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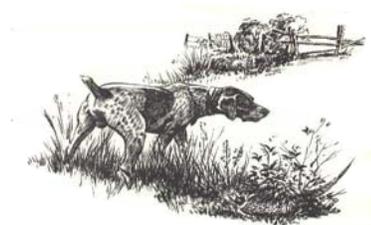
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*Best Wishes For Christmas
And The New Year*

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To the 18th edition of The Mighty Wurlitzer.
Once again after eighteen years this publication is
packed with various items of interest including:

- Liz Ashton Trophy Winner
- Working Test Report
- Progress Test Report
- K.C Working Test—Chatsworth
- Clay Pigeon Day/Result
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**The Mighty Wurlitzer is a publication for the
membership, and cannot function properly if the
membership do not contribute!**

Articles should be forwarded to the editor.

**They can be handwritten, by quill pen, ballpoint,
chalk, electronic, typed or anything!**

**So lets be having them throughout the coming
year!**

The Editor

The German Shorthaired Pointer Club North West Group Aims & Objectives

The aim of the North West Group is to help handlers of HPR breed gundogs to develop their training skills to enable them to produce obedient, well mannered shooting companions, whether worked solo as rough shooting dogs, or in company, with others, beating and picking up.

The objective is to produce dogs, which are welcomed on shoots and can serve a useful purpose. The main focus remains to encourage handlers to develop the working ability of their dog(s), encourage them to participate in working tests, pointing tests, and field trials, and to introduce them into the working dog environment.

First time HPR owners and handlers are made welcome and will be encouraged to join the North West Group but should quickly show an enthusiasm for developing the working ability of their dogs.

The training programme will be one of continuous assessment, based on the Progress Test booklet. This highlights the various elements of a structured training programme. A booklet will be issued to each new member, once the member has showed full commitment towards the Group. Members should note that to achieve even the basic standard set out in this booklet they will need to progress their training in the periods between training classes. Adequate progress cannot be made simply on a once a month basis.

Any new handler attending training class for the first time will be given a copy of these aims and objectives, and will be asked to come to a decision, as to whether they are prepared to put in the time and commitment, to train themselves and their dog to a satisfactory standard.

If a decision is reached to the effect that a new handler wishes to continue, then every assistance will be given by more experienced handlers in the Group to help a new dog/handler partnership reach

a satisfactory standard. Handlers/dogs, who are not interested in progressing working ability but are simply attending for instruction in basic obedience, will be advised to seek such training from either, a professional dog trainer, on a one to one basis, or through a local dog-training club.

Message From The President Brian Finan

As usual I have been on my travels this year. My agenda was to get myself and the boat to a place called Nidri which is on the Greek island of Levkas. An old friend of mine lives in Nidri and he is a marine engineer and a very skilful one at that.

A good sailing buddy of mine joined me for the trip to Greece, which turned out to be a lot of fun, except for a thirty six hour beating up which the weather gave us between Sardinia and Sicily.

When we got to Nidri Tony, (who some of you will know from grouse beating days at Mossy Lea), left me to go to his own boat near to Athens.

We had a wish list of jobs and improvements to be dealt with. So we had the boat hauled out and eventually got on with it. I can't honestly say that we managed the whole list but we did make some very big strides in the right direction. At the same time my friend introduced me to many of the local tavernas and restaurants. Putting the boat back in the water was quite an exciting event; sliding down on what can only be described as a big sledge at a fare rate of knots with a big splash on entering the water, not unlike a lifeboat launch. All very ingenious stuff, arranged by Kyriakos and family. All done with bits of wood wedges and enormous physical strength.

Once back in the water we had a couple of weeks of finishing of the odds and sods and finally draining out the tavernas and then another friend of mine who wanted to gain some sailing experience came out and we set off round a few of the Greek Islands, visiting nine or ten different anchorages and ports. After that we sailed across to Brindisi so that Vaughan could catch his flight back to Tuscany where he lives.

Tony joined up with me for the trip home to Alghero via Reggio Calabria, Stromboli, Napoli, Gaeta and La Maddalena.

This year I returned to the UK earlier than I would normally have done. That's because earlier this year we had an addition to the family, a four year old, part trained GSP dog and I wanted to tune him up for a bit of work on our local shoot. Unfortunately I managed to lose most of this training time. Chris and I had arranged to go back to Alghero just for a short holiday and to make some arrangements for next year. With a full wardrobe of clothes each at home and also on the boat, we can travel very lightly indeed. So whilst putting Chris's less than ten kilo bag into the car I managed to split my bicep, (very painful) and not conducive to waving ones arms about.

Therefore training has been on hold until just a few days ago. although I have managed to give him a little dabble on the couple of days shooting that we have had, with mixed results!

Anyway, now that I am able to get out and do some work with him, we are both enjoying it immensely. Somehow I don't think he'll ever set the competition world on it's ear but I'd almost forgotten how satisfying small improvements in performance can be.

The list of training grounds which are now available to you really impressed me, when I read about them during the course of the year. It's great to see that with such a number of grounds and the differing terrains and stock, you can use them to cover the whole spectrum of training and do it at the times of the year when it is going to be most beneficial to your programmes

It was very interesting to read about the working tests at Chatsworth, but what a shame that it was such a dreadful day. What it did for me was to evoke memories of a beautiful day on the same moor, when Paul Pearson and I went to work our dogs for some of the younger members of the family, Lord Burlington and Eddie Tennant, on a days walked up. Along with a couple of their keepers. Happily both Paul's dog and mine worked well, oddly enough both dogs were called Connie although I believe Paul spelt it slightly differently. It wasn't a massive bag, I recall something like four or four and a half brace of grouse, which Lord Burlington said would be on the Duke and Duchess's table that night. A very happy memory! Hopefully next year all your memories will be similar. Congratulations to all those of you have been in the "winning" this year and indeed congratulations to all who have entered. Keep it up . It's the very best way to say thank you to your committee and your trainers.

Once again it's a great pleasure to wish all you folk who form such an enthusiastic, successful and happy group. A Happy Christmas and a Successful New Year. Brian and Chris.

Stop Press- Chris fell on the shoot yesterday and broke wrist. Happy Christmas!!!!!!!

Chairman's Report 2009

Allan Drysdale

This is my first report as Chairman and I would firstly like to take this opportunity to thank, once again, your outgoing Chairman, Geoff Saynor for all his hard work and valued input over the last five years. Big shoes to fill Geoff but I will try my best!

When I first began to consider what I would put in this report, I took the liberty of perusing previous Chairman's reports and it quickly became apparent that the same salient messages ran through them all, some of which are worthy of mention once again. Firstly, that the group consists of volunteers, including, of course, your hard working committee who endeavour to advise, assist and encourage all members to get the best out of their dogs. We are, however, facilitators and it's important to remember that, in order to achieve real progress, most of the work needs to be consistently applied in between training classes. Having done so, attendance at the next training class will provide for you a benchmark as to how things are going. With this in mind, you can inform whoever is taking the class what your objectives are and where you're up to with your own dog (s). Please remember that it's important not to feel compelled to attempt something that you know your dog is not ready for and the resultant confusion will undoubtedly affect your dog's confidence. If there's ANYTHING that you're not sure of, ASK.

Similarly, your committee welcomes any suggestions that you may have and this can relate, not only to the training aspect but to other aspects too. In the past, we have invited guest trainers and invited guest speakers to talk on a number of differing topics, relating to dog work and game. What are peoples thoughts regarding reintroducing these? The clay shoot works well and any ideas for other social events would be most welcome.

The training classes have been well attended and it's great to see some new faces. Let's hope that all remain motivated to continue to attend and that individuals can make the progress that they are aiming for. Group members have, once again, been active in the field this year. Field trial awards, Pointing Test awards and Working Test awards have all been realised and a considerable number of us have enjoyed working our dogs on various

Grouse moors. The shooting season is now in full swing and, once again, members and their dogs will be out beating, picking up and, in some instances, shooting over the dogs. Without doubt, it is very rewarding to be able to be involved in these varying aspects of gun dog work and, essentially, that is the group's aim. To educate handlers, thus providing them with the skills to train a dog that will be invited back onto a shoot. Our annual Working Test at Watergrove was a success once again, as was the Field Trial on Mossy Lea. My thanks to all who helped to make these a success.

Please enjoy this year's addition of The Mighty Wurlitzer. Contained within are all the usual suspects, so to speak, and look out for a very interesting and amusing account of the trials and tribulations of HPR handling, from a newcomer's perspective. I'm sure that we can all relate to this! An excellent opportunity to provide your dogs with some valuable steadiness training is coming your way too!

My most sincere thanks to all the committee members for all their hard work throughout the year and I hope that everyone has a great Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Secretary's Report

Eddie Kania

The Group has had a busy year once again. As always, training classes continue to be well supported, the working test at Watergrove was successful even though we had slightly fewer entries than in previous years, this ground is ideally suited to HPR work, and those that are successful tend to be strong partnerships, teamwork and trust is vital. The progress test was well supported, I trust those that took part found it useful. There will be working test and Progress Test reports later in this issue of the Wurlitzer.

Members continue to provide Grouse counting services in the High Peak as well as working on shoots in the North West. Introducing well-mannered useful dogs into the shooting field, thereby promoting HPR Breeds, which is our goal!

This year has seen changes in the group's committee Geoff Saynor decided that due to pressure's of work he would stand down, Geoff has been chair for several years, bringing special skills to the Group and continues

to do, as he is still attending as regularly as he can. Another great asset to the Group Don and Sharon moved to California, Bruno followed shortly after. Commuting from Morgan Hills just is not realistic. Don brought Bruno to the group as an adolescent Dog. Bruno loved coming training he was just as focused as Don no that is wrong Bruno was more focused than Don! As a team they thrived in the working environment achieving success at various levels. Jan Gough and Mark Herbert have joined the committee I'd like to thank them both for offering and joining the committee.

I am making a change to the report I have usually submitted to the Wurlitzer

What a difference a year makes,!!!!

Earlier this year Sue and I lost Chloe "Penrhos Chloe of the Peaks "after almost 15 years, my very very best friend at home and in the field, at eight weeks old Chloe moved into our lives and from that day forward we had a great friendship Successful in the show ring to a point., but more suited to the shooting field. Chloe won awards in working tests and field trials. She did have another very close friend Trude, Chloe and Trude are now both at rest together. Chloe and Trude working side by side in the field, locally in the High Peak, and in South Yorkshire on Grouse Moors, and Pheasant shoots over almost 10 years helped promote the HPR group in the Shooting field.

February brought the very sad news that Mrs Fio Roberts had passed away, we were quite close to Fio. Fifteen years ago we were looking into the breed, Brian Finan (our president) recommended we spoke to Fio, with that recommendation Fio put us in touch with Mrs Chris Clowes who had recently had a litter sired by Punch (Sh Ch Isara Kurzhaar Bootlegger). We wanted a bitch and there were two, we selected Chloe. From then the story is well documented. Three years later we wanted to bring a puppy into the mix so we went back to Fio and Trude came home to join Chloe, they were inseparable both driven working dogs, day in day out they lived to work, every time the breeks came out they were there ready. They were followed 6 years later by Aoife, Sired by Isara Kurzhaar Urwasser JW out of Isara Kurzhaar QueenAnne (Trude). I've always firmly believed that starting young helped establish a great bond between handler and puppy, starting at 8 weeks old is great but picking a puppy from a litter you have bred how good would that be. Aoife a sensitive puppy has

UK KENNEL CLUB and the NWG Progress Test. From May 1st to April 30th. Points can only be claimed in one class per Working Test i.e. Puppy or Novice, which ever is the higher. Eligibility: Handlers shall be fully paid up members of the GSP Club for the period that points are being claimed within and must attend a minimum of 4 Group-training events other than the July Working Test, and October Progress Test, between May 1st and 30th April each year. The GSP Club membership number must be included on the claim form and all claims will be verified. In the event of a tie, the committee will decide the award.

POINTING TEST

Excellent 2 points
 Very Good 1 points

WORKING TEST

1st 4 points
 2nd 3 points
 3rd 2 points
 4th 1 point

FIELD TRIAL

1st 20 points
 2nd 15 points
 3rd 12 points
 4th 10 points
 C of M 8 points

Gaining of Field Trial Champion Status 30 points

GROUP PROGRESS TEST

Excellent 3 points
 Very Good 2 points
 Good 1 point

Only the highest points for ONE test in each category of the Progress Test - Hunting, Retrieving / Tracking, Obedience/ Steadiness, Water – will be awarded, regardless of the number of tests entered. A maximum of 12 points therefore can be gained in the Progress Test during the year.

The German Shorthaired Pointer Club cannot accept any responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to person, dog or property whilst taking part in the competition.

Please forward completed claim forms by 30th April 2010 to:

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Liz Ashton Trophy 2009
Karen Saylor
EKKO (Tarkanya Spikeys Splendour)



It was back in 1999 that Eddie got 'the phone call' asking about training and he hasn't been able to get rid of us since! The first session we went to was in the December, which at that time was Progress Test day, followed by the Christmas dinner. My first Munster, Willow, had unknown to me at that time, broken her cruciate the day before jumping over a gate, so wasn't up to doing very much!

At the AGM the following May, the Liz Ashton Trophy was presented for the first time and I remember thinking to myself how lovely it would be if we could ever manage to win it. In 2003 Grouse did just that, followed in 2004 by Inca who kept it until this year when Ekko took it over with her 57 points. She gained these from a selection of working test wins/placing, grouse/spring pointing tests, the Group's Progress Tests and best of all from awards in the two Novice Field Trials that she entered last season, including her 1st. I'm very proud of all her achievements in her 2 ½ years - it seems as though she's been here a lot longer than that, but the most enjoyment we get is from just going out for a day with a friend, working the dogs and getting the opportunity to shoot a few birds/ rabbits off the point.



North West Group Working Test
19th July 2009
Watergrove, Rochdale

Puppy Test
Judge: Jo Izard

Seven puppies and one 'not for competition' took part on the day.

The dogs consisted of two GSP, four GWP and two LM.

The weather was mixed with heavy showers in the morning, but the afternoon had sunny spells. The temperature was ideal for dog work.

We started the day with hunting. It was a nice piece of rough moorland which we worked every dog into the wind, with a lot of puppies showing some very good natural hunting ability.

Next was a seen retrieve down a steep bank and across a small path with the dummy landing in some rough grass. Most of the puppies completed it very well, using the wind to locate the dummy if they slightly missed the mark.

The final test before lunch was the water. Not the easiest of entries for puppies, but all eight of them completed the test successfully, having to swim a good distance. Well done to you all.

After lunch it was a memory test. Each dog off the lead to heel were walked in a straight line then asked to sit while the handler threw a dummy ahead of them, and then return the way they came to a cane and asked the dogs to sit, stay. The handler walked back to the start. They then asked their dogs to go back and fetch the dummy. All completed the test well.

The final test was a split retrieve with two dummies. All puppies were asked to retrieve the second dummy first and the first dummy second. Standard was very good.

1st Tarkanya Incas Incantation LM Mr A Hatton
2nd Alders Earl GWP Mr S Lundy
3rd Fellywood Up and Over GWP Mrs J Clarke
4th Kimmex Ayscha GWP Mr P McCullough

I thoroughly enjoyed the day watching some extremely promising puppies.

Novice Test
Judge: Peter Stocks

Thank you to the North West Group for their invitation to judge the novice working test. I had a very enjoyable day, although the weather was not very kind to us! I was very impressed with the standard of every dog's steadiness, the dogs were of a similar standard and at the end of the day, and it was half a point that separated the top dogs.

Test 1: Water Retrieve

This was a simple seen retrieve. All the dogs did enter the water, some more readily than others. There were some very nice quick retrieves, deliveries and all the dogs but one completed the test.

Test 2: Hunting

Handlers and dogs were asked to cover a large piece of ground with a stop whistle part way through and then asked to carry on hunting. All the dogs sat to the whistle, some were over handled. There were some that could have done with more width to their hunting pattern. All the dogs in this test were of a similar standard.

Test 3: Seen Retrieve

Dogs were sat off the lead and a dummy thrown at approximately 70 metres, the handler was then told they could send their dog for the retrieve. All the dogs were very steady and the majority went straight back to the dummy retrieving it, some with a little more encouragement than others. There were two dogs that stood out in this test, both completing it with ease and with very nice deliveries. These were **JOLENCO BIT O' HONEY** and **WHINNIE GHYLL**.

Test 4: Blind Retrieve

A dummy was put out at a short distance by a marker post unseen by the handler or the dog. The handler was told where the marker post was and the dog was asked to sit and then given an indicator of where the retrieve was. All but one dog completed the test, some with more handling than others. Three dogs stood out in this test, all completing with a minimum of handling. These were, **GONGOS KANYA**, **GAMEBOURNE PERDITA** and **WHINNIE GHYLL**.

- 1st Gonegos Kanya at Amerokee HWV Bitch , Mr P. Robinson
 2nd Whinnie Ghyll GSP Bitch Mr L. Boswell
 3rd Kimmax Klose En Kounter GWP Bitch Mr S. Noble
 4th Stubblemere Ben Harrald GSP Dog Mr P Druce

An excellent performance by this dog, taking in a large beat, on the wind, finding readily and good steadiness - his marking was accurate, only losing marks for very minor misdemeanours. A super relationship with the handler, I wish them both all the best in the future

Graduate Test
Judge: Penny Simpson

The day was grey and overcast with occasional heavy showers and an unpredictable wind. The ground however was low moorland with short sheep grazed grass interspersed with areas of 'feggy' grass, providing interesting retrieving and superb hunting ground.

5 dogs entered on the day, consisting of 2 GSP, 2 GWP and 1 LM

The first test involved a seen retrieve with the dog having first walked to heel and been left on a bank and the competitor directing the dog from a distance to make the retrieve. Many of the dogs had difficulty marking the retrieve although all dummies landed in the clearings, with a degree of handling all dogs made the retrieve. The second test a split proved a challenge for all but 2 of the dogs, those two having little problem.

The third retrieve, a seen which the dog could readily see but had to cross a broken wall in order to make the retrieve. As is classic with many dogs some were unwilling to cross the barrier running up and down the wall in an effort to find the retrieve, one crossed the wall but then ran up and down the other side but again two dogs achieved it without a problem.

The water retrieve was a seen retrieve across a large pond, all dogs achieved this successfully all only losing a mark for minor 'offences' slow to enter, or lots of commands, to find on the other bank..

The hunting ground was marked out with stakes about 100 yards apart. The width of the beat was at the discretion of the handler but about three quarters of the way along was hidden a partridge in the undergrowth. The wind moved between a back and a cheek wind but most of the dogs found and pointed the game, some covering the ground confidently and reading the wind well and holding the point.

1st Bown's GSP Swifthouse Morse,

2nd Noble's GWP Kimmax Klose En Kounter

A good little dog that hunted out well making a good find on the bird but was let down with his split retrieves. Good luck for the future

3rd Peers's GSP Gigg's Shinning Starlet of Peerdale

Only one mark behind 2nd place, a promising future

4th Banks's LM Gorsebank Baron Augustin

I would like to thank the GSPC North West Group for inviting me to judge, the host for use of his fantastic ground, to Geoff for Stewarding and John for so accurately dummy throwing for me. That just leaves me to say a big thank you to the all those helpers behind the scenes without whom these events would not take place, taking entries, producing food, raffles, the list is endless, and helping to make it such an enjoyable day for the competitors and myself.

Open Test
Judge: Mark Firmin

Test 1 Hunting

The weather was wet and windy, typical for northern territory. The stewards had put some cage game out on 9 beats so that every dog had fresh hunting and a bird on there beats. Some dogs pointed and some just said to the handlers there's a caged bird here. I do think that having Partridge in the cages was more successful. All the dogs covered the ground well on some fantastic hunting ground

Test 2 Split Retrieve

This test was set in a valley with dummy throwers on one side and the handler and me on the other. Both sides were quite steep with a fast flowing stream in the bottom and all was clear for the dogs to see and the handlers to direct their dogs as necessary. They were asked to retrieve the first dummy first which they all did with no fuss. The dummy throwing was first class in the same spot every time.

Test 3 Seen and Blind

This test was set further down the valley with 2 dummy throwers on the far bank with a blind being dropped on the left hand side under a small tree and the seen thrown on the bank by some gorse. Some of the dogs did find it hard to judge the distance but all dogs coped well, again everything was visible so made handling the dogs a bit easier.

Test 4 Water

All the dogs completed the water which was set in the hill side with a small landing on the opposite bank allowing the dogs to get out of the water to make the retrieve.

The standard of dog work was excellent and made my day enjoyable.

1st AMBERMOSS RUBY GSP Bitch Mr P. Dark
2nd TARKANYA SPIKEYS SPLENDOUR LM
Bitch Mrs K. Saynor
3rd FRESHETIN LENTIGGINE It Spinone, Bitch,
Mrs J. Baldwin
4th ESSEN NAZIA VONZELL GSP Bitch Mr D.
Smith

The whole day was run like clockwork with stewards and dummy throwers all working to make the day enjoyable. Thanks G.S.P C. N.W.G for the invitation to judge. Thanks also for the lunch and the loan of a pair of leggings on the day.

P.S. the sun did come out later!

PROGRESS TEST

Brushes Clough

October 2009

Allan Drysdale

Once again, I had the opportunity to judge some of the handler and dog partnerships at our October training class at Brushes Clough. The weather was kind to us and it stayed dry for the duration.

Exercises 11 to 15 from Section 3 Retrieving were carried out and, on the whole, the standard was high. I was pleased to award 4 Excellent, 1 Very Good, 1 Good and 2 Adequate Gradings. Only 1 Not Graded was evident and this particular partnership has been encouraged to

'go back to basics'. This is an oft used phrase in gundog parlance, however, it really is important to remember it and implement it at times when your dog appears confused. Too many handlers these days are in a rush to get to the 'exciting bits' and fail to consolidate their dogs' basic training. This can only end in failure. Handlers become disillusioned and frustrated at their dogs' apparent lack of progress and a confused dog that lacks confidence results. Please remember too that you have to decide what commands are to be used and then stick to them. A good idea is to write these commands down and commit them to memory. This will allow you to recall them 'in the heat of battle' and minimise the likelihood of you using many different commands.

The more experienced handlers gained the higher gradings and this is not just coincidence. It takes a while to develop real understanding of how to get the best out of your dogs, however, even the most experienced handlers were novices at some point or other. It really is a case of listening to advice and determining what works best for you. Everybody has different ideas about dog handling and training and this can only be healthy. Can you imagine how boring it would be if there was only one way to handle dogs!

Progress Test Hunting

Eddie Kania

Test 7 Hunting into wind as near as Mother Nature allowed.

Hunting heather moor land down hill into wind, a slight cheeky head wind to be exact - not the easiest conditions at all!

We hunted the same piece of ground in September and October. The more experienced teams seemed to fair better in this exercise, most covering their entire allotted beat well. There was a marked difference in drive and once cast off, those dogs awarded a higher grade were almost immediately into their stride, covering their beat with style and reasonable pace given the conditions. With more experience, the younger dogs will fair better and will surely achieve higher grades in the future.

Things I learned when judging the Progress Test Hunting this year. Not necessarily in order of importance. Take your time and look at the ground noting the wind direction; casting the dog off correctly, making sure ground is not missed at the start is essential; encourage your dog when needed and do not interfere unnecessarily. Further, quiet handling is a must if we are to help our dogs find and hold quarry. Body language too makes a huge

difference to your dog's performance when hunting. Do not impose direction on your dog, HPR's will want to quarter at 90° to the wind, let them. If you need to break the beat up into smaller pieces, tell the judge what your intentions are and most will appreciate your care and attention to this most important part of the HPR's work.

I hope those that entered the Progress Test this year enjoyed it and found the exercise useful.

Kennel Club Working Test Chatsworth House 6th June 2009

The selected area for the hunting test was open moorland on the hill behind Chatsworth House. Consisting of tussocky grass, areas of bracken and a small quantity of heather this was ideal ground. With a gentle breeze blowing down the hill and the sun shining overhead, this provided an ideal setting and, when we viewed this ground and finalised the tests the weekend before the actual event, the feeling of optimism and enthusiasm was almost palpable.

The morning of the test arrived and throwing open the curtains we were presented with a vista of heavily overcast skies, driving rain and a cold wind. Not exactly what we had been expecting and more akin to the most downbeat James Herriot tale. The feeling of impending doom was further reinforced by a two hour drive during which the rain never ceased. Arriving at the venue it was a case of donning boots and waterproof trousers and jackets and having to get on with things. This was not made any easier by being presented with the 'uniform' Kennel Club polo shirt and having to change into this in the open, rainy conditions.

As part of the advance preparation, tasks for the day had been allocated to those of us who were helping. With Eddie being away it fell to Allan Drysdale to step in and take the responsibility and overall control of the smooth running of the HPR tests. For our part Karen and I had been allocated to assist with the hunting test, working with the judge Rita Dockray. As is often the case there was a slightly hesitant start to the day with a number of groups, spaniels and retrievers as well as HPRs, having to be organised assembled and taken away to the appropriate tests, it was a little later than expected by the time we got started.

Taking the first group out onto the moor at some time after 10am there was still no sign of a let up in the rain

and this continued without any cessation for about the next three hours. The best you can say is that the same appalling conditions were faced by almost all the competitors.

Having split the competitors into two groups we took the first ten out onto the hunting ground. The test itself consisted of hunting each dog for four minutes, each dog having a fresh piece of ground and working backwards and forwards across the ground, progressively uphill to provide a cheek wind on each beat. At the end of the period of hunting, and with the judge having confirmed that they were ready, a shot was fired, by me, and a dummy thrown. In every case this was done whilst the dog was still hunting, but with care being taken to ensure that the dog was working back towards the handler giving every opportunity for it to react to the shot and see the fall of the dummy. When requested by the judge the handler commanded the dog to retrieve the dummy and bring it back to hand. This was the end of the test.

As can be expected at this standard, there was good work from quite a number of dogs, showing enthusiasm for hunting and an intelligence in how they worked the wind. Almost all reacted well to the shot and successfully completed the retrieve. There were differences in the standard of performance, allowing the judge to differentiate between the competitors. Some did not react well to the shot and either had great difficulty in finding the retrieve or in one case failed this part of the test altogether.

What the test did achieve was a separation between those handlers who were able to work well with their dogs, who exhibited a level of trust in allowing their dogs to work freely and a competence to help where necessary. Experience showed, with the better handlers providing assistance to their dogs, where appropriate, to make sure that the area of their beat was fully covered. On the other hand lack of experience showed with dogs drawing up into the wind or simply pottering and handlers unable to get them back to cover a full beat.

Having completed the test with the first group, the competitors changed places and we took the second group out using the same area of ground. Only when we got down to the last handful of competitors did we see any easing in the rain and a brisk drying wind helped to ensure that when we got back to the cars for lunch we were not quite as sodden and cold as we had been for most of the previous four hours.

Chatsworth Gundog Weekend – 6th June 2009 Shaun Patterson

HPR – Hail, Pour and Rain...well almost!

Following the successful stewardship and marshalling of a number of national HPR Working Tests the North West Group of the German Shorthaired Pointer Club were delighted to be asked to provide similar support for the first Kennel Club HPR Championship held at Chatsworth House, which provided a regal setting for the occasion on the 6th June.

Having been part of a team that attended the previous weekend, to test our own dogs' abilities at the tests and complete a level of Q & A work to ensure events and tests went to plan, it was with a level of excitement and anticipation that we arrived at Chatsworth. What a difference 7 days had made, having completed testing the weekend before in glorious sunshine we were faced with a day of torrential rain....God bless the great British weather!

The tests and logistics of the day had been robustly tested the previous week in glorious sunshine and the weather presented its very own challenge for the day, namely getting my car out of a water logged field at the end of the day!

The tests were split between the two judges for the day, Tony Russell, who was responsible for judging the water retrieve and a blind retrieve and Rita Dockwray, who was to judge the hunting and then the plan was for both judges to judge the final retrieve, which was initially set up as a long blind with a seen retrieve but was changed on the day by the judges to a long seen retrieve....and in hindsight became much more of a challenge to both handlers and dogs. Reviewing the tests in the glorious sunshine the previous week I must admit to being a little envious of Mr and Mrs Saynor who were on stewarding duties for this part of the test.....how my mind changed on the actual day....

I cannot over estimate the severity of the weather conditions and although things improved in the afternoon 'monsoon proof' clothing remained the order of the day – Do any of the major clothing providers test the robustness of their clothing in the 'British Summertime'....Given the amount of complaints I heard on the day I doubt it.

Both Rob Irvine and I were responsible for stewarding the water and the blind retrieve with Chief Steward for the day, Allan Drysdale keeping proceedings in check, with his usual presence of authority...

The 20 competitors were divided into two groups of 10, with 10 taken off to the moor and the remaining 10 off to complete both the water and blind retrieve tests.

The water retrieve involved the handler and dog being positioned away from the waters edge and following a fired blank and a thrown dummy into the lake, the handler was required to walk with their dog at heel, off lead, to a particular point identified for sending the dog for the retrieve on the judge's command. Points under review were the steadiness off lead to walking at heel and then the retrieve.

The blind retrieve was a relatively straightforward retrieve in woodland with the added distraction of a small ditch in between the dog and the dummy. The challenge was to get the dog across the ditch at which point the dog *should* have been in a position to 'wind' the dummy....

So how did the dogs and handlers do? To coin that over used football analogy oft used by the John Motson brigade..."it was a game of two halves"....

The first group of 10 dogs and handlers really struggled to successfully complete the water test in order to achieve high scores. It was interesting to watch and see how handler and dog interacted...most dogs were very reluctant to enter the water and pulled right towards the woods, very few handlers assisted their dogs and rather than stop the dogs when they veered off course let them out of site, recalling after a few minutes of not knowing exactly what the dog was doing. It was noted that the dogs that eventually went on to perform well were assisted, where required, by handlers. There was a real reluctance for most dogs to enter the water, from a personal view given the weather I could understand why, but these are Open dogs.....The second group of dogs performed much better and managed the retrieve in a much quicker time and with less handler intervention.

Most handlers achieved a level of success with the blind retrieve, with just a few letting their dogs head off down the ditch and only eventually returning to retrieve the dummy...

I must make comment in respect of the water test; the judge thought the test to be excellent for Open dogs and

this was also the positive feedback from a number of the handlers, always pleasing to know these things. On a final note I would also like to mention the throwing arm of Rob Irvine....very impressive, managing to throw all dummies within a foot of the specified area for the water retrieve...again, comments made by the handlers – well done Rob!

In summary, despite the best efforts of the weather the day was a major success, the back drop of Chatsworth was amazing and the day was extremely well organised. We look forward to the HPR Championship Working Test becoming a regular fixture in the Kennel Club schedule.....now where's that tow rope!!!

The Northwest Group's Annual Clay Pigeon Shoot Fun day **Andy Peers**

This year we asked our members about the Clay Shoot event at Boar Fold Shooting Ground and what could we do to get more members to come and get involved. One suggestion was to change the day to a Sunday. So we did and what a day!!

The day started, with no rain and good weather (for a change) and lovely views of the surrounding area, at 9.30 am with a cup of tea and a few bacon and egg sandwiches. At 10 am we split into 3 teams of 4, with Victoria and Steve being there for first time shooters and young David and Jack, who were using a 4.10 shotgun, with some good shooting and success with the coaching.

As the morning progressed, we found a new member of the group had brought a ringer into the camp. Bron's husband Jack must have been in the SAS because he did not miss much, even when I tried to put him off when he was taking his shots.

Yet again there was a lot of banter being shouted about and plenty of missed clays by us all. Everyone's shooting had improved since last year and it was nice to see some new faces enjoying themselves. If you would like to see more social events, then please speak to any member of the committee with some ideas.

The scores on the doors were

1st SAS Jack {Bron's husband}

2nd Rob Irvine
3rd Paul Dark

The perspective of a new GSP owner and member of the North West Group **Terence Etchells**

So there I am, lying down on my back in a bunch of nettles trying to coax back my 15 month old GSP dog, called Rico, who's skipping all around me with glee that he finally got to get the dummy, after watching four other beautifully behaved HPR's retrieve impeccably. "You might as well get up now, that didn't work - came the comment from the leader of the session. I could have told you that, I thought to myself and save myself getting stung. As a last ditch attempt I threw a piece of chicken next to him, he dropped the dummy to retrieve the chicken and normal service was resumed. I return sheepishly with dog on lead to the group, the rest of the group looking with that *'sympathetic but relieved it wasn't them'* expression.

Two years earlier, the day had come that as a father I knew one day I would have tackle head on. My two daughters, Katherine and Suzie, approached me and said

"Dad, when can we have a dog? "

My usual reply of "when you are old enough to look after it, you can have one" was not going to wash as they were now 11 and 13, I was doomed. Both I and my wife, Lesley, had had dogs before we were married: my parents had two beautifully behaved and gentle German Shepherds and my wife (to be) had an Irish setter. Whilst I had grown up with dogs, the responsibility and commitment of young children meant that we didn't have the time or energy to commit to having a dog whilst the children were very young. Neither of us has had a dog for some 15 or so years and 25 years since we'd had to train a puppy. I knew that I was in trouble, especially when my wife intervened showing me a picture of a GSP. I'd never seen one before!

'What a handsome dog they are', I thought, 'even better with a tail'.

"I've been in contact with a breeder near Chorley, they're due a litter in August", said Lesley.

The game was up, the queen had cornered the king, it was checkmate. Some sixth months later we were travelling from the breeders, Allan and Catherine Drysdale, over the beautiful moor land around Rivington in Lancashire. Wrapped in a warm blanket was a whimpering and confused bundle of liver and white (with a tail!). I was reminded of bringing home our children after they were born. I had the same feeling that I did with the children; scared; apprehensive and a deep down feeling that things were not going to be the same again. I wasn't wrong.

I read the books, watched the videos, talked to the vet. I had this training thing cracked, theoretically anyway. It can't be rocket science training a dog, can it? Let me tell you something, I know rocket science; I'm an academic researcher in

mathematics and artificial intelligence. Rocket science is logical, predictable, controllable and, to me, understandable. Training a dog is not rocket science; it's much, much, harder than that. I have made so many mistakes; had many false dawns; turned a corner only to find another one waiting there; been chased by cows (twice); appeased angry farmer with gun; hit by a pheasant he flushed out of reeds; the list goes on. On the positive side I've lost 12lbs in weight walking for hours every day to give him the exercise he needs and deserves. He's extremely well socialised with other dogs, although we have had an issue with the owner of a small dog that he uses as a handbag, and is subsequently annoyed when Rico jumps up trying to play and communicate with it.

Anyway, at 12 months old he was getting very big and it was clear to me that I needed help. Fortuitously, we met up with Allan and Catherine Drysdale for a walk with their impeccably trained and behaved GSPs. As we chatted I mentioned that I would like to train him in all things gun dog, because primarily I wanted to have complete control of him when out in the countryside. I have 95% control, but it is the last 5% of the control is the most important, that's when the chips are down. But as well as control it occurred to me that I had a Ferrari but would only use it to go down to the shops. It would be a shame to have such a fantastic breed of hunting dog and not use him to his full potential. He would enjoy it, I would enjoy it and it would be an interesting challenge for me.

Allan suggested coming to the North West GSP Group's training sessions, this was exactly what I was looking for. I attended the next month's session, which happened to be working tests. People were very friendly and I and my eldest daughter thoroughly enjoyed watching the dogs go through the varied tests. Rico was with us and was desperate to get involved; bull and china shop springs to mind! Also it was fabulous to be around all these GSPs and other HPRs. This was for me, plus I won a prize in the raffle, quality!

Since then I've attended two training sessions and have found them to be extremely helpful, not only in the advice from the session leaders but also from the fellow trainees. One session leader told an amusing anecdote about his dog in a national trial running into the 400 or so spectators to present his wife with its retrieve, extremely amusing and oddly reassuring. The most reassuring comment I heard from a leader was "We've ALL made mistakes and we've all had problems with our dogs at some stage". This comment was particularly comforting, especially as Rico had disgraced me twice in this session by running off like a whirling dervish with a dummy on a retrieve, with absolutely no intention of returning it to me. Another non verbal lesson learnt from the sessions was the confidence and assured manner that the more experienced handlers had with their dogs, it's a pleasure to behold and something to which I aspire. One thing the sessions have made me acutely aware of so far is that I need training just as much as Rico does.

Now where's that dummy? Come on Rico let's see if we can do better next month.

Ode to Sharon, Don & Bruno



We're all here, have no fear
to give our friends a smashing cheer
for off they go to enjoy a new life
no trouble, no pain, no stress or strife
California: the sunshine state
They're going to live, not sure what date?
Eddie, Sue, Rob & Nat
Mel and Paul & the demon Jack
will feel the hole you'll leave here
when you're over there drinking wine and beer

Every time Don went to compete
he stuck it out in rain, storm and heat
with Bruno sat beside his side
sat there brimming full of pride
Sharon in the field or car park
underneath the shade of their car tarp
helping Sue, setting up, selling tickets and adding up
when she'd finished, work completed
the wine bottle soon became depleted
trialing, beating and working tests
Bruno is one of the best
The GSP Club will miss him so
and you two, who Bruno has in tow

You are both so really lovely
friendly, caring, outgoing and bubbly
Sue will really miss your walks,
your company, and the afternoon talks
Eddie is a beater short,
a mate, a buddy, a good cohort
Paul will miss the gay Bruno
who was in love with Storm, you know!
Rob & Nat will miss you too
we'll miss you guys, we really will
so for now and until
we'll meet again, and see you soon
good luck, Aurevoir, Adios, Tara
take care you two
We're gonna miss you!

Website Update

The North West Group sponsorship of www.hprgroup.co.uk continues to be a popular resource for HPR owners, with 12,697 page views between January 1st 2009 and November 1st, averaging 1,154 page views a month, an increase of over 27%. Given that there is little opportunity to drive visitors to the site, such an increase in traffic can only be attributed to the content. There are plans to add a recipe page to the site in the near future, game is expected to feature strongly on the recipe page. Contributions are always welcome.

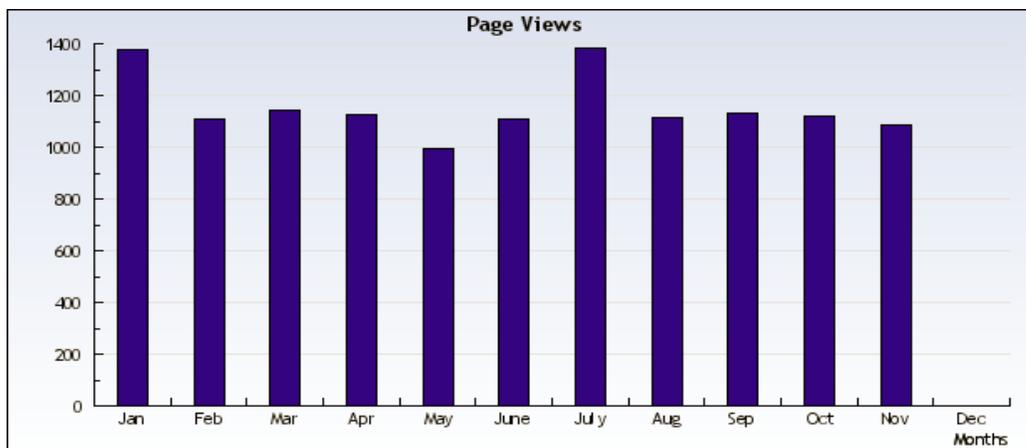
Page Views

Get the statistics on successful page impressions.

Evaluation: All domains and sub-domains

Period: From January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Results Shown in Graph Format From January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009



Results Shown in Table Format

From January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

Date	Month	Page Views
1/1/2009	January	1,376
1/2/2009	February	1,111
1/3/2009	March	1,145
1/4/2009	April	1,126
1/5/2009	May	994
1/6/2009	June	1,111
1/7/2009	July	1,384
1/8/2009	August	1,115
1/9/2009	September	1,131
1/10/2009	October	1,121
1/11/2009	November	1,083

12697 Page Views

Explanations

What do these statistics show me?

These statistics show all successful page views (also known as page impressions) and the time they were made. Only fully loaded pages are counted. Individual images and components are not included.

Pigeon & Peregrine

Jack Gradwell

You asked me for a shooting-related article for The Wurlitzer, so I thought you might like to hear about one of my pigeon shooting exploits for the magazine.

On a warm, sunny afternoon in early August, on a field of part-cut barley, not far from our house, I set up my hide under a large tree and with me looking N. East with the sun at my back: I would have been virtually invisible to any pigeon coming straight at me.

Business was steady and, after a couple of hours, I had around 20 birds down with a good number of the shot birds set out in my decoy pattern.

I was scanning the horizon, when suddenly a grey streak shot down from the sky and I heard a dull thud. Peeking over the camo netting, I saw a peregrine falcon about 500mm tall standing on one of my dead pigeons. The bird had stooped from some height and clearly thought it had killed the already dead pigeon.

I put my gun aside to watch the raptor and took pictures through the camo netting with my phone. The bird continued to feed and, about 5 minutes later, I watched as a pigeon came straight into the decoy pattern, not seeing me or the peregrine. On spotting the peregrine whilst around 25m out from my hide, the pigeon braked and wheeled upward and, to my right. Not being able to resist and assuming the peregrine would be off post-haste, I killed the woody with my first barrel whilst keeping my head below the hide net. The woody crashed into the standing barley. I looked over the net and, to my amazement, the peregrine was still there, looking around somewhat bemused at the shot but, seeing no one, it continued to feed.

Meanwhile Bron was on her way to the hide with her camera and, at some distance, took the shots you see here attached.

In all, I killed 5 birds whilst the falcon was feeding, totally unconcerned, and contributing to some marvellous aerial pigeon gymnastics, as the pigeons spotted the peregrine – making for some very fine shooting. We can of course comment on the qualities of the hide and decoy pattern good enough to fool both pigeons and peregrine falcons



Gundog Equipment

Loan & Sale

Eddie Kania

The Group carries stocks of training equipment for the convenience of the members. Often using a soiled dummy can be counter productive. Keep your dummies clean and replace them when they become old and tatty. Below is a selection of training equipment that we usually have in stock. Other equipment can be purchased through the group. Please see Eddie for a quotation.

DUMMIES

Puppy Dummies w. toggle

Intermediate Dummies

Dummies 1lb

A selection of Disc dummies are also available

Whistles

210

210 ½

211

212

Thunderer 606

Leather Lanyards

Traditional Lanyards

Bolting Hare Elastic

Long Blanks

Long Blanks RED

Short Blanks

Dummy Launcher O rings (Q)

Dummy Launcher O rings (TR)

Hi Viz Stretch Collar

Hand Made Leather Coat Slings

DVD

Pre-recorded DVD's have been donated by members of the Group. We have a selection of DVD's on HPR training. The above can be borrowed by members please see: Eddie Kania.

Dummy Launcher

Slightly different from the DVD's we need a £50.00 deposit returnable when the launcher is returned. There is no charge for the loan of the launcher. Blanks are available from Eddie

Insurance

Members should note that the insurance cover provided by the GSPC only covers official group activities. It is therefore advisable to make your own arrangement regarding insurance cover for other activities.

Rabbit Pen

Your committee would like to know if anybody is interested in giving their dogs some experience in a rabbit pen. Professional Gundog trainer David Myers of Bottlingwood Gundogs has a superb 2 acre rabbit pen that he hires out to interested parties. The approximate cost would be £25 per person and we are thinking about a maximum of 4 people at any one time. Subject to interest, of course, we could organise several such days. Anybody who is interested should speak to Paul Dark

OBITUARY
CHAMPION WILDPOINT WAFFLE (TIKA)
28/2/95 to 21/8/09

Allan Drysdale



It is with great sadness that Catherine and I have had to say goodbye to our beloved GSP Tika at the grand age of 14.5 years.

We picked her from a litter of 7 with the intention of both showing and working her, never thinking she would achieve that elusive accolade in HPR's of being a Full Champion, (i.e. 3 Challenge Certificates in the show ring and Field Trial Awards).

We both have many happy memories of days out with her, whether it was shooting over her, picking up, counting or beating, she did it all. She gained a handful of Field Trial awards and was a regular participant at working tests and won at every level, including 7 Open test wins.

In the ring she was an ever willing show girl and the icing on the cake was when she won both the Field Trial and Veteran classes at Crufts 2002 and got the Challenge Certificate (best bitch). Catherine took great pride each year in running Tika around the ring in the Parade of Champions at the GSPC Champ Show and her name will always live on in our affix which is "Drytika".

For all of Tika's achievements, she will be best remembered as a very special companion and whilst she is gone from our lives, she will always remain in our hearts. Happy Hunting Tika!

Hand Made Leather Dog Leads & Collars

All items are made from top quality bridle leather & hand stitched with waxed linen thread. Metal parts are made from cast brass & will not rust.

Because of the quality of materials used, apart from neglect, the products of my work should last a lifetime.

Several patterns of collars available including plain leather with buckle & D ring, leather & brass semi-choker etc. Various lead types – Plain leather with trigger hook, plain leather slip with brass ring, plain leather to brass & leather semi-choker, "police" training style and "German" hunting type (round leather with stag antler fittings)

Also my popular "beaters coat slings", belts & gun slings.

Other non-standard items can be made to your request.

Enquiries to Geoff Wood - geoffwood46@gmail.com or text to 07764 932773

Embroidered Garments

North West Group

Polo shirts, Fleece, Sweatshirts, and Caps are available. All have the GSPC emblem and North West Group embroidered thereon. Paul Dark can also arrange for your own items of clothing to be embroidered with these logos. Please see Paul at training classes or email on paul.dark@tiscali.co.uk

RECIPES

EVA'S FAVOURITE LIVER CAKE

Bronwen Gradwell

Approx 375g liver
2 eggs
2-4 cloves garlic
1 cup SR flour

Whiz together 1st three ingredients in a food processor
Add in 1 cup SR flour and mix till incorporated
Spread out quite thinly on a large baking sheet, well greased
Bake 20-30 mins in a moderate oven
Cool and chop into bite-sized pieces
(Freezes well and is good for carrying in pockets, as it is not messy!)

POTTED SHRIMPS

PHIL ACKLEY

INGREDIENTS

150 G (5OZ) COOKED PEELED BROWN SHRIMPS AVAILABLE FROM ANY GOOD FISHMONGER
225 G (8OZ) BUTTER
PINCH OF GROUND MACE
PINCH OF CAYENNE PEPPER
PINCH OF NUTMEG
CRUMPETS

METHOD

1 MELT HALF THE BUTTER IN A SAUCEPAN, HEAT VERY GENTLY WITHOUT BOILING, ADD THE SEASONINGS

2 POUR THE SHRIMPS INTO RAMEKIN DISHES OR SMALL POTS (I USE THE ONES THAT YOU GET CREME BRULEE IN AT THE SUPERMARKETS)

3 GENTLY HEAT THE REMAINING BUTTER IN A SAUCEPAN UNTIL IT MELTS, CONTINUE TO HEAT SLOWLY WITHOUT BROWNING. REMOVE FROM THE HEAT, LEAVE TO STAND FOR A FEW MINUTES, THIS ALLOWS THE SALT AND SEDIMENT TO SETTLE. CAREFULLY POUR A LITTLE OF THE CLARIFIED BUTTER OVER THE SHRIMPS TO COVER. LEAVE UNTIL SET. POURING CLARIFIED BUTTER ON THE SHRIMPS SEALS THE CONTENTS AND EXCLUDES BACTERIA AND WATER THIS HELPS TO EXTEND THE SHELF LIFE

STORE IN THE FRIDGE WHEN THE SHRIMPS HAVE COOLED. ONCE THE BUTTER SEAL HAS BEEN BROKEN CONSUME WITHIN 2 TO 3 DAYS

YOU CAN EAT THEM STRAIGHT FROM THE DISH OR SERVE ON WARM CRUMPETS OR TOAST

RED ONION AND RAISIN CHUTNEY

Phil Ackley

INGREDIENTS

3 TABLESPOONS VIRGIN OLIVE OIL
1.5 KG (3LB) RED ONIONS HALVED AND FINELY SLICED
250 G (8OZ) SOFT LIGHT BROWN SUGAR
300ML (1/2 PINT) RED WINE VINEGAR
200G (7OZ) RAISINS
3 GARLIC CLOVES FINELY CHOPPED
3 BAY LEAVES
1 TABLESPOONS WHOLE GRAIN MUSTARD
½ TEASPOON PIMENTON (SMOKED HOT PAPRIKA)
½ TEASPOON SALT
FRESHLY GROUND BLACK PEPPER

METHOD

1 HEAT THE OIL IN A LARGE PAN, ADD THE ONIONS AND COOK GENTLY FOR 10 MINUTES UNTIL SOFTENED BUT NOT BROWNED

2 STIR IN 3 TABLESPOONS OF SUGAR AND FRY GENTLY FOR 15 MINUTES, STIRRING UNTIL JUST BEGINNING TO BROWN

3 ADD THE REST OF THE SUGAR AND THE OTHER REMINING INGREDIENTS, MIX WELL AND SIMMER UNCOVERED FOR 10 TO 15 MINUTES STIRRING OCCASIONALLY UNTIL THE ONIONS ARE SOFT AND THE LIQUID HAS REDUCED AND THICKENED

4 TRANSFER THE CHUTNEY INTO WARM STERILISED JARS. COVER THE SURFACE WITH A DISC OF WAXED PAPER, WAXED SIDE DOWN, TOP WITH AN AIRTIGHT LID. LEAVE TO COOL IN A COOL DARK PLACE, LABEL AND DATE. THE CHUTNEY WILL KEEP FOR 6-12 MONTHS

FOR A CHRISTMAS VERSION USE HALF RAISINS AND HALF CRANBERRIES



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North West Group

REVISED 16.12.09 Dates and Venues for Training Classes during 2010

Meeting Times: -	Sundays	9.45 am. For a 10.00 am. To 12.00 pm
SUNDAY JANUARY 17 th	SOUTHDALE HOOTON ELLESMERE PORT	
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21 st	HOO MOOR TAXAL, WHALEY BRIDGE	
SUNDAY MARCH 21 st	LOAD BROOK, nr STANNINGTON	
SUNDAY APRIL 18 th	TANDLE HILL FARM, CASTLETON, MIDDLETON Gtr Manchester	
SUNDAY MAY 16 th	RYLES WOOD, PLATTWOOD FARM, LYME PARK	AGM
SUNDAY JUNE 20 th	HOLLINGWORTH HALL, HOLLINGWORTH	
SUNDAY JULY 18 th	WATERGROVE, ROCHDALE	WORKING TEST.
SUNDAY AUGUST 15 th	GLAN LLYN UCHAF, BRYNFORD	
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19 th	BRUSHES CLOUGH, SHAW	Progress Test - Training Day
SUNDAY OCTOBER 17 th	BRUSHESCLOUGH, SHAW	Progress Test - Water & Hunting
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21 st	BOAR FOLD, CHISWORTH	Progress Test – Obedience & Retrieving
SUNDAY DECEMBER 19 th	RINGSTONES, FURNESS VALE	FOLLOWED BY XMAS LUNCH

VISIT www.hprgroup.co.uk for up to date group information

PLEASE NOTE.- If you do not attend training classes regularly please check venues with any member of the committee or the secretary. On arrival at the parking areas for the various Training Grounds please keep to the following Guidelines. Park neatly and quietly. **Keep all dogs in vehicles until we are ready to move off. Dogs to be kept on a lead, until we arrive at Training Grounds. Try to exercise dogs before arrival for training.**

DOGS TO BE KEPT ON LEAD AT ALL TIMES UNLESS UNDER INSTRUCTION

THAT'S ALL FOR THIS YEAR FOLKS!

