

# Cochise Bird Dog Club Newsletter

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*Proposed slate of officers effective 3/1/06:* President—Dave Higgins, Vice President—Mike Jones, Treasurer—Jeanette Higgins, Secretary—Barbara Hershberger

*Proposed Board of Directors effective 3/1/06:* Lon Rominger, Chris Orndorff, and Chris Sterner

## Dawg Porch

Dave Higgins, President

I tell you there has been one thing after another so far this year and December seems just a blur to me. We have managed to get through it all unscathed. There is a lot going on right now, but it is the right time of the year to be getting out with your dog(s) and hunting, competing or whatever you do. Our problem here in Arizona is that we have a compressed time frame to plan events and outdoor activities due to the hot weather. I want to welcome new members to the club and our most recent new member is Dr. Harry VanderHoek from Benson area. "Doc" will boost our capabilities in the horseback area as he comes with some top notch horses and he is in the search for a potential field trial pointer puppy. There are a few good ones in the state right now, so I hope he successfully completes his search. He presently owns an Elhew bred pointer that is on social security on his couch. Doc was a life saver at our big trial last month north of Wilcox and helped tremendously along with Mike Jones, The Pescod's, and Chris Orndorff. Jeanette went over the top with the usual lunches brought to the grounds on a daily basis. I will steal the saying again, "It takes a village (club) to have a field event" jump in, you will not drown and there is always something that needs to be done. It doesn't matter if you are a "Hunt Test, A Field Trialer, Trainer, Bird Hunter." Any warm body willing to get their hands dirty and roll up their sleeves is appreciated. We were so short of help at our December trial that I had to ask attendees to help plant birds, ride courses, etc. One particular problem we have is we do not have a club photographer, so if there is someone in the club who likes to take pictures then please step forward and become our official club photographer. We have many new events in the planning stages this year: critical among them is our Sanctioned A Hunt Test which is a requirement in order for us to proceed with a fully licensed Hunt Test. Being able to sponsor another Hunt Test in the state will be a boon to our club and the many folks in the state that pursue this particular venue with their dogs. Please offer your help to the Hunt Test Committee, Hershbergers, Pescods and Luis Bonilla. Chris Sterner will take care of the birds for the AHT.

Down the road we are looking at a Youth Training seminar by dovetailing with the AZ G&F youth shooting sponsors on Ft. Huachuca. This will be offered to the under 18, free of charge and will introduce them to bird dogs, training and hunting with a bird dog. We are planning a snake breaking session with Bill Gibbons sometime in the late spring when it gets warmer. Watch the calendar for when we get that scheduled.

I want to close this off with a plea to help whenever and wherever you can. The sport that we all love is in dire needs of help. There are just a few that are carrying the load of the many and spreading the work is needed, badly! I know many of you take advantage of residual birds that are left at trial and training sites and that is encouraged. Keep in mind that the expense of those birds has been born by the sponsoring clubs, so jump in and help them when you can, regardless of whether or not you are a member. Our sport needs reinvigorated and that has to come from the ranks of the sports men and women who pursue these activities. I want to extend to each of you the best of the New Year for you and your family including your dogs! Have fun, take them out, rub their ears, take care of them. They will do anything for you.

### Treasurers' Report

Our club has a balance of \$2,300.00 in treasury as of January 19, 2006. We made a profit of \$600.00 on the December Field Trial and \$2,100 on the shotgun raffle.

### Upcoming Events

- 23-27 JAN- NGSPA REGION 12 CHAMPIONSHIPS, COWAN RANCH,.
- 28-31 JAN- SAGSP AKC TRIAL, COWAN RANCH,
- 1-3 FEB- ARIZONA OPEN SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BILL WEST DERBY CLASSIC, KINGMAN, AZ,.
- 4-5 FEB- REGION 12 SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIPS, KINGMAN, AZ.
- 4 FEB, AFTCA, REGION 12 WINTER MEETING, KINGMAN, AZ
- 18-19 FEB -SAGSP AKC WALKING TRIAL, AIRSTRIP, EMPIRE RANCH,
- 25-26 FEB, RIO GRANDE BIRD DOG CLUB, AF/AFTCA TRIAL, CARRIZOZO, NM, HEFKER-VEGA RANCH.
- 4 MAR, KICK OFF TRAINING SEMINAR, EMPIRE RANCH, SOUTH ENTRANCE. CBDC
- 11-12 MAR, NASTRA TRI REGION CHALLENGE HIGH DESERT HUNT CLUB, CA.
- 11 MAR, INTRO TO HUNT TESTS, EMPIRE RANCH, SOUTH ENTRANCE , CBDC
- 18 MAR, TYPE A SANCTIONED HUNT TEST, EMPIRE RANCH, AIRSTRIP AREA, CBDC
- 18-19 MAR, LICENSED HUNT TEST, SAGSP, EMPIRE RANCH, AIRSTRIP AREA.
- 18-19 MAR, NASTRA GREATER UTAH PDC ROOSEVELT, UT
- A SNAKE PROOFING BY TERRY CHANDLER FROM NEW MEXICO WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25 AT 1:30 P.M. IN SONOITA. FOR INFORMATION CALL CINDY PESCOD AT 455-4692 OR SUE PITTMAN AT 455-0098.
- Another Snake proofing session is being planned with Bill and Tamara Gibbons for late April or early May

### Shotgun Winner Presentation

Mr. Paul Grogger of Cave Creek, an avid English Setter breeder and trialer won our annual shotgun raffle at the conclusion of our December field trial and the Region 12 Amateur Walking Shooting Dog championship near Wilcox. Paul bought \$60.00 of tickets and he has continually supported the region and local club events throughout the state. The gun was presented to

him during the conduct of the East Valley Field Trial qualifier trial at Robbins Butte in Jan. He said it was the first time he ever won anything.



**DECEMBER AFTCA/AF TRIAL, WILCOX ARIZONA.** The full report on the trial appears in the current issue of the American Field Magazine, 21 January issue. Here are the highlights. Our judging slate was filled with top regional names and their time is greatly appreciated, Mr. Ric Peterson, Dr. Tom Pescod, Mr. John Beauchamp, Ms. Cindy Pescod, Ms. Terry Ahl, Mr. Eric Ulrich, Mr. Don Gyde and Mr. Terry Maxwell. Their decisions were clear and accepted without waiver. A tough and thankless job for all and our thanks to each of them for their efforts.

As always there are the folks that come forward to help and help they did. In particular, Mr. Harry Vanderhoek of nearby Benson Arizona brought his horse and managed to put lots of time in the saddle laying out courses, marshalling and planting birds. Harry will be a welcome addition to our bird dog club as he has just recently relocated from the Scottsdale area. Mike Jones provided his technical expertise in driving the dog truck and being in the right location at the right time. The effectiveness of a dog truck driver cannot be over emphasized and Mike's effort in this area is greatly appreciated. We were lucky to draft attendees to plant birds, marshal and do all the other things that are required to make a trial successful. Chris Orndorff showed up on Sunday at the conclusion of the Region 12 Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship to help us break camp and to capture the birds that were not released on the course. I heard a lot of rumblings over by the bird holding pen during the time they were trying to capture the birds for transport! Many thanks to each of them and to the many others who aided in the successful conduct of this trial. Last but never least is my never ending thanks to my wife of 42 years, Jeanette. She has been supportive of each and every one of my endeavors through the years, sometimes to my amazement. For this trial she prepared and carried warm lunches to the grounds daily, shopped for groceries and made sure we had the doughnuts and coffee to get us going in the morning. On top of that she made a side trip to Tucson to submit her retirement papers to the Arizona State Retirement System. Now if I can just get her to road dogs!

**Cliff Boggs Puppy Stake Winners Photo**



Club Member Doug Amos with GSP Spot, Mike English with Englishire's Red Man and Guy Shelander of Phoenix with his Brit Pup

### **REGION 12 AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG CHAMPIONSHIP**



Don Lee of Dewey Arizona poses his Saragosa Sly, GSP male who won the 2005 Region 12 Amateur Walking Shooting Dog Championship. Runner Up Champion Camptown Jessie is posed by owner/handler Harold Goodman of Glendale. Sly had a nice hour run with 3 finds. All handled with style and manners even through a prolonged flushing attempt on the 3<sup>rd</sup> find that would have brought most dogs unglued. Jessie won the runner up on the strength of her one solid find while displaying style and class.

**CLUB BYLAWS ACCEPTED BY AKC.** We received word this past week that our bylaws that were adopted at our special December meeting have been accepted.

**HUNT TEST PLANS:** Plans are underway for our Sanctioned A Hunt Test to be held at the Airstrip area, 18 March. Barbara Hershberger and Cindy Pescod are co-chairing the event. They will need help. Contact Denny Hershberger, who is Captain of the Guns to volunteer to serve as a gunner during the Hunt Test. They will need at least 6 for the event.

**TRAINING START UP!!**

**We will kick off our training program for the spring/summer on Saturday, 4 March at South Entrance, Empire Ranch.** Get your dogs entered into the program. Fee this year will be \$10.00 per month to cover costs of birds. Good opportunity for young pups and problem dogs that may have developed problems during the long hunting season. Contact Mike Jones for further info.

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED:**

We have gone to 32 members with our newest:

Welcome to:

Dr. Harry VanderHoek of Benson (former dentist from Scottsdale). Pointer owner and fancier.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Prior, Tucson Arizona, avid hunters and Pointer and GSP owners.

**Membership Renewal**

It is time to renew for the current year. We changed our dates to coincide with our bylaw changes, but anyone joining since Sept of 05 is good until Jan of 2007. Please complete the attached application and send to Dave Higgins. Thank you.



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**Type of Membership: Junior, Individual, Household (circle or indicate choice)**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date of Registration:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed (s) Owned or Interested In:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interests: Training, Field Trialing, Hunting, Breeding**

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Activities that you would like to see the club pursue.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues: Paid Annually @ \$35.00 per year (Household), Ind (\$25.00 per year, Junior (No Fee) Dues Paid Y or N**

**What do you want to do for the club as a volunteer?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsoring Members:** \_\_\_\_\_

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