



Happy New Year

Our new year is off to a laid-back, easy start—thus not a whole lot of news to report this edition.

We had a stay-at-home celebration, like many others, to say goodbye to a crazy 2020 and to welcome 2021. We are looking forward to 2021 being less filled with pandemic, commotion, calamity, heartbreak, firestorms, heat waves, and emotion... instead this new year will be a year filled with more hope, happiness, love, good health, and calm.



Notes of Christmas

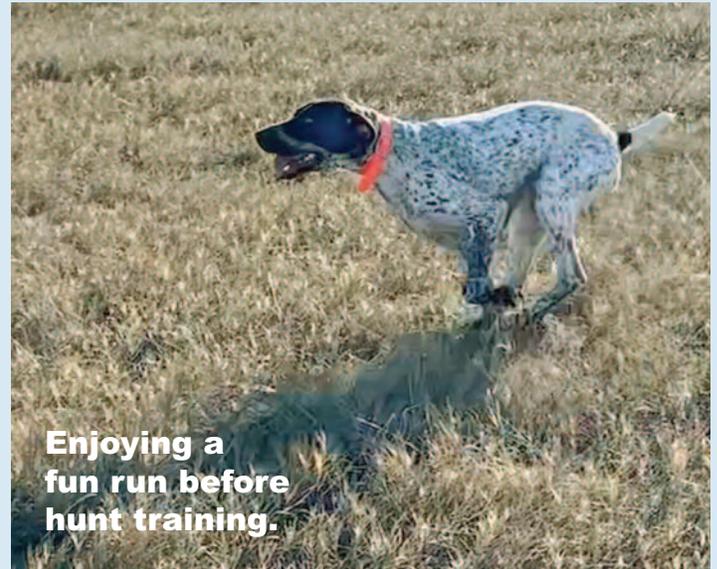
Spending Christmas in Oregon with the Pines was a special melody of its own. Since we basically could not go out, except on long walks, we had lots of good family time at home filled with great meals, game-playing, newly released movies, and special projects PLUS an enjoyable recital performed by Sierra and Aubrey on cello and violin!

Christmas time was filled with lots of fun especially with Chris (as has become tradition with him), wowing everyone with his incredible, and most unusual, creative gifts.

To be sure, having four big dogs in the house was a bit of a challenge. There were a lot of dog walks and running in a huge off leash park as well as letting all four run all out in the woods at the edge of the Pine property.

Chris did all the driving, up and back to Oregon, much to the surprise *and appreciation* of Robert and I—a big undertaking given his Meniere's.

Hunt Fun Continues



Enjoying a fun run before hunt training.

A year ago in the January edition of Sue's News and Views, I stated, "Hunting is not likely in our future." Wrong! Given there are not a lot of activities to be partake in because of COVID-19, we have segued into this activity much more than expected.

Since eight weeks old, when she was first introduced to birds at Hastings Island Hunting Preserve, Morgan has had over 18 training outings! She has entered four field trials and is now entered in two hunt tests at the end of February. Plus, this is how serious it has become, we just purchased our very own blank pistol to use on hunt training!

