

# MGDA

The Manitoba Gun Dog Association Newsletter



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## Editor's Corner

I hope your winter training is going well, we are having very good weather. Great time to be doing some drills etc. There is an excellent App available that outlines a number of drills as well as suggestions for drills to deal with problems It is called "RETRIEVER" and is very worthwhile.

If you have any suggestions or articles for the newsletter please forward them to me, I really appreciate any help I can get.

**Send in your pictures for the draw for the next cover.**



## ON THE COVER:

"Flynn" owned by Medie Robinson

## THINKING OF YOU:

- SHAUN BOOTH
- BOB CHRYSTAL
- GAIL KOMADOSKI

## SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING CONTRIBUTORS:

- Keith Merlin
- Medie Robinson
- Matt Mutcheson
- Carrie Whenham
- Bob Norris

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you have all been enjoying the relatively nice weather we've had so far this winter; from all the tracks at the grounds, it looks like many of you have been able to get out and do some training. Thanks again to Murry Milne for keeping the roads clear. The executive would like to remind everyone that under the current public health guidelines training groups are still limited to five people who should maintain a 2m (6ft) distance from each other and that at this time the clubhouse is off limits. If we all do our best to follow the guidelines at this time, hopefully we'll be able to host our usual number of tests and trials this summer.

I wanted to thank you all again for selling your "Stock the Bar 2020" raffle tickets over the summer and fall. It was a successful fundraiser – even under the circumstances we were able to sell 666 out of 800 tickets which brought in over \$2600 for the club. Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st - Pat Manning - sold by Dewayne Hay
- 2nd - Myles Hutton - sold by Blake and Helen Hasiuk
- 3rd - Christine Zimmerman - sold by Dewayne Hay
- 4th - David Williams - sold by Bob Spice

The top sellers this year were:

Matt & Crystal – 7 booklets

Blake & Helen – 6 booklets

Dewayne – 4 booklets

Looking forward to seeing you all this spring,

**2021 MEMBERSHIP IS DUE**

**YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU**

## MGDA AWARDS FOR 2020

### SERVICE PINS:

10 years - Brian Dwyer  
20 years - Charlie Ross & Larry Baker  
30 years - Percy Ruddock & Ross Peden

### HIGH POINT FIELD TRIAL DOGS FOR TRIALS RUN IN MANITOBA

OPEN - NFTCH FTCH AFTCH OCG's Equalizer owned by Larry Baker

QUALIFYING - Rosewood Millpond's Scarlett Poppy owned by Medie Robinson

JUNIOR - Baypoint's Black Bugattie owned by Medie Robinson  
- Razor's NX Generation owned by Scott Anderson

### FOLLOWING TITLES WERE EARNED IN 2020

- 1) Heads Up For Goldenworks Too QFTR MH WCX achieved Grand Master Hunter title, owned by Dewayne Hay
- 2) Rosewood Millpond Scarlet Poppy QAA achieved Master Hunter title, owned by Medie Robinson
- 3) Can Ch Audeo's Life is a Highway CDX WCX VC achieved Senior Hunt title, owned by Judy Andrews.
- 4) Razor's NX Generation achieved JFTR, owned by Scott Anderson
- 5) Baypoint's Ramblin' Rose achieved WC, owned by Blake Hasiuk
- 6) Rickways Licorice Stick achieved JH, owned by Doug Robinson

Passages: April 5, 2008 - January 11, 2021

**RIVEROAK KOLSVARTUR, NMH, MH, WCI (KOL)**

At two years of age Kol was the youngest dog from Manitoba to achieve his NMH title at the 2010 Canadian National Master Hunt Test, August 23-27, 2010 at Balmoral, Manitoba.

Kol has had many ups and downs in his life, especially operations on both his back legs. In spite of this, Kol was always a 'very happy' dog. Sunset Veterinary came to my house.

Margaret Benjaminson

*There is a Moment between the shot and the echo.  
And there is nothing that moves in that moment,  
Not the bird, Not the pellets, Not the dog.  
And in that moment you see every feather.  
Hear every heartbeat. Feel every breath.  
And it's in that moment that you realize  
the only thing in the universe  
that's been moved  
Is you.*





A couple of pictures Keith Merlin took of pussy willows in January.



New club member ??????



## INNER PEACE

If you can start the day without caffeine  
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax without alcohol,

If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,  
Then You Are Probably the Family Dog  
You were obviously hoping for a spiritual syllogism...  
Handle every stressful situation like a dog.  
If you can't eat it or play with it,

Piss on it and walk away.



## National Retriever Championship Update

Chairing a National is a challenging task at the best of times. This year will test our ingenuity, patience and adaptability.

To qualify for any National Championship, be it Hunt Test or Field Trial, is a great achievement for dogs, trainers and handlers. Not everyone who competes in this game aspires to run a National and is just happy to run locally, enjoy the outing and camaraderie. For those of us who do want to find the measure of our hard work, a National is the ultimate yardstick. I have competed in National Masters, National Amateurs and National Opens. It is an honour and a blast!

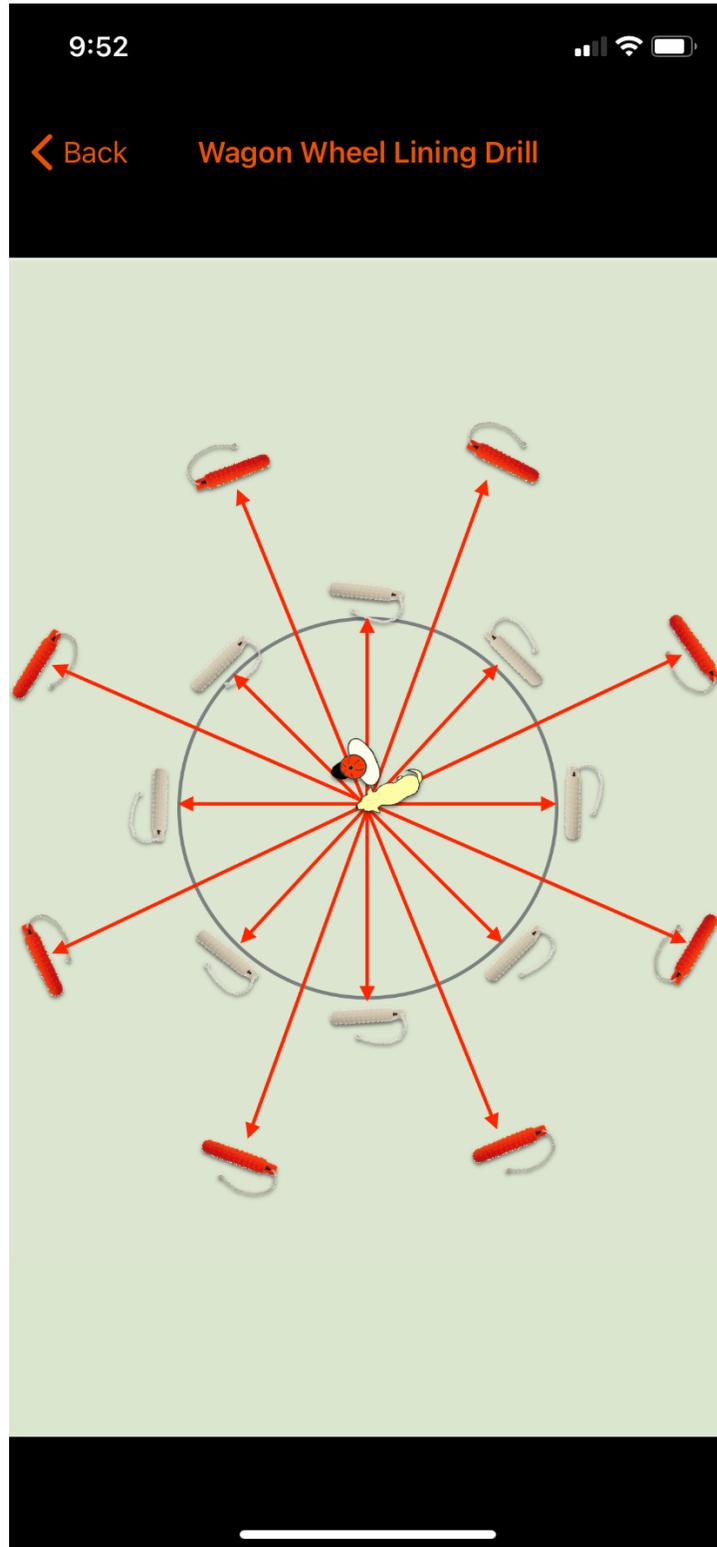
MGDA members are blessed to have incredible grounds at their doorstep. I could be wrong, but I think only one Ontario Club had the resources and foresight to buy their own land to develop. That is/was Sault Ste. Marie and they are inactive right now and the grounds have grown over. The Southern Ontario Clubs are slowly seeing their available land, primarily Conservation areas and private landowners, being erased by developers, citiots and reluctant insurance providers. There are a few pros and one person in Northern Ontario who do have nice grounds and though generously made available, it is not as desirable as owning your own, for a host of reasons.

We want to emphasize how much work goes into **every** Club event. Each Hunt Test, Field Trial and WC only happens because of a small army of volunteers. Because of our awesome grounds, years of accumulated experience and all those who give their time and effort, this Club has a history of putting on first class events. That is how these grounds are funded, developed and maintained. Nationals play a significant role in this funding.

We have put together a stellar core team for NFTCH this coming September, but still need everyone who is able to pitch in. This could be for gunning on Opening Sunday, gunning during the week, help with set ups of the tests, fundraising, collecting items for the silent auction table (which do not have to be dog related), perhaps baking some goodies for the actual trial, being a runner at the 'calcutta' auction, helping tidy the clubhouse at the end of the day, checking the privies for TP etc. Even one day of your time will make a huge difference and make this a financial and operational success.

Thank you in advance for your help. It is because of you that this Club will be here for us all, long into the future.

**Medie Robinson**  
**Gail Komadoski**



WAGON WHEEL LINING DRILL FROM THE “RETRIEVERS” APP

## Executive Committee

**President** Matt Mutcheson  
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**Director** Geoff Plouffe  
**Director** Medie Robinson  
**Director** Gail Komadoski

## Submissions Welcome!

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**MGDA**  
MANITOBA GUN DOG  
ASSOCIATION



## Preserving Working Retrievers Since 1935

The MGDA was originally formed in 1935 by a group of hunters and sportsmen with an interest in training retrievers for waterfowl hunting and competition. Incorporated in 1972, The Manitoba Gun Dog Association Inc. has played an important role in Canadian working retriever history. Today the MGDA has approximately 75 members. The Club hosts two Canadian Kennel Club licensed Field Trials and two CKC licensed Hunt Tests annually. In addition the club provides a number of informal Picnic Trials and Retriever Workshops each year .

<http://www.manitobagundog.com>