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The Dog-Gone News!



Shaker vs. Grass Awn

by Jeff Teuteberg



Wednesday was like any other day. That evening Shaker and I were out in the yard playing with his tennis ball for a bit, and then came in for something to eat. Everything was normal. For the rest of the evening, Shaker had us throwing his ball down the hallway for him or he was just pestering Buster. As I was getting ready for work, both dogs settled down for the night. When I came home Thursday morning, their usual greeting was a little different, Buster ran right over to greet me with his usual verbiage, but Shaker just laid on the couch not even raising his head to look at me. I called him and all he did was roll his eyes to look at me, without

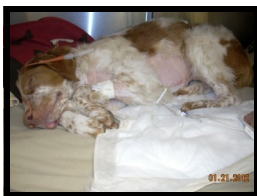
even moving his head. I asked him if he wanted to eat, which ALWAYS brings a response, but got none. I took a treat over to him and he wouldn't even sniff it. I did a quick physical check to see if he had hurt himself. I found nothing. He didn't even respond to me pressing and poking him. So, I carried him out to the car and off to the vet we went.

After Dr. King examined him and found nothing - no injuries or tender areas, she recommended an x-ray, just to make sure she wasn't missing something. When she showed me the x-ray results, we could barely make out the heart. It

looked more like a bread box than a heart. She immediately sent the x-rays to a cardiologist for evaluation. In the meantime, Shaker and I returned home to wait for the x-ray results. Dr. King called me around 3 p.m. & told me to take Shaker immediately into WVRS, the emergency hospital. Dr. King called WVRS in advance & informed them that I was bringing Shaker in.

When I got there, they took Shaker right away. Within an hour, they had determined that the sack that surrounded the heart (the pericardial sac) was filled with fluid. There was enough fluid to cause his heart and his breathing to be in distress. While they were removing this fluid,

drainage tube in his chest. Everything looked good - drainage was normal. So Monday morning, they removed the drainage tube. They continued to monitor him for the rest of the day to make sure he was not showing any signs of fluid buildup. That evening they released him. Shaker was home and on his way to recovery!



one of the doctors came into the waiting room and explained what was happening. He said that there are three causes for this to happen: 1) cancer, if the fluid was red, 2) heart failure, if the fluid was pink, and 3) foreign body, if the fluid was clear. My heart sank! I could only think of the worse outcome - *losing my Shaker*. The results: the fluid was clear. The only option to save him was open heart surgery. They needed to remove

the sack that surrounds the heart (called a pericardiectomy) and completely clean the entire chest cavity (by continuously flushing out that area), with hopes of removing any foreign bodies. The remainder of the night, they closely monitored him in order to get his vitals stable prior to surgery.

The next morning, I stopped in around 7:00 a.m. to see how things were going - still bad news. Within 8 hours, the sack around his heart

had filled with fluid again (which they drained again.) By 8:30 a.m., he was in surgery. Now it was just a matter of time. I returned home & about 3:00 p.m. the doctor called to let me know that Shaker survived the surgery and was doing well. The next couple of days would tell if the surgery was successful & if the source of the bacteria that had caused the fluid buildup was eliminated. For the next couple of days, the doctors monitored the fluid from the

We will be watching him closely these next few weeks. Shaker beat it this time, but it was close - *too close for comfort!* I know a lot of people who hunt their dogs west of the Mississippi and would caution them to check their dogs often when running in the fields & to remove any seeds found on their dogs. These grass awns are *NASTY*, and can cause a number of problems for your dog. I know that I will be extra vigilant when in the field to look for these seeds & hopefully prevent another incident like this from happening again! **For more info look up "grass awn."**

January 2012 Banquet/Membership Meeting

I would like to thank *everyone* for coming to the banquet, and Dave Unti for putting on a great raffle. The numbers were down this year. We had 38 people at the banquet. Everyone got a nice surprise when the board voted to pay for everyone's meal this year because there was extra money in the club account. We also enjoyed a private bar, which did not cost extra as we made the \$200 minimum, and appetizers of taco dip and cheese, sausage, & crackers. A good time was had by all; and many nice awards were given out from many venues including Show & Field Champions, Dual Champion, Amateur Field Champion, Obedience, and Agility. Banquet expenses were as follows:

**Budget
for Banquet Dinner**

(not Raffle)

Income: None as club donated entire dinner for all attending

Expenses:

Alioto's Dining Room Deposit:	\$ 50.00
Dinner: (Average of 38x\$25.00):	\$ 950.00 (incl. tax & gratuity)
Private Bar in room:	\$ 0.00
Appetizer: Taco tray:	\$ 25.00
Cheese/sausage tray:	\$ 57.00
Tax:	\$ 5.79 (tax & gratuity)
Gratuity (18%):	\$ 14.76 on appetizers)

Note: must be paid in full 3 days in advance (in cash or cashier's check)

Total:	\$1,052.55
Subtract deposit:	\$ 50.00

Estimated Expenses:	\$1,002.55
Total Expense:	\$1,052.55

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Asmus 3rd VP



Membership dues are \$35.00
Associate Membership is \$10.00
<i>Please make checks payable to: GMBC</i>
<i>Then mail it to...</i>
Julie Asmus 838 W. Milwaukee Street Jefferson, WI 53549

J. Hoff...(needs to renew GMBC membership).....	Jul - 2011
B. Stevens.....	Aug - 2011
J. George.....	Sep - 2011
No renewals for December.....	Dec - 2011
R&A Lamb, A&D Scaffidi.....	Jan - 2012
No renewals for February.....	Feb - 2012
G. Burgmeier, A&D Lewandowski,.....	Mar - 2012
J. Nowakowski, B. Rao,.....	Mar - 2012
S. Adams, H. Bednarz, T. Cummings, P. Manz.....	Apr - 2012
M. Rusnak, J. Stinebrink, S. Thompson.....	Apr - 2012

The list above is current according to ABC records. (updated 1/1/10 for ABC 3rd quarter 9/09). ABC would like your check **45 days prior to the 1st of the month** on your expiration date. This means that we must receive your check at least 60, preferably 90, days prior to your renewal date. This will make sure that you don't miss any magazines.

Julie will try to post renewals 3 months in advance. Remember, you can renew up to 3 yrs. at a time. She would highly recommend this option so that you don't miss any magazines.

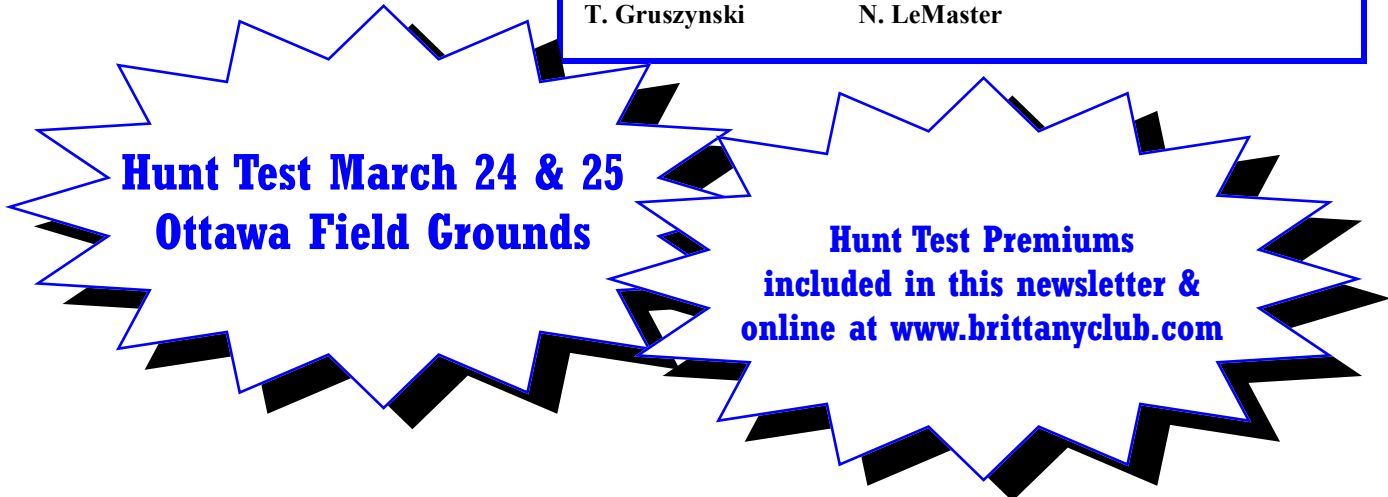
GMBC prices were last raised as of January 2005 to \$35 full and \$10 assoc. (please note). This reflects increases by ABC and also increases for insurance, postage, etc.

2 years = \$70	assoc. = \$20
3 years = \$105	assoc. = \$30

Julie needs your email addresses! so she can notify members of events &/or send renewal reminders via email. Please include email address with your renewal or email her directly at jwendt88@hotmail.com. Thank you!

Anyone overdue 6 months or more will automatically be deleted from the membership list. Therefore, the following past members have been deleted...

W. Elz	E. Kuipers	E. McAuliff
D. Gunderley	F. Lomoro	P. Sanders
A. Gruszynski	T. Lumadu	E. Rhodes
T. Gruszynski	N. LeMaster	



**General Membership Meeting
February 4, 2012
Held at Gander Mountain, Franklin**

Hello everyone and Happy New Year!

Well the GMBC is really starting this year out with a BANG. THANK YOU to all the members that were in attendance at the meeting on Feb. 4th. We really got a lot accomplished. Here are some of the highlights from that meeting:

1. The spring "GMBC Fun Field Trial" will be *renamed* to "The GMBC Fun Run".

Ever wondered what a Field Trial or Hunt Test for pointing dogs is about? We'll be hosting training sessions for you & your dog so that you can learn. If you already know about these events, come and spread your knowledge and get in some early training. Either way it is a fun day for you & your dog in the field.

Hunt Test training will cover - How to prepare for...

- Junior Hunter
- Senior Hunter
- Master Hunter

Field Trial training will cover - How to prepare for...

- Puppy
- Derby
- Adult (Gun Dog & All Age)

2. We will be donating \$1000.00 to Richard Bong Recreation Association, for the new pond and work project on the Class 1 grounds.

3. On June 17th, we will be having a special outing at the Ottawa Field Trial Grounds along with the American Brittany Rescue and the National Brittany Rescue.

On this day, we will meet members of the Brittany Rescue organizations and local people that have adopted a Brittany(s) and also have a Fun Day in the field.

More news on this will be highlighted in the upcoming newsletters.

4. The GMBC has decided to have A 'club banner' made. So, we are holding a Banner Contest.

We are looking for members to create and submit a picture of a banner that the GMBC can use at upcoming events. We will then vote on the banners at the membership meeting we will be having on March 3rd, the day of the GMBC Fun Run at Ottawa.

Everyone that enters will receive a special gift, and First Place will receive a GMBC apparel and bragging rights.

Banners must be sent to my email address by Feb. 29th (richlamb@centurytel.net)

We have PAYPAL!

www.gmbcbrittanyclub.com

**General Membership Meeting
(Continued)**

**BlonHaven
Hunt Club for a
Fun day of
hunting
pheasants**

**Either the end
of February or
beginning of
March .**

**Anyone
Interested????**

**Please contact
me so that I can
get a count and
set up a weekend
day...**

**THANKS!
Richard Lamb**

5. This year GMBC will be adding a club "HOLIDAY HUNT" in November. This will consist of 'GMBC members' meeting at a (later specified) Hunt Club and spending the day hunting for pheasants.

We are looking at different Hunt Clubs in the area, and will be deciding which club will accommodate our needs. Be watching for more news on this in the future newsletters.

There will also be a lot of SPECIAL events as we try to get our club involved in regional Pet Shows, Parades, and other member outings.

If you would like to get involved in any event or you have a new event in mind, PLEASE contact me, or come to our member meetings and lets discuss it. We would love to get everyone involved.

After all,

THIS IS YOUR CLUB!

**Richard Lamb
GMBC President**

GMBC Fun RUN

**March 3 & 4
8:00 a.m.**

**At
Ottawa
Field
Grounds**

**Come prepared
to learn and
have FUN!**

**Watch your
email for more
details.**

**THANKS!
Chris & Gerilyn
Sennott**

Banner Contest! All entries due 2/29/12

**Create & Submit
A
Picture of a
Banner for
GMBC upcoming events.**

**Everyone that enters
will receive a special gift.
First Place -
GMBC apparel &
bragging rights**

LaSalle Brittany Club Walking Field Trial

It was a cold and windy weekend, but many members competed in the LaSalle Brittany Club Field Trial on January 28th & 29th at the Des Plaines Wildlife Area in Illinois.

On Saturday, January 28th, in Open Derby, Andy & Debbie Lewandowski's new puppy, Maddie {Oak Hill's Moment of Madness}, placed 3rd out of 16 derby dogs!

In Amateur Gun Dog, Rod Larson's dog, RJ's Buzz Cut (handled by Tom Jagielski) placed 2nd and Julie Asmus' dog, Petey "Havapal's Rev Me Up Repeat," placed 3rd out of 20 dogs.

On Sunday, Open Puppy was won by Andy & Debbie Lewandowski's dog, Maddie. A new member, Keith Favaro's dog, Radar {Bulloch's Sweetwater Radar}, placed 2nd out of 5 dogs.

In Open Gun Dog, Julie Asmus's dog, Petey, placed 2nd out of 16 dogs.

On a side note, January 20th & 21st, Petey competed in a UKC agility trial at the Bark River Dog Club in Ixonia, WI. He passed 7 out of 8 runs, with three 1st places and one 3rd place. He also gained 20 points towards his UKC agility champion title (UACH).

FYI, in UKC, once you complete your "Level 1" (similar to novice in AKC) and "Level 2" titles (similar to open in AKC), {you must compete in level 1 & 2} until you get a total of 100 points (40 from level 1, 40 from level 2, and 20 points from either). To get these points, you need to score 196 or higher (and the most you can get is 10 points for a perfect run of 200, then the point scale decreased to 6,4,2,1 for each of the scores lower than 200.) Once you get your 100 points, then you receive the UACH title and become eligible to compete in "Agility Level 3" (which is like 'excellent' in AKC).

Submitted by Julie A. Asmus

