



WISILL NEWS

February 2012

President / Vice Presidents' Message

Now that the hunting season is over, we hope it was a successful one for you. WISILL has several events planned for 2012! For these to be a success we will need the participation of all club members.

Upland training has been underway and we have seen several new faces and new dogs out training.

Our next event is the Upland Hunt on Feb. 25th & 26th. 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.

Plan on coming out for great food and company at WISILL's Wild Game Dinner on February 18th @ 6pm at Rob and Casaundra Copeland's house. Please contact Rob (847) 356-2271 if you are planning on attending or need directions.

Our workday has been scheduled for Saturday March 17th weather permitting. Please plan on coming out to help with some cleanup. We will send out another reminder once we get closer to the date.

Our Fun Hunt at Bong will be on Saturday March 31st 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 Mike Otzelberger or Tim Kingsfield to volunteer as we need people to help with set-up, throwing birds, lunch etc.

WISILL is hosting the 2012 HRC Spring Grand May 26th-30th. If you have not volunteered, it's not too late, please contact Bob Sherwood or AG Shaw.

We are looking forward to our upcoming season of retriever training. Most everyone wants to have a better hunting dog and the training committee will help you achieve that. We will be holding organized training on the first and third Sundays starting in March. Our goal is to promote and encourage hunting with trained hunting retrievers and to improve members' hunting experiences through teaching sound and proven retriever training techniques. We look forward to improving upon last year's training format to help things move more smoothly and to make sure the handlers and dogs get more out of training days.

Obedience is the foundation of retriever training.

A.G. Shaw and Dorine Reinert

Cigar Pond Project

WISILL has made a \$1000 donation to the Bong Field Trial Association towards the competition of the Cigar Pond project. The club membership also gave approval to make an additional donation of \$500 if need.

2012 WISILL DUES NOW DUE

It is that time of year --Time to pay your 2012 dues. A check made payable to **WISILL HRC** should be sent to Mike Stanfield, 5125 6 Mile Road, Racine, WI 53402. PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR HRC # TO ENSURE PROPER APPLICATION OF YOUR DUES MONEY). Alternatively, if you're at Bong training and see Mike Stanfield 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.

WISILL By-Law Changes

As a club we need to vote on a few changes to our club by-laws. The proposed changes were

announced at the club meeting on February 7, 2012
The complete by-laws and proposed changes are also available on the WISILL website, under the Members Only page.

Proposed Changes are in red below.

ARTICLE IV: DUES

Section A;

The Club Treasurer will remit those dues to the United Kennel Club, Inc. Any member who has not paid their Club dues by **March 31st** will be considered delinquent and may be dropped from the Club membership rolls until those dues are paid. *(previously no date was specified)*

ARTICLE VI: DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section A;

The officers of this Club will consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board of Directors will include the Club President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, **two Board members-at-large**, and the immediate Past President. *(it had been voted on by the club to add two at large board positions but it was never added to the by-laws)*

ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

Section D;

A majority (more than 50%) of the Board of Directors present in-person at any meeting of the WISILL Hunting Retriever Club, Inc., will constitute a Quorum. (previously their was no Section D)

The proposed By-Law changes will be voted on at the club meeting June, 5, 2012.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Upland Training Dates @ BONG:

Feb. 18

Mar. 3, 10, (If we still have birds available)

WISILL Work Day @ BONG:

We are planning a workday at Bong on Saturday March 17th Weather permitting meet at Parking Lot J @ 8am. Potential work projects: fill in Holes from the stump grinding cleaning brush up around the Cigar Pond.

REGULAR CLUB TRAINING DATES

(dates are subject to change):

Mar. 4 & 18

July 1 (hunt test) & 15

Apr. 1 & 15

Aug. 5 & 19

May 6 & 20
June 3 & 17

Sept. 2 & 16

2012 WISILL MEETING DATES

All 2012 WISILL meeting dates (excl. banquet) have been reserved for 7:00 p.m. @ Gander Mountain in Kenosha, WI.

The 2012 meeting dates are as follows

April 3rd May 15 (special GRAND)

June 5th August 7th

October 2nd

December banquet: TBD

WISILL'S 2012 WILD GAME DINNER –

Rob and Casaundra have graciously volunteered to host the 2012 Wild Game Dinner on **Saturday, Feb. 18th @ 6 p.m.** at their house in Lake Villa, IL. Directions have be emailed and are all so available on the Members Only Section of the WISILL Website. If you do not have email access, please call Rob at (847) 356-2271 for directions.

UPCOMING HUNT TESTS:

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 still have openings available. Contact Chris if you would like to enter your dog. If you took Chukars from training to clean be sure to thaw them prior to the hunt and bring for the “Chukar Fry.” All Club Members are asked to bring a dish to pass both days for lunch.

We could use a few more Gunners and Bird Planters. If you have not been contacted and are available please call Rob.

OTHER HUNT TEST DATES:

Kankakee River HRC Upland – Feb. 11-12th, 2012

Wheatland, IN. Hunt Secretary: Elizabeth Solnik

(219) 808-3294 or espolnik@yahoo.com

Horicon Marsh HRC Upland – Mar. 3-4th, 2012

Hustisford, WI. Hunt Secretary:

Jenny Ciriaks (262) 305-9478

River Valley Upland Hunt Test – Mar. 10-11th, 2012

Spring Green, WI. Hunt Secretary: Tony Grabski
(608)924-9717

Badger State Upland Hunt Test – Mar. 17-18th 2012
Eagle, WI. Hunt Secretary: Tammie Smith (262) 490-8047
or huntsbshrc@gmail.com

ANNUAL WISILL Fun Hunt @ Bong
Saturday March 31st. Setup begins at 7:30am Tim Kingsfield and Mike Otzelberger have volunteered to be Co-Hunt Marshals. We also need volunteers to be judges, bird boys and help with lunches. Contact Tim or Mike to Volunteer. For this event, you do not need to have “certified” judge status so please don’t be afraid to try something new and judge!

May 26 – May 30 2012 HRC SPRING GRAND

June 30 - July 1st, 2012 –WISILL Summer
Back-to-Back Regular Hunt!! Joe Schimpf has volunteered to be the Hunt Marshal. Please contact Joe to volunteer to work.

WISILL CLUB MEETING MINUTES of

Tuesday, February 7th, 2012:

Location: Gander Mountain, Kenosha, WI
Attended by 6 club officers: AG Shaw, D. Reinert, M. Stanfield, L. Andersen, T. Kingsfield, and M. Witt. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
Total # of Attendees: Approx. 25

SUMMARY:

Mike Stanfield provided the Treasurer’s Report and WISILL remains in sound financial position.

Bong Field Trial Association

Roger Davis Gave an update on the Bong Field Trial Association meeting.

Cigar pond Project at Bong.

The design is complete. Cattails will be removed on the north side of the pond making the pond wider with some bays and points. We need 6 -12 inches of frost to carry the weight of the trucks before work can start. With warm weather this winter the work may not begin until next winter. If the project is not

done this year BRTA will be set aside the donated money to be used specifically for this project.

BFTA needs to have the money in hand before they can sign the contract with the contractor. BFTA is actively pursuing donations for the work. WISILL has made a \$1000 donation to the project.

Tim Kingsfield made a motion that in addition to our \$1000 donation, WISILL make available an additional \$500 for the pond work if needed by the BFTA. Seconded by Ken Reinert. Motion Passed.

Question was asked about what will be done with the material that is removed? DNR has several potential dump sites will be decided once the project starts.

What type of access will we have for training when the project is complete? We will have the same access that we currently have. Using the stairs on the west side or park on the runway and walk down the service road to access the east side. Access availability may change in the future. Improvements need to be made in to the service road before the DNR will allow that to be used for access to the East end of the pond.

Contractors have be contacted to bid on grading the road and the runway. It should be completed prior to the grand.

WI DNR Director of Parks was at the last meeting. The Class 1 grounds are to be primiraly used for dog training.

AG reviewed where those that have volunteered to work at the 2012 Spring Grand had been assigned. If anyone has any questions on where and when they are scheduled contact AG.

Proposed by-law changes were read and it was announced that the proposed changes will be voted on at the June club meeting.

We did have a few new members in attendance as well. AG asked these folks to stand up and introduce themselves. As always, when training resumes out at Bong, please feel free to welcome others to join in on your training regimens. If they’re not WISILL members, they very well may be interested in joining the club.

We will again have a training day committee following the Evan Graham SmartWork principles of training. Mike Stanfield will chair the committee. If you would like to be on the committee contact Mike. Regular Club training starts the First Sunday in March and will be the first and third Sundays until September.

It was asked if we would be putting together a bulk bumper order again this year? Bob Wurdeman has volunteered to contact the Bumper Supplier if anyone is interested in ordering bumpers let Bob know what size and quantity you would like. The last time we placed an order 2" was \$2.70 3" was \$3.70. Bob will get the current price.

FYI from Mike Witt there is an issue nationwide with a shortage of birds. Both Upland Birds and Ducks. We need to pay attention and plan early for future Hunts. We have secured our ducks for all of our hunt tests for 2012. After our hunt tests we may need to keep ducks so that we can have them as backups in case we run in to a problems in the future.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:16 p.m.

"WISILL WEBSITE HEADS UP"

If you've not done so in a while, be sure to visit the new and improved WISILL HRC website! It is a quick and easy way to find out the latest club information. Website address is:
www.wisillhrc.com.

"PUBLIC RELATIONS CORNER"

Our members 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 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.