

Agenda

2Q ABDA General Membership Meeting

(21 April 2016)

- Welcome- sign-in- recognition of new members
Patrick from Palmer, has a Springer Spaniel. & Mike Chihully (?) from Soldotna were on the phone. David White has a munsterlander.

- *Each person present at the meeting received:*
 - *BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION*
 - *ABDA flier listing membership Benefits*
 - *3x5 card to list what things we like about ABDA and on the other side, to list what we don't like or what else we would like to see ABDA do.*

- Last GM meeting minutes review and approval
 - Membership Status: Total: 76- 47 individual and 29 family
*Membership is remaining around the same numbers. We are focusing on increasing our membership:
Obtaining more funding through corporate advertising on our web site
Having a presence at hunting dog related sporting events at retail stores such as Cabella's, Pro Bass, Sportsman's Warehouse.*

- Budget Status (Don): Current Balance: \$3,256.62
The web site is costing a lot of money.

- 2016 Calendar Review (Tim):

Dates	Event	Location	Lead	Notes
12 Mar	Spring Great Outdoors Day	Cabelas	Tim	Promote ABDA membership
9 April	Dog Days <i>Was very successful. Somebody brought puppies</i>	Bass Pro	Mike K	Promote ABDA membership
6 May (10- 3 pm)	Outreach and Membership Day	Sportsmans Warehouse	Mike G	Promote ABDA membership
14 May	Outdoor Ladies Day <i>Lulie to call Cabela's and ask for the external marketing person or email Tim for name.</i>	Cabelas	Lulie	Promote ABDA membership
10 Apr-21 May	Flushing Novice Class		Mike K	1 Dog

	<i>Mike reports only one person has signed up. He thinks flushing owners don't think they need to train their dogs. However, the instruction is going very well with the one class participant</i>			
10 Apr-21 May	<i>Pointing Novice Class There are 10 people in the class. The class usually has 10 – 15 people. People find out by word of mouth. A couple of people took the class last year. Barb B. & Dale Sweetzer are helping. Dan gives homework assignments. Emphasize that we are training people to train their dogs and are not training dogs.</i>		Dan B	9 Dogs
18-19 Jun	<i>Flushing Clinic: Dan Murray. Professional trainer from N.Dakota. Registration opens May1. Mike Griffin stated he sent out email to Flushing or All ??? members to send in questions for the Pro. Mike also asked if someone can video. Not sure if somebody specifically volunteered to do it. Consensus was that it would be ok for anybody to video on their cell phones.</i>	LLC	James O	Registration opens 1 May
18 Jun; 16 Jul; 6Aug	<i>Pointing Clinics (3). Registration opens May 1. Topics are listed but</i>	LLC	Lulie/Dan	Registration opens 1 May

	<i>can be changed. Don L. is in charge of the June clinic and Dan B in charge of July & August. Dan says the participants won't need birds in July for heeling. This needs to be stated on the web site.</i>			
11 June	<i>Family Field Day Dennis Bromly said he would be in charge. Dan B. said he has offered the day to his class to introduce the gun and to shoot live birds as they have not been able to do this at the class. Is Dan going to be in charge of the rest of the pointing people that didn't take the class???</i>	LLC		Start 0930
18 June	<i>Training Day</i>	LLC	-	
25 June	<i>Chukar Challenge A few people have already signed up.</i>	LLC	James	Registration opened 10 Apr
9-10 July	<i>Pointer Tests (plus fun, non-AKC test) Lulie was not able to fully explain why some people can't attend the AKC test. The event was created because some of the Muensterlander owners requested a special event in which they can participate. The event will be a contest, training aides will be allowed, and any pointing dog may enter. It is hoped that it will also encourage people to enter the AKC tests.</i>	LLC	Lulie/Judy	Registration opens 1 Jun

16 July	Training Day	LLC	-	
23-24 July	Flushing Tests	LLC	Brian S	Registration opens 1 Jun
6 August	Training Day	LLC	-	
13-14 August	Pointer Tests	LLC	Lulie/Judy	Registration opens 1 Jun
27-28 August	Flushing Tests	Chena Project-North Pole	Jeff L	Registration opens 1 Jun
December	Holiday Party			TBD

- 2016 General Membership meetings (7 pm; 3rd Thur/1st Month/each Quarter)

Date	Location	Presentation Topic	Speaker
21 Jan	Cabela's	AK Trappers Association	Richard Person 240-3678
21 Apr	Cabela's	Upland Shotgunning	Bill Kakel
21 Jul	Cabela's	Retrieving Training Techniques	<i>Don Lietzau will/may talk.</i>
22 Nov	Cabela's	Upland birds status <i>Dan B. said that Rick is all set up for the surveys& has the potential dogs/owners set up to test for steadiness.</i>	Rick Merizon- Small Game Biologist ADF&G

- Misc Topics:
 - Training bird status (Brian): Final payment due 1 Jun
Brian will handle bird business until Don Stewart returns. 350 chukar and 400-600 quail will be ready to go by mid-May; pheasants will be ready by the middle of June. Cost is \$26/pheasant. Final payment for pre-ordered birds is June 1.
 - LLC Topics (Liaison- Derek): LLC Guidelines
Tim G. paraphrased the guidelines for use of the LLC Training grounds from a copy of the Policy & Rules Statement. This will be posted on the website along with a map of the fields.
 - Corporate Sponsorship Program Update and Demo:

- Update to our by-laws

Tim went over the Business Membership Application and how it will work. Each member should get a sponsor. We currently have two.

- ABDA Poster distribution
 - Everybody should have a poster handy to put up when they see an appropriate place.*
- Alaska Mill and Feed (Wholesale Prices):
 - Discounted brands: Canine Cavier, Blue Buffalo, Nutro, Iams, Eukanuba
 - Frequent Buyer Program: Orijen, Acana
 - AKC Breeder Program: Sign up on Orijen, Acana web sites¹
 - To take advantage of this contact the warehouse and tell them you are an ABDA member. Contact Kimberly McCortney if you have questions about the foods.*
- *Derek made a motion to buy 2 new tents as the old ones are falling apart. Motion passed. Derek will buy the tents.*
- *A member brought up that it would be nice to be able to have access to other member's contacts so that we can more easily access each other's knowledge and to form training groups, etc. It was responded that some people do not want their contact information listed. Sherrie T. has allowed her phone number on the web site. The standard way to contact someone is to go through the web site and Don S. will get you the info. A number of people would like to have a more direct way to contact each other, maybe have a list of people's email addresses on the website who have stated they would like to have their contact posted. Tim said he would look into this.*
- *Guest Speaker: Upland Shot gunning by Bill Kakel*
Bill presented a Shotgun 101 class. Factors to consider when purchasing a gun are: Identify what you want to do with the gun. How much you want to pay for it, and your personal sentiments. He showed all the various types of shotguns, shells, and aspects of each type gun.
- *Next GM Meeting is Jul 21, 2016, 7 pm, at Cabela's conference room.*