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## NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

### President's Corner

By Dave Carey



#### Resilience in the Face of Adversity.

Adversity is defined with the following synonyms; suffering, distress, trouble, misery, wretchedness, unhappiness, sadness, heartache, woe, grief, sorrow, pain, anguish, agony. It reminds be of the old show Hee Haw, for those that can remember that far back. Gloom, Despair and Agony on me, Deep, dark depression, excessive misery, If it weren't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all, Gloom, despair, and agony on me. That is a lot of negativity. Now resilience is defined as the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness. Recover Quickly short and powerful. Resilience in the face of adversity at a trial or hunt test is responding quickly to an adverse situation that could result in the end of your test day. It is knowing and anticipating what your dog is going to do in any given situation and reacting quickly and hopefully correctly to keep them on track. Resilience after not passing a test is bouncing back and assessing what went wrong. Was it a handler error or a dog error. Either way it requires a non biased and fair look at what occurred. Never blame the test for the adversity, that's not to say all tests are top shelf, some are pretty ugly. Take it as an opportunity to improve the team. For the handler, what do I need to do to improve the team. Is it a quicker whistle, setting up a better line, taking enough time to get the dog ready before sending and a host of other handler related issues. For the dog, what additional drills or skills do I need to train or work with the dog. What holes in the training were identified that need work. Resilience is getting back to the training with corrections to improve the handler and dog.

### Favorite Wild Game Recipes

#### Wild Game Appetizer Recipe

Chukar, Quail, or Pheasant cut into bite size pieces  
Wrap with bacon and pin with a wet toothpick  
Put into zip lock bag with Italian dressing for 24 hrs  
Place on BBQ till med rare

Do you have a favorite wild game recipe you would like to share with the membership? If so send it to [bjpellam@aol.com](mailto:bjpellam@aol.com) in subject put Wild Game Recipe.

**Click on Tom turkey picture for the link to THE ETIQUETTE OF HUNTING OVER SOMEONE ELSE'S BIRD DOG.**

**Remember to click on Harley for your dog health information. Going old school this month.**



Harley

# NEXT EVENT GVHRC BANQUET

Planning for our annual awards banquet is in full swing! Save the date: January 26, 2019 at the Eugene Elks Lodge. If you would be interested in serving on the banquet committee and/or helping us solicit donations for the oral and silent auctions, please contact Vickey Guess at [viva.pnw@gmail.com](mailto:viva.pnw@gmail.com).

Saturday, January 26, 2019

Social Hour 5:00 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Catered by Big Stuff BBQ

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The board decided on beef brisket, pork ribs, potato salad, baked beans, and green salad. Ticket prices will be \$21 for adults and \$10 for children.



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# GVHRC BOARD NOTES FOR OCTOBER

**Members in attendance:** Dave Carey, Justin Weaver, Steve Arms, Josh Jolicoeur, Betty Pelham, and Vickey Guess.

**Treasurer's Report** - Justin provided details on the club's finances.

**Birds** - Valley Quail LLC of Lebanon will be providing bobwhites for our 2019 club events. We have ordered a total of 400 birds for our March-August events at a cost of \$7.50 per bird.

**Swag** - Nothing new to report on club t-shirts and hats.

**Banquet** - The menu was chosen from our caterer, Big Stuff BBQ. The board decided on beef brisket, pork ribs, potato salad, baked beans, and green salad. Ticket prices will be \$21 for adults and \$10 for children. Board members will be contacting various businesses to request donations for auction items.

**Awards** - It was decided to eliminate the NASTRA award due to a lack of participation in those events by club members. The individual Outstanding in the Field award will be eliminated as well. There were several dogs that qualified so it was difficult to choose a single dog. Instead, recognition will be given at the banquet to several dogs and their owners who excelled in various competitions this year. A winner was chosen for the Above and Beyond award as well as the Most Improved Handlers for pointers and retrievers. The winners will be announced at the January banquet.

**Special Request** - The NW Flat-coated Retriever Club will be hosting their national 3-day specialty event in Scio next June and has asked the club if we would be willing to lend them some of our equipment as well as recruit workers for the event. They have offered to pay workers and/or make a donation to the club for the use of our equipment. Dave will request more information before making a commitment.

**Equipment** - The board approved the purchase of items Justin will need to winterize the equipment trailer as well as the purchase of a new awning to have in time for our first event in the spring.

**Next Board Meeting** - November 13th at Countryside Pizza & Grill.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.



# Members Afield

## Canada Trips



Look at all the birds. Maybe it's worth a trip to Canada!!!



Brad Fenton and Tater pictured above are really enjoying waterfowl hunting in Alberta, Canada. Team Fenton is on the left. This was Tater's first hunt and he had a blast! A great way for a dog to learn.



Mark Henderson and Mike Burgess pictured above made the long trip to Alberta, Canada. On day four the team managed forty eight ducks in less than an hour. Also, four blue geese were taken this trip. The team finished out the five day trip with a strong finish with some good dog work.



# Members Afield Oregon Youth Hunts



Justin Weaver took his cousin Michael and his buddy Josh (pictured on the left) to Summer Lake for the youth hunt. They shot well and got two limits of ducks with two bands and one goose. Dozer did very well, they recovered all birds which, if you hunt Summer Lake, you know is a tough hunt for dogs.

Please send your newsletter thoughts, ideas, brags and wags...whatevers to: Betty: [bjpellham@aol.com](mailto:bjpellham@aol.com) with NEWSLETTER in the subject. Deadline for newsletter is the third week of the month.



## Idaho Trips



Steve Arms pictured on the left with his English Pointer Tobi and German Shorthair Jack found some sharptails in the grass lands. Bagging a limit two days in a row on a three day hunt in Idaho.

**Bucket list success**

Betty Pellham pictured on the right and her German Shorthair Ben were able to connect with these two Hungarian partridge out in the grasslands on day two of a three day hunt in Idaho.



# Members Afield Continued



Russ Dickson and Blanche managed to find the elusive Chukar opening weekend in eastern Oregon. Russ is very happy with Blanche's first year!



Pictured on the left is Tule showing no favorites when she found these two nice roosters for Vickey and Alan Guess last month at Fern Ridge. I hear Alan was too shy to get in on the photo action.

Remember if you don't fill your pheasant fee tags at Fern Ridge you can fill them at EE Wilson in Corvallis.

# Braggs & Wags



On August 11th and 12th, Cynthia Trowbridge helped with the first UKC pointing dog field trial on the west coast (NW Epagneul Breton Gun Dog Club). Although open to all pointing breeds, Epagneul Bretons (French Brittany's) predominated. Cynthia and Ison earned the CAG (Certificate of Achievement) in the GUN class; both Ison and Loki earned passes in WRT (water retrieves). At the trial, Cynthia met an extremely birdy, five-month pup Ozzy who earned his natural ability (TAN) and WRT passes. A few weeks later, Cynthia bought the pup and entered all the dogs in the double-double AKC hunt test in Reno ran by the GSP of Reno September 22nd and 23rd. Ozzy, now six months old, earned his JH title. The American Brittany judges gave him a sizzling 9.75 average score for his third run! Cynthia and Ison entered two of the four senior hunt events and earned two more SHA (Senior Hunter Advanced) scores. Just one more leg left for Ison to secure the SHA title.



August 25th and 26th, Gloria Platz was really busy at the Washington Brittany Club and the German Shorthair Club of Washinton's double-double. Bravo earned a pass in advanced master making that his third pass this year. Kaza set a high standard earning four passes and a title in junior hunter. Kaza then moved up to senior level and earned a senior pass at the age of six months! Yes, that's right folks six months! Now that's something to talk about right there. Training really does pay off!!! Congratulations Team Platz!!!

# More Brags & Wags



Steve Ackers and Zoe pictured on the left earned their fourth and final pass needed in junior hunter and a title to boot at the AKC Spaniel hunt test in August. This event was held by the Northwest English Springer Spaniel Club at the Luckiamute Valley Pheasants on August 18, 2018. Way to go Team Ackers!!!

Pictured on the right is Todd Wheeler and Amber. On Friday, September 21, 2018, Amber put up a 201 Prize 1 in the NAVHDA Utility Test at the Central Oregon Chapter! Making Team Wheeler qualified for the NAVHDA national invitational. Todd is so proud of this girl's heart and her work ethic!

Amber is the first dog Todd has handled to a Prize 1 in Utility. Todd sends a heart felt thanks to the members of the Green Valley Hunting and Retriever Club and of the Willamette Valley, Rocky Mountain, Big Sky, Montana Sharptail, and Central Oregon NAVHDA Chapters for teaching him what he knows and helping him with everything it takes to train a dog to this level. Thanks as well to all the other people that have been a part of this journey.

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**Team Wilson pictured above from left to right Finn, Bree, and Fly.**



Meet new club member, Cheri Wilson. Cheri heard about the club a few years ago while attending an event at the Eugene fairgrounds. Being a multiple Brittany owner, Cheri got Fly from Nancy Simons in California City. Finn came to her from Rachel Hedgecock in Reno, and Bree was rescued out of Salt Lake.

Cheri really likes the American Brittany. While this is not her first hunting dog, she has had other breeds in the past ten years. The breed chose her. She was looking for a Border Collie when a sad, starving Brittany pressed herself up against the door of the kennel at the First Avenue Shelter begging for attention. Sadie was Cheri's first Brittany and came home with her that day. Sadly, seven years later Sadie, passed away of congestive heart failure. Since then Cheri has adopted two other Brittany's and purchased two others from reputable breeders. Cheri then got involved with the American Brittany Rescue as the Oregon Coordinator and is now a Chairwoman on the Board of Directors.

The American Brittany has meet Cheri's expectations as a companion and pet. Cheri says they are very intuitive, friendly, and sensitive. Not every dog has been as quick to take to birds but when shown what they're supposed to do, they catch on. Although a non-hunter, Cheri says the dogs do enjoy flushing quail.

Team Wilson really enjoys the variety of training events within the club. Depending on the activity, if it's a new topic for Cheri, she would like guidance and then the ability to learn on her own with frequent check-ins. She is hoping to trial her dogs, especially her young female Fly. Dreams of titling her are a goal in the future.

Team Wilson has offered to step up and volunteer for events, activities, and a board position in the future.

Green Valley Hunting and Retrieving Club is happy to welcome Team Wilson into the family. Next time you see Cheri's team, say hello.



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