

## **February 2009**

### **Welcome to the Heartland Chapter first newsletter!**

The Heartland Chapter held their Annual Chapter Meeting and a Skeet/Trap shoot on February 21 in Colona, IL. Even with the cold and blowing snow we had a very good turnout. The BiState Gun Club treated us to a very exciting fun day of shooting. Leonard Chase won the \$50 Sporting Clay high scoring prize. Dan Weilandt won the \$25 high scoring prize for Trap & Skeet. Congratulations to both!

A bbq sandwich, potato salad and baked beans lunch was catered by HyVee. Dinner of Roast Beef and Roast Pork with mashed potatoes, green beans, lettuce salad, dinner roll and brownie for dessert was catered by the Victorian Manor Restaurant. Both meals were delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The meeting started around 3:30 pm. Chairman Leonard Chase gave a summary of the GNA Annual Meeting held in Louisiana the end of January. Leonard noted all the chapters in the GNA will be rotating the GNA Annual Meeting. The Heartland Chapter will host the GNA Annual Meeting in 2013.

Leonard also reported on the two new assistants to the Executive Committee: Mike Talbot has assumed the Director of Testing and Mark Heuer has assumed the Director of Judge Development.

Breed Warden Linda Reeves reported that Purina has agreed to sponsor GNA. Bryon Beaton will be sending out information introducing Purina as our sponsor. Thank you to Linda for her hard work and follow-up to obtain Purina in this capacity.

### **Election Results**

This was an election year. Rhonda Feazel has been appointed our new Chairman; Jeff Henke, Vice-Chairman; Curt Caldwell, Business Manager/Treasurer; and Linda Reeves, Breed Warden.

Rhonda thanked Leonard and Patty for their dedication and service to the VDD-GNA.

### **Most Valuable Member Award**

This award has been renamed the "Reeves Award". Linda and Larry Reeves presented the award to Leonard Chase for his dedication to GNA and stepping up to accomplish whatever needed done. Congratulations Lenny!

### **Other Business**

Linda Reeves has compiled a new Armbruster Proposal which would provide raising funds for future Armbrusters. She will be forwarding this proposal to all Heartland Chapter members and all other Chapter Chairmen. If any of the other chapter chairmen do not agree to the proposal, the idea will be dropped.

Curt Caldwell presented the Heartland Chapter treasury update.

The 2010 Pheasant Fest will be held in Des Moines, IA. Matt Klein, Jason Abbas and Jerry Schenk will be coordinating it.

The meeting was adjourned.

### **Auction**

Numerous items were donated for the auction: duck calls, cookies-in-a-jar, art prints, duffel bags, dog vests, etc. Gary Stuart volunteered to be the auctioneer and did a very good job. A good time was shared by all!! Thank you to all the people who donated and a big thank you to Gary.

**VR Continuing Education** seminar was held at 9:00 AM, Feb 22 at the TPC Deere Run.

Mike Talbot introduced himself and made a brief presentation on how to obtain needed documents from the GNA website. Larry Reeves then presented the VR Continuing Education seminar covering the VGP regulations and test paperwork. The seminar was attended by apprentices, judges, and some handlers.

Huge thanks to Larry Reeves for giving the seminar.

### **Upcoming Training Days**

March 7—Leonard Chase' property **VJP Training** (217) 743-6304 lchase@dishmail.net

March 22—Casey Gibbs' property **VJP Training** (641) 990-7001 casey.gibbs@fbfs.com

