsupportable, obscenely expensive, and traumatic to dogs and owners alike. While the new law still prevents the importation of a young dog, it does eliminate the 30-120 day “jail time” served, and reduces import cost by about \$1,000 per dog.”

For those interested in “talking” to Dick, he can be reached via email at: hilodik@aol.com

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Membership Renewal Application

German Wirehaired Pointed Club of Southern California

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ (Home)

() _____ (Business)

Email address: _____

Individual: \$20

Family Membership: \$30
Due January 1, 2004 – Delinquent March 31, 2004

Junior: (under 18, \$5)

Make checks payable to GWPC/SC and mail to:

Karen Nelsen
4967 Trail Street
Norco, CA 92860

Dues Reminder

Treasurer Fran Kidder gently reminds all members that annual dues are due. There is a membership renewal form attached. Please make any correction/changes and send the form along with your check. Since Fran will be relocating shortly, it is asked that membership information and dues be sent to Karen Nelsen.

With Sympathy and Fond Memories

The following Club members have recently lost one of their beloved fuzzy-faced companions.

Cindy Heiller

Ch Weidenhugel Ulla V Rap, JH, CGC

June 1, 1993 – November 14, 2003

Greta was the dam of Cindy's "Gabby", "Xtra", and "Stripper"

Lisa Jaffe Boyer

Ch Ripsnorter's Fraulein Heidi, JH

October 19, 1990 – December 16, 2003

GOOD NEWS AND BRAGS

The following are results from the shows held in Long Beach

Friday Show

Winners Dog:

Cynister's Garcia Shep Tramp

Handler – Courtney Magoon

Winner's Bitch/Best of Winners

Cynister's Star Dancer

O/ Cathy & Don Magoon

H/ Courtney Magoon

Saturday Show

Winner's Dog:

Cynister's N IdaWire

Mystre N Amber

O/ Don & Cathy Magoon

H/ Courtney Magoon

Sunday Show

Winner's Dog & Best of Winners

Weidenhugel Heritage V Merlin

O/ Linda Ercoli

H/ Courtney Magoon

Winner's Bitch:

Cynister's Star Dancer

O/ Cathy & Don Maggon

H/ Courtney Magoon

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