



### ABOUT OUR CLUB – SYNOPSIS ON PURPOSE AND GOALS

The Sleepy Hollow German Shorthaired Pointer Club is a “not for profit” Breed Specific Dog Club. We were founded in 1988 by a small unit of very dedicated GSP people. Throughout the years, we have grown to expand our horizons as we continue to promote the health and welfare of the Versatile GSP.

The Sleepy Hollow GSPC, is an American Kennel Club Sanctioned Specialty Breed Club. SHGSPC is also a member club of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club of America. We promote the responsible breeding of the purebred GSP. We urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed approved by the American Kennel Club, as the only standard of excellence. The SHGSP Club conducts Sanctioned Specialty Breed Shows, Obedience Trials, and Field Events held under the Rules and Regulations of the American Kennel Club.

*Our Club is about...* Good Sportsmanship - Our members, their enjoyment of the sport and willingness of their dogs. Education - Learning through the exchange of knowledge within the membership.

Directions to the Galleria Mall, Meeting Room, Middletown, NY 10914:

**From the East** – Take Rt. 17 West to exit 120. Make a right at light onto Rt. 211 East. Go to light and make a right onto N. Galleria Drive continue to Mall.

**From the West** – Take Rt. 17 East to Exit 120, East (towards Montgomery) merge onto Rt. 211 East, continue to light turn right. Continue onto N. Galleria Drive to Mall

**From Newburgh and CT** – Take I-84 West (toward Middletown) to Rt. 17 West then follow as above directions.

**From PA and Northern NJ** – Take I-84 East to NY Exit 4-West. Onto Rt.17 West then follow as above directions.

Once there, enter the Mall and go to the 2nd Floor, proceed to back of food court and go to the right to meeting room.

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – KIMBERLY PETTS

This is usually the newsletter when I'm writing about our Specialty show in New Paltz, how fabulous it was and how wonderful our members are. Well the members in our club are still wonderful and that will never change. Times have changed though and we have to work hard as a club to change with them. The board did manage a virtual meeting, the first in many months and given the average age of the board I was super impressed with us all. It went without a hitch and we got the job done!

Our next event and fingers crossed we will be able to hold it, is the hunt test. Held at Mike Holomakoffs wonderful private preserve we feel able to work with AKC protocol and keep our club members safe. It will be different, no lunch, no congregating in the club house, social distancing and no fundraiser but despite all these challenges if it goes ahead, I am sure of its success. Many thanks to Sara and the hunt test committee on all your hard work to date.

"Keep your chin up", enjoy the summer and play with your dogs!

My dad often used the phrase "Keep your chin up" and wondering of its origin, I looked it up...It sounds like one of those rousing maxims that were drilled into the young of Victorian England but surprisingly, the phrase is American. The first use of it is from the Pennsylvania newspaper The Evening Democrat, October 1900

"Keep your chin up. Don't take your troubles to bed with you - hang them on a chair with your trousers or drop them in a glass of water with your teeth."

Kimberly

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### MEETINGS 2020

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Galleria Mall in Middletown unless otherwise indicated.

**Jun 17** – Cancelled

**Aug** – Annual Pot Luck  
Dinner Meeting & Education

**Oct 21** – Regular Meeting

**Nov (TBD)** – Harvest Awards  
Dinner Meeting

*Welcome to our Member Spotlight, let's get to know Karen Reilly..*

***Tell us something about yourself:*** I am a first time GSP owner. I've had dogs all my life - flatcoats and mixed breed rescues growing up and mixed breed rescues as an adult. When I lost my heart dog, Argus, to hemangiosarcoma in January of 2017, I started researching shorthairs because he was supposed to be a shorthair/lab mix (who knows???!). Everything I read about shorthairs described Argus's personality to a "T". The research led me to Diane and she happened to have a litter on the way. I went up to meet Diane, Lina and Arrow. Arrow ran around like a crazy man but then settled with his big head in my lap and I was HOOKED!

***How long have you been in Shorthairs?*** Um, let's see - Eamon is 3!

***How did you choose your kennel name?*** I don't have a kennel, but if I did it would be something like "Garden Gate GSPs"

***Funniest moment in the show ring/rally/ hunt test etc*** At his first rally competition, Eamon picked up a cone and dropped it, laid down and watched the dogs in the adjacent ring, and completely ignored me! The judge looked at me with a mix of pity and confusion. I don't believe he got a single point that day! We persisted though, and he has gone on to get his RN.

***Next favorite breed of dog to breed and/or show?*** I have always wanted a Great Dane.

***What's been keeping you busy during lockdown?*** Lots of hiking, home projects, gardening and we did tricks titles virtually.

***Proudest "dog mum" moment...*** Well since Eamon is my first GSP (Brenna is my second), and this world of dog shows is all new to me, part of me wants to say the day he finished his championship. However, I feel like that's genetics and breeding and doesn't have much to do with me (Diane!)- I was very proud of both of us when he got his RN title (he's a bit of a training challenge!). But in reality, I am proudest when I'm out hiking with them and people stop and say, "wow, what well behaved dogs you have".

AGILITY	<p><a href="#">Virtual Agility League</a> Providing a non-traditional, skills-based agility venue that allows people to submit dog agility performances for review by video.</p>
ASSORTED TRAINING SKILLS	<p><a href="#">Wag-It Games</a> A variety of titles and games</p>
FREESTYLE	<p><a href="#">Cyber Rally-O</a> (despite its name, offers titles in freestyle too!)</p> <p><a href="#">Dogs Can Dance</a> The Future of Freestyle</p> <p><a href="#">Musical Dog Sport Association</a> Celebrating the unique style of each individual dog.</p> <p><a href="#">Rally Freestyle Elements</a> (offers titles in freestyle AND a rally/freestyle combination sport)</p> <p><a href="#">World Canine Freestyle Organization</a> WCFO, INC. is a non-profit corporation, founded to globally promote the joys and fun of responsible pet ownership through musical canine freestyle, both as a sport and an entertainment medium.</p>
OBEDIENCE	<p><a href="#">Non-Competitive Obedience Association</a> The Non Competitive Obedience Association was formed to encourage advanced obedience and tracking training and to enable handlers to earn titles even when they cannot get to a traditional obedience trial or tracking test. NCO is a great "first step" and we strongly encourage participants to continue on to competition obedience and tracking in other venues!</p> <p><a href="#">Fenzi Training Excellence Assessment Modules (TEAM)</a> Note: Currently in development. Emphasis on excellence in training versus finished behavior chains.</p>
PARKOUR	<p><a href="#">International Dog Parkour Association</a> Dog Parkour combines elements of human parkour (obstacle course training) and dog agility to create an accessible activity for dogs and humans alike.</p>
PRACTICAL TRAINING SKILLS	<p><a href="#">Dog Scouts of America</a> To improve the lives of dogs, their owners, and society through humane education, positive training, and community involvement.</p>
RALLY OBEDIENCE	<p><a href="#">Cyber Rally-O</a> You and your dog can earn rally and musical freestyle titles on your own time schedule and in places of your own selection.</p>
TREIBBALL	<p><a href="#">American Treibball Association</a> The ATA founded and established the American rules for Treibball competition in 2010, and is the primary resource for competitive trials, workshops and training academies, throughout the United States and Canada.</p>
TRICKS	<p><a href="#">Do More with Your Dog</a> World's Leading Trick Dog Program • Teaching Skills and Sparking Excitement!</p>

## SERVICES

Have a service or business you'd like to promote? Know of an organization that our members may be interested in? Here's the place to promote it. Send info in to Denise or Karen.

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