



# LAND OF LAKES HRC Retriever News



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## Calendar of Events 2003

(subject to change)

- January 10** - Annual Meeting, Potluck Dinner  
Katherine Abbott Park, Mahtomedi MN
- January 17** - Club Training 9:00 am - Noon  
Loch Ness Park, Blaine MN
- January 25** - Club Training 9:00 am - Noon  
Hamlet Park, St. Paul Park MN
- February 1** - Upland Club Training 8:30 am-  
Rocky Bay Hunt Club, Pine City MN
- February 3** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake
- February 8** - Upland Club Training 8:30 am-  
Rocky Bay Hunt Club, Pine City MN
- February 28** - LLHRC UPLAND HUNT TESTS  
Forest Ridge Hunt Club, Glenwood City, WI
- February 29** - LLHRC UPLAND HUNT TESTS  
Forest Ridge Hunt Club, Glenwood City, WI
- March 2** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake
- March 6** - Club Training 9:00 am - Noon  
Loch Ness Park, Blaine MN
- March 20** - Club Training 9:00 am - Noon  
Loch Ness Park, Blaine MN
- March 28** - Club Training 9:00 am - Noon  
Hamlet Park, St. Paul Park MN
- April 6** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake
- May 4** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Preparations for Spring Hunt Tests. Site: tba
- May 7-9** - LLHRC HUNT TESTS Kelley Farms  
Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota
- June 1** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake
- July 6** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake
- August 2** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake
- Sept 7** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Preparations for Fall Hunt Tests. Site: tba
- Sept 10-12** - HUNT TESTS Kelley Farms  
Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota
- October 5** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake
- November 2** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake
- December 7** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

LLHRC information is available and updated on the web thanks to Chad Peterson. Visit the club web site at: [www.llhrc.org](http://www.llhrc.org)  
Our schedule of events during the year will posted on the web site, as best as possible.

## Upland Hunt Tests! Sat & Sun, February 28 & 29, 2004

LLHRC is holding four Upland Hunt Tests!!! The tests will be held at Forest Ridge Hunt Club in Glenwood City, Wisconsin (between New Richmond and Menomonie). Since an Upland Test moves quickly a club is able to offer two hunts in one day. The first Upland Hunt Test will start at 9:00 am and the second Test will start at 9:45 am.

Last year was our first venture into this popular testing program. With the strong upland hunting heritage of our area this has proven to be fun and we hope will be well attended in the future. Premiums are out via mail and available on the [www.llhrc.org](http://www.llhrc.org) web site.

To sum up the HRC description: the Upland Game Test consists of a simulated walk-up hunt, a quartering test, and an optional tracking test. The Upland hunting dog must be steady to wing and shot. Honoring of another hunting game dog is required. During this test the hunting game dog will be required to locate and retrieve game as the Judges shall direct. The running rules are in your HRC Rule Books and available from the national HRC web site.

Make your plans to enter and help. Susan Scherber and Dennis Riebe are the Co-Chairs of the 2004 Upland Hunt.

## Upland Hunt Training! 2 Sundays, February 1 & 8, 2004

LLHRC has scheduled two mornings at Rocky Bay Hunt Club, 57875 Lily Ave, Pine City MN, to help members prepare for the upcoming Upland Test season. The club's new remote release boxes and wingers will get their initiation. Participants will be responsible for purchase of birds used - cost is \$9 per bird. Pat Gysbers (651-773-9734) is coordinating the reservations so please let him as soon as possible if you are planning to attend. Pat has reserved the field from 8:30 am to 12:00 on both days, and needs to provide a bird count a few days in advance.

## Training Days Gearing Up

With the hunting seasons now over it's time again to start training for

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the Testing season and the next hunting season. Our 2004 Training Coordinators are Pat Gysbers, Greg Larson and Scott Krumm.

The training events are posted on the Club Calendar on the web site ([www.llhrc.org](http://www.llhrc.org)) with directions, etc.

This year a location in the southeast metro area has been found by Greg Larson. Two events at Hamlet Park in St. Paul Park (near Cottage Grove) are currently scheduled. Directions: Hwy 61 south from 494, to "80th Street / Grange Ave" exit, turn west (right) take the first left on "Hadley" go south about two blocks, take the first left on "Hale" drive 1/10th of mile and turn left on "Hamlet" stay on Hamlet until it ends and park in the turnaround. This is near residential so no poppers and care needs to be taken to keep this resource.

Our traditional winter training area at Loch Ness Park on Lexington Ave in Blaine will again be utilized. So far three events are scheduled here. Directions: From I-35W Lexington Ave exit, go north one mile. Park is on the right hand side, first right after the stop light on 109th St. Again this is a no poppers area.

Our coordinators hope to also be scheduling training events at Kelley Farms and Elk River Kennel. As in past years training will utilize the club equipment and is open to all LLHRC members, the same \$5 donation will be collected to cover equipment and supply costs.

## Membership Renewals

Membership in the Land of Lakes HRC runs the calendar year. Local dues remain at \$20 per year. Please send in your renewal form soon. If you joined at Game Fair or the Fall Hunt Test your membership is good for all of this year.

## 4th Annual Potluck Held

A good time was had by the forty-six people who attended the Annual Potluck dinner on January 10th at Katherine Abbott Park in Mahtomedi. Great food was again featured as a testament to our members' combined culinary and hunting skills.

Ten dogs were recognized for the HRC titles they earned in 2003. We had three Upland Hunters, one Hunting Retriever Champion, five Hunting Retrievers, three Started Hunting Retrievers, and a special nod to HRCH UH Rocky and the Cherub's Bing and Fred Le Penske for exceeding 1,000 points. If you and your dog

earned a UKC title in 2003 and didn't already send in your reply card please do it so we can get our records in order.

## Dakota HRC Preliminary

Dakota HRC has scheduled their Preliminary Hunt for the weekend of June 5 & 6, 2004 in Souix Falls, South Dakota. Members of this new club have attended our tests so let's return the favor.

With HRC clubs in the Dakotas and in the Twin Cities we now need to get the word out to retriever people in the southern half of Minnesota about the program and we should see some real potential for growth and closer hunt test sites for Minnesota handlers.

## Spring Hunt - May 8&9 Fall Hunt - Sept 11&12

Once again the Land of Lakes HRC will be offering hunters the opportunity to prove that they and their retrievers are ready for hunting season.

We will hold two Regular Hunts to be held back to back on the weekend of May 8 & 9, and two Regular Hunts to be held back to back on the weekend of September 11 & 12, 2004, at Kelley Land and Cattle Company in Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota.

Plan now to register to run your dog/s in a test on one or both weekends.

There are many volunteer opportunities at a Hunt Test. The action filled weekend starts Friday at noon when we start setting up the tests and continues through Sunday when it all gets cleaned up and packed up.

Your Hunt Committee will be calling on members to pitch in and make these events work. The more hands the easier the work.

It is amazing how all the details seem to be overwhelming one day and then minor the next when this great group of folks pitches in and simply gets the job done. Our past Hunts have been great because of the contributions of many people who volunteered their time and talents to make it work.

Thanks for your time and efforts to make the LLHRC a great retriever club!



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## Test Results!

Beyond the reward of passing a test and getting the ribbons are the bragging rights that are earned for us by our retrievers!

Keep your editor informed on how your work has paid off in ribbons! Get your share of fame and glory, or at least see your name in the newsletter!

### Newsletter Items Wanted!

Share your hunting or training experiences! Your reports can be as simple as announcing a new puppy has joined the family. Send in your stories and they'll get published.

To be included in the next issue mail your item to Randy or via email: news@llhrc.org.

### Area Dog Event Calendar

Here's listing of events that your newsletter editor has been made aware of:

#### UKC/HRC Licensed Hunts Upland:

2-21/22-04 WISILL HRC Upland Tests  
(4), Bong Rec, Kansasville WI, Roger  
Davis, 262-694-5989

2-28/29-04 Land of Lakes HRC,  
Upland, Forest Ridge Hunt Club,  
Glenwood City WI, Mark Switzer, 651-  
429-7651, mswitzerllhrc@hotmail.com

3-6/7-03 Horicon Marsh HRC,  
Hustisford WI, Preliminary & Licensed,  
Richard Fox, 920-739-1939

3-15-03 Badger State HRC, Eagle  
WI, Bruce Bolivar, 414-744-6217,  
thatdogcanhunt@aol.com

#### UKC/HRC Licensed Hunts Regular:

4- 17/18-04 Platt River HRC, Nebraska  
premium avail on HRC web site  
4-24/25-04 WISILL HRC & Fox River

Valley HRC Bong Rec, Kansasville WI,  
Roger Davis, 262-694-5989

5-8/9-04 LLHRC, Kelley Farms, ~~Maine~~  
onSt.Croix, MN. Hunt Sec: Mark Switzer

6-5/6-04 Dakota HRC, Souix Falls SD  
Details to be discovered

9-11/12-03 LLHRC, Kelley Farms, ~~Maine~~  
onSt.Croix, MN. Hunt Sec: Mark Switzer

#### AKC Hunt Tests:

5-29/30-04 Northern Flight, Kelley L&C,  
MN Steve Scherber 715-246-2467

8-xx/xx--04 Northern Flight, Kelley  
Farms, Steve Scherber 715-246-2467

#### NAHRA Hunt Tests:

#### AKC Informal Trials :

#### AKC Licensed Field Trials:

Check www.llhrc.org for additional links  
and schedules of events of interest.

**LLHRC Training Days** - Various  
Locations around the twin cities area.

**Game Fair** - Two weekends in August  
details to follow closer to event

**HRC & AKC Combo Fun Hunt** - a joint  
effort of LLHRC and Northern Flight HRA  
that usually happens in sometime in July.  
Details to follow closer to event

## FOR SALE- WANT TO BUY?!

If you have something for sale, for trade, or want to buy, this newsletter offers free space to get it done! Send your items, description and phone number (or way to have buyers contact you) to Randy Gustafson, Editor, email: news@llhrc.org.