

Drahthaar News



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Waidmannsheil ladies & gentleman.

Club Motions.

The VDD/GNA national annual meeting for 2011 will take place in Longmont Co. on June 16-18. If you are a member of the board of directors, which all chapter chairs are, there will be plenty of meetings. One of those will consider proposals from the executive board and those originating from the chapters themselves. At last year's meeting in Pioneer Ohio, the BOD changed a long standing rule. Proposals to change operating procedures can no longer be made by individual club members. All proposals now must be presented by chapters in order to be considered. *Therefore, I need to know if you wish to propose a change of by-law or rule of procedure so that I can submit it to the executive board.* Email your proposed change to me and I'll contact you. I'll be glad to represent you in Longmont. Better yet, join me out there.

Disappointing Conundrum.

Two of our successful VGP handlers from last year made application to the judge apprentice program. I was very pleased. The continued success of the Drahthaar in America depends on competent and qualified verbandsrichters {association judges} being available to assess our young dog's suitability for breeding. The journey from handler to verbandsrichter is not easy and requires unselfish commitment. Both of these people fit this description. The VDD judging cadre is aging and much has been made of the need for new faces. So important was this thought to be that each chapter was assigned the task

of generating five new candidates. Test directors confirm that finding qualified judges is getting more difficult each year.

Bad news in my inbox! I received copies of letters sent by Mark Heuer, national Director of Judge Development, to our two judge candidates telling them that their tenure with the club wasn't sufficient to allow admission to the apprenticeship program. These people had trained and handled their own dogs through all three levels of the JGHV testing program and had distinguished themselves in doing so; however they hadn't been dues paying members *of the club* for three years. They were told they would have to wait until their third anniversary with VDD/GNA to apply! The relevance of some rules is lost on me. I sincerely hope that our eligible candidates are both patient and diligent in pursuit of their appointment as verbandsrichters.

New Verbandsrichter.

Congratulations to Great Lakes Chapter member Wayne Pitock. Wayne has been recognized in the national newsletter as having successfully completed the verbandsrichter {association judge} apprentice program and is awaiting his license. He will be available to judge beginning this spring. Many of you know that Wayne has been present at quite a few of our tests as an "emergency" judge when test directors couldn't fill the JGHV three judge requirement. Finally, Wayne will be with us as a fully fledged verbandsrichter. We welcome Wayne to our ranks and look forward to his company in the field. Good man, that Wayne Pitock.

Hegewald Judging.

While this information is most beneficial to the chapter judging cadre, it is of interest to us all. The following message in italics is from VDD/GNA chairman Bryon Beaton to me:

With the Hegewald being so early this year, 31 August-03 September at Hollabrunn, Austria, the deadline for Groups to recommend members as Hegewald judges has been set for the end of June. So that we have a some time to review potential nominees, I ask that you forward the names of any judges in your Chapter that have expressed a desire to judge at the Hegewald (and that your Chapter Board endorses) to the EC no later than June 1st.

Usually the number of judges a Group may recommend is based on the total membership of the Group. GNA has in the past been allowed to submit between 5 and 8 names with the VDD head breedwarden making the final selection. Those judges chosen from GNA will receive \$500.00 from our Group to offset some of their expenses.

Judging at the Hegewald is a fantastic learning experience and I encourage our qualified judges to take advantage of this opportunity.

Any Great Lakes Chapter verbandsrichter wishing to attend the Hegewald should

let me know ASAP.

Facebook.

Our Great Lakes Chapter facebook administrator, Frank Green, is doing great work on our behalf. If you haven't checked out facebook and our chapter's page, you are missing out on some good entertainment. As time has gone on more and more stuff is appearing. An unintended consequence of being "on facebook" is that your page is both a part of the club's offering and the private set of people you include in your "friend" list. I have found lots of photos, videos and posts that are interesting. Some people are talking about the where and when of hunting and offering advice on equipment and outfitters. This thing has potential to bring us closer together as a like-minded group of men and women devoted to the Drahthaar. You might even find a new hunting buddy out there in cyberspace.

Litter Announcements.

- [1] "L" litter vom Jägermeister. Expected 8, February. Bill English-Pittsford, Mi- 517-523-2042
- Jade vom Jägermeister [8/10 63/64] VJP 72 HZP 145/175
 - Elk III v. Wächtersbach [11/11 67/67] VJP 77 HZP 183 VGP-I 300 TF VSwp 0/
- [2] "A" litter – kennel name pending. Expected 8, March. Terry Adkins – Troy, OH – 937-552-7996
- Peggy vom Seilerhaus [7/8 62/64] VJP 77 HZP 0/164 VGP 0
 - Santo vom Hohenfeld [11/10 67/67] VJP 74 HZP 196 VGP-I 328 TF
- [3] "G" litter vom Elchherz. Whelped 25, January. James Jones – Elkhart, IN- 574-361-7152
- Heidi vom Seilerhaus [9/8 62/63] VJP 70 HZP 181
 - Elk III v. Wächtersbach [11/11 67/67] VJP 77 HZP 183 VGP-I 300 TF VSwp 0/
{G litter vom Elchherz - 5 male / 3 female}

If you or someone you know is considering a new puppy this year, please consider our chapter's breeders first. As you can see, our dogs are as good as anywhere in North America.

Sincerely,
Marty Ryan
Great Lakes Chapter Chairman