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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the "new G.S.P. year". Observant readers may have already noted that the membership on committee has swelled considerably from last financial year - which is VERY ENCOURAGING. The more "helpers" we have at functions, the less work each individual is required to perform.

We were all shocked at the news of Wendy Newbury's death. She was such a lively and vital person. She joined the 1987 committee towards the end of last year, providing much-needed expertise to an inexperienced (& small) committee. Wendy has had a long association with our club and her presence will be missed. Our condolences to her family.

The Club is holding a 1 Day Non-slip Retrieving Trial on Sunday 29th May at Point Sturt, with John Kersley very generously offering his services as Trial Manager. There will also be a Field Trial the weekend before, on 21st May. Schedules for both trials appear in this newsletter. The Golden Retriever Club has taken over our 2 Day NSRT in August this year. If you're even remotely interested, or curious about NSRT, please feel welcome to come along as a spectator and see what it's all about... after all, this is what our G.S.P.'s were bred for. When you see how eager all of the dogs are to participate (as opposed to the many dogs - not G.S.P.'s of course - you see dragging around the obedience or show ring) you wonder why it's not more popular.

It's that time of the year again - when membership subscriptions are due (only \$10 Double; \$7 Single; \$2-30 Junior). Membership forms appear later in the newsletter. If you are unfinancial - THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER!

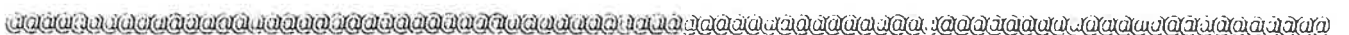
I'd like to thank my "helpers" with the typing of this issue (I'm not all that partial to typing show results!)

I wish everyone success and pleasure with their G.S.P.s this year, whatever your field of interest. Let's promote our breed in 1988 and show everyone what a good-natured and versatile dog the G.S.P. really is.

"The Editor"



Everyone missed STEVE & ROBYN SCHWERDT at our Champ. Show held last Sunday, 10th April. When the Secretary rang them to enquire about their whereabouts latter on, she was informed that they were going to the OTHER Champ. Show (same venue) next Sunday, the 17th! We wish you luck, but I think you'll win every class, anyway! Sorry you missed the real one!



RECIPES FROM THE GAME LARDER



PIGEONS & CRANBERRY SAUCE

- 4 Pigeons (preferably retrieved by your own G.S.P.)
- 1 oz butter
- 1 finely chopped shallot
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1/2 pint jellied stock
- salt, pepper & a sprinkling of mixed herbs
- 1 small can of cranberry sauce
- 4 tablespoons double cream

Brown the pigeons slowly in the butter in a casserole. Remove and divide each bird in 2 and cut away backbone and leg joints. (These may be used for soup) Fry the shallot until golden. Add the flour and stir for several seconds, then pour in stock, seasonings, and allow to boil.

Replace the pigeons and add the cranberry sauce. Cover and cook in a moderate oven for about 2 hours. Remove the pigeons and keep hot. Work the sauce in a liquidiser until smooth. Replace the pigeons in the casserole, pour over the sauce and add cream. Return to oven for a few minutes before service.

N.B. Fresh cranberries may be used for this recipe if available - 6oz fruit and one tablespoon of sugar.

PIGEON PIE

- 5 - 6 pigeons
- 8 oz stewing steak
- 8 oz short pastry
- seasoning
- a little good gravy

Cut the birds into 4 joints. 2 breasts and 2 leg joints. Put the remainder of the carcasses, with a small onion and a carrot, to stew in a little water. This stock can be made into gravy to eat with the pie.

Line the pie dish with slices of steak about 2 inches long and 1 inch across, then lay the pigeons on top, cover with water and season well. Cover with greaseproof paper, simmer in medium oven for 1 to 2 hours. Remove dish and cover with pie crust. Glaze top with beaten egg, return to hot oven and bake until golden brown. Fill up with gravy when the pie is opened.

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Thank you to Anne Raymond for submitting many of the recipes featured in our newsletters. If any other members have favourite recipes (preferably game, but not necessarily) to offer, please send them to the editor.

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DUMB FRIENDS

My home is a haven for one who enjoys  
 The clamour of children, and ear-splitting noise  
 From a number of dogs who are always about,  
 And who want to come in, and once in, to go out.

So whenever I settle to read by the fire,  
 Some dog will develop an urge to retire,  
 Or some dog to come in, who, politely admitted,  
 Will make a bee-line for the chair I've just quitted.

My friends may be dumb, but my home is a riot,  
 Where I cannot sit still and can never be quiet.

(Author Unknown)

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TOP CONFORMATION DOG & RUVALAN TROPHY WINNER:

CH. BIRDRISE ZIG'S IMAGE (S. Walter & A. Raymond)

Tristan, having only 4 Challenges up until October, came with a withering burst to win an incredible 7 Best in Group in a row in the one month. He also won during the year 1 Best in Show G.S.P. Specialty, 2 Best in Show (All Breeds), 1 Best in Group, and 2 Runner-up in Group. Tristan was Top Showing Gundog Male, Gundog Club of S.A. Inc., a nice finish to a very good year. Congratulations to all concerned.

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TOP CONFORMATION BITCH WINNER:

CH. VALACHE VON DER HJORDIS (G. & A. Raymond)

Hjordie started off the year with her first Challenge leading on to Best in Group. She won Opposite Sex in Show at the G.S.P. Champ Show in April '87 and went on to win some big challenges during the year. Hjordie is the first liver bitch to win this award. Congratulations.

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TOP OBEDIENCE DOG TROPHY WINNER:

VALACHE VON DER ROMMEL CDX (P. & S. Carter)

Rommel was the only male to score, passing 4 Open B Trials, with a Second and a Third placing. Congratulations Pete, Sue and Rommel.

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TOP OBEDIENCE BITCH TROPHY WINNER:

HIMARK BELLA DONNA ET CDX (D. Quemard)

Donna won this with ease even though there were 5 bitches to score for this award. She passed 13 Open A Trials in 1987 with five 2nd placings and three 3rd placings. Donna was also tenth in the S.A.C.A. Top Obedience Dog Trophy. A great effort. Congratulations Denise and Donna.

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TOP RETRIEVING DOG TROPHY WINNER:

CH. VALACHE VON SIEGFRIED QC (G. & A. Raymond)

Ziggy won this award easily, being the only G.S.P. male to score. This was his third year of winning this award, and won with a 1st and 3rd in Novice, this second Novice win putting him into Restricted Class. Congratulations Anne and Ziggy.

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TOP RETRIEVING BITCH TROPHY WINNER:

MARKHEIM SONNETT QC CDX (S. & B. Meszaros)

Sonnett was the only bitch to score and had a good year, coming 2nd and 3rd in All Age. She has only to win one more All Age to become a Retrieving Trial Champion. Sonnett also gained her CDX Title in 1987. Congratulations Steve, Betty and Sonnett.

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There is no Top Dog Award this year as we did not have any qualifiers for this.

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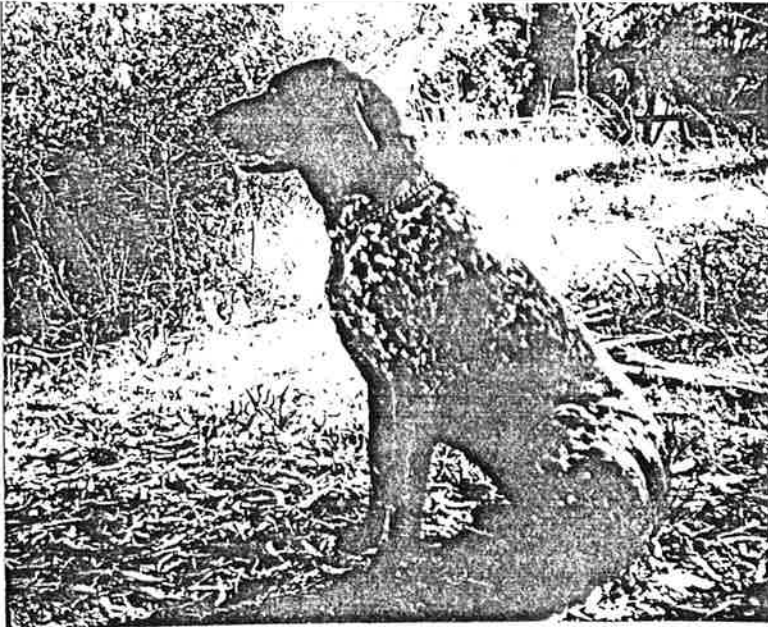
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TROPHY WINNERS FOR 1987



AUST. CH. BIRDRISE ZIG'S IMAGE



MARKHEIM SONNETT QC CDX



AUST. CH. VALACHE VON DER HJORDIS



AUST. CH. HEIDERST DRESS T'IMPRESS

Congratulations to "Casey" on gaining her Conformation Title over the Easter break at Mt. Gambier. At only 13 months of age, with some Puppy in Group and Puppy in Show wins under her belt (collar?), this is quite an achievement. Well done "Casey" and Raylene.



HEIDERST MAGDA CD CDX

Congratulations to "Abby" on gaining her CDX in obedience. She passed three Open B trials in the short space of only one week, gaining 1st and 2nd placings at Mt. Gambier over Easter, and a 3rd place at Para Districts the next weekend. Well done "Abby" - the Editor is very proud of you.



# IT'S TIME FOR THOSE RENEWALS!

## Membership Subscriptions

1988

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SHOW RESULTS

Colomeke open show

30.1.88

Judge Mrs S Bruno (SA)

Best bitch & BoB	VALACHE CORRINE	L Baddock
Runner up BoB	KAZIA TOPAZE TIARA (N)	L Cameron
Runner up puppy in group	VALACHE CORRINE	

Adelaide Hills KC Champ Show

7.2.88 Judge Mr G Doyle (NZ)

Dog CC & RuBoB	CH MORUADA MANHATTAN (14)	Smith/O'malley
Res Dog	CH BIRDRISE ZIG'S IMAGE	Salter/Raymond
Bitch CC & BoB	CH VALACHE VON DER HJORDIS (15)	G&A Raymond
Res Bitch	SHEREPOINT CARLY SIMON	R&J Bryant

Adelaide Hills KC Champ Show

7.2.88

Judge Mrs D Marshall (N)

Dog CC & BoB	CH BIRDRISE ZIG'S IMAGE (10)	Salter/Raymond
Res Dog	HEIDERST STORM TROOPER	K Drew
Bitch CC & RuBoB	KAZIA TOPAZE TIARA (15)	L Cameron
Res Bitch	HEIDERST STORM CLOUD	L O'Malley
Runner up in Group/Open in Group & Open in Show	CH BIRDRISE ZIG'S IMAGE	
Puppy in Group/Puppy in Show	HEIDERST DRESS T' IMPRESS	
Minor in Group	HEIDERST STORM CLOUD	

( General Specials Judge Mr A Warnock (CANADA)

Uraidla A&H Soc

20.2.88

Mr D Tidswell (SA)

Dog CC & BOB	CH BIRDRISE ZIG'S IMAGE (6)	Salter/Raymond
Bitch CC & RuBoB	HEIDERST DRESS T' IMPRESS (12)	R Smith
Res Bitch	KAZIA TOPAZE TIARA	I. Cameron
Runner Up in Group/Open	CH BIRDRISE ZIG'S IMAGE	
Runner Up Puppy	HEIDERST DRESS T' IMPRESS	

Angaston A&H Soc

28.2.88

Judge Mrs Rees (SA)

Dog CC & BOB	CH BIRDRISE ZIG'S IMAGE (9)	Salter/Raymond
Res Dog	KATYDID ESCRIBIENTE	J Mc Donald
Bitch CC & RuBOB	HEIDERST DRESS T' IMPRESS (13)	R Smith
Res Pitch	KAZIA TOPAZE TIARA	I. Cameron



SHOW RESULTS CONT...

<u>Colomeke KC.</u>	<u>27/3/88</u>	<u>Mr Watkins (VIC)</u>
Dog CC	CH BIRDRISE ZIG'S IMAGE (10)	Salter/Raymond
Res CC	CH MORUADA MANHATTAN	Smith/O'Malley
Bitch CC & BOB	HEIDERST DRESS T' IMPRESS (16)	Smith
Res CC	HEIDERST STORM CLOUD	L O'Malley
Opp Puppy in Group	MARKHEIM FIRST KNIGHT	J Kenton
4th SACA Guineas	HEIDERST STORM CLOUD	L O'Malley
Judge Mr G Wightman (SA)		

<u>Port Augusta K &amp; OB Club</u>	<u>1/4/88</u>	<u>Mrs A Mitchell (WA)</u>
Dog CC & BOB	CH MORUADA MANHATTAN (N) (8)	Smith/O'Malley
Res CC	HEIDERST SNOW STORM	L O'Malley
Bitch CC	HEIDERST DRESSED N' STYLE (9)	R Smith
Res CC	SHEREPOINT CARLY SIMON	J & R Bryant
Best Baby in Group	HEIDERST CHOCLAT CONFETTI	J Wilkens

<u>Port Lincon KC</u>	<u>2/4/88</u>	<u>Mr Hollobone (SA)</u>
Bitch CC & BOB	SHEREPOINT CARLY SIMON (8)	J & R Bryant
Res CC	SHEREPOINT PENNY LANE	J & R Bryant
Aust Bred In Show	SHEREPOINT CARLY SIMON	J & R Bryant

<u>Whyalla Dog Club</u>	<u>3/4/88</u>	<u>Mr P.B Thomson (GLD)</u>
Dog CC & BOB	CH MORUADA MANHATTAN (N) (25)	Smith/O'Malley
Res CC	HEIDERST SNOW STORM	Smith/O'Malley
Bitch CC	HEIDERST DRESSED N' STYLE (9)	R Smith
Res CC	SHEREPOINT CARLY SIMON	J & R Bryant
* Best In Show & Intermediate In Show		
	CH MORUADA MANHATTAN (N)	Smith/O'Malley
Puppy In Group & Opp puppy in show	HEIDERST SNOW STORM	Smith/O'Malley
Baby In Group	HEIDERST CHOCLAT CONFETTI	J Wilkens
Aust bred in Show	SHEREPOINT CARLY SIMON	J & R Bryant
Open In Group	HEIDERST DRESSED N' STYLE	R Smith



Members Mandy Auricht and Anne Raymond travelled over to W.A. for a holiday with a few dogs, doing well, with Ch Birdrise Zig's Image getting Best in Group the first day and Runner up Best in Show and Open in Show at the G.S.P. Champ. Show. Lyn Baddock's bitch Valache Corrine was challenge bitch and Puppy In Show, Leslie Cameron's Kazia Topaze Tiara was Res CC and Junior in Show. Well done everyone.

G.S.P's did well over the Easter weekend with Jadine McKenzie and Heiderst Madna C.D. gaining two legs of her C.D.X. with a 1st and 2nd placing. Sue & Peter Carter's bitch Kazia Ziggy's Stardust won her first challenge and then went on to get BOB, well done Sue & Peter.

Jean & Ross Bryant did well with Sherepoint Carly Simon, winning 2 Aust Bred in Show's and a BOB at Port Lincon. Liat O'Malley and Raylene Smith's Ch Moruada Manhattan (N) won 2 Best Exhibit In Show's over Easter for the second year in a row. This win Qualify's Matty for this years Battle Of the Champions.

Here that David & Hellen Jones have moved to a propert at Cockatoo Valley, Kerry Drew A new member has had recent success with her young dog Heiderst Storm Trooper, well done Kerry.

The young Black & White dog Markheim First Knight owned by Salter's and Raymond has had some recent good wins.

Christopher Smith has a new puppy Dhanraj Tippu Sultan this is Christopher's first puppy, good luck.

New member Betty King, Bull Terrier owner, has been seen showing a G.S.P. baby. All the best for the future Betty & Toby.

Jenny Wilkens has a new puppy Heiderst Chocolat Confetti she won two baby in Group over Easter, also her Katydid from W.A. Won a Minor in group well done.

Interesting to note there is a American Champion Import in Australia residing in Victoria a sister to America's Top G.S.P.

We here that Anne Pelgrave has a new puppy, and welcome new member's Mr & Mrs Prideaux who also have a new pup.

**— FRED BASSET**



# HEIDERST GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTERS

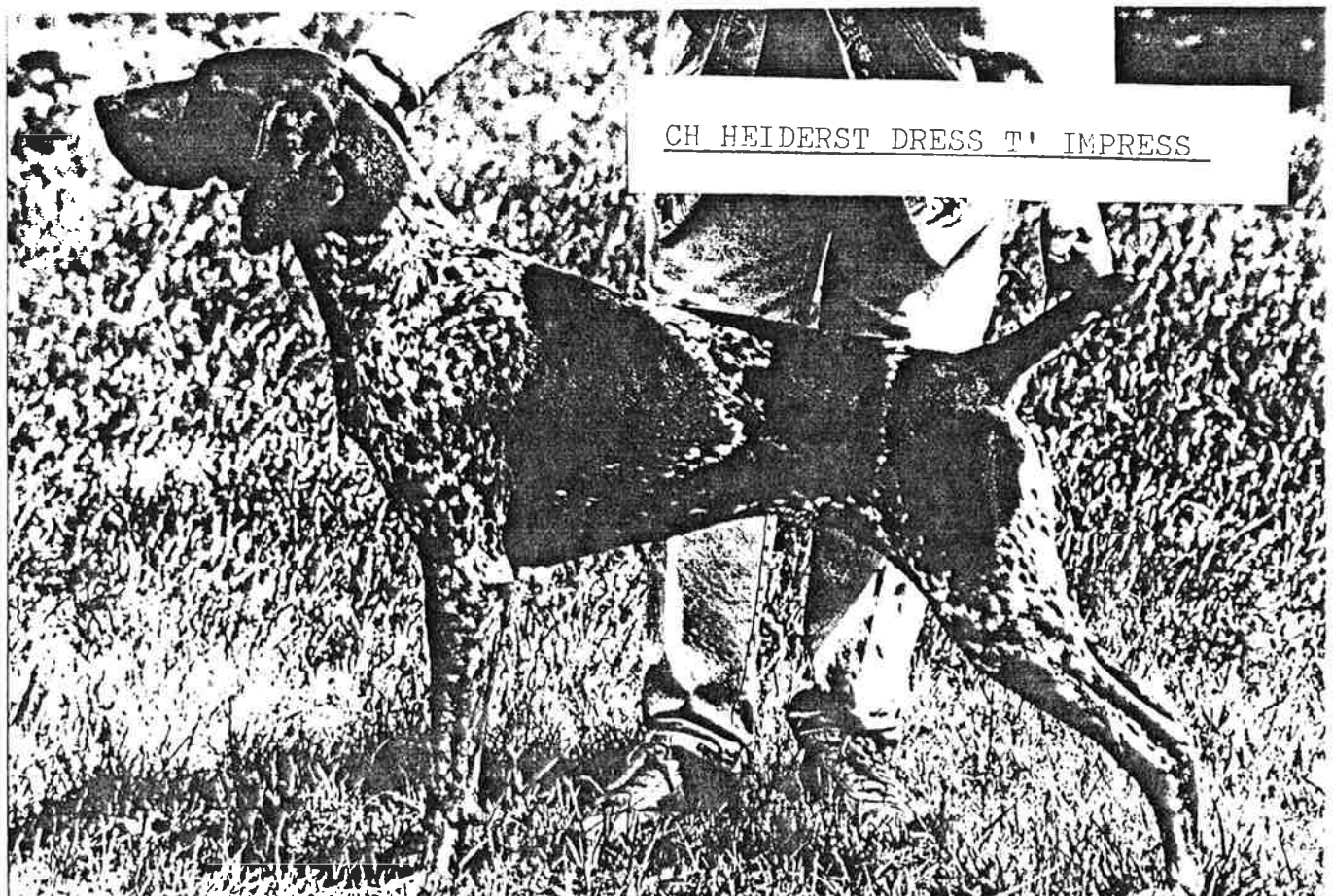
## Wish To CONGRATULATE

AUSP. CH KORUADA MANHATTAN (F) On his two BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOWS over the Easter weekend. Judges Mr P.E. Thomson (CLD) Mr Thomson is a Allbreed's Judge in America as well as a Gundog Specialist. The other Judge Was Mr R Watson (TAS) These wins take Matty's total to 5 BEST EXHIBIT IN SHOWS & BEST IN GROUPS. Quite a record for a 2year old. This win Qualify Matty for the battle of the Champions for the second year in a row.

ALSO TO \*HEIDERST DRESS T' IMPRESS for gaining her title over the Easter weekend at the tender age of 13mths. Along the way to her title Casey won 2 PUPPY IN SHOWS (GSP & Gundog Spec. Shows), 2 PUPPY IN GROUPS , 1 R.UP PUPPY IN GROUP & 1 PUPPY IN SHOW.

CONGRATULATIONS To Jenny Wilkins and HEIDERST DECCALAT CONFETTI on her two BEST BABY IN GROUPS over Easter. Connie is a Matty daughter.

On the Easter circuits dogs owned/or bred by us took out 7 dog CC & 6 bitch CC , 2 Best Exhibit In Shows, 3 puppy In Group , 1 Opp Sex Puppy in Show , 2 Intermediate in Shows , 2 Baby In Groups & 1 Open In Group, with 8 individual dogs.



TROPHY SCORES

TOP SHOW DOG

AUST CH MORUADA MANHATTAN (N)	78	(5)	Smith/O'Malley
AUST CH HEIDERST MI RUFIAN Q.C,C.D.X.	26	(3)	R Smith
AUST CH BIRDRISE ZIG'S IMAGE	20	(2)	Salter/Raymond

TOP SHOW BITCH

AUST CH HEIDERST DRESS T' IMPRESS	67	(6)	R Smith
HEIDERST DRESSED N' STYLE	27	(3)	R Smith
KAZIA ZIGGY'S STARDUST	10	(1)	P & S Carter
KAZIA TOPAZE TIARA	9	(1)	L Cameron
SHEREPOINT CARLEY SIMON	8	(1)	J & R Bryant

RUVALLAN TROPHY TOP SHOWING G.S.P.

AUST CH MORUADA MANHATTAN (N)	94	(5)	Smith/O'Malley
AUST CH HEIDERST DRESS T' IMPRESS	83	(6)	R Smith
AUST CH HEIDERST MI RUFIAN	36	(3)	R SMith
AUST CH BIRDRISE ZIG'S IMAGE	24	(2)	Salter/Raymond
KAZIA ZIGGY'S STARDUST	10	(1)	P & S Carter
SHEREPOINT CARLEY SIMON	8	(1)	J & R Bryant

Results up to the 4/4/88...



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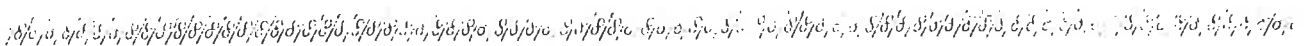
Any time you have a training problem, first check yourself and what you are doing, for 99 out of 100 times it is your fault.

If your dog doesn't seem to be catching on to what you're trying to teach him, put on your thinking cap and analyse the situation from his point of view.

If he is not enjoying the work, take a look at yourself in the mirror, then learn to SMILE and have fun. Give your commands with a SMILE on your face and a SMILE in your voice.

Consider your dog FIRST, LAST and ALWAYS.

Let your watchwords by which you train be the four P's: PATIENCE  
PRAISE  
PERSERVERANCE  
PLAY



And now for something completely different.....

## T R A C K I N G

(by Mary Mutch)

Tracking is the art of finding people and articles that are lost by using the dogs ability to scent.

The best age to start a dog tracking is as a small puppy, but it is one activity that even an elderly dog can learn and enjoy as long as it is reasonably fit and you have the patience to teach it to use it's nose instead of it's eyes.

The equipment required is a comfortable well-fitting harness and an 18 metre lead. A start flag and small flags on pegs with which to mark the track until both you and your dog are sure of where you are going, and what you are doing. The most effective way that I have found to start a dog tracking is to play hide and seek. Take the dog to a reserve with trees on it, and take as your tracklayer someone whom the dog loves, and either his favourite toy or a little of his favourite food as reward. The person handling the dog removes the lead but holds on to the collar. He talks to the dog in a quiet but excited manner, encouraging the dog to find the person. "woof go, go and find mum, find mum" or "Fido, go and find the ball, find the ball." If you emphasize the words GO AND FIND you are already teaching command words for the start of a proper track. The tracklayer shows the dog the toy or a small piece of food, quietly encouraging the dog to come and find it. He then walks away slowly heading for the nearest tree or bush, all the time calling to the dog. He disappears behind the tree, and is quiet and still.

The dog by this time should be excited and longing to chase after the tracklayer. The person handling the dog releases him as soon as the tracklayer disappears. When the dog reaches the tracklayer the person praises him lavishly, plays with him or rewards him with a small piece of food.

Repeat this game two or three times.

Then the tracklayer calls the dog until he disappears behind the first tree, he then quietly, without calling the dog, walks on to the next tree and hides behind that. The dog handler holds Fido until he is sure that the tracklayer has reached his destination. He then releases him. Fido should race out as before, go behind the tree, and finding no one there begin to cast around, pick up the tracklayers scent and follow it to the next tree. Once again he should receive lavish praise. If necessary the handler can follow a short distance behind the dog to encourage him to go on and find the tracklayer who is not where the dog expected him to be.

Once the dog begins to understand the game so far, the tracklayer can stop calling to the dog. Don't just stop calling altogether, cut it out gradually. Also the handler can start to turn the dogs head away so he does not see where the tracklayer goes. The dog must start to use his nose and not his eyes.

If possible play this game with two or three different people, and don't always use the same trees. If you have more than one reserve near you use all of them so that Fido gets used to going to different places to track.

As the dog begins to understand, again make it a bit harder. The tracklayer can go on a bit further and maybe lay down on the ground just before he gets to the next tree, or put a slight bend in the track.

Don't try and do all this in just one or two sessions. Take it slowly and don't push on to the next step until Fido does each step well and happily. If your dog is going to be a reliable tracking dog, finding the person must be fun and a happy thing to do.

Another consideration is the wind. Always start a track with the wind behind you. This blows the air scent away from the dog and assists him to put his nose down to find the track.

From now on the tracklayer should put in a start flag and leave an article of clothing at the foot of it, ie. a dirty pair of socks, a singlet or t-shirt. (You would be suprised what we find as articles sometimes!) The handler walks the dog up to the start flag, shows him the socks, tells him to "go and find" .... and then releases him.

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.....cont. "TRACKING"

Fido should now be ready to go in harness. Put the harness on him at home and let him run around the garden in it for a while. Then attach the long tracking lead and encourage him to pull it along while it is dragging on the ground. When the long lead is wet and dirty it can be very heavy for a dog to pull, so let him get used to it at home. Then pick up the end of it and follow him about the garden and tell him he's a good dog for pulling out ahead of you. When he moves about confidently towing his tracking lead he is ready to wear it for a track. The tracklayer puts in a start flag, leaves an article at the foot of it and lays a track. The handler can put the harness on the dog at the car, but he walks him to within about thirty to forty feet of the start flag on his collar and lead. He then attaches the tracking lead to the harness and removes the ordinary lead and collar. Throw the tracking lead out behind you to unwind it. Don't attempt to hold on to all of it, once the dog is moving you'll get in a horrible tangle, so just let it trail out on the ground behind you. Pick the lead up just behind Fido. If he wants to go to the start flag and article ahead of you, let him. Stand still and let him pull the lead through your fingers. Then as he moves off from the start flag you move keeping about 30 to 40 feet behind. If he does not want to go to the start on his own, take him in and show him the article like you did before he had the harness on, quietly encouraging him with your voice. You are now ready to work on increasing the length of the track and the time before the dog sets out to find the tracklayer. But don't increase both at the same time. Eg. 100metre track, the first time you run it have a 5 minute time lapse, the second time a 10 minute time lapse. The third time 15 minutes, working up to 30 minutes. Then you have a 150 metre track and come back to a 15 minute time lapse and work up again to 30 minutes. A 200 metre track, come back to 15 minutes and work up again. Each time you add a complication bring the time lapse back to make it easier for your dog.

Add right or left turns. The tracklayer should drop a second article on the track a few feet past the turn to reassure Fido that he is going the right way. It may be necessary to gently restrain the dog if he is going too fast. Don't jerk on the lead. Put it round behind your back and lean back into it so that a constant pressure is placed upon the dog. A dog that is going too fast is very likely to overshoot the corners of the track, and miss articles. Also, very few handlers can keep up a fast pace over rough terrain and not interfere with or cause confusion to the dog.

Always make sure that you the handler know exactly where to track is. This is what your small flags on pegs are for. The tracklayer marks the track by attaching these flags to trees, bushes and even tall weeds, anything so long as you can see and know exactly where the track is. As in Obedience training, don't let your dog make a mistake. If he wants to go wandering off in the wrong direction take hold of the lead up by the harness, walk along pointing to the track telling him to "find mum" etc. If he wants to pull ahead again in the right direction let him and praise him. Always finish a track and find your tracklayer. Then the next time you go out make the track a little easier.

Tracking is thirsty work for a dog. Always have water for him and a dish to drink from. The tracklayer can carry this to start with, but when you progress to more difficult tracks it will be necessary for you to carry it as the dog may need a drink on the way.

Many things can adversely affect a track. If the weather is too hot the scent will evaporate very quickly. Don't track in very hot weather - it discourages the dog and can also cause great distress and dehydration. There is also of course the danger from snakes. The shape of the land that the track is laid over may cause wind funnels and scent traps that the dog can find difficult to get out of. Add a gusty or swirling wind and an inexperienced dog and handler can get hopelessly lost unless the track has been clearly marked.

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## What is a Non-Slip Retrieving Trial

by Jenny Stummer

WHAT IS a non-slip retrieving trial? The question has often been asked of me over the years. I will therefore attempt to describe the event simply and shortly and hope I can encourage some of you to 'have a go'.

A non-slip is open to gundogs only and is a competition to show the natural ability, durability, keenness and working relationship between handler and dog in a simulated field/retrieving contest. The non-slip part of the title is exactly that: the dog is not allowed to wear any check-chain, collar or any other form of restraint during the runs and at no time are you allowed to touch your dog.

There are three divisions: the novice stake, restricted stake and all age stake. The novice stake is contested over three runs per dog and handler, usually two land runs, one water run. The game retrieved is pigeon (deceased). To move on to restricted work, you must win one novice. After two wins you automatically move up. I shall only deal with novice work here.

Handler and dog commence at a starting gate where leash and choker are removed and a gun is handed to the competitor, broken (blanks are used). It is important that the handler learns the correct way to safely handle the firearm, as the judge will penalise dangerous gun-handling (such as endangering the judge and/or gallery).

Dog and handler then proceed to the second gate, the dog heeling on the left side of the handler. At the second gate the handler halts, the dog coming to either a sit, stand or drop beside the handler. The gun is then closed and cocked and at a signal from the judge the bird is catapulted up in an area in front of the dog. This is called a marked or sighted bird.

The dog must remain under control as the gun is fired, shoulder high, at the bird, and not break

its position until told to fetch by the handler (usually a few seconds and at the handler's discretion). It is important time elapses between the shot and the fetch command to satisfy the judge as to the dog's steadiness. The gun must be "broken" before sending the dog or immediately after.

The dog is expected to retrieve the bird without further command, make a direct route to the fall of the bird, make a clean pick-up either on land, in or through water and return to the handler, sit or stand in front/beside the handler until the bird is removed from the dog's mouth, both then turn and return to the first gate, dog under control the whole time.

At this point the steward takes the gun and the bird. After the handover the judge stops marking the run. The bird is checked to make sure it is undamaged.

You lose points for: uncontrollable dog between gates, dog out of bird area; failing to break the gun; mishandling of gun; dog making excessive noise; dog mismarking fall; lacking enthusiasm; droppings of bird; damaged bird; bad handover (bird dropped at handler's feet or refusal to hand over); bad water entry or refusal; dog emptying out during run, and, of course, no bird retrieved.

The most rewarding part of this work is the enormous sense of belonging with your dog — to work together and achieve satisfaction for both handler and dog. Once bitten by the NSRT bug you won't be disappointed. The venues are good, atmosphere relaxing, the people involved friendly and encouraging. Come and watch a trial, with your gundog. He/she deserves it just for being that — a gundog.

*With acknowledgements to "Pointer View" the newsletter of the GSP Club of NSW.*

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE GERMAN SHORTHAIRRED POINTER CLUB OF S.A. INC. ON 16th MARCH 1988

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting.

I would like to start my report by saying that, when helping out as Assistant Secretary at the beginning of our financial year in March last year, I had no idea that I would be handed the Secretary's job towards the end of the year.

One night I received a 'phone call from Neville - could I please take over as Secretary, as Raylene had to resign due to personal reasons, or the club would have to close without a Secretary. Not wanting this to happen, I agreed to carry it on, not realising what was involved ... I have since found out.

We lost 4 committee members this year - 3 resigning, and the sad passing of Wendy Newbury last week from a massive heart attack. I feel sure she will be sadly missed, as she was a Steward for us many times. Her husband Keith, has given us a G.S.P. decanter that Wendy bought in New Zealand to use as we see fit in remembrance of Wendy.

Our Parade was held on the 13th December 1987, and due to Jadine's persistence, the Raffle raised \$501-40.

Once again we went to Trash and Treasure and raised \$124-60 (I think). To those people who helped on the day - Robyn, Steve, Jadine, Neville, Wendy and Geoff (I hope I haven't left anyone out), (and Geoff - we could have sold lots more Brylcream!) "thank you", and thank you to those who donated things to sell.

A special thank you to Steve for photocopying last year's Minutes and the Eric Dell Trophy Schedule - approximately 180 pages. Thanks Steve.

Also I would just like to say, I think Jadine has done a terrific job with the Newsletter.

To Jean, thank you for doing the Parade catalogue, and thank God you have said you will do the Champ. Show catalogue.

In closing, I wish the new Committee all the best for 1988, and thank all of you for supporting YOUR Club by coming along tonight.

P.S. I sent a letter to Chief Justice Robin Millhouse enquiring whether he would be interested in becoming a Patron of the G.S.P. Club and received a telephone call from him on Monday afternoon to say he would be delighted.

Anne Pelgrave  
Secretary, G.S.P. Club of S.A. Inc.

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1988 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good evening members. It is heartening to see so many here tonight.

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to the out-going committee members for their efforts this year. It certainly hasn't been an easy year.

When I took over as President last year, I did not realise that the Club was on the way down, and possibly out. How, we might ask? Well, it appears to be the old attitude of "looking after number one" and "never mind the Club". I suppose you could call it apathy.

Some people might say I am a great one to speak - but let me say that I feel I am only "DISSATISFIED" with my effort - not "UNSATISFIELD", as quite a lot of our members should feel. (Check your Oxfords).

We hear excuses like - I want to run or show my dog, or I've done my share over the last couple of years. However, as we are only a small club, we need every member at least willing to try to do something towards helping with the Club activities in order to keep it going.

This past year has been a disaster - problem after problem. The two day retrieving trial, the loss of 2 committee members and the editor of the newsletter. All of this with an inexperienced committee - and president.

I hope this coming year improves - it can't be any worse - CAN IT?

As from tonight I will not be available for any position on the committee as my workload has doubled since September, and I cannot afford the time.

Neville Penna  
President

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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Good evening Members, I was secretary of the club until November, where pressures of family commitments made it impossible for me to continue, and do the right thing by the club. Anne Pelgrave took on the job and has kept the club together.

The club's first function for the year was the Champ Show in April, the Judge was from N.Z. The outgoing committee did most of the running of this event as it was held soon after the A.G.M.

The next was a Ret. training day in May held at the Bretherton's property at Lobethal it was a really pleasant day thank you Bruce and Viv. Our 1 day Ret. trial at point Sturt was held in May and thanks to all the helpers this ran smoothly.

A special meeting was called in June to discuss the revised standard and also the forming of a sub committee for the 2 day trial.

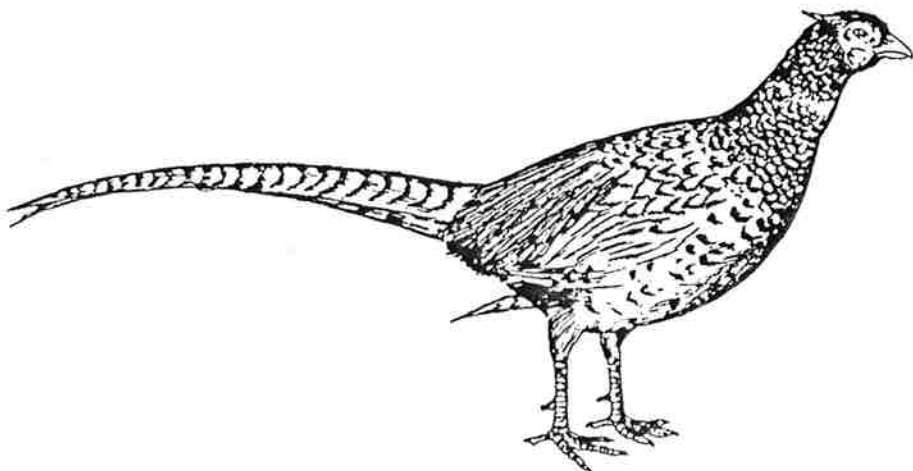
In August was the 2 day Ret. trial this unfortunately was marred by an incident on the second day which lost the club the use of the property.

Royal Adelaide Show luncheon was next and this was supported well, everybody having plenty of nice things to eat.

My last meeting was in November.

Many thanks to Karen & Jadine and the rest of the committee for their help and support. Thanks to Neville who though extremely busy with his shop made every possible effort to be at the meetings. A special thanks to Paul our editor who though not doggy person did a great job with the newsletter with very little help. Special thanks to Jean for printing our catalogues and raffle tickets and to Jadine for her great effort in selling raffle tickets.

Before I go I would just like to comment on the lack of support for this breed club. I have been showing and working this breed since 1974 and over the years I find that owners of this breed would rather support clubs other than their breed club. We have lost many of our Ret. people and workers because of petty grievances instead of working together for the betterment & promotion of the breed.



RAYLENE SMITH.