



## 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 Member:

We have a great hunt test committee and huge thanks to them for pulling off another successful hunt test event. This year both the weather and birds cooperated and made the day spectacular! No rain, birds flew, and the participants, hunters and pointing dogs, got to demonstrate their skills. Again, if you haven’t attended a hunt test – this is the one you want to participate in – a great time at a wonderful venue, East Mountain Shooting Preserve in Dover Plains.

A reminder to all members... we have numerous committees (show, hunt test, obedience, and others) that are always looking for help. New members usually bring new energy and fresh ideas to the committees they choose to participate in. Committee chairs are always willing to accept additional help. Volunteering is always a great way to learn more about a particular event or committee.

I would also like to remind everyone about some upcoming events... Mark your calendars - November 13, 2024 at 6pm the annual SHGSP dinner at Danny’s in Wurtsboro; February 21, 2025 we will be sponsoring our 2nd Rally Trial in Andover NJ; and in June 2025 will be our annual Summer Specialty Show in New Paltz.

It’s October and that means leaves changing colors, cooler weather for getting out with your pups. Get out and enjoy the change of season and your pups!

Thierry



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General Meeting:  
Wednesday October 23, 2024

VIRTUAL- ZOOM  
General Meeting @ 7:00 PM

The annual Sleepy Hollow GSP Club Double Header Hunt Test was held on Saturday, September 21 st, 2024. This year we ran 42 dogs over the course of the day.

Our mighty little team arrived simultaneously at 7am and sprung into action. There is so much that needs to be done in very little time with the first braces scheduled to be off the line at 8am. Secretary extraordinaire Barbara VanBlarcum brings a full office set up complete with computer and printer and has all paperwork lined up for the judges when they arrive. Kitchen coordinator Karen Croizer is more of a caterer and started us off with a light breakfast and coffee. Thierry Croizer, Jim Avery and Ray Scarth loaded up bird bags and along with Detta Andreana and Sandy Clark got the courses planted with birds.

Judges and handlers arrived, checked in and sure enough, we were off right on time thanks to the amazing efficiency and teamwork. We had a nice mix of pointing breeds represented with GSPs, Brittanys, Vizslas and Weimaraners running at all levels.

Our judges this year were Gary Houghton, Loren Rogers, Florence Duggan and Bob Rynkiewicz. We are fortunate and grateful to have wonderful judges who are fair, helpful and patient. The morning moved along seamlessly, and we were ready for lunch before noon.

Lunch was an elaborate spread with soup, sandwiches, salads and desserts. Our basket fundraiser was bigger and better than ever thanks to the generosity of members, judges and handlers. After lunch and a brief club meeting, we were back out to the fields.

I am so appreciative for all who make this event so successful year after year, the HT Team and club members that pitched in wherever needed, and Michael Holomokoff who always welcomes us to his beautiful East Mountain Preserve, makes sure we have everything we need, and this year ordered and held the birds for us, which was a tremendous help.

Congratulations to all club members who had successful runs earning legs and titles – Ray and Barbara with Lili, new JH; Thierry and Karen with Cooper, 2 JH legs; Leslie and Nia, SH leg. Nice going, everyone!!

And now we start thinking about next year... suggestions for judges are always welcome. It seems to get more and more difficult every year to secure judges.



**HUNT TEST PHOTOS**





**Thierry Croizer:** Cooper was 2 for 2 on JH legs at our SHGSPC hunt test.



Cooper was also BOW at the Nutmeg GSPC Specialty for a 5 point major and WD at the supported entry for 4 points the next day back in the beginning of August. Shown by Denise Avery



**BRAGS, CONTINUED**

**Denise Avery:** GCH Windheim's Lucidity JH RN. Luca had a great summer, we set out to work on her Grand Championship, she achieved that and then some!

- 3x Owner Handled Best in Show
- 1 Group Placement
- 5x Best of Breed
- 4x Best of Opposite Sex
- 2x Select Bitch
- 8x Owner Handled Best of Breed



**Denise Avery:** U-CH Windheim's Pale Ale JH DS RA - Tess qualified at our PM hunt test for a Senior leg!



**Barbara VanBlarum**: Lili has had a great couple of months. We met our summer goal of finishing her Grand championship in August and our fall goal of finishing her Junior Hunter at our hunt test!!



**Richard Siegel and Polly de Mille: Tater got his Intermediate Rally certification!**



Whatever the sport.....



## SERVICES

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