



# WISILL NEWS

**JUNE 2009**

## **President / Vice President Message**

What a busy spring our club has had already! Since the April newsletter we hosted a very wet, but nevertheless, successful, Back-to-Back Sprint Hunt test with Fox River Valley. We would like to truly thank each and every member for your support!

Chris MacCrindle and her committee presented a very well received HRC "Ladies Handlers" seminar. This was a very positive showing for both WISILL and HRC. Great job, Chris, et al.!

If you missed the WISILL club meeting this past Tuesday, you missed a professionally created video by Chris Portman and PowerPoint presentation highlighting the ladies seminar weekend's events. The video and presentation are being presented at the upcoming National HRC Meeting that Tim K. and Mike Witt are attending.

Our most recent club activity was hosting the dog training seminar as part of the DNR Open House at Bong. While the number of owners/dogs was down from years past, those that did attend commented on how friendly & helpful WISILL members are.

We have picked up a few new members as a result the Ladies seminar and DNR Open House. If you see a face you do not recognize please be sure to introduce yourself.

Tim Kingfield and Roger Davis represented WISILL by entering their dogs in the 2009 Spring Grand in Mitchell, SD. Roger/Shooter had a very strong showing by making it to the final blind of the 4<sup>th</sup> series. Tim w/Sam & Dezi did not make it as far but still put on a strong showing. Tim and Roger would like each member of the club to know that they could not have made it without the support, backing and encouragement of the club. Thank you for all the supportive phone calls and emails.

The members of this club never stop impressing us. It is amazing the amount of people that step up to chair events, show up ready to work on work days, welcome new members with open arms, and pass on training knowledge. This is what makes WISILL truly special.

We know we keep saying it, and most likely you are probably tired of hearing it, but it is true, WISILL is one of THE BEST dog clubs in the country (not just HRC or the retriever community) and it would not be possible to do half of the things that we do without the support of each and every member. It is because of the strong support that we have, that members are able to not only enter ~ but contend ~ at "the Grand!"

Looking forward to upcoming events. . . we have our fall Hunt Test with Badger, Aug. 22 – 23. Mike & Mike, not the guys from ESPN. . .but our very own Mike Baumann and Mike Stanfield have volunteered to Co-Marshall the event. They still have a few spots they need workers for. If you have not already volunteered to help, please save them a phone call. Mike Baumann (262) 554-6679 or Mike Stanfield (262) 681-1160.

Matt Gums has once again graciously volunteered to organize our Club Picnic and Trap Shoot being held on Sat., August 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Burlington Conservation Club. This is a FREE club picnic open to all WISILL Members and their families. As our way of saying Thank You to all the club members we will be having a Free Raffle.

Because of the effort of all the club members putting in time mowing and the high water not allowing us to get in and cut the trees we want around the stick pond, we are canceling the scheduled work day. However, that does not mean there is not work to be done. If you are out training at Bong please put in a few hours cutting grass. Contact Tim Kingsfield (262) 886-1573, Roger Davis (262) 694-5989 or Mike Baumann (262) 554-6679 and one of them will show you how to operate the tractor or DR mower, and also show you what areas need to be mowed.

If you have not heard . . . WISILL will be participating in the Sportsman's Fair at the Racine County Fairgrounds on Sept. 11-13. WISILL will be putting on dog training demonstrations as well as a scurry and fastest retrieve and we will be looking for volunteers. See the PR corner at end of this newsletter for more information.

*Tim & Larry*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

### REGULAR CLUB TRAINING DATES:

June 21                      Aug. 2 & 16  
July 5 & 19                Sept. 6 & 20

Regular club training dates are Sunday mornings @ 8 a.m. promptly. If at all possible, please stay and help until the last dog has run.

### 2009 WISILL MEETING DATES

All 2009 WISILL meeting dates (excl. banquet) have been reserved for **7:00 p.m. @ Gander Mountain in Kenosha, WI.**

Remaining 2009 meeting dates are as follows:  
Aug. 11th            Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>            Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> (location TBD)

### WISILL TRAP SHOOT - Sat., Aug. 1st

Burlington Conservation Club  
10 a.m. - 6065 Brever Rd  
3 p.m. Burlington, WI 53105

Please **R.S.V.P.** by **Mon., July 20<sup>th</sup>** to  
Matt Gums @ (262) 210-7279.

Trap & Skeet. . .very nice facility with voice activated launchers. Games?? Annie Oakley, Hunt & Cover, etc.

**WISILL members do not need to bring a side dish as the club is going to pick up the meal expense. HOPE YOU ENJOY THE EVENT!!!**

**NOTE:** No BYOB. . .all drinks/beverages need to be purchased on site.

## UPCOMING HUNT TESTS:

June 21-22      Horicon Marsh Regular Hunt  
WI Amateur Field Trail Club  
Hwy 33 & Nobel Rd.  
Horicon, WI 53042  
Hunt Secretary: Beth Sobczak  
(920) 285-4243 / [3wetdogs@gmail.com](mailto:3wetdogs@gmail.com)

July 11 – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Prairie Lakes HRC Regular Hunt  
Elk Lake Heritage Preserve, Box 422  
Hoffman, MN 56339  
Located 4 miles North of Hoffman, MN on CR5  
Hunt Secretary: Corinne Stinton (218) 948-2377

Aug. 15 – 16<sup>th</sup>  
Kankakee River HRC Regular Hunt  
Grand Kankakee Marsh Co. Park, Hebron, IN  
Hunt Secretary: Kelly Kosinski (219) 979-0303  
Premium should be available in near term.

Aug. 22-23rd – **WISILL** / Badger State HRC  
Co-Hunt Marshals:  
Mike Baumann & Mike Stanfield  
Hunt Secretary: Tammie Smith of Badger State HRC  
(262) 495-2043. email: [huntbshrc@gmail.com](mailto:huntbshrc@gmail.com)

This year's banquet will take place in the pavilion at Bong. We believe the previous dinners were well received and once again we will be serving Italian Beef, which is being catered in, Bob Bell's potato and macaroni salads, accompanied by the side dishes/desserts that WISILL/Badger members provide. So, please bring a dish to pass and a gift for the RAFFLE PRIZE table (approx. value \$10-\$15 value). Minimal cost p/p expected for dinner with free meals provided to the judges/judges' wives and children 10 and under.

**One of the "Mikes" will be recruiting volunteers in the near term. Don't be afraid to save them a call and contact them before they've had a chance to "nominate" you.**

Note: The event is less than 2 months away. Spaces will start filling up fast so be sure to register A.S.A.P. with our Hunt Secretary, Tammie Smith! A Hunt Premium form is enclosed for your convenience.

## **WISILL CLUB MEETING MINUTES** of

Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Location: Gander Mtn. – Kenosha, WI

Attended by 4 club officers: Tim Kingsfield,

Larry Andersen, Roger Davis and Dee Sherwood.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Total # of Attendees: Approx. 35 members

### **SUMMARY:**

Roger Davis went over the financial results as of early June. WISILL remains in sound financial standing.

**The President / Vice President message pretty much summed it up so there is no need to repeat. . .except. . .**

Please be sure to R.S.V.P. to Matt Gums (262) 210-7279 with the number of family members planning to attend the upcoming WISILL Trap Shoot (Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>) no later than July 20<sup>th</sup>! We need to know how much food to order.

Bob Sherwood provided the expected bird costs associated with next year's Upland training. Pheasants will cost approx. \$9 each and chukkars approx. \$8-\$8.50.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROX. 8:35 p.m.

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**NOTE TO ALL:** If your dog has received any titles this year, contact Deanne Sherwood ([wisillsec@gmail.com](mailto:wisillsec@gmail.com)) and provide her with the following information:

- 1) Name of registered owner(s);
  - 2) Dog's registered name;
  - 3) Dog's call name, if different;
  - 4) Title(s) achieved; and
  - 5) Date the title was achieved.
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**“PUBLIC RELATIONS CORNER”**

by: Larry Andersen

As you have heard WISILL has been asked to be the exclusive retriever demonstration provider for the Sportsman’s Fair being held September 11- 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Racine County Fairgrounds.

Planning is well under way and the planning committee is now at the point where we are beginning to look for volunteers to help.

Many of you have asked “What can I do to help?” Just to give you an idea. . . We are looking for people to help with: **Set-up on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning; manning the club booth and answering questions about training and WISILL HRC; running wingers; demo dogs for the demonstrations; working the scurry and fastest retrieve; as well as an Emcee during the demonstrations.**

If you would like to volunteer please contact Larry Andersen (262) 619-1505 or email: [wisillvicepresident@gmail.com](mailto:wisillvicepresident@gmail.com). Be sure to let me know what day and times (morning or afternoon) you would like to work and your preferred area. I cannot guarantee that everyone will get his/her first choices. Please let me know 2 or 3 choices, and the earlier you volunteer the better your chance of getting your first choice.

For more information on the Sportsman’s Fair visit their website <http://www.sportsmansfair.com>

Here is the **WISILL Schedule of Events:**

**FRI., 9/11** (Show Hours NOON - 8PM)

1PM Basic Retriever Training  
**2 – 3:30 PM Fastest Retriever & Scurry Competition**  
(open to the Public)  
4PM Advanced Retriever Training  
6PM Water Fowl Hunting Demonstration

**SAT., 9/12** (Show Hours 9AM - 8PM)

10AM Water Fowl Hunting Demonstration  
11AM Basic Retriever Training  
**Noon – 2 PM Fastest Retrieve & Bird Scurry**  
(open to the Public)  
3PM Advanced Retriever Training  
4PM Training Retrievers to deal with obstructions  
6 PM Water Fowl Hunting Demonstration

**SUN., 9/13** (Show Hours 9AM – 5PM)

10AM Water Fowl Hunting Demonstration  
**Noon – 2PM Fastest Retrieve & Bird Scurry**  
(Open to the Public)  
2PM Run-off - Daily Champs –  
Fastest Retrieve & Scurry  
3PM Basic Retriever Training  
4PM Advanced Retriever Training

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

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