



LAND OF LAKES HRC Retriever News



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Club Newsletter

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1999 Calendar of Events

(subject to change)

- May 1** - Sat - Training Day / Club Meeting
Elk River Kennels - 9-Noon
- June 18** - Fri - Hunt Setup / Short Club Mtg
Kelly Farms, Stillwater - 12 noon to 5 pm
- June 19** - Sat - **Licensed Hunt**
Kelly Farms - 7 am Registration
- June 19** - Sat Night - Game Dinner & Raffle
- June 20** - Sun - **Licensed Hunt**
Kelly Farms - 7 am Registration
- July 10** - Sat - Training Day / Club Meeting
Elk River Kennels - 9-Noon
- August 6, 7, 8** - Fri, Sat, Sun - Game Fair
Armstrong Ranch - Anoka
- August 13, 14, 15** - Fri, Sat, Sun - Game Fair
Armstrong Ranch - Anoka
- September 7** - Tues - Club Meeting
Blue Fox Inn - Shoreview 6:30 pm

Have a better idea for Training Days?
Maybe a weekday evening or more frequently held? Step up, raise your hand and volunteer to head up this task. The position of LOLHRC Training Day Coordinator is open, and waiting for you.

Raffle News

by Randy Gustafson

The LOLHRC will be conducting two raffles at the June Hunt. A special raffle limited to 500 tickets (with advance ticket sales) for a 12 gauge Remington 870 Express Wingmaster, and an on-site raffle with many prizes the day of the Hunt.

At the Hunt we will hold a raffle for donated items.

We need members to start gathering items as soon as possible to help make the on-site raffle a success as it was last fall, when we had over forty items ranging from framed artwork to whistle lanyards. If you have an item sitting around the house or shop that seemed really nice at the time you acquired it but never made it far out of the box it could be perfect for the raffle table. If you could ask the sporting goods, dog, hunting, fishing, etc., businesses you frequent for a donated item that would be great too! We will give them some promotional plugs in return. Bring your items to Club meetings and I will store them for the raffle. **Thanks for your efforts.**

Back to Back Hunts

June 19-20

Prepare your dogs and get ready to run a hunt test!

The dates are Sat June 19 and Sun 20, the place is Kelly Farms in Stillwater, the event is licensed HRC hunt tests run back to back, sponsored and operated by LOLHRC.

We could still use some volunteers for Site Marshals and Bird Boys and Girls.

Take a moment and think about how you could help out and then step forward to volunteer. Give a call to Mark Switzer (651-429-7651) or Jim Bowden (651-462-1324) and let's have some fun!

Training Day Reports

A spring nip was in the air as the sun broke through the morning clouds across the fields of Al Friedberg's kennel grounds to welcome the first club training day for 1999.

On Saturday March 20 over 20 dogs and their handlers found their way to Elk River to enjoy the morning, showing their stuff, dashing out and running back with a bird to deliver. With ice still on the ponds we worked on land, running a series of singles, and doubles for those that could. A pile of bumpers was available for running a blind.

The group worked the field en mass in an exercise designed to simulate a pheasant hunt. Teaching / reinforcing steady to shot and honoring. We concluded with a walk up.

The winter didn't seem to affect the participants too much. There were several pups who came out and looked well on their way to getting started. It was a fun three hours of working with our dogs and sharing ideas.

Our second club training day was held Saturday, April 11, at the Olean's home in St. Francis.

Shane and Tammy welcomed over a

dozen club members and their dogs out for morning of handling exercises. Work on Double T and Single T drills was designed in the guise of "playing baseball with our dogs" according to one enthusiastic participant.

The group also experienced a simulated hunting event of meeting new hunters and their dogs. And other handling drills.

Our next LOLHRC Training Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, at Elk River Kennels, 20775 Co. Rd. 15 in Elk River, approx. 2.5 miles north of Hwy 10 on CR 15. The session officially starts at 9 am with setup starting at 8:15. The cost is \$5/person to cover the birds, shells, insurance, etc. Training days are a lot of fun and a good way to get to know fellow club members. If you haven't yet attended a training day make this next one your first.

Remember that during the spring nesting season there are rules and regulations from the Minnesota DNR you must follow. Permits and applications to train are available from the DNR require legal descriptions and owner names. Wildlife management is serious business – stay safe and know the rules.

Hunting up a College Scholarship? • It could be yours to retrieve.

College student: Hey, Dad! I've got some great news for you!

Father: What, son?

College student: Remember that \$500 you promised me if I made the Dean's List?

Father: I certainly do.

College student: Well, you get to keep it.

On a serious note for members with college students in the

family the national HRC is granting \$1,000 scholarships for qualified students. Five scholarships will be granted within the next few weeks. If you have (or are) a student who could benefit from this the time to act is now! Check with our club president, Jim Bowden as soon as possible for more information.

Items and Information on the lighter side...

- If you can start the day without caffeine,
 - If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
 - If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
 - If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,
 - If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,
 - If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
 - If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
 - If you can conquer tension with medical help,
 - If you can relax without booze,
 - If you can say honestly that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed, color, religion or politics-
- Then you are as good as your dog.

A Hunter's Pledge

Responsible hunting provides unique challenges and rewards. However, the future of the sport depends on each hunter's behavior and ethics. Therefore, as a hunter, I pledge to

- Respect the environment and wildlife.
- Respect property and landowners.
- Show consideration for nonhunters.
- Hunt safely.
- Know and obey the law.
- Pass on an ethical hunting tradition.
- Strive to improve my outdoor skills and understanding of wildlife.
- Hunt only with ethical hunters.

By following these principles of conduct each time I go afield, I will give my best to the sport, the public, the environment and myself. The responsibility to hunt ethically is mine; the future of hunting depends on me.

Source: Izaak Walton League of America

Humor items complements of Mark Switzer:

Things a dog must try to remember...

- I will not play tug-of-war with Dad's underwear when he's on the toilet.
- The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
- I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
- I must shake the rainwater out of my fur BEFORE entering the house.
- I will not eat the cat's food, before or after they eat it.
- I will stop trying to find the few remaining pieces of clean carpet in the house when I am about to throw up.
- I will not throw up in the car.
- I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc.
- I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop. "Kitty box crunchies" are not food.
- I will not eat any more socks and then redeposit them in the backyard after processing.

The diaper pail is not a cookie jar.

I will not wake Mommy up by sticking my cold, wet nose up her bottom end.

I will not chew my human's toothbrush and not tell them.

I will not chew crayons or pens, especially not the red ones, or my people will think I am hemorrhaging.

When in the car, I will not insist on having the window rolled down when it's raining outside.

We do not have a doorbell. I will not bark each time I hear one on TV.

I will not steal my Mom's underwear and dance all over the back yard with it.

The sofa is not a face towel. Neither are Mom & Dad's laps.

My head does not belong in the refrigerator.

I will not bite the officer's hand when he reaches in for Mom's driver's license and car registration.

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In this issue:
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And More!

Learn with the Pros

This summer the Hennepin County Amateur Retriever Club is offering a series of 6 weekly training sessions, conducted by professional trainers, with the purpose to help the amateur dog handler become a better trainer and handler in AKC field trials. The sessions are free of charge and run from noon til dark at the Benton Retriever Grounds, 9 miles west of Princeton, MN.

Food and refreshments available on the grounds. Bring your lawn chair. Weekly raffles will be held to help offset expenses. All birds and equipment provided. No audio or video recording, please. Top professional trainers have volunteered their time and efforts. Schedule of events:

Class A (Older or more experienced dogs/handlers)

Date	Professional	Topic
June 9	Bill Fabian	Line manners and land blinds
June 16	Dave Rorem	Common training problems
June 23	Chris Ledford	Four steps to improved marking
June 30	Bill Fabian	Advanced drills and water blinds
July 7	Dave Rorem	Maintaining your all-age dog
July 14	Mike Lardy	Training with a good attitude

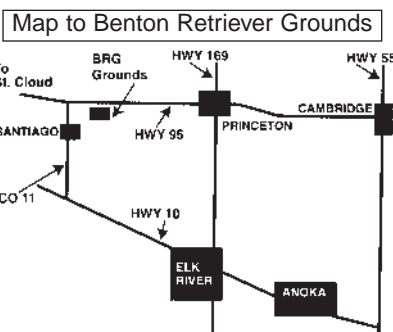
Class B (Younger or less experienced dogs/handlers)

Date	Topic	Professional for all sessions: Rick Stawski
June 9	Puppy training: Basic obedience, force fetch, puppy marks	
June 16	Collar conditioning, force to pile, mini-T, steadiness, beginning doubles	
June 23	Double-T, swim-by, doubles, beginning triples	
June 30	Transition: Land blinds, handling on marks	
July 7	Transition: Water blinds, cheating singles	

For more information contact Dale Mason, chair, 612-755-8833

Newsletter Items Wanted!

A newsletter is only as good as the contents. Finding stuff for this tough group of readers is the challenge of its volunteer editor. Send in your stories and they'll get published. To be included in the next issue mail your item to Randy Gustafson, 1775 St. Marys St., Falcon Heights MN 55113, email: copyright@ismn.net.



Retriever Information via Internet

LOLHRC is now updated on the web thanks to Chad Peterson. Visit the site at <http://www.pconline.com/~chad/lolhrc>
Several new club members and inquiries have found us this way. THANKS CHAD!

Area Dog Event Calendar

There's many an opportunity to run a hunt test or a field trial during the spring, summer, fall or even winter here in Minnesota and the surrounding states. Here's listing of events that our newsletter editor has been made aware of:

UKC/HRC Hunts:

May 8	Great Lakes HRC -MI
May 8	Mississippi Valley HRC -IA
May 15-16	Hoosier HRC -IN
May 15-16	Platte Valley HRC -CO
May 22-23	Big WAPSI HRC -IA
	Mike Judas, Hunt Sec (319) 233-1158

AKC hunt tests:

May 22-23	Rice Creek HRC
June 5-6	Northern Flight HRC
June 19-20	Central MN Retriever Club
June 26-27	Lake Country Retriever Club
July 24-26	North Dakota Retriever Club
Aug 7-8	Iron Range Retriever Club
Aug 7-8	Little Sioux HRC
Aug 21-23	Rice Creek HRC
Aug 28-29	Northern Flight HRC

NAHRA hunt tests:

May 1-2	Lake Country Retriever Club
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AKC licensed trials:

May 14-16	Hennepin Co. Am. Ret. Club
May 21-23	MN Field Trial Assn.
May 28-30	Central MN Retriever Club
June 11-13	North Dakota Retriever Club
June 26-27	Duluth Retriever Club
July 11-13	Hennepin Co Am. Ret. Club
July 23-25	MN Iron Range Ret. Club
Aug 6-8	Central MN Retriever Club
Aug 20-22	Duluth Retriever Club
Aug 27-29	North Dakota Ret. Club
Sept 10-12	MN Field Trial Assn.