

AZPDC NEWSLETTER



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Meeting January 12, 2009 @ 7PM
Location: Marie Callenders (Restaurant & Bakery)
2420 W. NORTHERN AVENUE
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Congratulations go to Mike George and his dog Dakota who took 1st in the AKC Amateur Gundog and 2nd in the Amateur Limited Gundog stakes in Paulden, AZ at the Northern GSP Club Event. This is a huge accomplishment because this placement completed Dakota's title. Dakota is now an Amateur Field Champion (AFC) dog!

Way to go, Mike and Dakota!

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Please contact Ed Rucker for additional information.

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SAVE THE DATE
AZPDC Annual Banquet
April 17, 2010

AZPDC
NEXT REGULAR MEETING
NEW LOCATION
TUESDAY January 12, 2009 @ 7PM
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(Restaurant & Bakery)
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BOARD MEETING TO FOLLOW
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Remember to volunteer for the upcoming events. We need help and we really think you will have fun in the process. Join us!!!

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

MEMBERS! It's time to nominate Candidates for:

"MOST IMPROVED DOG" _____

"MOST IMPROVED HANDLER" _____

"SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR" _____

"SPORTSWOMAN OF THE YEAR" _____

"JUNIOR HANDLER OF THE YEAR" _____

Awards to be presented at the April Banquet. You are free to nominate any member, including yourself and/or your dog! **Deadline is February 9, 2010**, so get your nominations in early. Return form to:

AZPDC Attention: Debra Kruger
13954 W. Waddell Rd. Ste. 103
Surprise, AZ 85379

Members! It's that time of the year to nominate and elect new Officers and Board Members. We have plenty of opportunities for you to help the club with your energy and talents.

Don't be afraid! The "old" Officers and Board Members will be glad to give you some guidance. This is your opportunity to help the Club out and provide direction for the upcoming activities. Nominations are being taken for all positions. Elections will be held at the April Banquet.

Deadline is January 10, 2010, but get your nominations in early.

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NOMINATION FORM FOR

2010 to 2011

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*Field Trial Clubs of America
(AFTCA) Region 12 Event
October 3-4, 2009
Fall Qualifier*

By Ed Rucker, Vice President – Region 12/Trial Chairman

As we had hoped, the American Field Trial we held October 3rd & 4th was a blast. Literally it was a blast...because the Sunday winds just about blew us away. Last year the weather conditions were nearly perfect. All of our sister clubs were present and offered help where needed. I always say these trials are a success when no one gets hurt and we all have fun. And we all did that. We had some new dogs this year and different handlers which made it even more exciting.

Weather: Partly cloudy lows in the mid 40s to highs in the mid 70s. Winds Saturday were 10-20 mph, Sunday Winds steady 30mph with gust in excess of 50 mph.

Location: Butcher knife, AZ, The terrain was high desert mixed with juniper stands on edges of open grasslands. The course was a moderate valley that wrapped around a small mountain. Also within the course was 12-16" grass, edged with 10-12' Pinon pine trees and scattered rock beds.

Event Game: We used Bobwhite Quail from Ron Horn of Saddleback Kennels. Birds were scattered in logical areas of game holding objectives.

Amateur Shooting Dog (Walking)

- 1st Place – Zeke's Ace of V Schroeder(GSP)/Todd Fielitz
- 2nd Place – B.B (English Pointer)/Edward Junker
- 3rd Place – Patch (English Pointer)/Steve Rutkowski

Summary: Eight dogs competed in this stake. Freckles ran a steady race from start to finish never slowing while finding 3 birds. She held tight and showed great manners on all bird work. B.B. started his race slow but showed good ground speed as he warmed up. Although he found birds and handled them his race fell short in comparison the winning dog. Patches started and finished strong, hit all objectives while never slowing but failed to produce a bird.

Amateur Derby (Walking)

- 1st Place – Senator's Chicken Hawk (English Pointer)/Todd Henderson
- 2nd Place – Duke (English Pointer)/Tommy Chapa

Summary: Four dogs started this event. This stake showed the ups and downs of Derby class dogs. Some of these dogs didn't show up, but two of them proved their potential to everyone in the gallery. Hawk had an incredible race starting fast, running strong while hitting all course objectives and producing 3 birds. Duke and Tommy Chapa are new to the sport and Duke ran a superb race while requiring lots of handler commands to stay on course. Duke did produce two birds, but could not compare to a flawless run by Todd Henderson's Hawk.

Open Shooting Dog (Walking)

- 1st Place – Momma's Clown Bubba "Wyatt" (GSP)/Todd Fielitz

Summary: This event started seven dogs. Wyatt started his race very strong and fast, he made several objective casts in his run. He also produced two birds and showed great manners. All other dogs did not get around or produce birds.

Amateur Shooting Dog (Horseback)

- 1st Place – Traveler (English Pointer)/Jim Schultz
- 2nd Place – Miller's Delgado Rubio "Rubio" (English Pointer)/Dave Hayes

Summary: Five dogs competed in this stake. This field tested all dogs and handlers. Most of these dogs had great range and was difficult to keep on course while being within sight. Traveler shot out from the start with a booming cast to the far reaches of the course. Traveler never slowed and produced birds throughout this clean run. Rubio nearly duplicated the effort by putting on a strong Shooting Dog run and producing a bird.

Open Derby (Horseback)

- 1st Place – Broomstick Farms Matilda “Mattie” (English Pointer)/Owners: Rob & Mindy Brow
Handled by Sal Satallante
- 2nd Place – Senator’s Chicken Hawk “Hawk”(English Pointer)/Todd Henderson

Summary: Five dogs competed in this stake. This stake proved to be the most competitive of the weekend. Three of these dogs showed superior abilities and made decisions very difficult for the judges. As difficult as the competition was Mattie proved to be the superior dog on course. She started with a super burst to the far tree line; she never slowed and continued to gain speed and confidence. She found two birds while on course and demonstrated true All-Age potential. Hawk ran a beautiful race without ever slowing, hitting all bird objectives while producing a bird.

Open Shooting Dog (Horseback)

- 1st Place – Tocalota’s Charley Girl “Charley” (English Pointer)/Owners: Rob & Mindy Brown,
Handled by Sal Satallante

Summary: Five dogs competed in this stake. Charley started and finished strong. She had nice casts to far reaching objectives that produced birds. All other starters did not finish.

Open Puppy (Horseback)

- 1st Place – Senator’s Chicken Hawk “Hawk”(English Pointer)/Todd Henderson
- 2nd Place – Lindley’s Lucky Lady “Tanna”(English Pointer)/Steve Johnson

Summary: Four dogs competed in this stake. Again Todd Henderson’s young pointer Hawk demonstrated all of the makings of superior Shooting Dog. After running two prior times during the weekend Hawk came out and flat put on a perfect race. Showed no signs of fatigue and slow down. Hawk’s efforts were rewarded with a 1st place finish. Tanna also put up a strong run, making several casts to objectives and maintaining good grounds speed putting her in 2nd place.

What a blast this event was, my only wish was to see more of our club membership participating, these events are part of a long lasting tradition of competition within the pointing breeds. It is necessary for us to continue these traditions of furthering the pedigrees of our hunting dogs. By doing so we not only show local hunting dog owners how well bred our dogs are, but the whole country sees the results and takes witness to what is happening out West. These trial dog winners and Champions offspring end up strengthening the quality of great hunting dogs.

With our sister clubs offering to hold walking stakes at their events this year, we all have the chance to qualify our dogs for the Regional Championships in March 2010. So don’t let these opportunities pass.



How would you like to get a 25% discount at Cabela’s?

AZPDC has been invited to participate at two of Cabela’s biggest events of the year—Cabela’s Spring Great Outdoor Days and Spring Great Outdoors II in February 2010!

*We need volunteers for each weekend, February 13-14, and February 27-28. During the event, volunteers will be allowed to take advantage of Cabela’s employee pricing and lunch in their deli! Employee pricing is up to **25% off**, depending on the manufacturer.*

Contact the AZPDC asap if you are interested in working one or both of these events.



"Vice President" Tom wheeling

Rescue Me

A couple weeks back I did something I don't think I'll ever do again....ever. A friend of mine in the Rio Salado Vizsla Club ask me to do her a favor and take a look at a dog that the owner felt needed to be given up, or "rescued". I said sure, be happy to take a look. Hell, I'm happy to take a look at just about anything. A doctor friend of mine likes to say "I'm not an Ob/Gyn, but I'll take a look". Tsk, tsk. As for me, I wasted four hours the other day looking at Youtube! The first video I looked at was an e-collar training video, the second one (from the related videos they suggest) was some drunk kid shocking himself silly with an e-collar at a party, and then I totally digressed from there. Suffice it to say that there is no better place to see the extremes of humanity than on the internet. It's like a cage match for the human race: Sublime vs. Ridiculous. The odds are about even in my opinion.

So by the time I get to this girl's house, my mission had changed from "taking a look" at the dog to actually picking him up. And because I go through most of the day in a work induced fog, the quantum shift of that difference didn't even really hit me until I rang the doorbell of this perfect stranger, holding the leash that would lead her dog away...forever. I felt like the dogcatcher at an orphanage. The Grinch that stole Christmas had nothing on me! And when Cindylou Who answered the door with eyes that were as red and puffy as half the guys at a Sunday morning safety meeting, I was genuinely weak at the knees.

The next 45 minutes were just a blur. I do remember a lot of sniffing, blubbering, and nose blowing...and that was just me. She finally gave me a glass of water and a hug and sent me on my way with her dog. Whew! Not fun. Not even a little bit. So if anybody needs a dog "rescued", please don't ask me. I think I'd rather let you video me shocking myself with an e-collar.

P.S. She really loved that dog and should be commended for doing the right thing. My parents are now the very, very proud and loving owners of that Vizsla, and that makes him a future TOC winner, now doesn't it?

Monthly Speaker

DVM Babcock to speak at the January 12th General Meeting. He is a hunter and works with Dr. Tom Boggess at the Palo Verde Veterinary Clinic. Dr. Boggess is a well known hunter and has spoken at a number of our past meetings. Dr. Babcock is prepared to discuss a variety of dog related health issues and answer any questions.



Ask Sparky...

Email: asksparky@azpdc.org

Dear Sparky,

How do I keep my dog out of our swimming pool?

Cleaning the filters in Glendale

Dear *Cleaning*,

Do you mean you would deprive your best friend the joy of swimming in a cool pool on hot day just because a little maintenance is required? Are you gonna give your dog away when his nails get too long or he needs his teeth cleaned? Let me guess: You make people take their shoes off before entering your home, don't you? Nerd alert!



Dear Sparky,

My GSP loves his daily morning walk around our neighborhood, and I love them too, but lately he stops and points every grasshopper he sees and he is breaking on the hop. What can I do without discouraging his pointing skills?

"Hopping" you can help

Dear "Hopping",

Sounds like your GSP is being overtrained. I would suggest that you give him a couple weeks off from training and hunting...and then retire him to the pasture where he'll find all the insects he wants.



Dear Sparky,

I love hunting quail and I take my owner on some really adventurous trails. I show him where the bird is, I go pick it up and bring it back to him as he asks. Then he goes home and selfishly eats the birds himself. Do you think that's fair?

All kibble and no nibble

Dear *Kibble*,

Fair? Well, let's see. Got a place to sleep? Get enough food every day? Water to drink? Occasional biscuit? Maybe a tummy rub when you're good? If I were you I'd count my blessings.

Besides, if your owner is

anything like mine, he doesn't really need you to hunt for food. Almost once a week my master leaves the house for no more than an hour, and comes back with bags and bags of delicious food: cow pieces, pig meat, chickens, fish, veggies, cookies, you name it. And he doesn't even need his gun. This guy is awesome!



AZPDC Small Game Outlook

October 2009

Ed Rucker, President

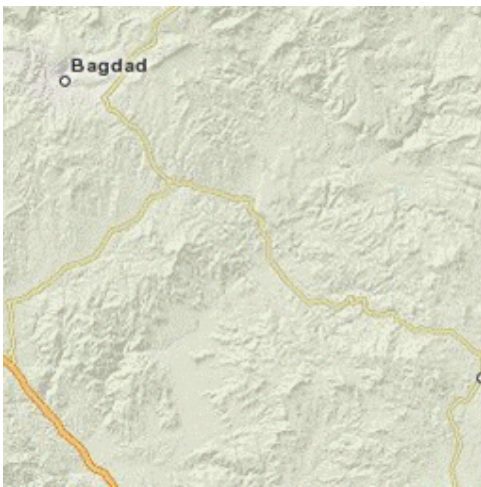
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Well everyone, we are smack dab in the middle of the hunting season. The early deer and elk hunts are over and quail season is upon us. The temperatures are just beginning to drop and we awake to the crisp Arizona mornings that draw thousands to our neck of the woods. After some preliminary research it appears to be an average quail season in Arizona. Meaning, we are continually in drought conditions, so us natives know this is just plain ole Az. Hunting. Don't take the news so badly because we have a El Nino this winter and that usually provides us the following year with a nice crop of beautiful little running friends. If you are willing to go a little further away I can assure you (I have been out and limited-twice) that there are good areas with strong Gambel's populations.



Where to go for Gambel's?

I cannot tell you specifically where to but here is a geographical area that has plenty of birds. Take the Interstate 60 (Old Grande Ave) NW through Wickenburg, merge onto 93 to Kingman. Once you cross the Santa Maria River you are in good quail country. There is a road a few miles past the river that will take you North to a junction, if you go left it will take you to Bagdad, if you go right it will take you back to Hillside and Kirkland. All of this area up to 15 miles surrounding is excellent Gambel's country. It also isn't too bad on dogs for cactus. I will warn you there are deer and javelin so keep an eye on your dogs. Hint: 300yds around water will always hold birds. You better hurry though because this area gets hunted pretty hard from out of state hunters come late December/January. This just means that the birds will get smarter as every day passes. Of course you may find birds much closer to home, but the numbers will not be as good because this region of the state traditionally gets more winter precipitation. Which is a requirement for good reproduction of Gambel's? Remember if you want less skittish birds go further off the beaten path and don't be afraid to venture into areas of higher desert with junipers.



Other Small Game Outlook:

Scaled quail = Fair to Average: "Last year was fair and the timing and amount of seasonal rains fell short of average and will have this year looking much the same for this bird found in the southeastern reaches of our state."

Mearns' quail = Below-average to Average: "After two back-to-back seasons, due to spotty to poor summer rains resulting in a poor nesting season, predictions are for a below-average to average Mearns' quail season."

Band-tailed pigeons = Poor to Below-average: "A poor acorn crop will prevent migrating birds from staying in our state long, finding exceptions to the rule will produce some good hunting, predictions are for a below-average to poor band-tailed pigeon season."

Blue (dusky) grouse = Below-average: "Populations for this rare bird are limited, yet stable. However, this past winter's heavy snowfall could have numbers slightly down for this inhabitator of sub-alpine elevations."

Chukar partridge = N/A: "Populations remain very limited and should be considered a specialty trophy-bird hunt in Arizona."

Snipe = Average to Good: "Traditional dependent waterways typically provide good habitat for this rarely sought after migrant for dedicated hunters."

Tips for the Season:

- Bring Plenty of water for you and your dogs
- It is a good idea to carry forceps (helps when removing cactus)
- Snake Leg Protection (Gater's for those who hunt low warmer areas)
- First aid kit
- Zip lock baggies for your quail (Remember must leave one wing for transport)
- Know the daily bag limits for species
- If you hunt Blue Grouse (Watch your dog closely-wolves are in those areas)
- Know the name, location and phone number to closest veterinarian



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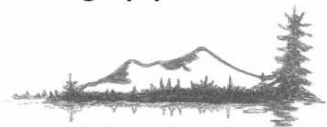


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