GREETINGS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy Fall everyone! Although the leaves are still green for the most part, fall has finally arrived here in West Tennessee. I am definitely enjoying the long-awaited cool, breezy days of fall.

Fall is my favorite time of year for many reasons—the beautiful multicolored leaves, college football (which as everyone knows is big here in the South), and the myriad activities such as fall festivals, hayrides, and tailgating.

Fall is also a time to be thankful and therefore I would like to thank all of the museum’s friends, sponsors, supporters, and volunteers. All you do for the museum throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

I would like to remind everyone that our annual Pawliday Tree fundraiser will have started by the time you are reading this newsletter. You can find more details about this on page 8. Our Paving Memory Lane fundraiser is also continuing and the museum has begun the construction to prepare to install our first group of bricks. More information about this can be found on page 10.

Also, for those who are interested in participating in our 2017 Gun Raffle for a Beretta 690 Field III 12-Gauge over and under shotgun with 28” barrels, please remember to send your tickets or call the museum at 731-764-2058.
The fall season has finally arrived in western Tennessee which brings beautiful weather and fall foliage. Our dog owners will be able to use their dogs’ talents for upland game hunting and waterfowl hunting. In addition, deer season and fall turkey season are fast approaching. It is a perfect time of the year to visit the Bird Dog Hall of Fame and reconnect with our rich traditions and historical past with our wonderful dogs. The Bird Dog Hall of Fame is open with very convenient hours, particularly on weekends. We have a wonderful staff, who will give you a first class tour of the museum. I urge everyone to visit the museum and to take in the sights in western Tennessee, including the Ames Plantation and the Bass Pro Shop at the Pyramid in Memphis. In addition, Ducks Unlimited National Headquarters, located in Germantown, Tennessee is very interesting to tour. It is a wonderful time of the year to take in all of the sights and sounds associated with our rich heritage for hunting and the use of our fabulous bird dogs.

Welcome to the Bird Dog Hall of Fame and Museum!
I would like to thank all of those who renewed their President’s Council membership this year as well as all of our new members. You are a very special group of people whose support we greatly appreciate. President’s Council members support the National Bird Dog Museum and Field Trial Hall of Fame with an annual gift of $1,000 or more. These funds are placed in a special account and are used at the discretion of the Board of Directors for projects supporting the Bird Dog Foundation. In each newsletter, we cast the spotlight on a member of this prestigious group.

PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT:

For our Fall 2017 President’s Council Spotlight, we would like to recognize Pat McKnight.

Patricia (Caldwell) McKnight married Frank McKnight on December 22, 1947 at the Louisville Seminary Chapel. In 1952, the McKnights bought a farm which is located on the west side of the city limits of Somerville, Tennessee. Pat has been active in church and community affairs throughout her life. She was one of the organizers and the first president of the Junior Garden & Arts Club of Somerville, Tennessee. Pat has been a Sunday school teacher, choir director, soloist, deacon, elder, and president of the Women’s Club at her church. She has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the Monroe Harding Children’s Home in Nashville and a member of the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Services in Memphis. Pat and her late husband, Frank, have had a long-time interest in the sporting dog world. Frank was a judge at the National Championship Field Trials at the Ames Plantation for 10 years and the president of the National Field Trials Championship Association for 15 years. Frank and Pat had one son, Samuel Caldwell McKnight, and two daughters by adoption, Anne Catherine McKnight and Grace Wells McKnight.
PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL MEMBERS

Andrew Agnew
Violet Alexander
Edward Baker
Rex & Tonya Brotherton
Frank Chesno
Gary Chesno
Jean Chesno
Dr. Davey Deal
Dr. Ron Deal
Dennis Dean
T. F. Dixon
Don Driggers
Betsy Grier
Charles Hays
Bob Iversen
Fred Kampo

Captain Garette Lockee
Sally Lockee
Patricia McKnight
Keith Richardson
Suzanne Steed
J. Kent Sweezey
Hugh J. Talton
John Thomas
Col. Nathan & Patte Titus
Iris Vail
Thomas Vail
Joe Walker
Barbara Walters
Bob West
McCall Wilson
ESSFTA FIELD TRIAL & ARCHIVE COMMITTEES MEETING

The Bird Dog Museum hosted the English Springer Spaniel Field Trial Association’s annual field trial committee and archive committee meetings, both on April 28. Following the meetings, a luncheon was provided by the museum.

ESSFTA Field Trial Committee Meeting  
ESSFTA Archive Committee Meeting

GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

On June 3, the museum hosted the Grand Junction High School class reunion. Around 150 people attended the event and everyone enjoyed visiting and catching up with old friends. The event was held at midday and a lunch consisting of barbeque and all the fixings was provided for the attendees.
GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER MEETING & LUNCHEON

Also on June 3, a very busy day for us, the museum also hosted the German Shorthair Pointer annual meeting and luncheon. We at the museum look forward to seeing this wonderful group of people every year. The GSP group put in much hard work on their Hall of Fame exhibit this year, continuing their efforts to constantly improve the exhibit. Thanks to the whole group for your support of the National Bird Dog Museum and we look forward to your next visit.
NBHA AWARDS BANQUET AND HALL OF FAME AWARDS CEREMONY

The National Bird Hunters Association held its annual banquet and hall of fame awards ceremony at the National Bird Dog Museum on July 22. The event was sponsored by Purina.

John Ruetschi (left), the Amateur Shooting Dog Handler of the Year with presenter Greg Blair (right)

NBHA Open Derby Handler of the Year Oscar Whitt (left) with presenter Greg Blair (right)

RIGHT—Good food and good friends at the NBHA banquet

GRAND JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

The museum hosted a second Grand Junction High School class reunion on October 7, this time for the graduates of 1950-1958. This reunion was smaller and more intimate than our previous one this year and allowed old friends to reconnect. The meal was provided by Cissye Pierce, the museum’s gift shop manager.
BIRD DOG MUSEUM “PAWLIDAY” FUNDRAISER

The National Bird Dog Museum’s annual “Pawliday” fundraiser has already begun! This is the fourth year that the museum has had this Christmas season fundraiser and it is perfect for all dog lovers. For a $5 donation, a paw print bearing your dog’s name will be displayed in the museum’s lobby. These will be the first thing that museum visitors will see upon entering the museum. You can also send a picture of your dog that will also be displayed. These photos can be mailed with your donation and form or emailed to cottonquaildog@att.net with the subject line Pawliday fundraiser. You, your dog’s name, and your dog’s picture (if provided) will also be included in the museum’s spring newsletter. You can join the Pawliday fundraiser in two ways:

BY MAIL: The form for this fundraiser is the next page of this newsletter—just complete the form, include your donation (check or money order) and dog’s photo (if desired) and mail to:

The Bird Dog Foundation
P.O. Box 774
Grand Junction, TN 38039

BY PHONE: Call use at (731) 764-2058 and provide necessary information and credit card number.
Happy Paw-lidays

The Bird Dog Foundation’s Paw-liday Christmas Tree

To commemorate and celebrate beloved pets, past or present, The Bird Dog Foundation will build a “Paw-liday” Tree display in the Museum Lobby. This will also be featured in our winter newsletter. Paw print "ornaments" with your pet’s name on it will be added to our tree as each gift contribution of $5.00 per pet is received. Sending pet photos are optional and one may send in (or email) pet photos for display on the ornament. Photos cannot be returned, however. Paw Print ornaments may be purchased at the Museum front office or you may send your donation check to:

The Bird Dog Foundation
P.O. Box 774 Grand Junction, TN 38039
Phone: (731) 764-2058
Email: sportdog@bellsouth.net
Website: www.birddogfoundation.com

Please include my pet(s) in the Paw-liday Tree:

Pet’s Name:

Pet’s Name:

Pet’s Name:

Enclosed is my gift donation of:

My name is:

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season!
The museum’s newest fundraiser, “Paving Memory Lane” is still ongoing. The museum is offering engraved bricks on which you can immortalize your dog or a person that you feel should be honored or remembered. The bricks can have up to four lines of text with up to 14 characters per line. These bricks will be used to create a memorial walk from the museum’s parking lot to the front door. The cost is $100.00 per brick. The construction project to lay the bricks has already began, so place your orders soon for your brick to be among the first group to be placed. The bricks can be ordered three different ways:

BY MAIL: The following page is the order form for the bricks, which can be filled out and mailed to the museum with a check or money order to the following address:

The Bird Dog Foundation
P.O. Box 774
Grand Junction, TN 38039

BY PHONE: To place a phone order, call the museum at (731)764-2058 and provide the necessary information and a credit card number.

INTERNET VIA PAYPAL: Log onto the museum’s website at www.birddogfoundation.com, click on the Paving Memory Lane brick and enter the required information.

Construction begins on the Paving Memory Lane project—pouring the concrete for the walk
# PAVING MEMORY LANE
ORDER FORM
National Bird Dog Museum
This is the only order form approved to order Engraved Brick.
731-764-2058
Laser Engraved Brick Order Form
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EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

2017 SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The National Bird Dog Museum’s 2017 Summer Reading Program began on June 1 and came to an end on July 6. We had a few children who were faithful to this program and we appreciate them greatly.

Two of our reading program children—Morgan and Loren Houston—on June 1.

2017 ESSAY CONTEST

The deadline for our 2017 Essay Contest was April 15. The contest is for high school seniors and the winners receive a scholarship to go towards their college education. The winners were chosen in April. The recipients of this year’s scholarships were Sarah Fiveash and Annabeth Breeden.

LEFT—First place winner Sarah Fiveash.

RIGHT—Second place winner Annabeth Breeden.

RIGHT—Grand Junction Head Start on a field trip to the museum on September 28.
"Memorials & Honorariums"

The Bird Dog Foundation has received memorials for the following supporters and friends:

Robert W. Wilson Miles Hudson Rex Bell
Pat Word Lynne Waddell Winfred Campbell
Virginia Bryan Carroll Evans Wayne Beazley
Gary Courtney Alex & Beryl Zbitnoff Bond E. Klahn
Jim Cowan Gordon Powers Dr. Frank Hines
Bill Hughes John Blackbird Lewis Traweek
Jane Hopper Donna Mazzuckelli Rosa Winfrey
A.D. Williamson Herb Anderson Eugene "Swede" Anderson
Bill Trabue Diana Nolan Clem & Marilynette Little
JoAnne Mackey Thomas Ramge Dave Sniejowski
Frank McKnight Nick Reams Julian Fleming

Dog Memorials have been given for Ammo (Don Driggers), Muddy Bay Sage Girl (Dave Gaul).

Honorariums have been received for Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Ayers, Ginny & George Stephens, Captain Garette Lockee, Dick Pulliam, Barbara Sweeney,

Walk of Champions markers given in memory of: Skidrow Joe (Harold Meyer & Leon Ferguson) & Grand Junction Jake (Richard & Carol Pulliam)

Memorial Wall name plates have been given in memory of the following people: Dr. Otto A. Lockee

Memorial Wall name plates have been given in memory of the following dogs: Cherokee Rainwater, Cherokee Bonnie, Cherokee Serena, Cherokee Laura, Cherokee Dakota Joy, & Cherokee Brenda

For more information on the Life Patron or Patron Memorial plaque programs, contact Tonya Brotherton, 731-764-2058 or sportdog@bellsouth.net

If you wish to send a simple gift in honor or in memory of a special person or dog, please complete and return:

In honor / In memory Name
(circle) Additional Information

Donor's Name ____________________________ Amount _________
Address ____________________________ enclosed

Phone ____________________________ e-mail ____________________________
SOME OF OUR VISITORS

Bill & Beth Kokla with Abby
Alverda, PA

Scott Rothberg and Cotton

Norman & Carol Prima
Franklin, TN

Manny Perez with Gary Lockee
Texas

Art Mournhp with Shotgun Rebel
Mechanicsville, VA

Nils & Bev Rueckert with Gary Lockee
California

Jeff & Wanda Istre
Rayne, LA

Rick Benson
Ethridge, TN

Jim & Linda Kermott
San Francisco, CA

Charles Akers
Murfeesboro, TN

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jim Kermott, Jim Shaw, Donna Shaw, Gary Lockee, and Linda Kermott

Pedro Vorwerk with Museum Director Tonya Brotherton
Germany

Joe & Virginia Barksdale
Auburndale, FL

Alex Kerr with Tebow

Shaws—Canada
If you stay focused you can achieve your goals. Few reach their goals because they fail to concentrate on what is important.

Happy Fall Y'all