

The German Longhaired Pointer Club

NEWSLETTER



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Desperate Scenting – a First?

In the last newsletter our Dutch friend, Paul Scheurleer published an article. Sadly, Paul passed away in early March. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

As I write, we have just about finished the pointing season, with just a few grouse events planned in a month or so. I don't know about you, but personally I have trouble in recalling a more difficult year for scent. This has probably been due to extremely dry conditions over a prolonged period of time and it has been interesting to watch the dogs, as ever desperate to please, obviously frustrated at not being able to properly nail birds. There has been much of the positive pointing followed by a cautious move forward and a lowering of the head onto a residual foot scent, with no birds produced. There has also been quite a lot of pipit pointing – which in an experienced dog is a sure sign that times are tough. However on a test recently, where from the outset it was clear that scent was extremely difficult, one dog managed to point a rat which had been caught out in the open wheat. It was staunchly held, to be flushed on command, much to the amusement of all concerned. Certainly a first for me at a pointing test, but more was to follow. Later in the day a very experienced dog ran and obviously had trouble with residual scent, being unable to properly nail birds that she knew were there. Her solution was to staunchly point another, slower moving target – this time a hedgehog. So we had two 'Firsts' in the one test!

And two Firsts is what we have also had in the Club this year. In December we held our first ever Novice Field Trial at Launton by kind permission of our benefactors, Madge and Cliff Simons. Without their constant help in providing land and opportunity we would be finding it very difficult indeed and as Club members we should all be extremely grateful for their generous hospitality. It was therefore most apt that, on another day when scent was very difficult, Madge Simons and her German Shorthaired Pointer, Swifthouse Crispen were the highest placed contestants with a Third Place. Madge is

the first person to hold the Questor Field Trial Trophy, and quite rightly so.

The second First for the Club was in having classes at Crufts in March. A respectable number of dogs were entered and, in particular, we were able to welcome Annemarie Hoogenendijk from Holland, who came over with her six times International Field Trial Champion, Graaf Bor. A report on the day appears elsewhere in the newsletter.

We intend holding at least one tuition day, probably in October, for those members wishing to fine tune their dogs before the field trial season starts proper, so please keep an eye on the web site where details will be posted as soon as they are confirmed. Arrangements regarding the Annual General Meeting have already been posted and we ask that all those intending to attend reply to us in writing so we may cater accordingly.

We have secured a Field Trial Ground near Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire and intend holding a Novice trial there some time in November. Again, full details will be found on the Club web site when arrangements have been finalised.

Last, the summer is the time for working tests. They represent an excellent opportunity to perfect the retrieving side of things, so get out there and enter some. Sarah Bond has just telephoned me to say Tarn won the Open test at Madge and Cliff's Fun Day, which is an excellent start. We are holding our own test at Gill Mill, Ducklington, Oxfordshire, on Sunday 8th July, so please note the date and send your entries in. Help in any aspect of running the day would be very much appreciated, as would raffle prizes.

Have a good, and safe, summer.

David Winser
Chairman 2006/7

Notice Convening The Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the German Longhaired Pointer Club will be held at Pointers, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 2QH, on Sunday 17th June 2007 at 11am.

Nomination papers for the Committee and Officers of the Club must be submitted on an official Nomination Form available from the Honorary Secretary.

Completed Nomination Papers should be returned to the Honorary Secretary, Pointers, Wistow, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE28 2QH. by not later than 16th May 2007.

Resolutions in accordance with Club Rule 10(e) must also be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary by not later than 16th May 2007.



After the AGM and lunch we will be holding an informal retrieving test.

It is intended to be fun so stay for the afternoon and have a go.

Please return the form to book lunch.

Entries taken on the day. £2 per dog.

Rosettes for 1st 2nd and 3rd in each class.

There will be three classes:

Beginners and puppies – (under 18 months)

Improvers – (dogs which have not received an award in a working test or field trial).

Field Trialers – (dogs that have received an award in a field trial or working test).

German Longhaired Pointer Club Accounts at 1st October 2006

Income		Expenditure	
Membership Fees	800.00	Maintenance of Title	45.00
AGM	60.00	Postage	93.53
Club Shop	36.00	Newsletter	263.50
Spring Pointing Test	252.00	AGM	46.71
Working Test	520.00	Working Test	176.24
Raffle	62.50	Spring Pointing Test	59.09
Donation	10.00	HPRFTA	10.00
Seminar	285.00	Insurance	131.25
		Shop	93.04
		Seminar	205.96
		Web Page	763.74
			<u>1,888.06</u>
Opening Balance	2079.73	Closing Balance	2,217.17
	<u>4105.23</u>		<u>4105.23</u>

I have checked the German Longhaired Pointer Club's records and confirm that the above receipts and expenditure account accurately reflects the transactions that have been made during the year ending September 30th 2006 and the Club's financial position as at that date.

Sheila Kuban

4th February 2007

The first German Longhaired Pointer Club Field Trial

The first Club Field Trial proved to be a very difficult day for the dogs. It started off with thick fog that hardly lifted all day. Scent was very poor and it was also very wet under foot. A lot of dogs were lost through missing birds and it was only the more experienced that were called up for a second run.

So much hard work goes into rearing birds and keeping them where you think you may find them again but on a day like this anything can happen.

Sadly only one dog completed the day and congratulations go to Madge Simons and Swifthouse Crispen (GSP) for a very hard earned third place.



Our thanks to Cliff and Madge Simons and Andrew Collett for hosting our first trial.

Judges Tony Russell and Jennifer Hurley

The Questor Trophy was presented by Andrew Collett.

Spring Pointing Test

It was a bright warm spring day and the very best conditions for our pointing test at Tusmore on Sunday 17th April 2007. There was an entry of 15 dogs – 9 Juniors and 6 Adults but only one dog was graded.



The judges Steve Chant and Rory Major graded Cliff and Madge Simons German Shorthaired Pointer, Swifthouse Crumble Very Good.

Many thanks to Cliff and Madge Simons and the Tusmore Estate for their invitation again this year to run our dogs.

Cruft's 2007

The first Club Field Trial proved to be a very difficult day for the dogs. It was our first year at Cruft's 2007. There was an entry of 19 dogs and it was a very hot day.

Judge Margaret Holmes



Best Dog Arany's Busche

Best Bitch Arany's Affra

Special Jnr. Dog	1 st Arany's Dargo (Boyles) 2 nd Arany's Danza mit Hillanhi (Bates & Cooksey)
Post Grad Dog	1 st Cadanbyrig Sensenac (Smart) 2 nd Questor Elvis (Archer)
Open Dog	1 st Graaf Bor V.D. Oude Leede (Hoogendijk & Iersel) 2 nd Bourdon V.H. Westervlier at Questor (E. Winser) 3 rd Arthur V. Munsterschlag Mit Arany (Wilks & Moss) Res Questor Eros at Swifthouse (Simons)
Working Gun Dog	1 st Arany's Busche (Wilks & Moss) 2 nd Graaf Bor V.D. Oude Leede (Hodgendijk & Iersel) 3 rd Questor Eros at Swifthouse (Simons) Res Questor Cranberry (Bond)
Special Jnr Bitch	1 st Arany's Daja (Boyles) 2 nd Questor Genevieve (Armitage) 3 rd Arany's Dazz (Gibson) Res Questor Graafham (R. & J. Winser)
Post Grad Bitch	1 st Arany's Anya mit Drysika (Drysedale) 2 nd Questor Eris (D. & E. Winser)
Open Bitch	1 st Arany's Affra (Wilks & Moss)
Working Gun Dog	1 st Arany's Baiser (Wilks & Moss) 2 nd Wamilanghaar Acer (Smart)

Working Test

Mr John Smith has invited us back again this year to Gill Mill for our annual working test. It has become a very popular Club event not only with Longhair owners but for all the HPR breeds.

Mark Firmin has arranged the date for 8th July and he has said, sadly, that this is possibly the last year we will be able to have the venue. There are moves ahead for the beautiful lakes to be stocked with fish. Unfortunately for us, anglers and gun dog working tests do not go together.

We have enjoyed the most fantastic hospitality from Mr Smith and we are very fortunate to have been asked back every year since 2002.



A schedule and entry form is enclosed with this Newsletter.

All schedules and entry forms for Club events are now downloadable from the web site - www.german-longhaired-pointer.org.uk.

Our sponsors Roger Skinner Ltd have agreed to present a voucher for a 15 kilo bag of dog food to the winners in each class.

The Club's annual trophy is awarded to 1st place in each class and a keepsake trophy is awarded to 1st to 3rd place in each class.

Judges this year will be

Puppy - Janice Hawkes

Novice - Lee Loveridge

Open - Rob Gould

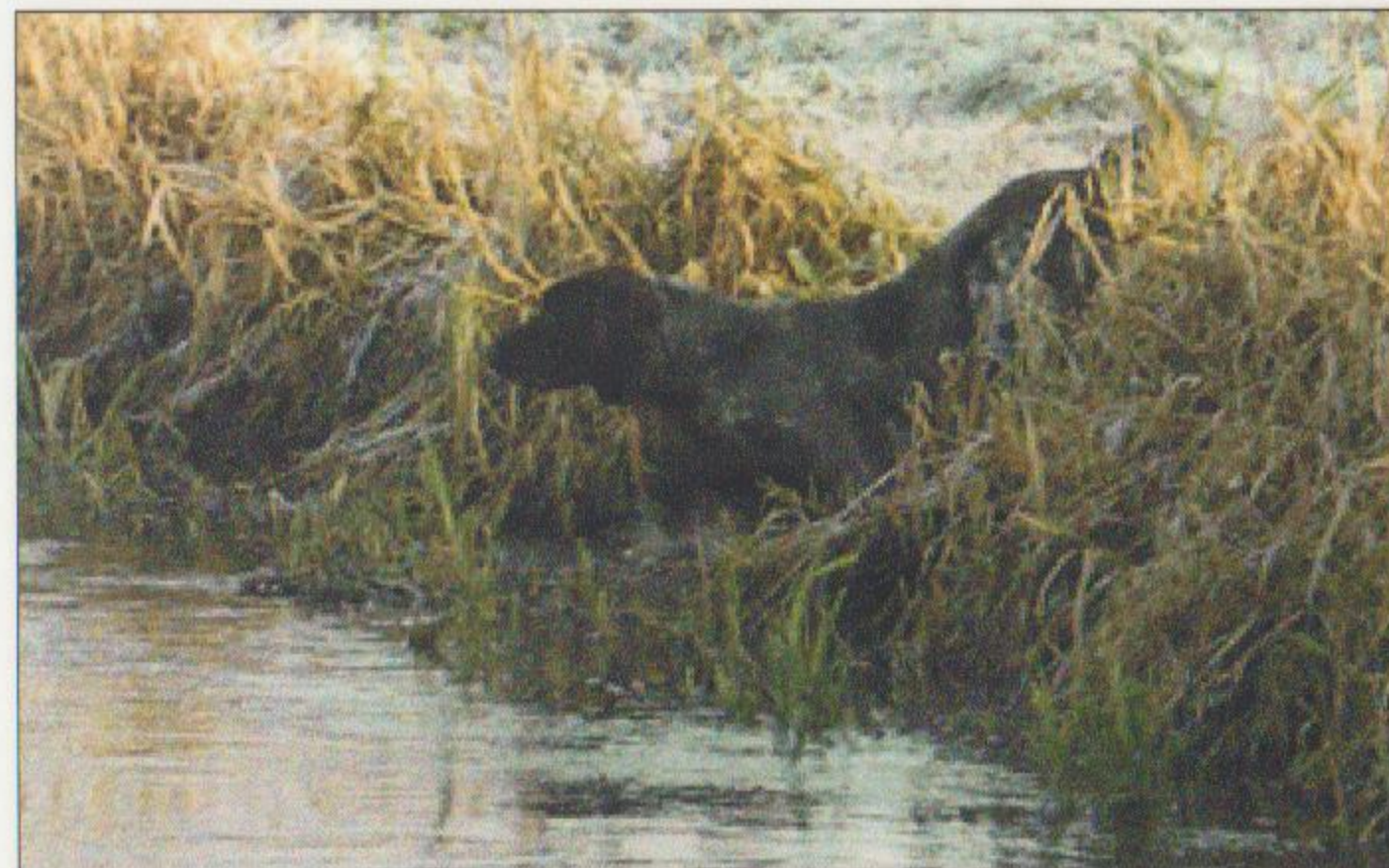
Winners Gallery



Rob Gould was awarded a 2nd place at the GSPA Open Stake at Little Dalby in January 2007 and a 3rd Place at the GSPC Open Stake at Stow also in January. Congratulations to Rob and Morgan (Ft Ch Wamilanghaar Ashiestiel)



Madge Simons was awarded a 2nd at the HVS All Aged Stake at Stoke Rochford in November 2006. Congratulations to Madge and Ross. (Questor Eros at Swifthouse)



Brenda Moss was awarded 3rd in the Hungarian Vizsla Society's All-Aged Stake at Stoke Rochford in November 2006. Congratulations to Brenda and Arany's Baiser.



Ray Davies was awarded a 1st in the Bristol & West Novice Stake in December 2006 and a COM'at the Weimaraner Club of G.B. Open Stake also in December 2006. Congratulations to Ray and Teak (Wamilanghaar Aramis)

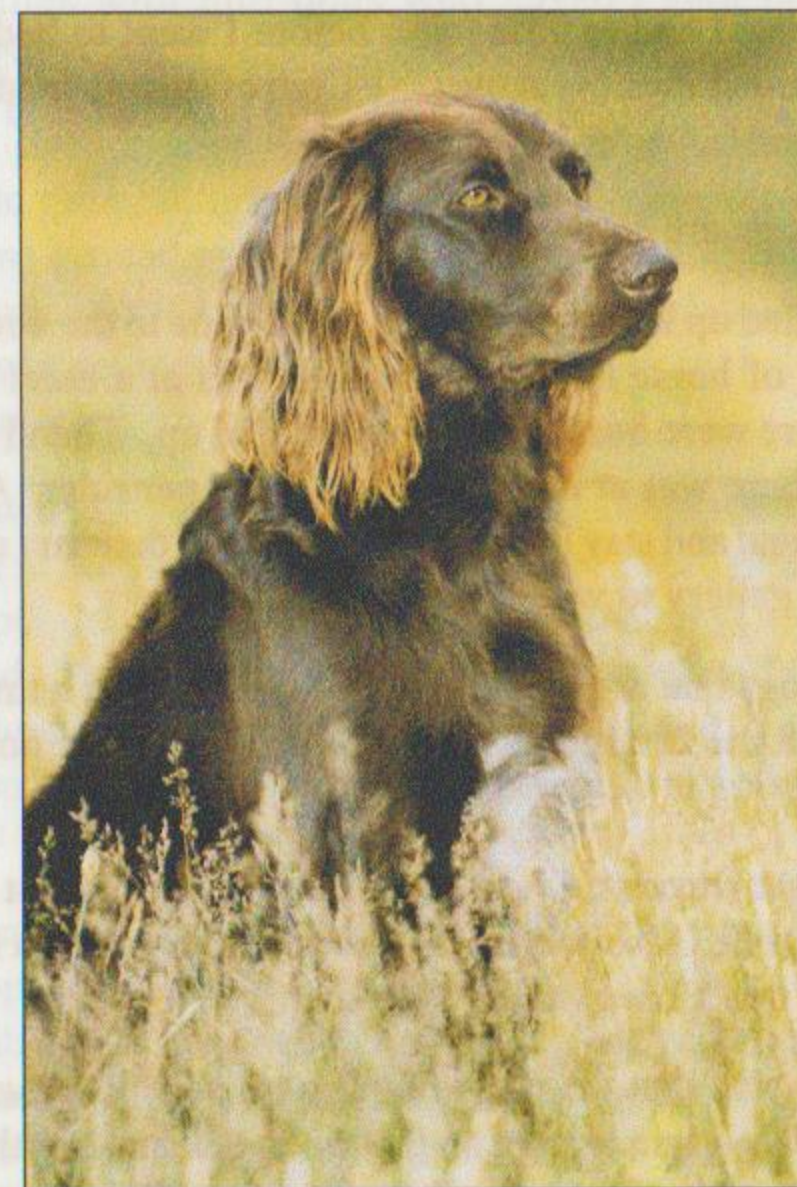
Winners Gallery



Brenda Moss was awarded a COM at Norfolk and Suffolk's Novice Stake in December and a 3rd in the G.W.P. Club's Novice stake at Westerham in January.

Congratulations to Brenda and Arany's Buchse.

Freya of Melissant



1994 – 2007

Sadly Rob and Theo said farewell to Freya in February this year.

Freya was the first German Longhaired Pointer to be born in England and she and Rob won many Working Tests, Spring Pointing Tests and Field Trials.

Freya was also the dam of their two field trial champions Wamilanghaar Drumelzier and Wamilanghaar Ashiestiel.

The foundation bitch of the Wamilanghaar kennel, she was such a beautiful dog with a kind and gentle temperament.

The same temperament that lives on in her progeny.

A Longhair in America

"It's quite late - but I had to email you before I went to bed, as I have just spent the afternoon and evening at the GSP Club of Illinois field trial, watching, not competing.

How different things are across the pond!

Firstly, when I pulled up I thought initially I had gone to the wrong place as the car park was full of horse boxes. I thought I was at a meet for a hunt or a horse show as there were horses all being saddled up. Then I noticed next to every horse box there was at least a brace of dogs per rider. All the dogs are tethered to the ground and stay lying on the grass until their run as their handlers ride horses in the gallery to watch the other dogs run.

The handlers & dogs that are actually running, a brace at a time, stay on foot with their dogs but the 2 judges & the gallery all ride their horses behind the dogs.

So that was the first surprise, I had been told people ride but I didn't realise that many people rode. Also when you put your entry in you hire your horse for the day if you don't have one of your own.

The next surprise was that the dogs running all had fluorescent collars and halters on, one yellow, one orange so that everyone can see the dogs and the judges can tell them clearly apart. Everyone on the hunting ground has to wear bright orange so they can be clearly seen, so much for blending into the background and wearing green.

There were about 40 dogs running that day, they run them in braces here so everyone who enters here gets a run. They start running at 7am and go till about 7pm. The Trial goes on for 2 days but with a different competition on Saturday and Sunday. This let's you try your luck twice which sounds like a good plan if you've travelled, so none of this driving 100 miles for a 5 min run, then back in the car.

Because it's a two day event, Saturday night they have a big barbeque so everyone puts in \$10 and gets a huge steak, baked spuds and salads and beers or cokes. It was a really nice social occasion, everyone

was really friendly. I have been invited to a Ladies "learn to shoot" weekend in May for Ladies with bird dogs who haven't shot before and I have been invited to come and hunt on someone's farm and work my dog and shoot their birds. Not bad for a first outing!

Anyway, back to the trial, there is a course across an area of land and every dog gets the same ground so in theory they get the same conditions. The area takes about 20 minutes to cover, in the higher level classes they were telling me the senior dogs get more ground and get to work for half an hour each, so the judges get to see them really work.

The birds they were using were quail, nice little birds and the two "planters" put 15 birds out at the start of the day and before every new dog runs 3 more fresh birds are put down. The planters just put the birds head under its wing to subdue it, and then they ride around between runs and toss the birds into the grass or in the cover. As they ride around the ground, they just chuck them off the horses so there are plenty of birds for dogs to point and flush, blank runs are rare.

So the idea is that the 2 dogs run together, but not as a team - individually, and your dog is supposed to claim as many birds as possible and cover as much ground as possible to make the other dog look less good, although they were saying it was bad sportsmanship to let your dog get all the birds and usually everyone allows the other dog a point too. When its brace mate is on point the other dog must honour it. Unless your dog does something really wrong, you get to run for the entire time so you are not out in 2 seconds.

Now for the really exciting bit - the dogs were incredible. They really wound them up to gee them up and they line the pair up together, then a whistle is sounded and the dogs race off. The speed at which they cover the ground was lovely to see yet they all seemed to work well and found and held the quail. The loveliest thing to see was the really hard hunting Vizsla - my next Vizsla will be an American one! (Talking to the competitors here the Vizslas, along with GSP's, have a reputation for being the keenest fastest bird dogs. They couldn't believe it when I said, that at home, they didn't have such a great reputation for speed and long ranging work)

They all liked Britta, she was stood, paraded and felt all over by several people

and pronounced to be "a mighty fine bird dog"! No one had ever seen a GLP before and most didn't know they existed. At the end of the day they let me walk around the course and hunt the ground with her. I felt sick doing this, as I knew although they were all officially enjoying a beer by the trailers, they were all watching. Typical, she went out, had a poo and was a little wary for the first two cuts, (I felt sick thinking she was going to let me down) but then she got into her stride and was really ranging out, at a nice speed, not as fast as their dogs - but at a speed which before today I had thought was really fast!!!!. She had a lovely point on a quail. When I got back they all said I had a nice dog & that I should come along and trial her, so hopefully we didn't do too badly?!

Other differences in trialling included handlers carry a gun loaded with blanks, when a bird flushes a shot is fired but it's just to test dogs are fine around gun shot.

At least half the dogs went up to compete with what looked like electric collars around their necks. I was quite surprised to see dogs running in these so I asked one of the competitors. As it turns out they were not running in these, they were tracking devices. As it is very common for dogs to take off it means they can find them again! For young dogs here to go off chasing it's seen as a good thing as it shows the dog is keen and has lots of potential!!! (A trial made for baby Longhairs!)

While the dogs are running too, there's a lot of whooping and encouraging from the gallery - it's really seen as "good sport" if a dog bogs off & gets a bit head strong.

They were all impressed during Brita's run when I blew the stop whistle and Brita dropped to her tummy and then raced back instantly to the recall at the end of her run but I also think they thought that it was quite unnecessary for a bird dog to be that obedient.

One handler at the end of his run when the judge told him to pick up his dog, literally rugby tackled it as it ran past him as if that was the most usual way to recall your dog! Also one of the young dogs when it was on point, the judge asked the handler to slip the lead on before the flush, for young dogs they don't think it's necessary yet to test steadiness - just hunting & pointing ability. Steadiness comes much later.

In fact right up until "Masters" level your dog is allowed to run in on a shot bird, so long as the dog then makes the retrieve nicely, you won't be penalised!

So maybe this American Trialing is made for Britta! I was so wishing you were all here today, I really wanted you to see it, it made us Brits look so "British" and exacting of our young dogs".

Alison Sivita

Alison informs me she has now joined NAVHDA, North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association and will be visiting her nearest chapter soon. The GSPC of Illinois is writing to the AKC for permission to run Britta at their events. Although the GLP does not have their registration she may be able to run as an imported breed.

The North American GLP Club have also taken her under their wing, she is going out quail hunting in the fall with Del Peterson (Kennel Hubertus), who brought this breed to the US nearly 40 years ago.

Brenda Moss

Your next Newsletter will be
in the Autumn of 2007

To ensure you receive your Newsletter on time please
send all material to be included to:

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Before end of August 2007

Any articles or letters received after this date
will be included in the Spring 2008 issue

The editor reserves the right not to publish any articles or letters submitted

Carbonnade of pigeon with garlic bread

(serves 6)

This is an adaptation of a Belgian recipe for beef in beer. The ale gives the meat a distinctly nutty flavour, heightened by the garlic crust. This dish is best prepared in advance and reheated later. Perfect for shoot dinners.

Preparation 55 minutes

Oven 160°C/325°F/gas 3

Cooking time 3¼ hours

Ingredients

10/12 Pigeon breast meat

3 large onions

4 cloves of garlic

50g dripping or 3 tablespoons oil

Salt and black pepper

2 tablespoons plain flour

1 tablespoon soft brown sugar

300 ml strong beef stock

450 ml brown ale

1 tablespoon wine vinegar

1 bouquet garni

2 bay leaves

Garlic crust

100g butter

3 cloves of garlic

1 French loaf

Cut pigeon breast into strips 7.5cm long 3.5cm wide. Peel and finely slice onions, crush the garlic.

Melt dripping or oil in a large frying pan. Quickly fry the meat and put to one side. Lower the heat and cook the onions in the remaining fat until golden. Then add the garlic and cook for 2 minutes, stirring continuously. Layer the onions and pigeon in a deep casserole, beginning with the onions and finishing with meat; season each layer lightly.

Stir the flour and sugar into the fat and the juices in the pan in which the pigeon and onions were cooked. Gradually pour in the stock, and stir until the sauce begins to thicken, bring to the boil. Add the ale, and the vinegar; bring back to the boil, then simmer for a few minutes. Put the bouquet garni and bay leaves in the casserole and pour over the sauce. Cover the casserole and cook for 2½ hours

The flavour is improved if the casserole is cooled and chilled overnight, and then reheated the next day, before making the garlic crust.

For the garlic crust, melt the butter in a frying pan. Crush the 3 cloves of garlic and stir into the butter. Cut the French bread into 1 in thick slices and soak in the garlic butter, until this is completely absorbed. Put the bread on top of the carbonnade and cook for about 30 minutes. The meat should then be thoroughly heated and the garlic crust should be crisp with a golden tinge.

Serve direct from the casserole with a selection of in season vegetables.



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Weimaraner Association	Penny Pickstone	01482 657337
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Dates for your diary

AGM, Fun Day & Bar-b-que	17th June 2007
GLPC Working Test, Gill Mill, Ducklington	8 th July 2007
CLA Game Fair, Harewood House, Nr Leeds	27/28/29th July 2007
Training Day for Field Trials	Date to be arranged
Field Trial, Fenstanton, Cambs	November date (TBC)
Field Trial, Launton, Oxfordshire	December date (TBC)

Club Shop Items

Car Stickers	£1.50
Grooming Video	£10.00
Club Lapel Badge	£2.50
Notelets Cards	£2.00
Embroidered Blazer Badges	£6.50
Greetings Cards	£1.00
Engraved (German Longhaired Pointer) Pens	£2.50
Terracotta colour with GLP logo	
Fleeces	from £25.00
Sweat Shirts	from £20.00
Available from the Dutch Club (can be ordered from Eileen)	
Dummy Bags with GLP motive	£8.50
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