



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.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE – THIERRY CROIZER

Dear Members:

Happy Spring to all!

Hopefully, everyone has had more opportunities to get out with their pups in the milder weather! I know my dogs, Diesel and Cooper, have been enjoying the yard - soaking in the sun and running around the fields as the weather starts to warm up.

Our club put on a wonderful Rally Trial in Andover NJ this past February – Thank you Detta, you did an amazing job putting it all together! It was very well attended, and everyone had a great time! I have a feeling we will be having another.

Wishing luck to our club members and their pups that will be attending the GSPCA National Specialty in Peoria Illinois in May! Hoping to hear all about it at our June show.

Talking about the June show... June is coming up quickly – New Paltz is another great event put on by our club. The show committee does a wonderful job, and it is always well attended! If you are not showing a dog, please feel free to show up and help out - we could always use another set of hands.

I am happy to see club members that previously were not able to attend meetings because of distance are now attending meetings through Zoom. The Zoom meetings are a wonderful way to keep up on what is happening in the club, while saving us all travel time. I encourage those that have not tried a zoom meeting to try it out! Keep your eyes on club emails for details on how to attend Zoom meetings. I would love to see you there!

Stay safe!

Thierry

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General Meeting:

Zoom Meeting: April 17, 2024 @ 7:00 pm.

Sleepy Hollow GSP Club's first Rally Trial was a success thanks to the crew that came and helped. A huge thank you goes out to Karen and Thierry Croizer, first on the wonderful choice of food for hospitality, everyone was sated. They of course didn't stop there. Thierry manned the table with a TSDOC member, Cathie Spall who took care of the judge's book with Thierry doing a fantastic job timing the runs, an extremely important job since that determines placements. Karen became the Stapling Queen, no easy task with a broken stapler (note to self, bring stapler), she got the ribbons together for each class so I could hand them out. She has now informed me she can do any job necessary at the next trial, I believe her. We even had a member of First Dog who was our ring steward, changing out the courses for each class both trials. Amber was a fantastic secretary, unbelievable amount of work both before and during the trial. Many thanks go to Sandi VerSprill for mentoring us along the way and for all the side things she did to help make our trial a success at her facility.

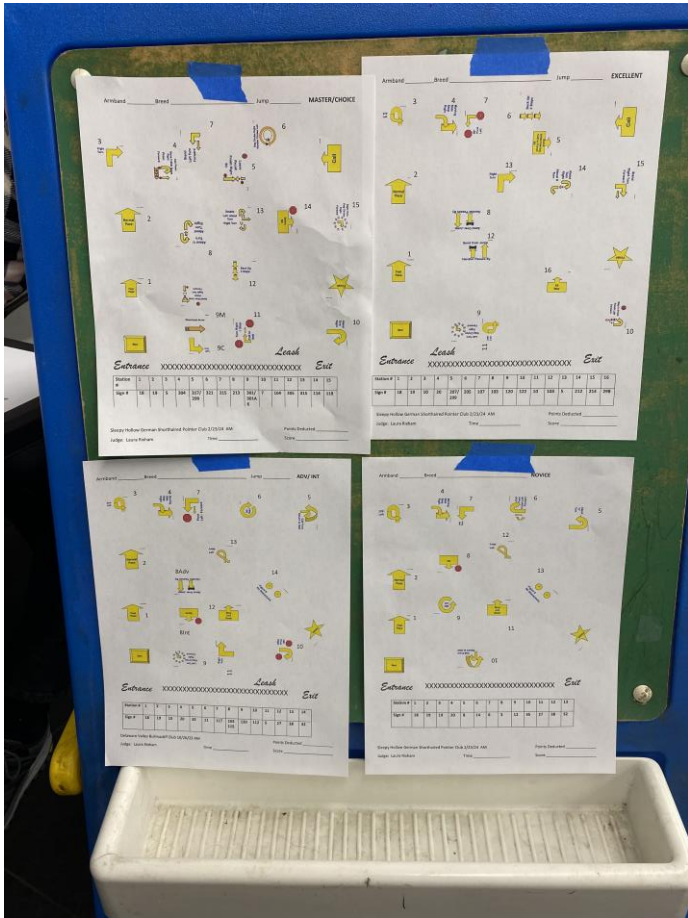


We had a very nice turn out, was great to see so many people. Our judge Laura Rixham didn't waste any time so between her and the stewards we actually managed to run 98 dogs (2 absent) on time! I left at 4:30 with the judge, everything was done and put away. I consider that in itself a huge success.

Was really nice to see a few club members jump in the ring and earn legs and placements. Congrats to Karen Reilly, Polly DeMille and Richard Siegel. Hoping your brags are in this newsletter!

We received very nice compliments from club members and non members alike on a trial well run. Save the date for our next one, Friday, February 21, 2025. - Detta Andreana, Event Chair





Detta Andreana:



Bonnie, "(NACSW - NWI LII, UKC - NN) Rose Mountain's Bonnie Lass BN RI SCN CGCA TKN (CDSP - SN-C, CD-C)"

- On February 12, 2024 at TSDOC, Bonnie earned her Canine Good Citizen Advanced (CGCA) title
- On March 23, 2024 At TSDOC's Companion Dog Sports Program (CDSP) she earned her CD-C title with a score of 198 and 2nd Place under Judge Sara Jacobs.

Was very special to earn that title under Sara.

Richard Siegel and Polly de Mille: *Tater*, CH HHH Absolute Heartthrob RN BCAT earned his Rally Novice title at the SHGSPC Rally trial AND earned his BCAT at the Shawangunk Kennel Club Fast Cat event in New Paltz, NY!





Karen Reilly: Brenna, UKC - BIS, UKC Ch Windheim's Raven Haired Beauty RA CAX BCAT DN RATN CGC TKI FITG got her RAT Novice title in February!





Some of you know that Eamon tore his left cranial cruciate ligament (CCL) while chasing a rabbit in early October. He did it late afternoon on a Saturday. He was non-weight bearing, but had no noticeable swelling and no cuts, so I had a good idea what it was. I gave him rimadyl and gabapentin and crossed my fingers that I was wrong. The next morning, he was still non-weight bearing so I took him to our local Emergency/Specialty practice – one that I have a nearly 20-year history with. The ER vet confirmed a torn CCL and recommended a surgeon to do a TPLO on Wednesday. Based on the reputation of the hospital (the best!) and a long personal history, I agreed. I did not know the surgeon (the surgeon I knew the best retired during COVID), but did not ask any questions – “it’s one of the best hospitals around and she has to be good”, is what I thought. WRONG!

The surgery went “fine” but a few days later we were back at the ER. He had a fever and the surgical site was hot although the actual incision looked great – clean and dry. He had a cone on when I wasn’t with him and had not touched it. They sent me home with simplecef. The next day I was back with a very sick dog. Not eating or drinking, vocalizing in pain and a high fever. One look at him and the ER doc said he needed to be admitted and on IV antibiotics. I agreed. He had cellulitis at the surgical site. His white count was severely low and he was dangerously neutropenic. I spent my entire career in the healthcare industry and I know that the goal for hospital/surgically acquired infections is always zero, but occasionally they sneak through. Boy does it suck when you fall into that “occasionally”.

He recovered from the infection but never really recovered from the surgery. He continued to be non-weight bearing and painful. He also developed neurologic symptoms – knuckling of the toes and tremors. I was frustrated because he was shifted from surgeon to surgeon and none of them seemed overly concerned. I never heard from the surgeon who actually did the surgery. Long story short, I made an appointment with the owner of the practice and he diagnosed Eamon with severe sciatic nerve pain and ordered a CT and MRI. Nothing showed up. He diagnosed Eamon with “wind-up” pain. A phenomenon that occurs during periods of extended chronic pain (after surgery or severe injury) – to oversimplify, the nerves go “haywire” and fire continuously. He prescribed amantadine in addition to his gabapentin and rimadyl. One month later he had made significant improvement and was cleared for off-leash activity. He had been on leash for FIVE months – ALL THE TIME. It was welcome news and we were all thrilled.

A couple of days later he chased a squirrel and tore the CCL ON THE OTHER SIDE!! And now to the whole point of telling the story. This time, I insisted on an experienced surgeon who had performed this surgery too many times to count – and here’s why. I found out that the surgeon who performed the first surgery was young and not yet board-certified and had limited experience with TPLO. She was also leaving on her honeymoon the next day and perhaps – in a rush and maybe didn’t pay enough attention to sterile surgical technique?? The other surgeons I’d seen leading up to seeing the owner were all in that same class of “residents” who were waiting to take their second set of boards.

During the second surgery I opted to have the first implant removed. The implant itself, was too small for his size and the head of one of the screws was sheared off (likely occurred at the time of surgery when the screw was tightened in place) and it was infected with an anaerobic bacteria. AAAGGGHHH.

Well, it’s nearly six weeks after the second surgery and I’m happy to report that Eamon is doing extremely well and we have 5 more weeks of leash time (yup that’s going to be 8 months of leash time!!). But the moral of the story is this – no matter how well you know a practice, no matter how many times you’ve been there, no matter what the reputation is, no matter how routine the procedure is – **ASK ALL THE QUESTIONS, ALWAYS!** Unless you’re (God forbid) faced with an immediately life-threatening situation and time is critical, **ASK THE QUESTIONS!!** Are you board certified? How many years of experience do you have? How many times have you done this procedure?

I wish I had asked this time, but always will in the future!!

Sleepy Hollow GSP Club looks forward to our 2024 summer specialty weekend!!
2 Independent Specialties PLUS 4 All Breeds (including 2 supported entries)

Friday - 6/21/24 - SHGSPC Specialty
Breed/Juniors Judge: Mrs. Linda Berberich
Puppy & Veteran Sweeps - Mrs. Becky Feigh

Saturday - 6/22/24 - SHGSPC Specialty
Breeds/Juniors Judge: Mrs. Deidre Rahn
Puppy & Veteran Sweepstakes - Mrs. Susan London



Join us for Western Weekend in the Gunks

Ulster County Fairgrounds, New Paltz, NY - 2 GSP specialties PLUS 4 all breed shows
6/20 Wallkill KC, 6/21 Shawangunk KC (supported entry), 6/22 Mid Hudson (supported entry) and 6/23 Mid Hudson

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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