



WISILL NEWS

OCTOBER 2011

President / Vice Presidents' Message

Here we are in the middle of hunting season; boy does time fly when you're playing with dogs! We hope everyone had a fantastic hunt test season. We certainly enjoyed watching all the great dogs from our club. We had another successful hunt test with Badger. Even though our numbers were down, the tests were smooth sailing. Thanks to all of you that stepped up and did a great job as always.

We are excited about the Christmas banquet and, of course, all the titles. Oh yah, don't forget A.G. gets to butcher everyone's dog names during the title ceremony. We have to give a big shout out to Bob Czarnowski and his dog, Shorty, for hitting the prestigious 500-point club. Congratulations!

We are looking forward to upland training and hope to see a lot of you out there. Enjoy the rest of the hunting season. May you limit out everyday or at least have a great time trying to!

AG & Dorine

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

REGULAR CLUB TRAINING DATES:

No remaining training dates for 2011.

Nov. 6th – Deadline for notifying Dee of titles rec'd.

Dec. 6th – 6 p.m. – BRAT STOP – Garden Room. Appetizers and a light meal will be served.

Sat., Jan. 7th, 2012 – UPLAND training starts. Every Saturday @ 8 a.m. thru March XX, 2012.

2012 WISILL MEETING DATES

For the time being, WISILL meetings will continue to be held at Gander Mountain on the **first Tuesday of the even numbered months in 2012**. The first meeting of 2012 is Feb. 7th.

[WISILL Upland Hunt Test](#) – Feb. 25-26th 2012

@ Richard Bong State Recreation Area
Kansasville, WI –

Hunt Marshal – Rob Copeland (847) 356-2271.

Hunt Secretary is Chris MacCrimble (262) 496-0572

We are in the process of finalizing judges and the hunt premium. Be sure to get your entries in early for our upland hunt in February as we normally fill up.

OTHER HUNT TEST DATES:

[Fox River Valley HRC Upland](#) – Feb. 4-5th 2012

[Kankakee River HRC Upland](#) – Feb. 11-12th 2012

[Horicon Marsh HRC Upland](#) – Mar. 3-4th 2012

[River Valley Upland Hunt Test](#) – Mar. 10-11th 2012

WISILL 2012 WILD GAME DINNER -

Rob & Casaundra Copeland have graciously volunteered to host next year's Wild Game Dinner. Date: TBD.

ANNUAL WISILL Fun Hunt – DATE TBD

(end of March/early April timeframe)

Hunt Marshal – ??? We will need volunteers to be judges. For this event, you do not need to have "certified" judge status so please don't be afraid to try something new and judge.

June 23-24th, 2012 – WISILL Summer Back-to-Back Regular Hunt!! **NOTE:** A vote will be taken at the December banquet meeting whether we want to host this hunt test as it is only 4 weeks after The HRC Grand.

WISILL CLUB MEETING MINUTES of

Tuesday, October 4th, 2011:

Location: Gander Mountain, Kenosha, WI

Attended by 5 club officers: AG Shaw, D. Reinert, R. Davis, D. Sherwood and T. Kingsfield.

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Total # of Attendees: Approx. 20

SUMMARY:

Roger Davis provided the financials following our fall hunt test with Badger. While the hunt test was not as profitable as we have seen in the past the last minute walk-ins certainly saved us! The agreed upon bird technician contract did not allow for a cancellation of a flight each day; nevertheless, we can't complain as the Civil Air Patrol certainly were enthusiastic and did a great job as bird technicians! One unfortunate event did occur in that one of Badger's wingers was stolen overnight and WISILL agreed to split the replacement cost with Badger.

WISILL remains in sound financial position going into the new year.

Thanks was expressed to all WISILL members who attended the club workday and/or volunteered to work at our Fall Hunt with Badger. Both clubs worked well together and were very supportive of each other.

BONG – Roger met with the officials @ Bong and there are 2 projects that will be taking place in the near term.

The Wildlife Biologists (for the most part) at Bong have finally agreed to the widening and moving the cat tails along north shore line of the Cigar Pond. There is one more Habitat Biologist that has to agree to the work being done. We have been tasked with identifying the shore line that we want. The pointer group that uses the pond is interested in what habitat is remaining but they are interested in hearing what the shoreline boundaries we would like are. The task includes excavation and moving the shorelines back as much as 20 yards. We'd like to increase the depth, but most likely, that is not going to happen. WHO IS DOING THE WORK, you ask? IT WILL BE A JOINT EFFORT. Yes, mostly it will be WISILL but it sounds as though the DNR will participate (but everything is up for

negotiation). We anticipate this project to be in the Dec./Jan. timeframe.

The existing cat tail mounds will remain as islands when we do the excavation. The top of the mounds are easily 3-4 feet higher than the shoreline elevation.

Secondly, after 10 years, we have the approval for the disking of horse pocks. This will happen from the Runway going south towards the Pines (along the road that runs south of the pines). We will work WEST of that road and up the Puppy field. The disking will be followed up with dragging. The DNR's concern is with the regrowth in the spring as they intend to go in there and burn the field. Thereafter, we may wind up having to SEED the field next spring. Keep in mind. this is still a Class One training grounds and the disking clean-up will not stop the horses from running there in the future, but it still needs to get done within the next couple of weeks.

The elections of four WISILL BOD positions (President, Vice Pres, Treasurer and Secretary) will take place at this year's Banquet on Dec. 6th. John O'Brien and Ken Reinert have volunteered to be the Nominating Committee. If you are interested or know of anyone else who would be interesting in fulfilling the above positions, please contact either John O. (847) 507-2329 or Ken R. (815) 482-6654.

NOTE: NOMINATIONS DO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE NIGHT OF THE ELECTION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A VOTE TAKEN AT THE DECEMBER BANQUET TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WISILL INTENDS TO HOST OUR ANNUAL WISILL Summer Back-to-Back Regular Hunt on **June 23-24th**, 2012 as it is only 4 weeks after The Grand. (Bob Wurdeman has already lined up birds for this hunt test.)

UPLAND TRAINING STARTS SAT., JAN. 7TH. – @ 8 A.M. – It is anticipated that the chukkars used for training will cost approx. \$7.50/bird. (7 members in attendance at the meeting raised their hands that they would be interested in participating in Upland training.) More details to follow in December's Newsletter.

Mike Witt has volunteered to store the chukkars at his property in Trevor, WI. A notice will go out in the near term to go to Mike's and increase the existing bird cage size.

AG Shaw mentioned that at a recent training day up at Bong, he approached the DNR (Laura) about the possibility of remodeling the existing pavilion (as it is somewhat dilapidated) or the construction of a new pavilion in Parking Lot E (where WISILL holds hunt test registration and the hunt test dinners). Laura seemed quite open to hearing more about this and AG has made a couple of inquiries about repairs and it was determined that it would be most cost efficient if we looked in to a new building, possibly a metal pole barn type of structure. This would be paid for mostly with funds that WISILL earns hosting the upcoming Grand. It was suggested that we could get other clubs who are out at Bong to make donations as well. The talks are just starting about this and nothing is carved in stone at this point.

AG Shaw, has called a special WISILL meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd @ 7 p.m. to **specifically go over the 2012 HRC Grand Hunt** WISILL is hosting this May (Memorial Day weekend) and everything that goes in to hosting this event.

A deposit for the Cotton Exchange banquet facility has already been placed, hotel rooms have been reserved, and as the Civil Air Patrol were such a wonderful group of individuals at our fall hunt, AG Shaw has contacted them about one again, about performing the bird technician role for us at the Grand. The negotiations are ongoing.

We are looking for volunteers who would be available from the Thursday, May 24 – Tuesday, May 29th to work at the Grand in the tent and have a judges' view of what is going on with the test and in between dogs, you'll have the opportunity to talk with the GRAND Committee.

IF ANYONE KNOWS ANYONE WHO RAISES CHUKKARS PREFERABLY (but all hens if pheasants) that would be willing to **hold on to the birds until our GRAND hunt in May**, please contact Bob Wurdeman. **It is anticipated that we will need upwards of 300 BIRDS.** (Bob W. mentioned that he is going to make a phone call to one of the individuals who bought one of his pups.)

New WISILL member introductions took place and we welcome:

RICH QUALMAN – comes to us from MUNDELEIN, IL and has a 7-year old lab and a 7-month old Labrador puppy!

TIM and KRIS SQUIRE - - Tim is an Episcopal preacher in Lake County and resides in TREVOR, WI. They have 2 labrador puppies! One chocolate male and one female. Tim's "goal is to have two PHENOMINAL Labrador Retrievers!"

Bob Wurdeman mentioned that he still has several brand new **WISILL-embroidered items for sale.** There are short sleeves (\$37), long sleeves (\$28.50), camo hats (\$11.50) and blaze orange hats (\$12).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROX. 8:05 p.m.

TITLES RECEIVED IN 2011???

NOTE TO ALL: If your dog has received any titles this year, contact Deanne Sherwood (wisillsec@gmail.com) NO LATER than **Sunday, Nov. 6th** 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.

We have had a significant amount of titles this year. If you don't see your name in the attached file and have titled with your dog, you need to contact Dee.

“PUBLIC RELATIONS CORNER”

Since 1990, fellow WISILL members, Mike Witt, Bud Reed and Bill Worth, have participated in the **State of Illinois youth hunting program** at the Chain O'Lakes State Park in Spring Grove, 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. Last year, several WISILL members volunteered to perform a demonstration as well as provide their services/veteran dogs. A truly rewarding experience was had by all!

This year's youth event is scheduled for next Sunday, November 6th. If you have a steady dog and are available to volunteer, please contact Larry Andersen (262) 412-9911.

OTHER NOTABLE ITEMS:

Earl Dillow provided a recent update on his son-in-law, Pete Clavey's, recovery following the propane tank explosion in Canada. Prognosis is much better. Pete has had a couple of skin grafts and for the most part, they have went well. Pete went through a third surgery on Friday and did very well. Following that the donor site will require 10 days of healing. He has been resting over the weekend.

They are starting to bring him out of the medicated coma slowly. They are also backing off on the oxygen for the Trachea during the day and turning it back on at night.

Long-term recovery outlook is more promising.

PUPPIES FOR SALE:

Joe Schimpf 's dog, Spud, sired a litter of eleven Labrador puppies that were born Sept. 15th. The puppies' mother is SHR Blind Faith's Leap of Faith and makes her living retrieving snow geese in the Spring in down in Missouri. **Faith is an offspring of Don St. Clair's Grand dog, Jaegermeister.**

This is a repeat breeding as everyone that received a pup from that first litter is really pleased with their pup, so we decided to do a repeat breeding this past Spring. Dee (my pup from the first litter) is doing great. She's a high powered, little pocket rocket that is fanatical about birds. She has 3 passes at started and has retrieved several geese this year so far. For a little dog, Dee handles geese really well!! That said, she's mild mannered in the house just like Spud.

The litter is as follows: 4 choc. females, 3 choc. males, 3 black females and one black male. Puppies are now 5 weeks old and will be ready for their new homes in approx. 3 weeks. Puppies are located in western Kentucky, just south of Paducah approx. 20 minutes.

You can contact Joe Schimpf at (630) 673-3751 with any questions or to reserve a puppy, please contact Doug Wynn at (270) 703-7600.

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