



# WCHS Newsletter

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## Sharing the WCHS with Others

Thank you players. Now that we are in our second season of a player driven WCHS, you are truly beginning to make this Series your own. Working together to share your love of bird dogs and hunting, as well as educating others about bird hunting and our competitive hunting events, has greatly improved our Series.

Many of you shared your enthusiasm for this Series with friends and family. Doing so has allowed all of us to have the opportunity to welcome new players to the game and coach them regarding the bird dog work and hunting skill required to succeed in the game. During this season, over 100 competitors participated in and therefore supported the Series.

In addition to this, efforts were made by a number of players and their bird dogs to share our bird hunting message with others at 2009 National Pheasant Fest. Pheasant Fest took place in Madison on February 6-8. Over 20,000 people were estimated to have attended this event. We are happy to share that some individuals that learned about the Series at Pheasant Fest have already attended the remaining events. If you are one of those individuals, thank you.



## Little Creek, Woods & Meadow, and Wolf River Thanks

Thank you to all who participated in the last three tournaments of the season at Little Creek, Woods & Meadow, and Wolf River Game Farms. Your support is truly appreciated.

And, thank you to Mike Boomsma at Little Creek, Scott and Chris Goetzka at Woods & Meadow, Steve and Joy Daebler at Wolf River, as well as their families and club affiliates/volunteers. We appreciate the opportunity to hunt on your preserve. It was a pleasure having you a part of the Series and we enjoyed working with you.

As always, competitors and club hosts, be sure to pass on any suggestions or concerns to us. We need to know what we can do to better the Series, and we also need what we are doing right. Thank you to those who already shared their thoughts.

## Wisconsin State Invitational – March 21 and 22

The Wisconsin Championship Hunting Series Wisconsin State Invitational is a season-end event meant to serve as a showdown for the main divisions, and more importantly show appreciation to the players who have supported the Series.

This year's Invitational will take place March 21-22, 2009 at Little Creek Lodge located at 4219 Sampson Road in Little Suamico. For those that have not been to Little Creek yet, it is located just 20 minutes North of Green Bay.

Please find your invite included with this newsletter. Additional information can be found online at [WisconsinSeries.com](http://WisconsinSeries.com) or simply call Craig or Teri Steinbach at 715-669-3303 (home/office) or 715-577-5683 (cellular). We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The best way to register for the State Invitational is via phone by calling Craig or Teri. Please try to register by Monday,

March 16. This will allow us to draw and post run times on the WCHS website by Thursday or Friday prior to the State Invitational. Entries will be added after March 16 if run times are available and no conflicts will be created. Furthermore, there are a limited number of entries available per division. Please get your entry requests in early.

All WCHS members will be invited to partake in complementary meal on Saturday evening. At this time we will also be conducting a meeting with WCHS members to gain your comments, both encouraging and constructive, regarding the conduction of next year's Series.

We hope you will join us for the Wisconsin State Invitational.



*Congratulations to first time competitor Mike Kline and his bird dog Bullet (GSP) who teamed up with RJ Teune and became the Double Championships Pro/Am Pointer Champion*

## 2008-2009 Dog of the Year

Congratulations to the Dog of the Year winners. All Dog of the Year winners will be honored at the WCHS Wisconsin State Invitational on March 21-22.

### Amateur Flusher

1 <sup>st</sup>	Skyler (lab)/Smazinski	1,485.05
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maggie (lab)/Moore	1,424.15
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cash (lab)/Litke	1,361.35

### Amateur Pointer

1 <sup>st</sup>	Ozzy (gsp)/Vonnahme	1,395.50
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jackson (gsp)/Hanson	1,351.95
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trigger (gsp)/Palmer	1,143.05

### Double Flusher

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tikka (lab)/Brost	2,181.60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tesa (springer)/Steinbach	1,663.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Echo (lab)/Goetz	1,516.40

### Double Pointer

1 <sup>st</sup>	Albert (gwp)/Garrity	2,162.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Einstein (gwp)/Garrity	2,136.70
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dusty (brittany)/Heim	2,124.30

### Puppy Flusher

1 <sup>st</sup>	Breeze (lab)/Sipes	1,951.25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wyatt (lab)/Guttel	1,697.40
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Farve (lab)/Jentzsch	1,578.80

### Puppy Pointer

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jackson (gsp)/Hanson	2,055.55
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ozzy (gsp)/Vonnahme	2,014.80
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Boomer (gwp)/Hutchins	875.00

### Single Flusher

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tikka (lab)/Brost	1,501.70
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ruby (lab)/Mirek	1,452.45
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sadie (lab)/Mirek	1,420.00

### Single Pointer

1 <sup>st</sup>	Albert (gwp)/Garrity	1,491.60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dusty (brittany)/Heim	1,475.45
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shrek (gsp)/Jentzsch	1,472.95

### Vet Talk...Hip Evaluation: OFA vs PennHIP

by Dr. Renee Palmer

Evaluating your dog's hips is an important first step in the decision to breed or not. For many years, the only option has been OFA (Orthopedic Foundation for Animals, Inc.) evaluation. You can have a preliminary evaluation at 18 months of age, however, for certification, your dog must be at least 24 months of age. Sedation is generally necessary to obtain the proper positioning for the radiograph. Dogs must be permanently identified either via microchip or tattoo for both methods. The radiograph is sent to a panel of veterinarians at OFA for evaluation. If there is no evidence of hip dysplasia, they are rated fair, good, or excellent.

PennHIP (Pennsylvania Hip Improvement Program) was developed in 1996 at the

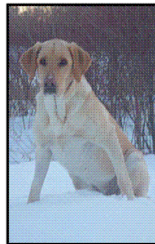
University of Pennsylvania. PennHIP can be performed as early as 16 weeks of age, but reliability improves slightly at or over one year of age. PennHIP requires three different radiographic views and must be done with sedation. Only certified veterinarians can perform the procedure. The cost is typically more than OFA evaluation. Results are reported differently than OFA. Numerical scores based on comparison within the same breed are given. Radiographs are evaluated by PennHIP. This method has more specificity and therefore more accuracy but it is not as widely recognized as OFA at this time.

*Please send future questions and topic ideas to mail@fly-n-gunkennels.com. They will be passed on to Dr. Renee Palmer as possible future Vet Talk topics.*

### Bird Hunter Billboard

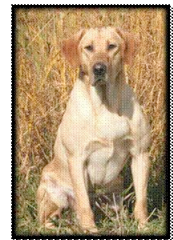


**How do I submit information to the Bird Hunter Billboard?** WCHS members are welcome and encouraged to submit information, free of charge, to be shared in the Bird Hunter Billboard. Please submit your information to mail@fly-n-gunkennels.com by the designated newsletter deadlines.



**LABRADOR PUPPIES FOR SALE**

For More Information Contact  
Randy Moore  
(920) 585-0999  
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**Dam: Upland's Maggie JH**

**Stud: Holzinger's Taylor Made SH**

**Maggie is a 65 pound yellow Lab. She lives to hunt and retrieve and is a great family dog. She has one pass in her Senior hunt test. Maggie's pedigree holds champion field trial and national champion titled dogs. Some major accomplishments include:**

- 2008 Wisconsin Series Invitational Champion, Amateur
- 2008 NBDCA US Open Champion, Amateur
- 2008 NBDCA Players Champion Runner-up, Main Event
- 2x NBDCA National Qualifier/World Qualifier
- 2009 Top Gun Championships Third Place, Main Event



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## WCHS Mission Statement

The purpose of the Wisconsin Championship Hunting Series is to provide a challenging hunting sport for the bird dog and hunter(s) team. In this game, the bird dog will be tested on its ability to find birds, flush/point, and retrieve, and the hunter(s) completes the hunting scenario by harvesting the upland game. The ability to carry out these tasks is timed.

In providing this opportunity, the Series pays tribute to the bird dog's abilities and, more importantly, celebrates the

hunter's relationship with "man's best friend" and nature in a family friendly atmosphere.

The Series encourages the involvement of amateurs, ladies, and youth, as well as welcomes the highly competitive player.

The Wisconsin Championship Hunting Series has been proudly providing this sport to bird dog and hunter(s) teams since 1993.

## Future Newsletters

It is our hope to send out a newsletter to the members of the Wisconsin Championship Hunting Series approximately four times per year. In order for it to be a success, we need your help. Please send us photos, news, articles, and classifieds that you may want to share with your fellow players.

Furthermore, if you have any suggestions for what you would like to see in the newsletter, please send them our way.