



WISILL NEWS

DECEMBER 2009

President / Vice Presidents' Message

It's December and it brings with it the close of another year. As we always do in our December message we will reflect back over 2009.

Wow. . .2009 was a busy year for WISILL! If you are a new member you may not realize how active WISILL is. We will quickly touch on each event.

We started out the year with our Wild Game Dinner hosted by A.G and Maureen Shaw, followed by our very successful upland test at the end of February.

Mother Nature did not cooperate as March went out like a LION (as opposed to a lamb) as several WISILL members and their dogs attempted to perform retrieving demonstrations at Kenosha Bible Church's Wild Game Feast. The blizzard conditions continued thru the night and virtually put a standstill to our annual Fun Hunt with 8-10 inches of overnight snowfall. We were quite surprised that as many members and attendees made it up to Bong as the roads were quite treacherous! Once again, WISILL members pulled together and were at least able to salvage a productive training regimen for all participants that showed up!

April brought **slightly** warmer weather and WISILL hosted a very informative and successful training seminar where world renowned instructor, Evan Graham, demonstrated his Smartwork techniques. In late April we held our spring back-to-back hunt test with Fox River Valley HRC. In May, we hosted the Region 8/8a Lady Handler's seminar which included a judges/handlers seminar instructed by Mike Witt.

In June, we put on the retriever portion of the training you to train your dog seminar at the Bong Open House. In early August, we were able to demonstrate our shooting skills at the club Picnic

and Trap Shoot followed by our back-to-back hunt test with Badger State.

WISILL was also the sole hunting retriever club asked to perform various retriever training techniques at the first Annual Sportman's Fair held in early Sept. at the Racine County Fairgrounds.

Thankfully, September also brought in the start of hunting season! Many members gathered to hunt and let their dogs show off the skills they worked so hard perfecting.

Besides all of the fun club events mentioned above, club members put in many hours at Bong making the training grounds a better place to train a dog.

For those of you that attended the December meeting and Christmas party you already know that there were 55 titles and awards achieved, including Scott Panozzo's 2,000 points, Dave & Patti Benton and Tim & Diane Kingsfields' reaching 1,000 points, and Bud Reed, Roger Davis and Ken & Dorine Reinert all reaching the pivotal 500 point monument. Most everyone who received a title mentioned how it would not have been possible without the help of fellow WISILL club members. Each and every member should take pride in the number of titles club members earned!

As you can see WISILL is a very strong club. We are a large family. We have our ups and downs and small disagreements but when the time comes we are all there for each other! We as members band together to make sure we put on the best events. This is what makes us one of the BEST clubs in the country! For those that do not get around to other clubs in the region or country you can be proud that WISILL has a reputation as a model club. It has been said that if you want to see how it should be done...Go to a WISILL-run event!

As much of a success as 2009 was, we look forward 2010 and all that it will bring with it as WISILL welcomes its new board of directors and **celebrates our 20th year anniversary!!**

We begin our upland training Jan. 2, 2010, at 8:00 am @ Bong. Even if you are not going to be running upland this year come on out with your dog as there will be other members working on retrieving training. If you have a young pup it is a great time to get them socialized around other dogs and gunfire.

Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A.G. Shaw and Dorine Reinert

Special note from A.G. SHAW,
WISILL President.

I would like to extend a big thank you to the outgoing board members, Tim Kingsfield, Larry Andersen and Roger Davis, for their service and dedication to WISILL. I would also like to thank them for helping me transition into the club's President position. A special thank you to Dee Sherwood for continuing to serve on the board for another term. This will be a huge help on getting us to speed. I look forward to working with Dorine Reinert, our new Vice President and Chris Portman, our new Treasurer.

Additionally, I'd like to thank the club for instilling their trust in me to lead WISILL for the next two years. We have some challenges to overcome that may look like mountains now but I am sure with all the great members they will turn out to be anthills.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions, concerns or problems at (262) 758-0969 or via email: ag.s@mac.com

DOG TRAINING PERMITS

Be sure that you check the expiration on your dog-training permit. They are good for 3 years but they are dated. **ALSO, make sure you have a 2010 state park sticker.** Better to be safe than sorry!

2010 WISILL DUES ARE NOW DUE

It is that time of year --Time to pay your 2010 dues. A check made payable to **WISILL HRC** should be sent to Chris Portman (9440 71st, Kenosha, WI 53142) **OR** if you're at Bong training and see Chris you can pay him then. Dues are \$50 a year for a family or \$45 for an individual. Again, this includes your WISILL dues and your national HRC dues.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

UPCOMING JUDGES/HANDLERS SEMINAR:

Horicon Marsh HRC is hosting a free judges/handlers seminar on Sat., Jan. 30th at 9 a.m. at the Hustisford Fire Dept. Hall, 316 E. Tweety St., Hustisford, WI. Bud Reed will be the instructor. Contact Jack Sobczak (920) 285-4245 or 3wetdogs@gmail.com for further details. Advance reservations required.

UPLAND TRAINING INFO.

Training will start on Sat., Jan. 2nd @ 8:00 a.m. and continue every Saturday thru March 13, 2009. Bob Sherwood has volunteered to be the Bird Steward for training again this year. You will need to contact Bob @ (847) 356-0692 by the Wednesday afternoon prior to the upcoming weekend with the number of birds you want. If no answer, leave a message with your name, phone number and the number of birds you want. Remember – if you order birds, you will be charged for them even if you do not show up for training on Saturday!

Upland Training Dates @ BONG:

Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30
Feb. 6, 13, & 27
Mar. 6 & 13

Regular club training dates don't officially start until the first week of February.

REGULAR CLUB TRAINING DATES:

Feb. 7 & 21	June 6 & 20
Mar. 7 & 21	July 4 & 18
Apr. 4 & 18	Aug. 1 & 15
May 2 & 16	Sept. 5 & 19

2010 WISILL MEETING DATES

There was a scheduling conflict with Gander Mountain for our first meeting of the year. Therefore, the first meeting of 2010 is going to take place at the **Burlington Conservation Club on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd @ 7 p.m.** This location is on a trial basis and has been changed to the **first Tuesday of the month.**

As the schedule is somewhat up in the air right now, the remaining 2010 meeting dates will be posted in the February 2010 WISILL Newsletter.

WISILL'S 2010 WILD GAME DINNER –

Sat., Feb 13th @ 5:00 p.m. in Harvard, IL.
Ken and Dorine Reinert have graciously volunteered to host this year's event. Contact Dorine at (815) 648-4884 or kdhomes@dishmail.net if you wish to bring a "routine" side dish (ie., potato salad, coleslaw, etc.)

ANNUAL WISILL Fun Hunt – Sun., March 21st
Hunt Marshal – Bob Sherwood. We will need volunteers to be judges. For this event, you do not need to have a "certified" judge status so please don't be afraid to try something new and judge!

UPCOMING HUNT TESTS:

February 2010 -

WISILL Upland Hunt Test – Feb. 20-21st
@ Richard Bong Recreation Area, Kansasville, WI
Hunt Marshal – Tim Kingsfield (262) 498-8109.
Hunt Secretary is Chris MacCrimble.
Hunt Premium is enclosed in this mailing.
Members need bring dishes to pass to go along with the "Chukkar Fry." Further discussion at WISILL meeting on Feb. 2nd at Burlington Conserv. Club.

27-28th Horicon Marsh Upland Quad
Hustisford Rod & Gun Club
Hustisford, WI (Hwy 60 & E)
Hunt Sec. – Beth Sobczak (920) 285-4245

March 2010 –

13-14th Badgers State Upland Quad
Ottawa Eagle FTG, Eagle, WI
Hunt Sec. – Andy Samuels (262) 473-2440

21st WISILL Fun Hunt @ Bong

UPCOMING HUNT TESTS (continued):

April 2010 –

24-25th WISILL / Fox River Valley Spring
Back-to-Back Regular Hunt
Richard Bong Recreation Area
Kansasville, WI.
Co-Hunt Marshals - Joe Schimpf (630) 673-3751
And Bob Bell (262) 496-8516
Hunt Secretary is Brian Urban (630) 493-0027 of Fox River Valley. Email - brucan@sbcglobal.net

OTHER NOTABLE ITEMS:

Since 1990, WISILL Members Glen Chelcun, Mike Witt and Bud Reed have participated in the State of Illinois youth hunting program at the Chain O' Lakes State Park in Fox Lake, IL. On the pheasant season opening weekend, youth participants are given a hunter safety refresher course, dog demonstration, and any youth hunter not having a dog is matched with an eager dog and handler for no charge.

This past year, Bud enlisted the help of several WISILL members and their dogs to work with the kids. Apparently, our members/dogs performed well and impressed the organizers of this event as 2 of the event organizers have since joined WISILL as members! Great job, folks!

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