

February 2010

# AZPDC



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## **AZPDC REGULAR MEETING** **Tuesday, March 9, 2010** **7:00 pm**

Marie Callender's  
2420 W. Northern Avenue • Phoenix, AZ 85021  
I-17 & Northern (NE Corner)

Board Meeting to follow.  
Members are invited to stay.

Purchasing a meal is not required  
(18% Gratuity **REQUIRED** if you do purchase a meal)

# Upcoming Events

## AZPDC 2010 Trial Schedule

Dates	Location	Event
April 24-25	Red Tank	Quail Invitational/Reg Trial
May 15-16	Red Tank	Regular Trial
June 12-13	Red Tank	Regular Trial
July 17-18	Kendrick Park	Chukar/Regular Trial
August 14-15	Kendrick Park	Regular Trial
September 18-19	Kendrick Park	Regular Trial
October 16-17	Red Tank	TOC

**AZPDC March 13-14 Field Trial  
has been canceled.**

**The U.S. Forest Service has once again  
told us to cancel the March Trial due to  
the soggy conditions in the trial area.**

**High Country Bird Dog Club  
Annual Spring Trial  
March 27-28 in Winona, Arizona  
Info: 928-526-1606**

**Annual Banquet  
Saturday, April 17th**

### ANNUAL ADVERTISING RATES

Business Card	\$ 90.00
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**Call 480-201-2261 for details**



### AZPDC WEBSITE

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 [www.azpdc.org](http://www.azpdc.org)



### ONLINE FORUM

Find photos, discussions, tips and more at [www.azpdc.org](http://www.azpdc.org)



If your e-mail has changed, notify Alicia Young at [aly156@cox.net](mailto:aly156@cox.net)

**Don't miss a single issue of the  
AZPDC Newsletter!!**

# From the President

**Ed Rucker**

Well we were supposed to have one event in the books, but El Nino had other plans. We sure need the rain so I guess we cannot complain. The only bad part of it is we may miss March's trial for the same reason. I am hearing the grounds are still very saturated. We will have to get confirmation from the Forest Service.

## **Cabela's**

We had two very successful days with booth's setup at Cabela's. A special thanks to Cabela's and Pat Zeman in the community outreach department. Combined, I believe we may have sold over \$500 in shotgun raffle tickets. Way to go everyone! Not only that, but we also met many prospective members and had a few new members sign up. Cabela's also gave us "Employee for the Day" price discounts...I know I took advantage of that.



## **What does El Nino mean to us?**

We are currently in a 10 year drought. El Nino comes around every 7-10 yrs and typically replenishes our deserts and reservoirs. All of last year we received a little over 3" of rain depending where you live. To date, Phoenix has had 3.79" and Flagstaff has had 84 straight days of at least 5" of snow on the ground. As you can see, this has been an incredible wet winter. The National Weather Service is declaring this the fourth strongest El Nino on record. Now you can begin to see the magnitude of this weather phenomenon. If you're wondering where it comes from it is simple, it stems from Pacific Ocean waters near the equator warming. This is a cyclical event that does not occur regularly. These warmer waters draw the jet stream lower and provide added energy to the low pressure fronts. Meaning we get lots of snow and rain.

This rain really has had a significant impact on our state. They provide a rich growth of native vegetation and provide an abundance of water opportunities to our wildlife. The end result, healthier plants and animals which leads further to higher populations of most wildlife species. The populations increase because the sheer amount of water and new growth offers better survival opportunities for newly born or hatched wildlife.

If you are a hunter, this winter could bring us a very special year for hunting. Especially for us bird dog folk. This weather phenomenon usually brings us really good Gambel quail population increases. If we continue this one storm a weak program, and we do not get any late winter storms, we should be in for a treat this October. If this trend goes as I described and hope for, Gambel quail could have as many as three hatches. Now that could mean really nice coveys.

All we need to hope for now is for Mother Nature blessing us with a plentiful summer monsoon season. That would help our Mearns quail get back to those high numbers we enjoyed a few years ago. So keep your fingers crossed and be excited because it surely will help all wildlife.

### **Annual Banquet-Sneak Preview**

Our banquet is quickly approaching and we are expecting a record turnout. Save the date, April 17th at the same place as last year in Tempe. We have been working tirelessly trying to get more attendance and bring more fun to the event. We are planning on having things a little more organized (never ending goal) and to have more raffles. Again, we will have some activities planned for the youth and women of the club. We will have the same catering company provide us with the meals. We are also working on having more options for beverages.

If you have any donations, or know of anyone willing to donate new or gently used items, we welcome them all. By the way, I plan on having some surprise items again this year...so be ready! Please RSVP it matters!

In closing, I want to say I miss you all and hope to see you soon. So be safe and let's get these dogs fired up for the season.



# HIGH COUNTRY BIRD DOG CLUB

Member AFTCA & Region 12

Blank Ammo & Manufactured Barrel Guns Only!

March 27-28 • 7:30 am

Winona, Arizona

- GROUND:** Walking Cane Ranch, 15 miles east of Flagstaff
- DIRECTIONS:** Interstate 40, 15 miles east of Flagstaff to Exit #211 on Townsend Winona Rd  
Go north 2.2 miles to Leupp Road. Turn right (east) and go 6.6 miles.  
Turn right onto dirt road and go 2.5 miles to camp
- MOTELS:** At exit #201 in Flagstaff  
Super 8 – (928) 526-0818 or  
Travelodge – (928) 526-1399
- DRAWINGS:** Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the grounds
- PRIZES:** Ribbons will be awarded to the top three dogs in each stake.

<b>OPEN SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)</b> .....	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>OPEN DERBY (30 Min.) – Shooting Dog Standards</b> .....	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>AMATEUR WALKING SHOOTING DOG (30 Min.)</b> .....	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>AMATEUR ALL AGES (30 Min.)</b> .....	<b>\$45.00</b>
<b>AMATEUR DERBY (30 Min.) – Shooting Dog Standards</b> .....	<b>\$45.00</b>

**JUDGES:** Dr. Mike English, Dave Higgins, Don Lee, Todd Henderson and Jim Schultz

**INFORMATION:** Jim Schultz, Chairman – (928) 526-1606, Flagstaff, Arizona

**ENTRIES TO: TODD HENDERSON, Secretary – (928) 699-8030**

*All entries accepted on the premise that the clubs, their officials, members, and landowners are released from all liabilities for loss, damage, or injury sustained by dog, horse or man in connection with or during the running of these trials.*

**NO TRAINING ON GROUNDS!**



# Letter from the Vice Prez

**Tom Wheeling**



Did you see any of the Winter Olympics last month? Winter or summer, the Olympics are by far my favorite spectator event. The idea of someone training for four years to get an isolated opportunity to win a medal is, to me, the height of suspense and drama. And it hardly matters what the discipline is. I think I watched more than 12 solid hours of curling, and I'm really not sure why. I would sit there and watch the Swiss women's team mull around a jumble of stones debating strategy and actually be interested if they would decide to "raise the guard", "peel off a blocker", or "freeze to the shot rock". Wow. Anybody have a copy of "A Purpose Driven Life" I can borrow?

Thank God for the trial season – which commences this month. My dog is tied for first place in the point standings and he hasn't bumped a bird, missed a back, stolen a point, or dropped a retrieve. Life is good. We have a new scoring format this year that looks really good on paper, so it will be interesting to discover what real-world situations we didn't anticipate. When something like that occurs, which it inevitably will, we are going to document it and add it to a book of "Trial Decisions" that should help us all better understand the rules and even use them to our advantage. I will be sure to also include them in the newsletter as they occur.

This month's speaker is as good as it gets, on a very important topic. Craig McMullen of the AZGFD will be speaking about the Heritage Fund Program and how we can get involved. The traditional American way of life, of which hunting is no small part, has been under siege in the past few decades and youth involvement is on the decline. Who better than groups like ours can help spark the interest in our young people and show them that real fun isn't always at the end of a joystick? See you on Tuesday.





# Ask Sparky

Email: [asksparky@azpdc.org](mailto:asksparky@azpdc.org)

Dear Sparky,

Don't you think that the "Healthcare Summit" was just a ridiculous dog-and-pony show?

*Flea Party Member*

Dear *Flea Party*,

How disrespectful!! That is an insult to dog-and-pony shows the world over.



Dear Sparky,

So if you're so smart, do you know how to play poker?

*Bluffing in Surprise*



Dear *Bluffing*,

Yes, actually. I know what are good opening hands; the odds of drawing to an up-and-down straight; and even how to calculate the pot odds. My only problem is that every time I get a good hand I can't keep my tail still.



Dear Sparky,

Do you think it's true that most German Shorthair Pointers are hard-headed?

*Offended in Oberlin*



Dear *Offended*,

Do I think it's true? Does a duck with one foot swim in circles? Let's put it this way: If an anvil fell on your head, I would check the anvil.



# Member News & Brags



Jim Schroeder's newest pride and joy – Crown

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## HOME SECURITY HOW TO INSTALL A HOME SECURITY SYSTEM

1. Go to a second-hand store and buy a pair of men's used size 14-16 work boots.
2. Place them on your front porch, along with a copy of Guns & Ammo Magazine.
3. Put a few giant dog dishes next to the boots and magazines.
4. Leave a note on your door that reads:

*Hey Bubba,*

*Me, Big Jim, Duke and Slim went for more ammunition. Back in an hour. Don't mess with the pit bulls. They attacked the mailman this morning and messed him up real bad. I don't think Killer took part in it but it was hard to tell from all the blood. Anyway, I locked all four of 'em in the house. Better wait outside.*



## ARIZONA POINTING DOG CLUB 2010 Membership Application

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BREED OF DOG(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPONSOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP:** *(Check One)*     Individual – \$30     **New Member**  
 Family – \$45     **Renewal**



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**Please mail me my newsletter**

The newsletter is always available online at [www.azpdc.org](http://www.azpdc.org)

Return application, with payment, to:

Arizona Pointing Dog Club  
P.O. Box 39285  
Phoenix, AZ 85069

### 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 speakers 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 Trails, AKC (American Kennel Club) Hunt Tests, trap & skeet shoots, dinner evenings and even weekend hunts for Mearns and Scaled quail during hunting season.

Interested in participating on a committee? Mark the committee where you would like to serve. If you have other skills you will be willing to share with the club, please specify.

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|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising    | <input type="checkbox"/> Library          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards Banquet | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member       | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election       | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety           | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach       | <input type="checkbox"/> Training         | _____                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Events   | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Acquisition | _____                                 |

# Classifieds

Place your classified ads in our monthly newsletter. As a paid member you are allowed two free classified ads per year. You can also advertise your business in our marketplace section. Pricing: \$90/yr. business card; \$170/yr. for 1/4 page ad; \$320/yr. for a 1/2 page ad.

*Contact Gina Gerdes @ [gina.gerdes@azpdc.org](mailto:gina.gerdes@azpdc.org) for details and how to place your ads.*

**Hunting Season is here!** See me for new and used e-collars and many hunting dog accessories i.e.: Orange safety collars, ID tags, whistles, boots, Tough Pad, pinch collars, check chords, electrolyte replacements, and many more items.

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## English Setters –

We have been breeding setters in Arizona since 1983. They have won in NSTRA, AKC, in walking and horseback stakes in American Field. A pup from Suncanyon Setters won last year's National Amateur Prairie Chicken Shooting Dog Championship with 58 dogs, this year he won the Runner Up title. Back to back wins on wild birds in a major championship.

We currently have several pups five months to one year of age that have been well started on pigeons, bob white quail and some have been on wild birds. They have been hauled to training grounds and a field trial or two. They have also been shot around with a blank gun, they are ready for you to expose them in wild birds this season and finish the way you want them.

Pups starting at \$500 both male and female pups are available.

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