



WISILL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2010

President / Vice Presidents' Message

Now that the hunting season is over and we hope it was a successful one we have a lot planned for 2010! Upland training has been underway and we have seen a lot of new faces and new dogs out training. The Wild Game Dinner is on February 13th @ 5pm at Ken & Dorine Reinert's house; plan on coming out for great food and excellent company.

We have many activities already planned for this spring and for these to be a success we will need the participation of all club members. Our next event is the Upland Hunt on Feb. 20th & 21st. Plans are in place for a successful hunt. If you are not running a dog come on out and see what an upland hunt is all about. We will have great food and may even find a job you can help with.

Our Fun Hunt at Bong will be on Sunday, March 21st with set-up beginning at 7:30 a.m. The Fun Hunt is a great opportunity to run your dog in a hunt test setup and find out where you are with your training. It is a good fundraiser for the club and we will have lunch available on site. Please contact Bob Sherwood to volunteer as we need people to help with set-up, throwing birds, etc.

Our Spring Hunt with Fox River Valley is April 24th & 25th. Joe Schimpf and Bob Bell have volunteered to be the Hunt Marshals. Joe and Bob will be making phone calls to get volunteers to help. Please make it easy on Joe and Bob and give them a call and tell them you will volunteer. We will be having the Saturday banquet at the pavilion at Bong. All WISILL members are being asked to bring a dish to pass for the dinner.

We are looking forward to our upcoming season of retriever training. There are going to be some changes to our training format to help things move

more smoothly and to make sure the handlers and dogs get more out of training days.

We are planning on having a workday at Bong on Saturday, February 27 @ noon weather permitting following upland training. Please plan on coming out to help with some cleanup; even if you can't run a chainsaw there will be plenty to do.

The success of the club depends on each and every member pitching in and the rest of the members supporting the person who volunteered to take on the work/responsibility.

We look forward to seeing those of you who have not been out at the upland training days.

AG & Dorine

DOG TRAINING PERMITS

If you've not been out to Bong yet this year, 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 PAST 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 Street, 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:

UPLAND TRAINING INFO.

Training continues every Sat. @ 8:00 a.m. @ Bong thru March 13, 2010 (excl. 2/20). You will need to contact Bob S. @ (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 wanted.

REGULAR CLUB TRAINING DATES:

Regular club training dates have officially started on Sunday mornings @ 8 a.m.

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| Feb. 7 | 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

All 2010 WISILL meeting dates (excl. banquet) have been reserved for 7:00 p.m. @ Gander Mountain in Kenosha, WI.

The remaining 2010 meeting dates are as follows:

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| April 6 th | August 3 rd |
| June 1 st | October 5 th |
| Dec. 7 th (loc. TBD) | |

WISILL WILD GAME DINNER -

Ken & Dorine Reinert have graciously volunteered to host the 2010 Wild Game Dinner on **Saturday, Feb. 13th @ 5 p.m.** at their house (14980 Durkee Road, Harvard, IL). It is approx. 2 miles south of Rt. 173. You can either turn south on Alden Rd. or Johnson Rd. to Durkee Rd. WISILL website has an interactive map for your use as well. Please bring a dish to pass. . .

If you do not have email access, please call Dorine at (815) 648-4884 for directions.

ANNUAL WISILL Fun Hunt – Sun., March 21st @ 7:30 a.m. Hunt Marshal – Bob Sherwood. Cost is \$10 to run your dog and incl. 1 run in both land and water (weather pending). Thank you to all the volunteers who have already offered their services. Note: We are still in need of “bird throwers”. Contact Bob S. at (847) 356-0692 to volunteer.

UPCOMING HUNT TESTS:

FEBRUARY 2010 -

WISILL Upland Hunt Test – Registration is well underway almost 1/3 full! Feb. 20-21st @ Richard Bong Recreation Area, Kansasville, WI
Hunt Marshal – Tim Kingsfield (262) 498-8109.
Hunt Sec. - Chris MacCrimble (262) 878-0102

Reminder to those members who have volunteered to bring bird meat for Saturday’s “Fowl Fry” – You should take out meat no later than next Thursday, Feb. 18th so that it thaws in time.

Site marshals should bring along a cooler and fill it up with soda/water at the pavilion on morning of your test.

Also. . .members should please remember to bring a dish to pass (warm foods, sides and desserts needed).

“Beer Dog” reminder – there are many new members that perhaps are not familiar with HRC rules. As long as any dog(s)/guns remain in the field and a test is still ongoing, absolutely no alcohol should be consumed until all guns and dogs are put away!

FEB 27th Club Workday @ Bong – Noon (stick pond)

2/27 – 2/28 Horicon Marsh Upland Quad

Hustisford Rod & Gun Club
Hustisford, WI
Hunt Secretary: Beth Sobczak (920) 285-4243

MARCH 2010 –

6-7th River Valley HRC Upland Hunt
Cedar Valley Preserve
3731 Dolan Rd., Spring Green, WI
Hunt Secretary: Dick Weis (608) 576-9223
DWeis@MastersHVAC.com

13-14th Badgers State Upland Quad
Ottawa Eagle Field Trial Grounds, Eagle, WI
Hunt Secretary: Andy Samuels (920) 728-1299

21st **WISILL FUN HUNT @ Bong – 7:30 a.m.**

APRIL 2010 –

24-25th WISILL / Fox River Valley Spring
Back-to-Back Regular Hunt
Bong Recreation Area, Kansasville, WI.
Hunt Secretary is Brian Urban (630) 774-8787
Brucau@sbcglobal.net
Premium enclosed. Make copy if you need more.

4/30-5/2 Lady Handler's Seminar sponsored by
Horicon Marsh HRC
Hustisford Rod & Gun Club, Hustisford, WI
Contact: Carrie Scaff (262) 893-7298
scaff@charter.net Great opportunity for ladies
to learn and train with other ladies.

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WISILL CLUB MEETING MINUTES of

Tuesday, February 2nd, 2010

Location: Burlington Conservation Club,
Burlington, WI

Attended by 4 club officers: AG Shaw, Dorine
Reinert, Chris Portman and Dee Sherwood.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Total # of Attendees: Approx. 28 members

SUMMARY:

Chris Portman provided the latest financial results
and as of the meeting, WISILL remains in sound
financial standing.

WISILL is going to have a club workday at Bong
on Saturday, Feb. 27th @ Noon. PLEASE BE
SURE TO BRING CHAINSAWS AND ROPES.

WISILL member, Roger Davis, is a member of
Richard Bong Field Trial Association Board. At a
recent meeting several changes were discussed.
Attached you'll find the 2010 Bong Reserved Dates
Schedule.

Roger received notification from biologist on
Monday that the trees that can be cut have been
marked near the stick pond. There is not much
flexibility there, but perhaps the Board can take a
look at it.

Again, we are no longer allowed to schedule a workday
unless giving 2 weeks prior notice to Laura/DNR.

There is a scheduled a burn for mid-April (date flexible
depending on the weather). They plan to burn the class
1 grounds at the top of the hill above the bowl as well
as the the grounds from the look-out tower to the gravel
ponds.

In addition to the burn in April, funds have become
available in the spring for the broadleaf plants and
invasives. Chemicals will be spread over the clover. We
do not know how much of the area that we will be able
to do. Perhaps if we purchase the chemicals, the
biologist/DNR will spray it for us for nothing.

Going forward, we should all be aware of the new
location terminology when referring to Bong training
grounds as follows:

Hill above the stick pond = "the Ponderosa"
Handicapped pond next to parking lot G = "\$4 Flowage"
Retriever ponds should be referred to specifically as the
East and West Retriever ponds
Gravel ponds are to be known as "Gravel Ponds @ J"
The road from parking lot "J" along the west side of the
gravel ponds to the "X" on the runway is
"Access Road J".
The Pond in the middle of the runway is now referred
to as "the Technical pond."

When WISILL has an event using the ponds and land
areas on the west end and we are also using the ponds
on the East end of the runway, we CANNOT use the
runway to move back and forth between the sites. We
need to direct our participants in/out of the west end via
"Access Road J" and/or instruct them to access the
runway via the road from parking area "F". [Please do
not kill our messenger. Roger had very heated
discussions w/the DNR about this and it simply is not
open for debate.]

Note: We can no longer use the "Technical Pond" for
tests as it is not only near where the rockets launch as
well as Laura/DNR wants that available for training.

Additionally, the Tuesday before every hunt test we are
now required to call Laura and let her know approx.
how many dogs, vehicles and people we expect to
attend our hunt test as well as specific Bong locations
that we intend to occupy.

On Friday (Sat., in the case of the Upland) once we get our Test Set-up done, we need go back to the Office and give them a map of where we are set up and where they should send our hunt test entrants to as well as where they can guide other non-hunt test trainers to what is available for them to train at. We now have to give Laura/the office 2 weeks notice when we play to have a workday out at Bong.

Upland Hunt – Tim K. needs volunteers
Entries are almost ½ full for both days

- Check-in – Chris MacC. & Dee S. (Sat.)
Chris MacC & needs volunteer (Sun.)
- Bob Bell, Charlie Whitney, Jim Caughey & Gayle Dixon have volunteered to help cook at the Fowl Fry.
- Please bring a dish to pass for the meal. .
Suggestions? warm foods which can be heated in crockpots, sides and desserts.
- Cooking on-site will take place in the pavilion late Saturday afternoon. Be sure to drop your dish off at the pavilion. Leftovers will be available on Sunday.
- Bob Sherwood will be the game steward

Fun Hunt – March 21st @ 7:30 a.m.

Cost = \$10 to run one land and one water test.
Judges and marshals already taken care of.
Bob needs volunteers to run wingers “bird technicians”.
Food will be available for purchase on-site.

WISILL is hosting the 2012 HRC Spring GRAND. Several members recently met with Mike Witt and went over job responsibilities. Bob Sherwood has typed up a detailed list of the responsibilities and passed them out to members at the meeting. This list will be distributed out and positions filled closer to the date.

In the meanwhile, a Motion was made by Dee Sherwood to put a \$400 deposit down to reserve The Cotton Exchange for Friday, May 25th, 2012.
MOTION APPROVED.

Due to the rain/lightening occurring at last year’s Spring Hunt, Joe Schimpf made a Motion requesting that WISILL purchase a lightning strike indicator. Mike Witt did confirm that the Field Rep. has one of these instruments when he/she is at a hunt test but agreed that he thought it would be a worthwhile purchase. Mike said that he would purchase the device thru HRC and bill it back to WISILL. These devices are the same strike meters that fire depts. We need to note that there is a difference between seeing lightening vs. the meter sounding. The meter monitors the lightning within a certain distance. HRC rules state that any lightning within 5 miles, the hunt test is to automatically be stopped for ½ hour.
MOTION APPROVED.

Roger Davis will make a request to Bong /DNR that WISILL have a club workday on Sat., Feb. 27th @ Noon. . .(in the event of inclement weather, the date will be Sun., Feb. 28th).

The goal of the workday is to clear islands and cutting down the trees near the Retriever Ponds.

Tim Kingsfield did express an additional work objective. He would like to see the stumps near the Stick Pond removed. If we are incapable of doing so, we may have to hire a professional to come out and remove them. NOTE: THIS HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE DNR AND SHOULD NOT BE DONE AT THE UPCOMING WORKDAY!!

Roger Davis to talk to Laura about all of those bushes that try and regrow at the top of the hills, the cedars and other clumps as well as by “the bowl.” Chemical application has to be handled by one of the DNR.

When we have received the approval to cut/trim trees and are out at Bong to do so, please note that the DNR wants to be there to “treat” the trees as soon as we cut them down.

AG Shaw has created an organized committee to set-up training regiments on regular club training days during the summer. The committee of approx. 5 members will set up both a land and water training scenarios.

Mike Baumann and Joe Schimpf have volunteered to co-chair this committee. They will recruit 3 additional WISILL members for each upcoming club training dates. Tim Kingsfield and Chris Portman have already

volunteered to help out. Please do not be afraid to volunteer as well as it is imperative that all members feel comfortable in setting up productive training and hunt test scenarios.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROX. 7:55 p.m.

It should be noted that after the meeting was already officially adjourned, AG Shaw, new club President, realized that he had forgotten to mention a couple of items and requested that we re-open the meeting as he did not believe that anyone had already left the building.

Two motions were made at this impromptu meeting. Upon further review of the WISILL By-Laws, it was determined that the Board would have had to give 5 days notice to members of such meeting.

To be sure that any and all decisions made are in correlation with WISILL By-Laws, any discussions/decisions/motions made during that impromptu meeting have since been negated and will be brought up at a future meeting date.

“PUBLIC RELATIONS CORNER”

by: Larry Andersen

We have three Public Relations events planned so far for this year.

Kenosha Bible Church’s Wild Game Feast –

Saturday, March 20th - 3-9 p.m.

5405 67th St., Kenosha, WI

Adults = \$7; kids age 3-11 = \$3; and under 3 free.

Featuring fish & wild game supplied by their hunters & fishermen. They’ll also have chicken nuggets for the kids & other "cautious" eaters.

Programs, Speakers and Workshops on Hunting and Fishing. WISILL is scheduled to perform hunting retriever demonstrations consisting of puppy, started, seasoned and finished retrieves.

Chris Portman @ (262) 925-0335.

**Fox River Christian Church –
2010 Sportsmen’s Expo incl. Wild Game Stew
Cook-Off**

April 11, 2010, 3 – 8 p.m.

S46 W24130 Lawndale Rd., Waukesha, WI

Demonstrations, speakers, silent auctions and raffles.

Entry fee = \$5 (under 12 free) incl. complimentary raffle tix. Questions??? Contact Jim Caughey @

(262) 993-1643 or jcaughey1@wi.rr.com

Sportman’s Fair – Racine County Fairgrounds

August 27th – 29th, 2010. Once again, WISILL will be participating in the Sportsman’s Fair. A committee will be formed in the next couple of months and planning will get underway. We will need the assistance of every club member to help make this a success. As we get closer to the event we will be asking everyone to sign up for a time slot to help with demonstrations running retriever games and being available to answer questions in our booth.

We have members that have a vast amount of knowledge from training puppies to a finished retriever. If you are a member of an organization that is looking for a retriever demonstration or seminar please let Larry Andersen know. This is a great way to get the word out about WISILL and to show people what their dog is capable of with a little training.