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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

Happy Summer!

Another Summer Specialty Show is in the books, and what a wonderful weekend it was! Owners, handlers, spectators, and, of course, our dogs all enjoyed a terrific event—and this year, the weather even cooperated.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our Show Committee and to every club member who worked behind the scenes to make this year's Summer Specialty another outstanding Sleepy Hollow German Shorthaired Pointer Club event. Our club simply couldn't host a show of this caliber without the many volunteers who generously gave their time and energy. Thank you as well to everyone who donated food, raffle prizes, auction items, and other contributions that helped make the weekend such a success.

I continue to be amazed by the dedication of our members and their commitment to the German Shorthaired Pointer breed. This past May, two of our members received well-deserved recognition while representing SHGSPC.

Congratulations to Denise Avery, who was honored with the GSPCA Sportsmanship Award, recognizing her outstanding dedication and exemplary sportsmanship. Congratulations also to Diane Prohaska, who was selected as one of only three judges for this year's German Shorthaired Pointer National Top 25 Invitational, serving as the Breeder Judge. We are incredibly proud of both Denise and Diane for these prestigious accomplishments.

Thank you to everyone for re-electing me as President of the Sleepy Hollow German Shorthaired Pointer Club. It is truly an honor to serve this dedicated and passionate group. I continue to be inspired by the knowledge, generosity, and enthusiasm of our officers, committee members, and membership, and I look forward to continuing our work together to keep our club strong and thriving.

As I mentioned at our recent meeting, this term will be the last for both Karen and me as club officers. While we are stepping down from our officer roles at the end of our terms, we are certainly not going anywhere. We fully intend to remain active members, continue volunteering at SHGSPC events, and do everything we can to support the next President and Recording Secretary. I encourage everyone to begin thinking about members who would be great candidates for these important positions. Strong leadership and fresh ideas will help ensure the continued success of our club.

We're also looking forward to an August potluck gathering, possibly at East Mountain Shooting Preserve. Final details are still being worked out, so stay tuned for more information.

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General Meeting: Potluck in August! Watch your inbox for details!!

Wishing you all a safe, fun-filled summer. Enjoy the sunshine, enjoy your families, and most of all, enjoy spending time with your wonderful GSPs!

See you at our next event!

Thierry

SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Saturday, September 19, 2026

**Annual Double Header Hunt Test Preserve
East Mountain Shooting Preserve**

Dover Plains, NY



I get a lot of emails. Most earn a quick glance before being sentenced to the delete key.

But when an email arrives with the subject line, "Top 25," everything stops.

I opened it without a second thought.

Then I read the first line.

"You have been selected to judge the Top 25."

I'm pretty sure I forgot how to breathe.

I just stared at the screen thinking, *Did that really just happen?* Judging the nation's Top 25 German Shorthaired Pointers at the 2026 GSPCA National Specialty Gala in Virginia. A true bucket list moment had just landed in my inbox.

Responding should have been easy. Three little letters.

YES.

Apparently, typing three letters becomes surprisingly difficult when your brain is doing victory laps around the room. After a few failed attempts by fingers that suddenly forgot the keyboard, I finally hit send.

Then reality showed up.

Virginia.

Flights? Check.

Rental car? Check.

Hotel? Check.

Travel? Easy.

Then came... the gown.

Anyone who knows me knows I can have ten beautiful gowns hanging in my closet and somehow convince myself I have absolutely nothing to wear. This time, however, I wasn't exaggerating. I truly had nothing that belonged in a Top 25 Gala ring.

With only one free day to find a gown and just a couple weeks to go, I enlisted my nephew's fiancée, Jen. She knows me well enough to understand that "we're just looking for a dress" has never meant *we're just looking for a dress*.

Nordstrom. Macy's. Bloomingdale's. Who knows where we were going to land.



Fortunately for Jen, Nordstrom delivered the winner before she needed to fake a medical emergency to escape. Dress? Check. Alterations? On site. Shoes, etc? Check. Mission accomplished. Home - 12 hours later, squeak maybe a bit longer.

Now all that was left was waiting... and rereading the Breed Standard. Again. And again. I was ready.

The Top 25 Gala is judged by three judges: a regular judge, a breeder judge, and a professional handler judge.



Ruth Ann

Diane

Michelle

I had the privilege of serving as the breeder judge alongside Ruth Ann Freer Godfrey, someone I've known for more than 40 years. A breed icon to me. Standing ringside with her was an honor all by itself. No way was I screwing up with her next to me.

Our handler judge was Michelle Smith Wolcott, another longtime friend.

The judging was serious. The company was anything but. Between the three of us, there were plenty of laughs. We had a great time.

This year's Top 25 committee also introduced a new format. For the first time, the hands-on examination of the dogs took place earlier in the day instead of during the evening gala. Like anything new, there were a few bumps as everyone adjusted, but the committee worked through them and the event moved along nicely.

Judging the Top 25 is unlike any other assignment.

You're not comparing one dog against another. You're evaluating each dog independently against the Breed Standard, assigning scores from one to ten. That sounds straightforward until you realize you never truly get to compare dogs side by side, making every decision completely about that individual dog and how closely it represents the standard.

The evening gala featured the movement portion, where each dog performed its down and back, free stack, and around the ring.

For me, movement is where a sporting dog truly comes alive.

One thing that stood out was that several handlers had to repeat their down and backs. Let's just say a few "straight lines" took some very creative scenic routes. We wanted every exhibit to have the opportunity to be seen at its very best, and sometimes that simply meant asking for another trip.

At the end of the evening, the Top 25 winner was GCHP Stelor's Rock Solid, "Rock."



Rock has long been one of my favorite dogs. He finished 2025 as the nation's Number One German Shorthaired Pointer, remains Number One this year, and is currently among the Top Five Sporting Dogs in the country. He's simply gorgeous.

It was an incredible privilege to judge such an outstanding representative of our breed and to be part of his second consecutive Top 25 victory. Congratulations to his owners on an extraordinary career that is still going strong.

The trip came to a close with a 3:30 a.m. wake-up call for my flight home. Worth every minute.

When I look back, I don't just remember judging. I remember reconnecting with friends I've known for decades, sharing countless laughs, celebrating remarkable dogs, and enjoying a Nationals that, for me, was refreshingly drama free.

Some weekends leave you tired.

This one left me grateful. Nationals 2026 was one I'll never forget.

Detta Andreana:

Bonnie, Rose Mountain's *Bonnie Lass BN CD RE SWN SIA SEA SCGCA TKN (CDSP – CD-C) (NACSW – NW2 LII LIC LIV) (UKC – NN AN)*

On April 18 at VK9's AKC Scent Work trial in Stanhope NJ, Wild West Show, Bonnie earned a 2nd leg toward her Advanced Exterior title with a 1st place.

On April 26 at TSDOC's UKC Nose Work trial she earned her Advanced Container title (AC).

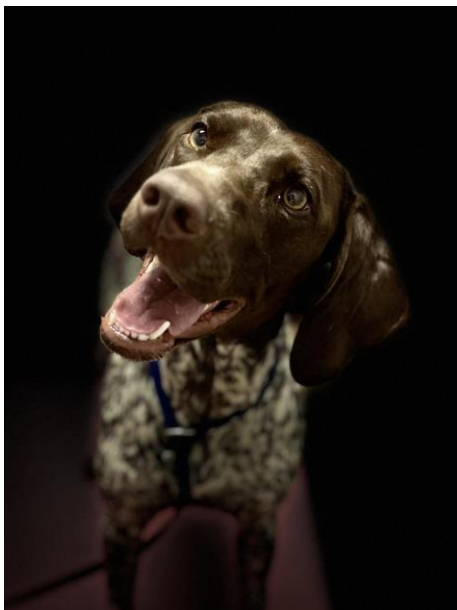
On May 9 at the Albany Obedience Club's AKC trial held at the Fire Fighters Museum in Hudson NY she earned her Advanced Interior title (SIA).

On June 7 at TSDOC's UKC Nose Work trial she earned her Advanced Vehicle title with a 2nd place and her overall Advanced title (AN).

Jade, Windheim's *Gem of My Heart STR*

At TSDOC's UKC Nose Work trial on April 26, Jade earned her first leg in Novice Containers with a 1st place and a leg in Novice Vehicles.

Leslie Javarone: 3 point major for **Nellie**, *August's Everything is Looking Up JH* in Bainbridge on Saturday June 27!



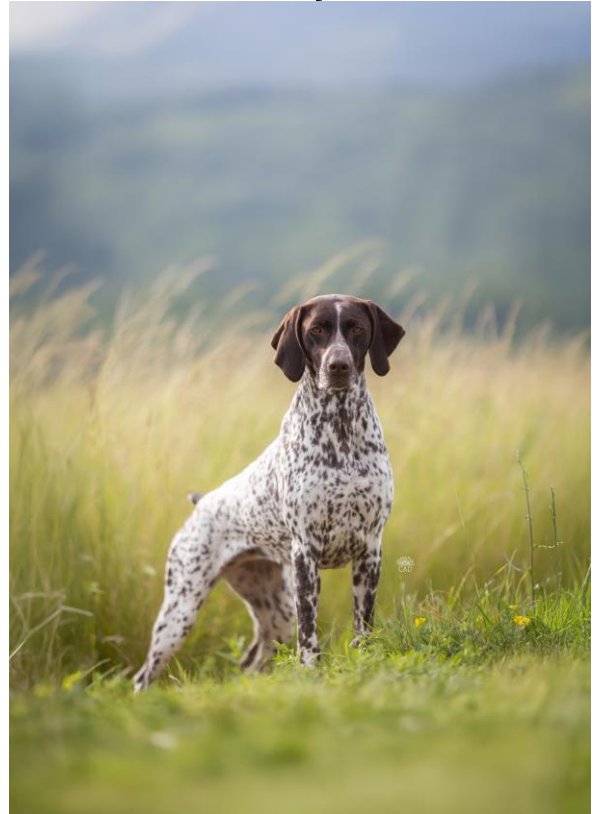
Diane Prohaska:

Wings, *GCH Hideaway Acres Wings Over Wildflowers DJ* went back to back Best of Breeds in Brooklyn, CT and earned her first group placement with a Group Third rosette in June.



Wings

INdy



A fun New Paltz weekend for the girls..... it was super fun to see 3 of the Hideaway Acres girls standing on the podium for BOS, SB and Award of Merit at the Friday specialty under Dr. Troy Dargin. Honey, INdy, *GCHS What's A Little Indulgence?*, and Wings with their beautiful rosettes - an honor to see three girls of the same breeding program representing. Karen has much more to brag about with Honey, but I had to brag about this wonderful win!!!



Diane Prohaska: While over in the dock pool **Wings** stepped it up from last years Dock Novice and went 5 for 5 to jump for her Dock Junior title and then another 4 legs towards her Dock Senior title with one leg to go!!! She definitely is taking after her grandmother who held a Dock Master Advanced title.

Benson, *GCH Hideaway Acres The Beekeeper*, has had a great few weeks earning his Grand Champion, Best of Breed and a Group Placement, several BOB OH and also several OH Group Placements including a OH Group 1. He is currently # 8 on the OH group ranking list for the year. Benson is coowned with Leni and Harper Bogle and his shown by 12 year old Leni.



BRAGS, CONTINUED

Barbara VanBlarcum: Lili had a great day on Saturday of the New Paltz specialty. She was select in the morning at the supported entry and received an award of merit at our specialty. At the Bainbridge shows the following weekend she was select on Friday and on Saturday received her CGC and trick dog titles.



Karen Reilly: Honey, *GCH Hideaway Acres As Sweet As Can Bee DN* had a fantastic weekend at our specialties in New Paltz! On Friday, she was BOS at our concurrent specialty under Judge Dr. Troy Dargin for 5 points and her third GCH major. And on Saturday she was Select at our independent specialty under esteemed breeder judge Betsy Yates for 4 pts and her Grand Championship! What a thrill! My first Grand Champion and first 5pt major in one weekend! Time to set some new goals!



Denise Avery: Wynn timer ~ CH Windheim 'N Stylebrite Whymysical Dream: Greenwich Kennel Club WB/BOW to finish. Wynn timer is co-owned with Sandy Clark & Kristy Menner.



Grady ~ Windheim 'N Stylebrite's Encore: Mid Hudson Kennel Assoc WD/BOW for his first major. SHGSPC Specialty #2 RWD. Grady is co-owned with Sandy Clark.



Denise Avery: Baby Wren ~ Windheim's Serendipity: SHGSPC Specialty #1 RWB to her sister. SHGSPC Specialty #2 Best in Sweeps, WB/BOW, Best BBE & Best Puppy!



Denise Avery: Luca ~ *MOHBIS GCH Windheim's Lucidity JH FTN RE CGC*: Glens Falls Kennel Club Rally Excellent leg #1. Saratoga NY Kennel Club Rally Excellent leg #2. Chenango Valley Kennel Club #1 Rally Excellent leg #3 to finish RE; CGC.



Roxy ~ *CH Windheim's On the Rox JH RA CGC*
MDGSPC Specialty NSS week RWB for a 3 point major
Wallkill Kennel Club WB
Rockland Cty Kennel Club WB
Shawangunk Kennel Club/SHGSPC Specialty WB for her 2nd major
Mid Hudson Kennel Assoc WB/BOW to finish championship



Denise Avery:

.....And more **Roxy** ~ *CH Windheim's On the Rox JH RA CGC*
Glens Falls Kennel Club BOS/OH BOB/OH Group 1 & Rally Advanced leg #1
Saratoga NY Kennel Club Rally Advanced leg #2
Chenango Valley Kennel Club #1 BOS/OH BOB & Rally Advanced leg #3 to finish RA; CGC
Chenango Valley Kennel Club #2 BOS/OH BOB



Richard Siegel and Polly DeMille: Miki, *Ch HHH Celestial Melody* went select at the Chenango Valley Kennel Club Show. Miki also earned her Canine Good Citizen and Trick Dog Novice. Miki also earned her Rally Intermediate Title

Tater, *Ch HHH Absolute Heartthrob* earned his Canine Good Citizen Advanced Certification



Congratulations!

To All!

A RELATABLE TALE

Wings had big plans. In her mind, she wasn't just going off to bird dog training—she was heading off to become the dog she already believed she was. A full month away, fields stretching for miles, birds exploding into the sky, trainer nodding in quiet approval... maybe even a slow-motion return home with a ribbon, a title, and absolutely unbearable confidence.

Meanwhile, back at home, there were also big plans. With Wings away, it was finally time to renovate her room. Not just a quick refresh—this was a full transformation. The vision: soft buttery yellow walls, brand-new floors, and the kind of tasteful restraint Wings herself has never displayed. Calm, elegant, and—most importantly—completed without a certain someone supervising every single decision.

Day 1: Wings arrived at training like a celebrity. Tail up, eyes bright, fully convinced she had been selected for something very important. She hit the field with enthusiasm, chased a few birds with confidence (accuracy pending), and went to sleep certain she was a natural.

Back home, paint samples were being debated. “Is this buttery enough?” became a serious question.

Day 2: Still confident, slightly less coordinated. Wings began to realize that bird dog training involved things like “listening,” “holding a point,” and “not freelancing across three zip codes.” She listened selectively and pointed with tremendous emotional conviction.

Back home, decisions were being finalized. Flooring options narrowed. Timelines discussed. This renovation was happening.

Day 3: This is where everything unraveled.

Three days into what was supposed to be a month-long transformation, Wings made an announcement. Not verbally, of course—but in the unmistakable way that immediately cancels plans, redirects priorities, and turns a structured training program into mild chaos.

Suddenly Wings became less of a student and more of a policy issue.

Every male dog within a mile radius forgot their training, their names, and possibly their life goals. The program shifted from precision and discipline to... crisis management. Focus disappeared. Order dissolved. Professional reputations hung by a thread. Somewhere, a trainer stared silently into the middle distance, reconsidering his career choices.

Wings, for her part, had absolutely no idea why everyone was acting so weird.

By that afternoon, the decision was made: Wings' promising training career would be... postponed.

And just like that, she was home.

No title. No ribbon. But carrying herself with the quiet confidence of a dog who had single-handedly shut down a professional training operation and halted a home renovation project.

Because, of course, the buttery yellow dream? The new floors? The peaceful, perfectly designed “Wings Room”? All... on hold.

Turns out, it's very hard to renovate a room when its namesake is suddenly back—supervising, judging, and absolutely not staying off freshly imagined floors.

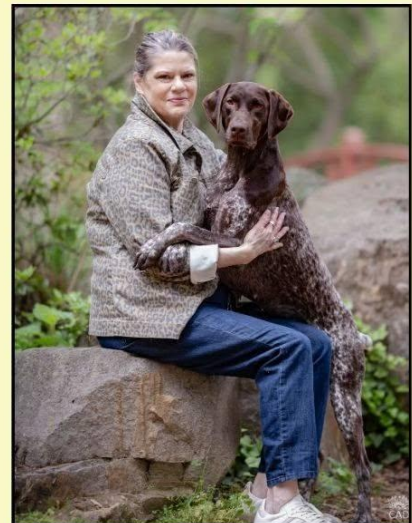
Wings may not have completed bird dog training, but she did successfully shut down an entire operation in under 72 hours. Not every dog can say that.

"Inspired by real events.
Retold with the level of drama
Wings believes is appropriate."

A collaboration
between Wings
and Diane
Prohaska



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