



# LAND OF LAKES HRC

## Retriever News



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### 1999 Calendar of Events

(subject to change)

**August 6, 7, 8** - Fri, Sat, Sun - Game Fair  
Armstrong Ranch - Anoka  
**August 13, 14, 15** - Fri, Sat, Sun - Game Fair  
Armstrong Ranch - Anoka  
**August 19** - Thurs - Training 6:30pm  
Blaine site NE Corner 35W+95th Ave  
**August 26** - Thurs - Training 6:30pm  
Blaine site NE Corner 35W+95th Ave  
**September 2** - Thurs - Training 6:30pm  
Blaine site NE Corner 35W+95th Ave  
**September 7** - Tues - Club Meeting  
Blue Fox Inn - Shoreview 6:30 pm  
**September 10** - Sat - Training Day  
Elk River Kennels 9 am - Noon  
**September** - Game Farm Pheasant Hunt  
Planning & details to be announced  
**November/ December** - Club Meeting  
To be announced

### President's Corner

- Jim Bowden

Thanks is in order to all Hunt Committee members, Judges, Hunt Marshall (Wade Sampson), Club Officers and bird persons, as well as site Marshalls for conducting a successful LLHRC licensed Hunt.

It was gratifying to me personally to witness all the new members pitch in to work, cook, etc. Comments were very favorable from outside judges and guests about our ability to conduct a quality, true-to-hunting conditions test.

Financially we did better than expected thanks to the efforts of Randy Gustafson and his ability to raise monies through the raffle. Members were very generous with donated gifts, and the shotgun for the raffle was donated to our club by the WISILL Club to help our club get started.

Wade Sampson was seen everywhere making sure all supplies were available to site marshalls and judges. Most importantly he stressed gun safety throughout the weekend.

Looking forward to seeing you at training sessions so we can bring back more ribbons at next Hunt.

Congrats to John Davis and Daisy Mae on becoming the first dog in Minnesota to hold both an AKC Master Hunter title and a UKC Hunting Retriever Champion title.

## John Davis and Daisy Mae are our first Hunting Retriever Champion!

The Spring Hunt is over, and the results are in. It was our first licensed hunt and it was a successful event for the club.

The LLHRC's first Hunting Retriever Champion from Minnesota was titled at the Hunt when John Davis and Daisy Mae passed the Finished Test on Saturday. John received a congratulatory beverage shower when he picked up his ribbon.

John and Daisy Mae's title run was done with all points earned in Finished Tests, requiring seven passes. Daisy Mae had earned her AKC Master Hunter title before John joined HRC.

Other dogs/handlers from other clubs also earned their HRC title points with

passes at our Spring Hunt, and we had a Hunter Retriever title earned as well.

We had dogs from Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Wisconsin and Minnesota, including 2 dogs who have earned the title of Grand Hunting Retriever Champion.

**"All you lab people eat your hearts out, a chesie is our club's first HRC!" John Davis.**

Registrations were good, we filled in Finished, nearly filled in Seasoned and almost 2/3rds filled in Started.

Many hands volunteering made all the work easier to do. A special thanks to everyone involved!

Our Hunt Committee: Wade Sampson (Chair and Marshall), Ed Victory, Jamie Petersen, Dave Kramer, Randy Gustafson

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### Training Day Report

Our July Training Day was held at Elk River Kennels with a dozen members enjoying Al Frieberg's generous use of his fine facility. Setup was patterned as a Seasoned Land Test, with a walk-up, double, a blind across water and an honor. The weather was pleasant for July and everyone seemed to have a nice time. A special thanks to Dave Ledman who brought his friend Aaron to be pressed into bird boy service.

The hunting season is soon upon us and the training focus of many members is getting ready for it.

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### Hunt Test Results

Congratulations to the following LLHRC Members for passes on their dogs at the Spring Hunt:  
John Davis, Wade Samson, Mark Switzer, Jason Tusler, David Nye, Sharon Connell, Norm Peterson, Sharon Atkinson, Roger Davis, Mike Witt, Ted Lewin.



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### Game Fair

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Once again LLHRC will be at Game Fair, Minnesota's largest outdoor event focused on hunting. Game Fair runs the first two weekends in August and our group has been provided with free booth space in the Dog Exhibitor Area to promote our club, in return we are asked to man our booth during the hours of Game Fair and put on demonstrations of the working hunting retriever. Game Fair is held at Armstrong Ranch in Anoka, the hours are 9 am to 6 pm, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**Every member has been sent a Volunteer Form to help Jim coordinate the schedule, please return your form to Jim as soon as possible.**

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## Hunt Test Report

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and Chad Peterson.

Hunt Secretary: Mark Switzer. Lunch: Sharon Connell, Lori Peterson. Banquet: Shane Olean. Raffle: Randy Gustafson, Lana Gunsell, Jim Bowden. Site Marshalls: Jamie Petersen, Started; Dinah Harlow, Seasoned; John Davis, Finished.

Judges: Started; Ed Nelson, Shane Olean (2), Jim Bowden. Seasoned; Carol Rombauer, Roger Davis, Lana Gunsell, John Riggle. Finished; Bill Brennan, Rod Rombauer, Mike Witt, Ted Lewin.

We also had great bird people who did a nice job operating wingers and volunteers who pitched in to make the hunt test work.

Feedback from those who came from other clubs throughout the midwest was favorable. We have room for improvement but are off to a great start with this our first licensed hunt. The Hunt also brought in several new members who came out to see what LLHRC is all about.

Kelley Land and Cattle Company was once again a great provider of a hunt site. This facility is fabulous and the Grogan family is well appreciated by dog clubs throughout the metro area and region who train and event there.

Now the planning work starts for our next Hunt Test. It will probably turn out even better. Thanks again!



## Training Day Report

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Formal club training days are tough to schedule in the summer and impossible once the seasons open. Some metro area members have been gathering on Thursday evenings at the public land/water site in Blaine. These events have been placed on the Club Calendar as informal training, starting around 6:30 pm. The site is near the NE intersection of I-35W and 95th Ave.

On Sat. Sept 10 we will hold a Training Day at Elk River Kennels, as this is the weekend before the Grouse Season opens we can use it to test where our training is at going into the time when it really counts. Set up begins at 8:30 am, and the materials cost will be \$5 person.

Discussions among club members at the Hunt Test were about organizing a game farm pheasant hunt as a club activity either before or after the 'busy season'. To make this happen someone will need to step up and take charge, as reservations will be required. Maybe at Game Fair? It could happen.

Remember that during the "nesting season" (into July) there are rules and regulations from the Minnesota DNR that must be followed. Wildlife management is serious business – stay safe and know the rules.

## Land Of Lakes HRC Spring Hunt Test Review Notes

**Future needs:** More equipment, more equipment, more equipment

The analysis from our Spring Hunt is clearly focused that what our club really needs is more equipment and more organization for keeping track of it.

Equipment is the biggest challenge of every HRC club that seeks to conduct quality Hunt Tests and Training Days. For a club that is less than three years old the LLHRC has a fair amount of equipment, but as we discovered at the Hunt we have a long way to go to be a premier event host.

To begin this process we need to start with an understanding of what we have, what we want, what we need, what we can afford, and how we can acquire it within our budget constraints. To start the conversations of this process this article recaps comments, observations, etc, from the Hunt regarding club equipment needs. This list of needs should not be considered set in concrete or complete, but rather a starting point for further discussion. During the course of club meetings, gatherings and events in the coming months hopefully we can put a plan together regarding equipment.

**A management method for Hunt Test equipment** such as an inventory list and check-out/in system with the site marshalls. All of the equipment needs to be assigned to hunt test site (started, seasoned, finished) and painted with where it belongs.

**Radios.** Good Radios. We suffered because of communication challenges. If the club had five (5) top end Motorola Talk Abouts it would make test site management a much easier task. This should be a goal of the club to own these radios as part of its inventory of equipment, at the very least club members should be encouraged to bring these radios to the hunt test and allow the club to use them during the weekend.

**Shotguns and poppers.** The club should own a minimum of four Remington 870 12 gauge shotguns. These are often available at gun shows for \$100 in decent condition. Once acquired they should be marked with a wood burner with the club name and the level they will be used at. More poppers in inventory for the hunt test is a recommendation, or at the very least a better

control of the inventory we do have on hand and its distribution. Planning should include 15/day/dog finished; 10/day/dog seasoned; 5/day/dog started; 4 boxes for setup friday and test dogs Sat & Sun.

**More Buckets.** Buckets are vital to the operation, we need buckets with holes and buckets without holes for rebirding needs. Again buckets should be assigned to a site and marked accordingly. A source for inexpensive buckets would be a positive for the club.

**Drying Racks.** Duck drying racks are a vital component for a successful hunt test. If they are portable so much the better. Suggestion for construction is to have a 2"x4"x8' with nails supported by quick props. Whether or not smaller drying racks at the wingers would be overkill is another thought, but they could make it possible to extend the life of our birds.

**Bird Management.** Quality birds are important to the success of a hunt test. Nelson Game Farm is a great resource for HRC clubs and every effort was made to make this initial contract/event a positive one for both parties. Birds are also a significant expense item and a significant judge / contestant relations item as well so this component must be managed for maximum effectiveness. This was our first major hunt event and we did manage our birds adequately; we went over budget 14 birds, buying 134 rather than the 120 we guaranteed. Steve Nelson had more on hand because he figured we would need at least 150 as most clubs use 200 for a back to back hunt test. A written plan would make this component easier to manage. Club should own 5 bird crates.

**Blinds.** Each winger needs a blind, some need two depending upon how the test is setup. More blinds would benefit the club at training days as well. Holding Blinds should be 6'h x10'l with poles and camo netting (need 4), need seven (7) Bird Boy Blinds of approx same size.

**Decoys.** The club should have decoys in its inventory of equipment. A minimum of three dozen duck decoys with weights and one to three dozen goose silhouettes for land.

**Covered Trailer** for equipment. A covered trailer owned by LLHRC should carry all the equipment.

Equipment manager should be an official club position as well.

**Equipment / Site Management.** Inventory lists for check out and check in are needed for each test site. Accountability is a positive in this effort to get the right equipment to the right place at the right time.

**Marking the equipment.** Each test site should have dedicated equipment, and the location should be painted right on the equipment. For example; Started Winger One, Winger Two; Started Bucket Two; etc. This would make it much easier to the right stuff to the right place.

**Site Marshall's "Bucket:"** Each Site Marshall should have a container of stuff to effectively manage their site. This bucket should contain: extra ties; first aid kit for dogs and humans; mosquito dope; red marketing tape; extra rubber for wingers; sledge hammer; duck call, goose call; backup poppers; suntan oil; plastic garbage bags; burlap sacks; dog lead; small garbage can; cooler with ice for bird boys; ten camo buckets; 8 camo swivel seat buckets; toilet paper; baby wipes; 2 rolls of duct tape; spray paint; Hatchet; Machete; Pruners; Long handled mallet; and other stuff. Hunt Marshall should also have a bucket of stuff to back up all of the site marshalls.

**Minimum Hunt Test Equipment Needs:** Eight Wingers; 8 Pouches; 32 hold down stakes for wingers; 32 tie down straps for wingers; a boat or canoe; 3 duck drying racks; 5 bird crates; camera and film; poppers: 15/day/dog/finished, 10/dog/day/seasoned and 5/dog/day/started; basic tools such as hammer, pliers, scissors, stapler, etc; Tarp; Ribbons; Judges Gifts; judges scoring sheets; HRC rule book

**Other stuff:** Premium Book; Gifts for Judges; Ribbons; Bitch Check tickets; Test Dogs prearranged for each test; confirmation letters to judges; To Do Lists for Gun Steward, Hunt Steward, Site Marshalls, Hunt Committee, Canopy/HQ, Should redesign winger pouches and the wingers w/ tripod- louisiana strong arm. Judges stuff includes binders; transportation; dinner; gifts. Raffle needs chair/committee. A welcome to new members. Name tags for those in attendance.

# Dogs that earned Hunt Test Passes at the LLHRC Spring Hunt

Dog Name	Owner		
* = Land Of Lakes HRC Member			
Started Passes - Saturday, June 19, 1999			
Marshland's Molly Be Good	Robert Steiner	HR Lady Galadriel Woodland Queen	Mike Romano
Souths-U-Gotta-Be-Famous	Becky Riggie	GRHRCH Gator PT's Magnum Gentle Ben	Rod Chute
Working Dixie Darling	Dennis Coffman	HRCH Northern Exposure Hershey	Blake Fengel
Yates Jumpin Jack Flash	Mike Turner	UH HRCH Winston Maxwell The Hunter	Chris Van Eimeren
Westwind Snikers	Steve Schultz	HRCH Pin Oaks JJ's Fancy Reba To Go	Richard Valois
Pin Oaks Whitewater Miss	Rick Syverson	UH HRCH Grey Oaks Brighton Shiny Bob	Mike Paupore
MS Reba Louise	Jason Tusler *		
Gunner	Mark Polsfuss	Started Passes - Sunday, June 20, 1999	
Baileys Blues All That Jazz	Wade Samson *	Marshland's Molly Be Good	Robert Steiner
Seasoned Passes - Saturday, June 19, 1999		Souths-U-Gotta-Be-Famous	Becky Riggie
McLee's Tough Stuff Dodge	Brian McLees	Topbrass Sommitt's Outta Dodge	Donald Smith
Brookside's Featherquest	Sharon Connell *	Working Dixie Darling	Dennis Coffman
Candlewood Dakota Sweet Cash	Ed Nelson	Judy's Spring Praire Belle	Daniel Maass
Dupr'e's Lord Baylor Of Toynton	Chris Dupr'e	Yates Jumpin Jack Flash	Mike Turner
Gunners Zeus	Stephen Guenther	Wintoba's Tyra	David Nye *
Ruby	Kendall Tucker	MS Reba Louise	Jason Tusler *
Welshire Crystal Rose	Joe Sura	Gunner	Mark Polsfuss
Miss Maggie May	Robert Wurdeman	Baileys Blues All That Jazz	Wade Samson *
Willow Rose	Joe Sura	Dino	Mark Switzer *
Hunter	Robert Pantier	Hawkeyes Lord of the Fly	Sharon Atkinson *
Finished Passes - Saturday, June 19, 1999		Seasoned Passes - Sunday, June 20, 1999	
UH HRCH Sportys Son Of A Jack	Ted Lewin *	Brookside's Featherquest	Sharon Connell *
HRCH MD Acres Diamond R Avalanche	Mike Witt *	Game Creek's Barrel O' Bourbon WD CGC	Kevin Smith
Zack The Breadbasket JH	Steven Turner	Gunners Zeus	Stephen Guenther
UH-HR Fowl Play's G-Force	John Syverson	Miss Maggie May	Robert Wurdeman
HR Daisy Mae Of Ouachita MH WCX	John Davis *	Ruby	Kendall Tucker
HRCH Rogue River Hummer	Don St. Clair	Finished Passes - Sunday, June 20, 1999	
Stump Pond Pal	Robert Batin	HRCH Rogue River Hummer	Don St. Clair
HRCH MD Acres Peter Potamos	Ted Lewin *	HRCH Mahogany's Cocoa Jock MH	Bill Brennan
HR Rogue River Lickety Split	Dawn Flickinger	Southills Sandy's Name-Sake	Rodney Townsend
Marshland's Autumn Wind	Robert Steiner	HRCH D-Dawg's One For The Books	Roger Davis *
Southills Sandy's Name-Sake	Rodney Townsend	Croppers River Oaks Bailly	Donald England
Lemburg's Big River Buck	John Lemburg	UH HRCH Boo's Bold Black Northern Breeze	Thomas Hauptert
HRCH D-Dawg's One For The Books	Roger Davis *	GRHRCH Gator PT's Magnum Gentle Ben	Rod Chute
Croppers River Oaks Bailly	Donald England	HRCH Northern Exposure Hershey	Blake Fengel
UH HRCH Boo's Bold Black Northern Breeze	Thomas Hauptert	UH HRCH Winston Maxwell The Hunter	Chris Van Eimeren
		HRCH Pin Oaks JJ's Fancy Reba To Go	Richard Valois
		Wolfs creek 1st Yellow	Darrell Layman
		HRCH Brighton Shiny Bob	Mike Paupore

*First Annual  
Judge's Fishing Contest  
Held At Spring Hunt.*

Minnesota is famous for our great fishing lakes and outdoor traditions. LLHRC held a fishing contest for our judges, most of whom were from out of town, at Jim and Sharon Bowden's home on Friday night before the Hunt.

The contest was a winner take all event with a last minute sponsor adding a top prize and the winner could have won a Ranger boat.

With test set-up taking a bit longer than planned, and Sharon's lasagna dinner drawing attention, the contest was shortened though a few fish were caught. As with any judged contest there were some rules that had to be followed. Unfortunately

the contestants disqualified and the boat went unclaimed.

There was some call for earlier publishing of the rules (which were passed out prior to the contest) so that next year's Hunt Test Judges know what to expect. Here they are:

## Fishing Tournament Rules and Regulations

Contest rules and regulations are designed to make this a fun, fair and equal opportunity event following the Fishing Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Federal Government and the LLHRC to make this event a Hunt Test success for the club. Failure to adhere to the laws, regulations, rules and standards will result in the disqualification of the contestant.

This contest is a "winner take all" event. Entry fee is \$10 per contestant. Winner shall be the one to successfully catch the most fish in the time allowed; in the case of a tie for the most fish caught the winner shall be determined by weight of fish; in the case of tie of number of fish and weight the winner shall be determined by the most variety of fish species caught; if a tie still exists the winner shall be determined by a coin toss. In the case of a disqualification the entrant with the next most quantity of fish successfully caught will be considered for winning. All non-winning entrants will receive a consolation prize of a ticket to the LLHRC Special Shotgun Raffle. The decision of the LLHRC Fishing Contest Judge shall be final.

Regulations in effect in follow Minnesota's Euphorian Principles of Coexistence with Our Mother Earth including humane and respectful treatment of your bait and all fish caught; bait cannot be considered as fish caught. Equipment used must not give one contestant an unfair advantage over another; this includes poles of excessive or odd length or strength versus the species of fish sought; use of artificial lures not available to all contestants; combinations of live bait with food products; or exotic non-native attractants. Lures must contain an even number of barbed hooks. Use of tournament sponsor marked equipment is mandatory, if there is no tournament sponsor Minnesota's favorite cartoonist Charles Schultz shall fill that role given the wide accessibility of equipment with his mark, not having a Peanuts character on equipment shall be a disqualification. Responsible consumption of beverages is encouraged during the contest, consumption of an alcoholic beverage during the catching of the third fish shall be a disqualification, not consuming a liquid between the catching of fish number four and five could lead to dehydration and shall also be a disqualification. Contestants must have a valid license to participate, since registration and a "cool-off" waiting period has worked so far for gun purchases there shall be an equal 72 hour wait from the purchase of fishing license and the entering of a fishing tournament. Rules are subject to change without notice.

## Hunt Test Raffles A Success! Thanks!

The LLHRC Spring Hunt featured two raffles: the 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.

Thanks to our generous and industrious members we had lots of great raffle prizes and raised over \$1,000.

Great prizes really make the difference in sales. As it's never too early to raise funds please keep gathering your items for next year.

Thanks for your help and efforts!



## Land Of Lakes Hunting Retriever Club

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Updated Member List  
And More!

## Game Fair Details

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*August 6, 7, 8 & August 13, 14, 15 • Armstrong Ranch, Anoka*

Here's what to expect if you and your dog come to Game Fair to volunteer: In the booth you will be asked to first keep your dog under control and second sign up new members by talking with people who stop by about HRC and LLHRC. Game Fair '99 requires that dogs in the exhibit area be kept in a crate, no tie ups or left free will be allowed, so please bring a crate for your dog. All dogs must also register at the entrance, get a game fair dog number and be up-to-date on their required shots according to age, with at least the first series of puppy shots or a complete series if the puppies are old enough. LLHRC members and dogs should wear hunting attire when in the booth and must wear it when participating in a demonstration. Since the weather is likely to be warm, camo shorts are perfectly fine attire. Bring a duck call. We will demo Started, Seasoned and Finished Hunt Tests. During our demos we will place emphasis on gun safety. At the booth we will have Lana's training table for demonstrations and for something to do, and we'll have a fund raising game of skill with a free local membership as the prize.

Volunteers can park in the Exhibitors Parking lot near the entrance. When arriving at Game Fair drive to the gate, go to the Information Desk where you will pick up an exhibitor badge, register your dog, then you can park and carry in your crate, etc. The event opens for exhibitors at 8:00 am.

To encourage new club memberships at Game Fair will be offering a local dues special of \$10 for '99. All new members must join both the local and national HRC clubs. The national dues are \$20/indiv and \$25/family for 12 months. Local club membership renews in January each year. New members joining at Game Fair will also receive a 10# bag of dog food and a hat. Combining all this stuff with the opportunity to get involved with a great group of hunting dog people I think we should be the best deal at Game Fair!

### Newsletter Items Wanted!

A newsletter is only as good as the contents. 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, or via email: [copyright@ismn.net](mailto:copyright@ismn.net).

### Retriever Information via Internet

LLHRC is now available and updated on the web thanks to Chad Peterson. Visit the site at <http://www.pconline.com/~chad/llhrc>

The website has brought in new members and many inquiries. THANKS CHAD!

### Area Dog Event Calendar

There's many an opportunity to run a hunt test or a field trial throughout the year here in Minnesota and the surrounding states. Here's listing of events that our newsletter editor has been made aware of:

#### UKC/HRC Hunts:

##### AKC hunt tests:

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:

##### AKC licensed trials:

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.

### FOR SALE- WANT TO BUY?!

**WANTED** - 8to12 foot covered trailer for storage and hauling of dog club training and field trial equipment. Contact Jim Bowden, President LLHRC.

**WANTED** - Used Remington 870 12 ga shotguns in serviceable condition could use 3 to 5 for LLHRC Hunt Tests.

**WANTED** - communications equipment for LLHRC hunt tests and training.

**WANTED** - Training area. 20 acres plus within an hour of metro area for LLHRC, lease with purchase option potential.

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.