



# EDUCATION DAY

Hurricane? What hurricane? While most of south Jersey was heading north by order of the governor on August 27, faithful club members and fellow sporting dog owners were already up north at the Green Acres Game Preserve in Hackettstown.

Event organizers Mary Eyles and Mike Blanchard gave the decision to hold the event much consideration. Most reports predicted the storm would arrive in the evening, which would give plenty of time for participants to attend and get safely home.

Club President Jackie Gerber said, "It was overcast with just a small sprinkle so the weather agreed the



decision to hold the day was the correct one."

In fact, the rain held out until literally just after the event. Irene's threat did

keep a handful of people home—60 registered and 44 attended—yet, the day was definitely a success. The Vizla clan was out in force and nearly out numbered the GSP turnout.

Bob Rynkiewicz and Mike discussed hunt tests and field trials, outlining the differences and providing an insiders point of view. The crowd asked a lot of questions and everyone benefitted from their

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*Welcome New Members*

Kenneth & Michele Kaminski  
George & Michele Mangiaracina  
Mary Pavoni • Gavin Scalyer  
Peter Seidelmann • Karin Stiefel

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I think about the club, our events, the rain that cancelled the September Specialty Show and general meeting and the snow in October, which along with the rain caused a loss of power, I am glad to see this year coming to an end even though our events all made money.

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone what this club is all about. The Eastern German Shorthaired Pointer Club (EGSPC) is an American Kennel Club (AKC) member club and was formed to:

- 1. Encourage and promote responsible breeding of pure bred German Shorthaired Pointers*
- 2. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed by encouraging sportsman like competition at all specialty shows and Club events*
- 3. Conduct events under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club*

We see the above points as part of Section 2 in our Constitution, but I want to focus on point number 3. What does it mean to be an AKC Member Club?

It means we are required to hold AKC approved events as well as educate people about GSPs. What are AKC approved events? Specialty and/or Supported Shows, Hunt Tests, Field Trials, Match Shows, Meet and Greet the Breed, and Education Days. If we do not hold these events we can lose our status as an AKC Member club.

Please realize how critical it is that the EGSPC is an AKC Member Club. First, it means we do not need the approval of our parent club, German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America (GSPCA), for the dates we schedule our events. (Actually the EGSPC has been in existence longer than GSPCA.) There are only two member clubs in the AKC—all others must obtain their parent club approval prior to scheduling any AKC event.

It is important that we can pick our own dates for several reasons. For example, if we were assigned dates approved by the parent club we would have the same weekend every year and would not be able to avoid conflicts with other clubs or holidays. We would not be able to avoid having events in months known for bad weather.

Also, being an AKC member club is the reason WHY Eastern can have it's own rescue. If we were not a member club, rescue would be under the parent club and subject to its rules and regulations.

In order for the Eastern to meet the requirements of the AKC it takes time and people, which is getting more and more difficult. We have over 200 members, but only a core group that does everything possible to ensure that

Eastern meets that AKC requirements, This group is getting older and as leadership we need to recruit younger members to get more involved. We want to see more involvement from more of you no matter what your age!

A successful example of this was at our fall hunt test where some younger volunteers learned how they can assist with running the event. One volunteer wanted to learn how to be a gunner and was shown the ropes by seasoned gunners, in fact the volunteer even assisted in gunning for some of the senior and master braces. This means he got to shoot at the birds planted in the bird field for the dogs that were working on their senior or master hunting titles.

The second volunteer wanted to learn about being a line marshal, and once the requirements were explained to her, she took on the job with a zeal I had not expected.

As the day progressed she not only understood the duties of a line marshal, she had everything running smoothly. By Sunday she knew what was required, knew what the participants looked like, what car was theirs, and ensured they checked in.

What fascinated me was that she was really enjoying herself and her exuberance carried over to the participants, something many of us (old timers) have forgotten. It was great to see younger members getting involved as well as some older members who were called on to help stock the birds on the course so that the dogs could find and point them (this is a requirement of the hunt test and field trials).

Sincerest thanks to Sean and Sandy Castle for their apprenticeship. They reminded us that it can be fun to volunteer and it also makes the day go by faster.

Getting involved is great for everyone. High participation will ensure that Eastern meets the AKC requirements and will continue to exist for another 70+ years.

On a final note, I want to extend my appreciation to all of our members and especially to the Board of Directors for my past six years as President. I have enjoyed talking with many of you, working the events with you, and getting to know many of you by face (even though at times I did not remember your names).

The Club has flourished due to all of your help and hard work. This is my last President's message—six years is a long time and it is time for younger members to take the leadership. I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the Board for the last 10 (or is it 12?!) years. I am confident that the new President will keep Eastern on track.

Thank all of you for your help, suggestions, and support.

—Jackie Gerber

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expertise. Amid a few points and various stages of attention from the dogs in the session, Mike and Bob showed the proper way to plant a bird. It was amazing to see the bird-dog instinct kick in.

Both the hunt test and field trial demonstrations were running all day with volunteers just about making it to lunch. For advanced participants, gunners Vince Screnci, Tony Smid, and Heidi Scripture were on hand to practice pointing, backing, and retrieving. Florence Duggan and Linda Promaulayko presented conformation, and the day ended with a spectacular presentation from Mother Nature.



## Field Trial • Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2011 • English Setter Club of America, Medford, NJ

The EGSPC Fall Field Trial was a great success. The weather was mostly clear and we managed to run all of our 111 entries. Everyone had a good time, and although we didn't have as much assistance as we would have liked, we are grateful to those that stepped up and lent a hand. A special "thank you" to board and committee members, Jackie Gerber, Brian Rolison, Rob Errigo, Bob Perlin, and Bill Mengert as well as all of our Judges. We would also like to acknowledge Deb Goodie and Mike Mullineaux for all of their entries, judging, and assistance.

Our next Field Trial will run in the same location on March 9-11, 2012. We will need volunteers to assist in working the kitchen, line marshaling, bird planting, gunning, and to just lend a hand where needed. We will also need food donations. If you have never attended a field trial before it will be a great way to learn and to meet people. We can use the support even if it's just for one day or a couple of hours. Contact us at [egspcfieldtrials@gmail.com](mailto:egspcfieldtrials@gmail.com) and let us know when and how you would like to assist. Thank you to all who attended this Field Trial and we look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Congrats to all of our winners and to John Lucey for finishing his GSP Natasha as a Field Champion. (Pictured below)

— **Anthony Rusciano, FT Chairman**  
**Jeff Drogin, FT Secretary**



### Amateur Walking Puppy (dog/owner)

1. Hubert's King Of The World Regardless/J & L Drogin
2. Hubert's Everywhere I Go Regardless/J & L Drogin
3. Joey's Dakota Rebel/J Urso
4. Eighty Eight's Wildeyed Kona/J Buttry

### Open Puppy

1. Orlando's Molly Von Greif/W Orlando
2. Orlando's Oscar Von Greif/W Orlando
3. Hubert's King Of The World Regardless/J & L Drogin
4. Hubert's Everywhere I Go Regardless/J & L Drogin

### Open Derby

1. Fieldmaster's Oregon Road Phosphorus/J Lucey
2. Parker's Ho'Lotta Smoke & Mirrors/D Peluse
3. Saddle's Levi Von Greif/W Orlando
4. Tapestry Brody Jean/ D Goodie

### Amateur Gun Dog Non-Ret

1. Monica's Bye Bye Rachael/ C Monica/M Albanese
2. Marjo's Cruzan Rovon/M Luisi
3. AFC Fieldmaster's Montauk Zephyr/J Lucey
4. Our Wunderschon Boca V Reiteralm/J Harrell

### Amateur Limited Gun Dog Ret

1. CH Kan-Points Runaway To Cloverhill JH/E & F Cavalla
2. Twinsomes Hoover Von Keiffer SH/B Rolison
3. CH Cloverhill Rhinestone Cowgal MH/E & F Cavalla
4. Withheld

### Open Gun Dog Ret

1. AFC Fieldmaster's Montauk Zephyr/J Lucey
2. West Wind's Sky Rocket/M Durham
3. Tapestry Analyze This MH/D Goodie
4. B. Dock's Duke Of Monroe MH/ R Felins

### Open All-Age Non-Ret

1. Monica's Bye Bye Rachael/M Albanese
2. Kj's Hightailing Tess/K & M Joyce
3. West Wind's High Dollar/M Mullineaux
4. Tapestry Annalyza Degree/A Duffy

### Open Limited Gun Dog Non-Ret

1. NFC NAFC FC AFC Milomix Roy/J D'Amico
2. AFC Fieldmaster's Montauk Zephyr/J Lucey
3. Windswepts Miss Liberty/R Perlin
4. West Wind's High Spirit/T George



## Fall Hunt Test • Oct. 22-23, 2011 • Freeland Kennel Club, Weatherly, PA

Fortunately for our fall hunt test the weather was just right for running dogs—clear skies and temperatures from the low 40's to the mid 60's. Thirty-nine out of 62 dogs qualified among the 3 levels (MH, SH, JH). About 30 people attended our judges' dinner where salad, lasagna, and desserts were served. The food was graciously donated.

Special thank you goes out to the following people who were instrumental in running the event.

- Jackie Gerber for fulfilling the secretary position on short notice
- *Judges:* Bob Samer, Joe Cartwright, Greg Nicholson, Dominic Serago, Tony Smid, Florence Duggan, Tom Jarnich, Lori Smith, Judy Zeigler, Bob Rynkiewicz
- *Gunners:* Bob Rynkiewicz, Charlie Kissinger, Heidi Scripture, Vince Screnci and Sean Castle
- *Line Marshals and bird planters:* Howard Wright, Ellen and Frank Cavalla, Karen Keen, Dave Young, Sandy Castle (and for running the raffle)
- Robin Young, Maureen Marcelis, Mary Jane Blanchard, and Linda Rynkiewicz for running the kitchen and keeping everyone's belly full

For those I've failed to mention who donated to the day, please forgive me, but you are equally appreciated as well. Our next hunt test will be on April 21-22, 2012, site TBD. Keep your eyes out for notices and upcoming meeting notices and hope to see you there.

—**Brian Rolison, Hunt Test Chair**



### **Junior Hunter (dog/owners)**

- Anderson's Jet Stream/N & M Anderson
- Anderson's Twelve Oaks/E Rysdyk
- Birdcreek Pat/H Wright
- Celtic's Summa/P Ober
- Celtic's Suretor/P Ober
- Rj's Git R Done Raina Eros Von Zdon/R Marlatt
- Seidelmann's Princess Pointing Star Von Zdon/P Seidelmann – M Pavoni
- Sir Birding Baxter Von Seidelmann/P Seidelmann - M Pavoni
- Bella Terra's Albertino Piazza Da Lodi/H & D Wright
- Caramel 'N Heywire's Justa Briar Henry/J Henry
- Celtic's Carve Out/P Ober
- Etta James Of Darby Canyon CD BN RE TD JH/B Koch
- Karajen's Special Connection/W & C Gelok - J & K Iacobellis
- Maya/D & J Rein
- Sizilin Lazar Gellert Kodiak/B & D Muhlenberg
- GCH CH Buck Hollow's Blue Moon/D Rahn - S Fair
- Manlove's King Of Graceland/S Mangalee - J Graef

### **Senior Hunter**

- Red Barn's Kodi's Hunter JH/C Kissinger
- Rj's Stinkbo Miami Sunshine JH/R Marlatt
- CH Mt View's Shamus McLaine JH/J & L McLaine
- Rj's Ice Ice Keg Pointer JH/R Marlatt
- CH Ehrenvogel Almost Heaven JH/D Longtin - M Lara
- Hidden Hollow Barrister Choice JH/J & K Stanley
- GCH CH Schutzen's Son Of A Gun RN JH/T, D & B Novoa

### **Master Hunter**

- CH Elgin Cariad Dorratz Miles To Go CDX MH/L & K Smith
- CH Twinsomes Hoover Von Keiffer SH/B Rolison
- CH Blanch's Magnificent Maggie SH/M Blanchard

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## NOT JUST FOR GSPs PART 2

The EGSPC is not just for GSPs. There are several members with sporting breeds who chose the EGSPC for its camaraderie and reputation for excellence. In the last issue we talked about Spinonis and Weimaraners. Here are two more profiles of other members' breeds.

**Florence Duggan, Vizlas**—Although I have owned and bred Vizslas for 30 years, two years ago I joined the EGSPC. I had been thinking about it for a while, but when I won the 50-50 at an Eastern Hunt Test, there was no turning back. I know the amount that I won was about \$60, so I gave some of the money to some of the kids that were watching and then someone asked me to join the club. I had the money in my hand and said “why not”?

Vizslas and Shorthairs are similar in many ways and if I had to choose a second breed, it would be Shorthairs. I love the agile nature of both breeds, the lack of grooming involved, and the need for exercise which they require. Vizslas generally are smaller than Shorthairs and don't run quite as big, but their love of hunting is basically the same. Vizslas are great house dogs and great companions and are comical as well. I think both Vizslas and Shorthairs know how to “work the crowd” to get what they want.

Originally I started out as just a pet Vizsla owner, got the conformation bug, and showed dogs for quite a number of years. Then the AKC instituted hunt tests and I tried them. I really didn't intend to become so involved, but soon found myself teaching all day, going home to get the dogs, and driving after school to the English Setter Club in Medford to train. One thing lead to another and I soon had a horse for training and trialing. Along the way I apprenticed to become a hunt test judge.

I did try obedience competition with my first dog and was able to put a CD on him. Although I do like all the aspects of working with my dogs, my first love is the hunting part. I have been fortunate to have good, versatile dogs that have show titles and hunt titles too. Vizslas were, of course, originally used for hunting and training and competing with them satisfies their natural instinct and gets me to exercise!

Club membership helps to keep things going by encouraging people to get out and try something different with their dogs. Activities that Eastern sponsors or any dog club for that matter also play a part in forming new friendships, gathering new ideas and training methods. Another benefit of membership is meeting people from various backgrounds who have a similar love for their dogs.

At this time, I have four Vizsla girls ranging in age from 13 years to 2 years. The oldest, Claire is a show champion and Master Hunter. Her daughter Rosie is a



Anthracite

show champ and Master Hunter and Rosie's daughter, Ryan, needs one pass to also be a show champ and Master Hunter. Kerry, another daughter of Rosie is a show champ and is working towards her Senior Hunter.

I enjoy the activities that Eastern provides for its members and I help out at hunt tests and with the education day. Great fun and great times!



Tootsie Retrieving a Chuckar

**Mary Ann Breininger, Brittanys** —I have been a member of EGSPC for two years. Basically Robin, Brian, and Mike told me I had to join. Seriously, I've known these people for years and they have become great friends. They needed people to help at the events and functions, so I joined the club. I have Brittanys and we participate in conformation, obedience, hunt tests, and field trials.

Brittanys are great dogs—small enough to be in the house/apartment, but sturdy enough to be out in the field doing what they love to do. They are great companions, loyal and loving.

My six Brittanys are: Shane - male - 14 yrs; Lucky - female - 10 yrs; Tootsie - female - 7 yrs; Lexi - female - 6 yrs; Di - female - 4 yrs; Kate - female - 1 yr.

# Hunt Test Apprenticeship Q&A

As Jackie mentioned in her message, a couple of newer Club members began their apprenticeships at the fall hunt test. The Club had mentors prepared to work with Sean and Sandy Castle for the weekend. Read on for a first-hand account of the day.



## Sean Castle - Gunning

*Why did you want to learn about gunning?*

I wanted to be more involved with the Club and gunning interests me.

*Did you have any experience before this?*

I had some experience target shooting and in hunt tests with my GSP. The Club required I watch "Guns, Gunning & Gunners: The AKC Gun Safety Discipline" DVD prior to participating and that helped me understand what to expect.

*What does a gunner do?*

Gunners work together in pairs when a brace is in the bird field. When a handler flushes a bird that their dog has pointed, the gunners shoot the bird for the dog to retrieve.

*How were your "teachers?"*

The judges were informed of my apprenticeship and they gave me guidance. I was trained by the experienced gunners: Bob Rynkiewicz, Vince Screnci, Heidi Scripture, and Charlie Kissinger. They were all very helpful and willing to answer questions and share their expertise and experiences. The time between braces was like sitting at the campfire telling war stories.

*What did this experience teach you about the breed?*

Part of what I found interesting was how different handlers work and train their dog in the field. Understanding this and spending time in the field will not only teach me to be a gunner, but also help me train my own dog and be a better handler in these events.

*Will you do it again?*

Yes definitely!



## Sandy Castle - Line Marshal

*What made you interested in learning more about line marshaling?*

I enjoy volunteering at Club events and wanted to learn about other areas where I could help.

*After trying for the first time, what type of experience do you think someone should have before line marshaling?*

I did not have previous experience, but having organizational skills and being a people person is important if you want to succeed at line marshaling.

*What does a line marshal do?*

Keeps track of braces in Master, Senior, and Junior tests; locates brace mates; gets participants to the line in advance of their brace; communicates and manages brace changes with judges; notifies gunners of Master and Senior starts; and brings result sheets from judges to hunt test secretary so judges can focus on judging and keeping braces moving along.

*How were your "teachers?"*

Dave Young was an excellent mentor. He explained the tasks of a line marshal and gave me tips and tricks for locating handlers for each brace. He explained the evolution of the run sheets to help with this task and gave me the idea of documenting the start time of each brace to estimate the start of each subsequent brace in order to have them at the line ready and waiting for the judges.

*Will you do it again?*

Yes! It's a very fun and rewarding experience when an event comes together, runs smoothly and the participants and judges are happy.



## Upcoming Events

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN	CONTACT
<i>Annual Dinner General Membership Meeting</i>	Chimney Rock Inn Gillette, NJ	Feb. 5, 2012	sjp_gsp@yahoo.com
<i>Walking Field Trial</i>	English Setter Club of America, Medford, NJ	Feb. 17-19, 2012	GrJackie@aol.com
<i>Horseback Field Trial</i>	English Setter Club of America, Medford, NJ	March 9-11, 2012	egspcfieldtrials@gmail.com
<i>Supported Entry (Monmouth Kennel Club) Specialty with Sweepstakes (Plainfield Kennel Club)</i>	East Freehold Park, Freehold, NJ	May 26-27, 2012	meyles@embarqmail.com
<i>Hunt Test</i>	TBD	April 21-22, 2012	egspchunttest@gmail.com
<i>Rescue</i>	Lots of events all over the state!	gsprescuenj.petfinder.org	gsprescuenj@hotmail.com

### What if you saw a stray GSP?

Please take this short quiz.

1. Do you love GSPs?
2. Are you a good caregiver for your dog?
3. Is your home philosophy “the more the merrier?”
4. Do you want to make sure all GSPs have a home?

If you answered YES to even ONE of these questions , you could be the perfect foster home for a desperate GSP. If you saw a stray GSP—you would save the dog right?

WAIT!! KEEP READING!! You DON'T have to be an official rescue “volunteer,” nor do you have to give any other time at rescue events. You have to be a club member in good standing and just open your home to a needy GSP while it awaits a forever home.

“Foster families play a HUGE role in helping rescue match the dog to the RIGHT family. When a dog is in foster care, rescue can learn all about its quirks, needs, issues, character, energy level etc. Having so much knowledge is important and advantageous in making sure that the dog will fit into the lifestyle of its new home,” said Rayna Regenthal, Chair, EGSPC Rescue.

Rescue has a superior record for placing dogs just once because the group is so careful about matches and because our foster families are so dedicated to the breed. In the rare event, a dog gets returned, rescue will take it back, but you are not obligated to re-foster.

Many dogs come into the program and already have a match, so you may just have a foster for a short time. Some dogs take slightly longer to place and it could be a few weeks to a few months.

On unique occasions we will get a dog, such as a poor old senior, who would be considered a long-term foster because he or she is hard to place.

Rescue can't promise how long a dog will be with you, but we usually have a good estimate of the potential stay.

We won't lie – fostering can be hard work – it disrupts your everyday routine and can hurt your heart when the dog gets adopted. But in all those moments of hard work there is underlying joy in knowing you are giving a dog hope it would have never had.

It's the most rewarding feeling when you see your foster dog lie down with a full belly, and have a good night's sleep finally. They simply KNOW they are safe. They exude peace. It's inexplicable. Here's a few foster facts:

- Most dogs are fully vetted, spayed or neutered before being fostered.
- Reimbursement for basics can be made, but many who foster consider things like food, treats, toys, and bedding a donation since they already have them for their own dog(s).
- You don't have to have a dog to foster.
- You are expected to set boundaries and work on manners if needed.
- You will have fun!
- You will be supporting the mission of your club.
- You WILL SAVE THE LIFE OF A GSP.

EGSPC Rescue's chief priority is New Jersey, but we have to cover New York as well. There are so many other states that don't have a dedicated GSP rescue and many of them have high-kill shelters. That means if a GSP gets abandoned it may only have a few days to live. If Eastern Rescue has a family waiting and no dogs in rescue, we may help one of those states with no rescue.

BUT no dog from anywhere can be taken into the program unless there is an available foster family. For the love of a GSP—please consider fostering!!! Email gsprescuenj@hotmail.com for more information.