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MIDNIGHT SUN GUN DOG ASSOCIATION
**2004 JULY NEWSLETTER
&
HUNT TEST PREMIUM**

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

by Jeff Carlson

Hi, folks, summer is in full swing and everyone is busy, including MSGDA. In 2004, MSGDA has already held a 10 week retriever training course, held a May Picnic Field test, and ran one NAHRA sanctioned event. There is no signs of slowing down as we have one more NAHRA sanctioned event on July 24th & 25th and an Upland Fun Hunt scheduled for August 7th. More information on these two events can be found in this newsletter or on our club website. MSGDA is growing because of our members and our membership volunteers who make all of this possible and successful and for that I thank each of you. I would encourage each of you to get more involved in the club by attending our monthly Board Meetings, starting or participating in a small training groups, by taking a new member hunting, or by participation in our club events. Everyone has something to contribute, it is just a matter of what you enjoy doing and are willing to share with others. Thanks again for making MSGDA a family-oriented club dedicated to hunters and their hunting retrievers. Have a great summer and hope to see you soon!

HUNT TEST JULY 24 & 25

Dear Field Test Participants,
The Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association (MSGDA) will be hosting a Licensed NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field Test on Saturday, July 24 and Sunday, July 25 at Falcon Ridge Upland Hunting Farm @ Point McKenzie(see directions on page 2). There will be double events during the weekend with a Started, Intermediate, and Senior test on both Saturday and Sunday. Intermediate and Senior tests on Saturday and

Sunday will be run as combined events. Qualifying dogs and their owners will be awarded an official NAHRA Rosette and accompanying band. There will be a barbecue following the events on Saturday.

EVENT SCHEDULE AND JUDGES:

Date	Start Time	Judges	Event
Saturday, July 24 th	9:00 a.m.	Laura Kinney & Rich Voth	Started I
			Intermediate I
	9:00 a.m.	Mike Walsh & Dave Renkoski	Senior I
	9:00 a.m.	Mike Walsh & Dave Renkoski	
Sunday, July 25 th	9:00 a.m.	Mike Walsh & Kody Bull	Stated II
			Intermediate II
	9:00 a.m.	Laura Kinney & Gino Delfrate	Senior II
	9:00 a.m.	Laura Kinney & Gino Delfrate	

Fee Schedule:

Event	Non-NAHRA member	NAHRA Member
Started	\$45.00	\$40.00
Intermediate	\$50.00	\$45.00
Senior	\$55.00	\$50.00

Junior Handlers: In an effort to increase participation by younger people, the entry fees for all handlers 16 years of age and younger will be reduced by 50% for all field tests. So, if a handler is 16 years of age or

2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY 24, 25 2004: NAHRA LICENSED HUNT TEST, FALCON RIDGE
AUGUST 7, 2004: MSGDA FUN HUNT, FALCON RIDGE

younger, the fees for NAHRA members would be \$20 for Started, \$22.50 for Intermediate and \$25.00 for Senior field tests

Entry Applications: One Entry form per dog category is required. Please fill out the application form completely. *Do not forget to put in your NAHRA membership number on the form.* Checks should be made payable to Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association. **Please mail entries to:** Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association, PO Box 241291, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-1291. For information about entries: Contact Jim Ferguson, 562-7774 Field Test Secretary (Phone).

All entries must be received by 7:00 p.m., Monday July 18, 2004 to be included in the catalog book. The drawing for running order will be held that evening. Entries received after July 18 will be accepted up to the day of the event but will not appear in the catalog. **Please try to send your entry on time this helps the board determine what kind of turn out we will get at the tests and decide number of birds to bring.**

DIRECTIONS TO JULY TEST

Directions from Anchorage: Take Glen Highway North to the Parks Highway and turn left. Go past Wasilla Lake and turn left (south) on Knik Goose Bay Road. Drive 17 miles and turn right on Pt. Mackenzie Road. Drive 7 miles to where the pavement ends. Turn right on gravel road. Go 0.1 mile and turn left on Ayrshire Road. Go approx. 1 miles and turn right towards carpenter lake follow signs to Falcon Ridge.

REMINDER FOR TESTS!!!!!!

Please be aware that live and or dead ducks and pigeons will be used for all tests. The day of the event should not be the first time you should introduce your dog to these birds. If your dog fails to pick up a bird it will not pass the test. Many club members have training birds for sale please contact one of them for price and availability.

Refund Policy: Full refunds will be given prior to the drawing date and for dogs in season or ill/injured dogs when a written request is accompanied by a Veterinarian's certification. All other refunds are made at the discretion of the Field Test Committee.

Dress: Camouflage or appropriate hunting attire must be worn by all participant's.

Birds: Live and or dead ducks and pigeons will be used in the tests.

Field Test Headquarters will be at Falcon Ridge. Contact: Kody Bull 441-8722 (Mobile).

Field Test Committee: Jim Ferguson (Field Test Secretary); Jeff Carlson (Field Test Chairman); Brad Hanson (Member), Julie Hermans (Member), John Alexander (Member); Tom Cole (Member).

Food/Water: Tests normally last most of the day. Bring food and water for you and your dog.

Barbecue: MSGDA will host a barbecue following the events on Saturday. This is a potluck barbecue. We are asking all MSGDA members to bring a side dish (appetizer, salad or dessert). This is also a family event. We hope you bring the entire family.

Help/Volunteers: These events are made possible by volunteers. If you can help out, please contact Paula Ferguson, at 562-7774. Your help is appreciated.

Veterinary Help/Clinics: In the event of any dog injuries, we have a Veterinary Kit on the grounds at all our events. If your dog needs veterinary care, the closest Veterinary Clinic to Falcon Ridge is the Wasilla Veterinary Clinic on the Parks Highway across from Nye Ford (376-3993 regular and emergencies).

Reminder for all Events: **DO NOT** drive on fields or drive fast on roads around the fields. Doing so stirs up a lot of dust or creates a lot of mud, which makes the owners very unhappy and we will not be allowed to use their fields in the future! **DO NOT** go through any gates unless instructed to do so. Also, come prepared to "scoop poop" and pick up any trash. Thank you for your consideration of others. For more information on any of the events, go to our web site at <http://msgda.org>.



Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association
P.O. Box 241291, Anchorage, Alaska 99524
Membership Application/Renewal

The Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association is dedicated to Alaska's hunters and their hunting dogs. Please fill out the information below and mail it with your check payable to the Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association. Thank you for your support!

Name(s):		Mailing Address		City & State	Zip Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	Mobile/Cell Phone	Fax	Email	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal		Type of Membership (please check one):			
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor* \$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing * \$50.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Family* \$30.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Individual \$25.00 Additional Contributions \$ _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____			

Please indicate which committees you would be willing to work on: Membership Newsletter Publicity Fund-raising Education Hospitality Field Events

** These memberships are entitled to list two voting members per family. Please include names of both voting members on your application.*

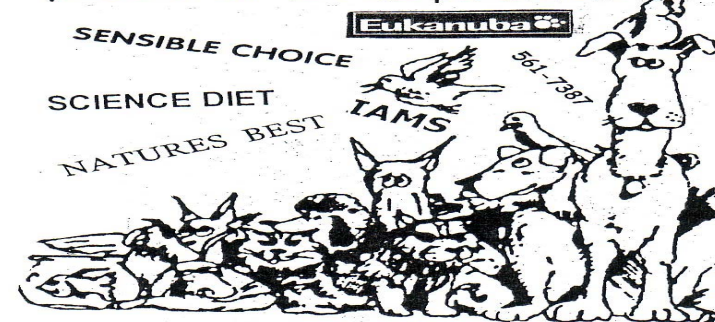
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PRINT CLUB NAME, LOCATION and EVENT DATE BELOW			
Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association <i>P.O. Box 241291, Anchorage, AK 99524-1291</i>			
Location: Falcon Ridge, Pt. Mackenzie Alaska.			
Date: July 24 and 25, 2004 (circle day you wish to enter)			
PLEASE ENTER IN: <input type="checkbox"/> Started <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (Separate form for each category)			
IS DOG REGISTERED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		REG. Nbr or FTN:	
REGISTRY:	DATE OF BIRTH	<input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE
REG. NAME:			
CALL NAME:	BREED:	COLOR:	
BREEDER:			
SIRE:			
DAM:			
HANDLER:			
NAME OF OWNER:			
STREET:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	
IS OWNER A NAHRA MEMBER?		MEMBERSHIP Nbr:	
SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AGENT:		PHONE NUMBER:	

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IS DOG REGISTERED? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		REG. Nbr or FTN:	
REGISTRY:	DATE OF BIRTH	<input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	<input type="checkbox"/> MALE
REG. NAME:			
CALL NAME:	BREED:	COLOR:	
BREEDER:			
SIRE:			
DAM:			
HANDLER:			
NAME OF OWNER:			
STREET:			
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:	
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SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AGENT:		PHONE NUMBER:	

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MSGDA TRAINING LIBRARY AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS

We have our training references available for members to check out. The list below is what is available to check out. Any of the books and videos can be checked out by members. We hope that everyone will take advantage of this great opportunity. If you are interested in checking out any books or videos, contact Paula Ferguson at 562-7774 or via email at jpferg44@aol.com. New books are now here!!!

BOOKS

- Water Dog**, by Richard Wolters
- Working Retrievers**, by Tom Quinn
- Tri-Tronics Retriever Training**, by Jim & Phyllis Dobbs
- Training Your Retrievers**, by James Lamb Free
- Hunting Retriever**, by Bill Tarrant
- Retriever Training Test**, by Jim Spencer
- Retriever Puppy Training**, by Loveland & Rutherford
- Problem Gun Dogs**, by Bill Tarrant
- Retriever Training for Duck Hunters**, by Robert Milner
- Training Retrievers to Handle**, by D.L. & Ann Walters
- Training Retrievers for Marsh & Meadows**, by Jim Spencer
- Smartwork Vol I** by Evan Graham
- Smartwork Vol II** by Evan Graham
- Smart Fetch** by Evan Graham

VIDEOS

- Water Dog**, by Richard Wolters
- Game Dog**, by Richard Wolters
- Total Retriever Training**, by Mike Lardy
- Marking** by Mike Lardy
- Tri-Tronics Video Trained Retrieve Part I "Hold"** by Jim & Phyllis Dobbs
- Tri-Tronics Video Trained Retrieve Part II "Fetch"** by Jim & Phyllis Dobbs
- Command Performance** by David Dikeman

UPCOMING MSGDA EVENTS

Upland Fun Hunt

- **August 7 - Upland Fun Hunt at Falcon Ridge, Point Mackenzie.** Cost will be \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. The package will include 7 Chucker and lunch. Deadline to register is July 25 and the event will be limited to the first 30 folks to sign up. To reserve your slot or to get more information email Jeff Carlson ccarlson@gci.net or Paula Ferguson jpferg44@aol.com.

Never participated in an Upland Hunt? No Problem!! Your in for a real treat! You'll get to meet some great folks and see some fantastic dog work. Just let us know and if there is enough interest we will hold a 1/2 day class on July 10 (8:30 am - 12:00, Location TBD) to teach you about upland hunting and how to train your dog upland skills.

TRAINING TIPS

Taken from The Rappahannock River Retriever Club
 Training a retriever, like most things in life, does not happen all on its own- it takes an investment of effort, patience, consistency, and last but certainly not least, an investment of time. Greater levels of proficiency at retrieving understandably require different concepts to be taught, as well as more of an investment in time and effort. Individuals are encouraged have a goal of proficiency in mind that they wish their retriever to attain, to develop a training schedule that will allow for the goal to be reached, and to then train with that goal in mind. Just as people have different personalities, cognitive prowess, and physical attributes, so to do retrievers. Accordingly, one needs to remain flexible to modifying their training regimen to the particular needs of their retriever. A concept may seem to be quite simplistic to you, however, if your retriever does not understand, it really doesn't matter what you think as your retriever does not understand what is being asked. Be willing to take a step or two backwards in your training before you advance to the next phase or concept. By adapting your training regimen to the needs of your retriever, you will be better able to reach the goal together and both you and your retriever will be able to find the pleasure, if not joy, of working together as a team.

