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FROM THE EDITOR

Ladies and gents: We are back from a terrible, terrible place and that place is the land of Contract negotiations. It is a very unkind environment, but it's almost over and put to bed for the Cal State University Employees. I am sure if more of the members of the CSU Evil Empire owned English Setters, we would already be enjoying our raises and new contract.

My bride and I took Gaines to the ESAA National in Warwick, Rhode Island last month. What a great time we had. A Pass at the National Hunt Test and Placements all weekend long were worth the trip. Needless to say, the New England Club did a great job putting on the venues and documenting on-line the day-to-day activities for those who could not attend. Almost as good, butnot quite.

The GCESF Annual Hunt Test will be on 10&11 Feb 2007. Our test will be followed on 17&18 Feb 2007 by the Irish Setter Hunt Test chaired by Carl Sutton and the Irish Setter Club of the Pacific. This is a great opportunity to start a dog on one weekend and finish him or her the next. Carl's club puts on a really nice test so watch for their entries to come our way. Terry Ziglinski will be providing the horses for this test. Joey Manos has moved to Tennessee. The Birds will come from Bull Feathers. Saying that, we will need a lot of 'Participation' from club members again this year to make this endeavor a success. I had scheduled the test on the 3/4th of Feb. 2007. This would ensure that we would not interfere with "breed shows" or obedience/rally trials. However, the Department of Fish and Game called me last week and notified me that the Junior Pheasant Hunt was re-scheduled to be held on 3 and 4 Feb 2007 sooooo we would have to re-schedule the trial to the following weekend. So, I will humbly ask you to turn your cars and trucks to the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area early on 10 Feb. 2007 and help us continue to put on the first and best hunt test of the 2007 season. You can send me a note and let me know where you will be able to work.

Annual Award plaques: anyone from the club who is a member in good standing who has finished a title this year needs to give this information to Joan Constantine NLT 24 November 2006.

Please include: the Dog's name, owner's name and the title the dog earned. The first plaque will be provided to the member by the club. However, if you want a duplicate of the plaque, you must remit \$16.50 to Joan. If your dog finishes on the Turkey Circuit, call Joan right away so she can submit your info for your plaque.

Hope to see you at the meeting next Sunday.

Hang in there.

See you at the dog shows.

GCESF MINUTES FOR October 8, 2006

Minutes for the general meeting held on Sunday, October 8, 2006, at Donner Trail Kennel Club All Breed Show in Roseville, CA.

President Sandi McCue called the meeting to order at 11:15 am. Minutes for August meeting approved as written.

Attendees:

Lois Gorman	Joan Constantine
Cheryl Bibb	Norma Chadwell
Mari Anderson	Joyce Weichsl
Sharon Woodland	Sandi McCue
Maryl Aldrich	Nancy Burks
Anne Harlow	May Jean Ralph

Treasurer: Report was sent separately via email.
Ending Balance: \$7,831.89.
Spendable Balance: \$6,349.49.
Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept treasurer's report.

Secretary: Secretary read emails complimenting the club for our obedience workshop. Secretary also passed out flyer for Council of Dog Clubs Fun Match.

Rescue: Mickey has been placed and is very happy. ESAA approved payment of his veterinary fees and sent a check. We have a new bench-type tri male from Michigan. He is 7 to 7 ½ years old, neutered, vaccinated and chipped. He is being fostered by the Gormans and they will get photos and evaluate him for placement when he has recovered from his neutering. He is an "owner surrender" and seems to be very sweet.

Council of Dog Clubs: Fun match/obedience workshop will be November 4th. Breed showcase at Country Club Mall has been put on hold due to new management at the mall. The increased dog licensing fee will be re-heard in January.

OLD BUSINESS

2006 Specialty: Maryl contacted Kathy Gaut and Terry Barnes has received her trophies for High Scoring Champion and High Scoring Veteran.

2007 Specialty: Nominations for sweeps and breed judges have been closed. Ballots were passed out to attending members and will be mailed to those who were not at the meeting.

2007 Hunt Test: Chuck has 2 confirmed judges. It will be held the first weekend in February. Grounds are confirmed.

Nominations for Officers: Nominations were confirmed and are as follows:

President: Mike Gorman
Vice President: Chuck Constantine
Secretary: Maryl Aldrich
Treasurer: Cheryl Bibb
Board of Directors: Sandi McCue
Sharon Woodland
Anna Harlow
Norma Chadwell
Lois Gorman

2007 Christmas Party: Date will be December 10th. We still need a host. Gormans may be able to host.

2007 Supported Entry and Richmond Dog Fanciers: Maryl will check with secretary of club to see if they will allow our input for their judges slate for English Setters. Maryl will also express her disappointment with the Meet the Breeds event, which was basically non-existent.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made, seconded and passed that club send a card to the family of Jerry Richardson, a long time ES owner and dog show enthusiast who passed away on October 5, 2006. Maryl will get a card.

Next meeting is November 19, 2006 at 11:00 at the Round Table near Norma. Norma will send details at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Brag and Cries:

Anna Harlow – Logan, Cobblestone Summer Sunshine, went WD/BOW August 26th at Sierra-Tuolumne in Sonora, CA, for his 1st 2 points owner handled. Hamish, Upland Monarch of the Glen, went WD/BOW October 8th at Donner Trail for a 3 point major handled by Carlos Carrizo.

Mari – Cole, Cobblestone Summertime Blues, was WD/BOW at Gold Country KC for 2 points. He also got a Bred By Exhibitor Group II.

Joyce – Cowboy was WD/BOW at Gold Country KC on Sunday and WD/BOW/BOB at Carson City on Sunday. He was also RWD to a major at Donner Trail on Sunday.

Norma – We retired our old trailer and bought a shiny new one!!

Maryl and Denise – Pilot, Ch. Hillhouse Test Pilot, went BOB at Redwood Empire on Saturday and Sir Francis Drake on Saturday and Sunday. We are so proud of our boy! Pilot is the only English Setter to double qualify for this year's Eukanuba National Championship by finishing in Bred By and by a ranking of 18th in breed points during this year's Eukanuba qualifying period. All this and not even 3 years old!

OLD MEN, OLD GUNS AND OLD DOGS

THE PHEASANT CLUBS IN THE LOCAL AREA have opened for the season and my neighbor and I have pooled our resources to basically manage our weekends from 19 September until some time in March 2007. To this end, we have to figure out how to get away early in the morning when there are no dog shows and have sufficient luck with the at-home dogs to take on 40 plus pheasants for the year. With three dogs in the casa, we have tried to give everyone a turn at a day with a couple of old men taking on the "Ditch devils of Solano County". Two weeks ago, we started our activities at the local club with Carl Sutton and his Irish Setters, my neighbor and third-year hunting partner Bart, and Paul Kromhaut the owner of Monte, a puppy from Copper's litter last year. Our local club suffered some real bad water damage last New Year's Eve. The club grounds took quite a beating, but are back in operation again. We started the day with five old guys (the ones with guns) and a combined brace of setters cast into the wind. The hunters in the field behind us had immediate bird contact with a couple of old Brits. Our dogs happened to see the birds take to flight and stopped as if their feet were planted in concrete. They watched the hunters shoot the flushing birds and remained stopped as the birds fell to earth and were retrieved. From that time on, we had several finds for all of the setters. Our Puppy Gaines decided that since the far side of the field nearly 150 yards away didn't have any birds, he would come back and hunt with his human flock. He found and pointed 3 birds that day and left me felling pretty good.

When we got home later that morning I had hell to pay. I left Cruiser at home due to the large number of dogs we were taking with us. He spent the next hour sniffing all of the residual bird odor from my vest and he had his way with the gun case my little 28 gauge was packed in. He then sat up on the bed and howled for nearly 30 minutes. Joan came in to see what was going on, thinking maybe Crusader fell off of the bed while I was trying to get 4 hours of sleep before my Sunday night shift. Well, it's just Cruiser's way of letting me know he thought my method of dog selection for this day of hunting could have been better planned. It's his way of saying "hey, you could have brought me and the brats could have watched". It was also nice to see the young setters in the field for the first time at a real day's hunt. It's what dogs are all about. Copper carefully kept a wary mom's eye on Gaines and Monte. She was proud of her kids. They did well. This was their debut in the "Battle against the Solano Ditch Devils". Yep, it was dogs 5, Pheasants 0.

Hey, take your dogs out to the field and spend the day with them. That's what they are here for. They will love ya for it!