

AZPDC NEWSLETTER



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MAY 2009

2009-2010 Officers & Board

**Congratulations to our New and Returning Officers & Board members.
Thank you for supporting our club!**

2009—2010 Officers:

PRESIDENT: Eddie Rucker
VICE PRESIDENT: Tom Wheeling
SECRETARY: Lance Gerdes
TREASURE: Gina Gerdes

2009—2010 Board:

Dave Auten
Mike Beeny
Jim Cassara
Joe Felish



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"BILL GIBBONS"
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
MAY 12th, 2009

GENERAL MEETING
COCO'S RESTURANT

4514 E CACTUS ROAD
LOCATED NEAR PV MALL

TIME: 7PM

Hope to see you there!!!

Want More?

Check out the AZPDC online forum. Find photos, discussions, tips, and more at <http://www.azpdc.org>.

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FOR CURRENT
PRICING

AZPDC is currently seeking 2009 committee members.

Assistance and mentorship will be provided by existing officers, board members, and committee leaders.

Please contact Ed Rucker for additional information.

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AZPDC NEXT REGULAR MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009 @ 7PM
COCO'S RESTAURANT
4514 E CACTUS ROAD
LOCATED NEAR PV MALL

BOARD MEETING TO FOLLOW
MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO STAY

PURCHASING A MEAL IS NOT
REQUIRED

MEALS AVAILABLE FROM A LARGE
MODERATELY PRICED MENU

See February Field Trial Results on-line soon! Go to www.azpdc.org.

March Field Trial is at same location on March 14th and 15th. Send in your applications now.

GD STANDINGS

- 1-Scooter-Jack Mitchell
- 2-Gage-Bob Jr
- 3-Ryche-Todd Fielitz
- 4-Mitzi-Todd Henderson

SH STANDINGS

- 1-Daja-Jim Sch.
- 2-Jazzmin-Debbie Sch.
- 3-Daisy-Jason Taylor
- 4-Jack-Pete Torres

JH STANDING

- 1-Scout-Dennis Rhorman
- 2-Cheyenne-Snow Aubel
- 3-Puck-Brent Jacobs
- 4-Reynolds-Christy Hender-

ALL EVENTS POSTED ON THE AZPDC WEBSITE

Did you know all events, dates, maps, and premiums are listed in the events section of the AZPDC website?

Don't wait for the newsletter; get your application in early. Visit us at:

<http://www.azpdc.org>

THANK YOU TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO DONATED ALL OF THE WONDERFUL ITEMS USED FOR THE VARIOUS RAFFLES HELD AT OUR ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY & BANQUET. THE CLUB DID VERY WELL. I WILL EMAIL A LIST OF THE ITEMS THAT WERE UP FOR AUCTION AND THE \$\$\$ AMOUNTS THAT THEY EARNED!!! TOM DID A FANTASTIC JOB ORCHESTRATING THE BANQUET RAFFLES THIS YEAR. I WAS VERY IMPRESSED. IF YOU WERE THERE GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT COULD BE IMPROVED. TOTAL INCOME: \$10,767 TOTAL EXPENSES: \$8,024.88 PROFIT: \$2,742.12. I BELIEVE MOST BANQUET ATTENDEES HAD A GOOD TIME. I HAD A BLAST AND I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR!!!

GINA GERDES, TREASURE 2009-2010

MAY 16th & 17th 2009 FIELD TRIAL APPLICATION

LOCATION: KIABAB LAKE AREA (SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW)

AZPDC TRIAL APPLICATION

EVENT DATE: SATURDAY MAY 16th FIELD TRIAL SUNDAY MAY 17th FIELD TRIAL
DOG NAME: _____ AGE: _____ SEX: M F

BREED: _____ HANDLER: _____

GUNNER: _____ HANDLER PHONE #: _____

CLASS: JUNIOR HUNTER SENIOR HUNTER GUNDOG
ENTRY FEE \$30 PER DOG PER EVENT

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Please send entries to trial chairperson at the address below:
Brent Jacobs 1941 W. Spur Drive Phoenix, AZ 85085

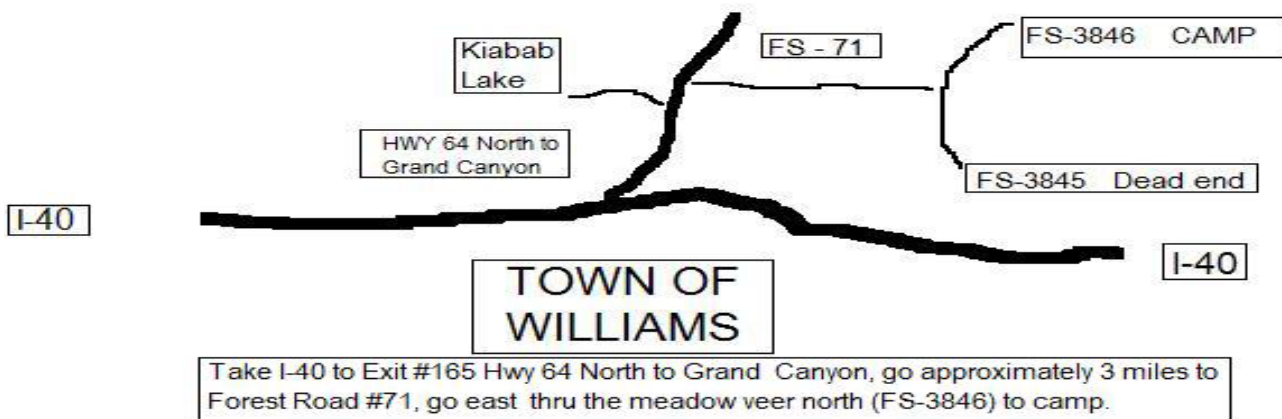
Check or money order payable to AZPDC.

Junior Hunter Class - 6 mo. & up - Training devices may be used. Must establish point; retrieves & backs are a plus.
Senior Hunter Class - More advanced, training, devices may be used. Must establish point, should retrieve & honors point stylishly.

Gundog Class - Stylish on point, steady to wing & shot (with no movement), honors point, must retrieve within 3 feet or to hand for higher score. No training devices allowed. **See new rules for 2009 Trial year changes...**

AZPDC is a Working Club

The Arizona Pointing Dog Club is working club. Each trial participant is expected to volunteer to make the trial run smoothly. Each entrant is expected to arrive by 6:00 a.m. and attend the handler safety meeting (anyone not in attendance will not be allowed to participate in the trial and forfeits entry fees) The first brace starts at 6:30 a.m.



AZ Pointing Dog Club 2009 Membership Application

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

BREED OF DOG(S) _____

SPONSOR _____

MEMBERSHIP (check one) Individual \$30 New Member
 Family \$45 Renewal



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ARIZONA POINTING DOG CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

The Arizona Pointing Dog Club is the organization for the hunter who wants to do more than just hunt with his or her dog during hunting season. The club promotes the training and use of pointing dogs in the sport of upland bird hunting in order to enjoy the sport to its highest potential.

We have a general meeting once a month featuring films or guest speaker with information, tips and ideas regarding upland hunting, dog training and related hunting concerns in Arizona.

The Club sponsors one event per month in addition to regular meetings. Some of the more popular events are training sessions, training seminars by professional trainers, AZPDC Gundog and Hunter Class Field Trials, NSTRA (National shoot to Retrieve) Field Trials, AKC (American Kennel Club) Hunt Tests, trap & skeet shoots, dinner evenings and even weekend hunts for Mearns and Scaled quail during hunting season.

Now is the time to participate on a committee. Mark the committee where you would like to serve. If you have other skills you would be willing to share with the club, please specify.

- Advertising
- Awards Banquet
- Election
- Outreach
- Field Event

- Library
- New Member
- Safety
- Training
- Land Acquisition

Other Skills

2009 Senior Hunter Class - Current Standings

Place	Points	Dog	Handler	TOC
1	81	Daja	Jim Schroeder	SH
2	76	Jazzmin	Debbie Schroeder	SH
3	75	Slick	Brian Smith	SH
4	64	Chance	Bob Bogardus Jr	SH
5	55	Duke	Brandee Chapa	SH
6	49	MAX	Pete Torres	SH
7	45	Yeller	Sal Alanis	
8	44	Daisy	Jason Taylor	SH
9	40	Jack	Pete Torres	SH
10	39	Sassi Belle	Doug Burton	
11	30	Ura	Dennis Rhorman	SH
12	29	Tanner	Ron Horn	SH
13	25	Dixie	Vinny Fragapane	
14	19	Kirla	Sal Alanis	
15	17	Jake	Russ Mullecker	SH
16	17	Auzzie	Kit C	
17	15	Kirla	Sal Alanis	
18	12	Beemer	Jack Herchold	
19	10	Trey	Dan Bryda	
20	10	Riley	Steve Kolo	
21	8	Hitch	Ron Horn	
22	8	Gus	Bob Bogardus Jr	
23	7	Dakota	Mike George	
24	6	Valentine	Dan Bryda	
25	6	Greta	Russ Mullecker	
26	6	Dundee	Doug Burton	
27	4	Cowboy	Ed Rucker	
28	4	Blu	Ron Horn	
29	2	Makena	Josh Scott	

2009 Gun Dog Class - Current Standings

Place	Points	Dog	Handler	TOC
1	208	Ranger	Jim Cassara	GD
2	207	Scooter	Jack Mitchell	GD
3	187	Gage	Bob Bogardus Jr	GD
4	184	Deuce	Dave Auten	GD
5	161	Mitzi	Todd Henderson	GD
6	143	Hobie	Tom Wheeling	
7	142	Lucy	Keny Wicht	GD
8	119	Ellie Mae	Mike Beeny	GD
9	118	Shilo	Mike Beeny	GD
10	105	Wyatt	Todd Fielitz	
11	104	Jazz	Brian Smith	GD
12	101	Rascal	Todd Henderson	
13	99	Tori	Brent Jacobs	
14	96	Sage	Todd Fielitz	
15	64	Ryche	Todd Fielitz	GD
16	62	Pepper	Ed Rucker	GD
17	59	Charlie	Pat Husted	
18	56	Wilson	Wendy Christianson	
19	51	Zeke	Doug Walsh	
20	46	Shiner	Andy Welch	GD
21	42	Tabos	Doug Walsh	
22	38	Freckles	Todd Fielitz	
23	36	Bala	Sal Alanis	JH
24	26	Dundee	Doug Burton	
25	21	Trey	Dan Bryda	
26	20	Dru	Ron Horn	
27	14	Stryder	Ron Horn	

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 AZPDC FIELD TRIAL
17 AZPDC FIELD TRIAL	18	19	20	21	22	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29

2009 Junior Hunter Class - Current Standings

Place	Points	Dog	Handler	TOC
1	32	Bala	Sal Alanis	JH
2	28	REM	Bob W	JH
3	23	Daisy	Jason Taylor	SH
4	19	Grinder	Lance Gerdes	
5	18	Scout	Dennis Rhorman	JH
6	18	Puck	Brent Jacobs	JH
7	15	Zeek	Mike George	JH
8	14	Kona	Randy	JH
9	12	Maise	Scott Robb	
10	10	Ody	Carey F	JH
11	10	Cheyenne	Snow Aubel	JH
12	9	Choco	Sal Alanis	
13	9	Roscoe	Ed Rucker	JH
14	9	Arrow	Chris Fenner	
15	8	Deckland	Ty	
16	7	Reynolds	Christy Henderson	JH
17	3	Madison	Steve Kolo	
18	2	Cash	Pat Husted	
19	2	AXLE	Kit C	

Banquet Success (Whew!)

When was the last time you were lucky? Not *got* lucky, but *were* lucky. That is, due to no brilliance or diligence or foresight or anything else, you were bestowed with something really nice, or avoided some miserable catastrophe. Well, let me tell you about my last great stroke of luck. It was when Doug Walsh accepted my invitation to be the master of ceremonies at our annual banquet, and Todd Fielitz agreed to be the auctioneer...and then the sound system went on the fritz.

My point is, I don't know if there were two better vocally gifted men in Tempe on Saturday that could have better pulled off what they did with no electronic amplification. Walsh is obviously a natural speaker with great projection, and Fielitz is just plain loud! Either way, they really helped me dodge a bullet and their efforts saved the day. Like a couple of comic book super heroes: Projecto and Deciblow! Great job; fellas!

I hope you agree that the menu was thoughtful and the food delicious. For that you can thank Debra Kruger. Jim Shroeder got some of the nicest awards and trophies that I've seen, and the Artist Formerly Known as Cedric had most of the kiddies looking like they had some colorful strain of the swine flu. Jim Cassara did a superb job digitally preserving the event with his camera, and Gina did what Gina always does: make everything happen on time and with some semblance of organization. I'm starting to think that no man is good enough for her.

Rucker's Gamble" paid off in a big way, too. Despite some skeptics on the board, Ed purchased a Springfield Armory sidearm and raffled it off for a handsome profit. Now there's a man who knows his membership. Mike Beeny worked his perennial magic with the shotgun raffle. Not just by purchasing a beautiful gun and generating a great profit, but somehow managing to orchestrate that one of the true gentlemen of the club win the damn thing! Congrats Jack Mitchell. Maybe there's something to that Karma business.

Thanks again for all your help and all the wonderful donations. The feedback I've received has been very positive and much appreciated. We spent quite a bit more this year to have it at the American Legion and have it professionally catered, and it looks like we still set a record for fund-raising. Here's an idea: Let's do it again next year. Tom W.



"PRESIDENT"

Eddie Rucker



April 2009

Well this year's annual meeting turned to be wonderful in many respects. We elected a new leadership team, we raised an unbelievable amount of funds and we just had plain ole fun.

I would like to thank everyone involved with putting together the banquet, especially Tom Wheeling and Debra Kruger. There were lots of other folks behind the scenes that made this event such a huge success. Thank you all for the help.

Although we elected a new leadership team, which I am now the elected President, we are not looking to change too much. The past few years, leadership has placed the AZPDC in a good place moving forward. Jim Schroeder and Deb Schroeder gave a lot of their lives to better our club. So be sure to thank them.

As you know there is a lot that goes on to make our club function the way it was originally intended. We have a bunch of folks such as Gina and Lance Gerdes that are the backbone of our organization. AZPDC is a part of their lives and they help us a great deal. They have again accepted critical roles within AZPDC and I am extremely grateful to be working with them again.

Our new Vice President is Tom Wheeling, he is not new to the club and has brought new members and a personality that is infectious. I am certain, that he will continue to promote our club and continue the growth of the family atmosphere.

The new board is Jack Herchold, Jim Cassara, Dave Auten, Mike Beeny and Joe felish. They are all upstanding people that will lead us in the right direction. Each and every one of our board members cares whole heartedly about AZPDC and that should make you all excited. I look forward to working with them to continue the fun we are having.

With that being said, we are still looking for help in other key areas of the club. Below are a couple of these roles we would like to get help with:

Trial Coordinator (Responsible for scheduling trials, points tracking and awards)

Raffle Coordinator (Bring raffle items to monthly meetings)

This season is a testament to the level the club is operating at. We have had new trial chairperson(s) for every event. So far our trial season has been super competitive and we continue to see spectacular performances by all of the dogs.

So, let's continue to have fun, be safe while enjoying our dogs and families.

Sincerely,

Ed Rucker
President/Trial Chairmen



"Vice President"

Tom Wheeling

Big Shoes

First things first; I want to thank you for your confidence in electing me the new vice president of the club. I will endeavor to serve you to the best of my ability. The fact that I was the only one on the ballot and still only barely beat the write-in campaign of Cedric Gerdes does not diminish my enthusiasm one wit. I'm pretty sure he was "twittering" or "blogging" or whatever the new breed of politician does on the internet these days. Better luck next time, pal.

Here is my real problem: Never has the expression "big shoes to fill" been more appropriate than the position I find myself in this year. If you didn't recognize the time and effort that Eddie Rucker put into the club this last year, then you just weren't paying attention. He has enthusiasm in buckets, a "can do" attitude like you rarely see, and *always* does what he says he'll do. It is beyond my imagination to think of a better representative for our club. Thanks Ed...a job very, very well done, and congratulations on your well deserved presidency.

So how do I plan on perpetuating the momentum that has been handed to me? Well, I have a few ideas. I definitely plan on maintaining our relationship with the major outfitters in town.. Tabletop displays and demonstrations at Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops, and Sportsmans Warehouse have proven to be an effective way to reach an interested audience. I will be scheduling these events in the near future and will be looking for some help. Local outdoor expos are also fun and usually afford the space to give more elaborate demonstrations.

I would also like to take advantage of some of the idle time during the long trial weekends by scheduling some organized training. We have a wealth of training experience in the club, access to the most advanced training equipment, and a very knowledge-hungry collection of new pointing dog owners. It shouldn't be hard to set aside some time to get them all together. Unless they own a Vizsla their dog probably needs a lot of work. Jason Taylor has even volunteered to help the newer members get their bearings in the club and stay abreast of such things.

The duty I most look forward to performing is selecting and inviting the guest speakers for our monthly meetings. We already have a couple great ones lined up, including the renowned dog trainer Bill Gibbons, and I have some thoughts on who else might be compelling. We've decided to expand the areas of interest to include those that aren't necessarily pointing dog related. I'm still waiting to hear back from the Bunny Ranch, so keep your fingers crossed.

It's very hard for me to write anything aimed at the general membership without mentioning the Gerdeses, have you noticed? Here's why: One can't say enough about what they do for the club. Who do you think put this newsletter together? Please, never squander a chance to thank them.

See you at the Calcutta, boys.

Tom Wheeling
Vice President

P.S. You like that photo up top? Two Toms...or two turkeys, depending. Fellow club member Brent Jacobs guided me to my first Merriams this season. I took it in the White Mountains after my Vizsla called him in! Gotta love those versatile reddogs.

What a great trial we had this April. Again we had dogs stepping up their game. We had some tough windy conditions on Saturday making the Quail Invitation really tough. Overall we had a ton of fun and got to relax with friends at the potluck. Just doesn't get much better than that.

Most Outstanding Performance Hunter Class

- Scout/Dennis Rhorman- This junior dog is birdy. She had 3 finds, STF and an honor.
- Daja/Jim Schroeder-Unbelievable, she is a bird finding machine 19 points. Jim and Daja have been consistently putting up high double digit scores every trial.
- Daisy/Jason Taylor-I said she figured it out and boy did she, 16 points and right in the pack again for placements.
- Jazzmin/Debbie Schroeder-Well Deb and Jazzmin are continuing to put up great performances, taking 2nd place with 16 points and a runoff victory.

Most Outstanding Performance Gundog Class

- Scooter/Jack Mitchell-1st place, 55 points with 5 finds, wow, when she is on she is a tough dog to beat. Jack she is a dandy!
- Gage/Bob Bogardus jr-45 points taking the red ribbon, 4 finds, great job Bob!
- Ryche/Todd Fielitz-44 Points with 5 finds, if Todd can work on that retrieve I'm thinking she May be the dark horse going into TOC. Nice work Todd.

Notable Performances that need to be mentioned:

- Mitzi/Todd Henderson-Really nice Todd, she is super steady posting fives on all of her finds.
- Hobie/Tom Wheeling-Sparky is getting better producing 4 birds in gundog, that has you right in the placements on most days. Keep working Tom, he is so close.
- Jack/Pete Torres-4 finds in SR is a great performance Pete, also winning a runoff for 4th.
- Yeller/Sal Alanis-Way to go Sal! Great work scoring every way possible. Yeller has been in the top of the competition in consecutive trials. Should be interesting to see Yeller at TOC.
- Cheyenne/Snow Aubel -3 finds in JH, is really good Snow, keep up the training. She is a natural hunter, I really like this weimaraner.

Quail Invitational:

1 st Place-Lucy/Ken Wicht & Cheyenne/Snow Aubel.....	44 PTS
2 nd Place-Yeller/Sal Alanis & Trey/Dan Bryda.....	40 PTS
3 rd Place-Sassie/Doug Burton & Chance/Bob Bogardus Jr.....	36 PTS
4 th Place-Levi/Cary Farber & Mitzi/Todd Henderson.....	32 PTS

Our Quail Invitation may have been the toughest ever. They had to battle gale force winds and as you can see, the competition was stiff. One bird was the difference for most of this field. Again, I cannot say enough how tough it was and the dogs just worked through it. We have some really good dogs and handlers in the club, it is so cool to witness super performances every month. Keep up the good work everyone.

Special thanks to Jim & Debbie Schroeder for chairing this event. The trial was safe and well organized. Please be sure to extend your gratitude to them both. Also, thank you Debbie for cleaning and organizing the trailer....looks great!

See you all again at Kiabab Lake area mid May. Be safe!

Sincerely,

Ed Rucker
President/Trial Coordinator



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