



LAND OF LAKES HRC

Retriever News



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Calendar of Events

(subject to change)

Summer- Saturday morning informal training 9 am start. Blaine.

August 11-13 - Game Fair

August 18-20 - Game Fair

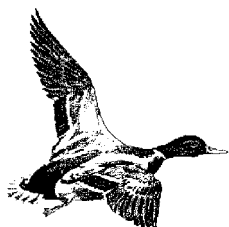
Sept 5 - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start

Preparations for Fall Hunt Test. Site: Jim Bowden's home in Forest Lake

September 9- LLHRC Hunt Test

Kelley Farms Stillwater.

LLHRC is now available and updated on the web thanks to Chad Peterson. Visit the site at <http://www.pconline.com/~chad/lolhrc> Our schedule of events during the year (including hunting season) will posted on the website, as best as possible.



News Bits & Information

- by Randy Gustafson

Crunch time is here again for our appearance at Game Fair and our Fall Hunt Test.

Ed Victory is heading up Game Fair scheduling, if Ed hasn't signed you up yet give him a ring at 763-425-6397.

Wade Samson is our fall Hunt Chairman, call him at 612-682-0960 to volunteer.

Our Spring Hunt Tests on June 10th and 11th were good for those who participated, either as entrant or volunteer (in the case of many club members both). Overall our dog entries were down, due to a variety of causes including trouble finding judges and consequentially late approval by UKC of our premium, unfortunate scheduling conflict with the National meeting, not having four professional trainers we had last year, and not enough local handlers. All in all it was a well conducted Hunt Test The willingness of everyone to be a bit flexible and willing to rotate tasks around made it work.

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Club to be at Game Fair 2000

Once again LLHRC will be at Game Fair, Minnesota's largest outdoor event focused on hunting. Game Fair runs the second and third 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.

Ed Victory is coordinating this year's volunteer effort, 763-425-6397.

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 '00 requires that dogs in the exhibit area be kept in a crate, no tie ups or left free will be allowed, crates will be available 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, and your whistle. Water for your dog is also encouraged.

Each day at 1:30 pm we will participate in a demonstration of how we train and test our Retrievers. The demos take place in the Dog Seminar Area. We will be sharing this time with the other Retriever Clubs in attendance, so our Booth Captains will be coordinating activities each day with those clubs. During our demos we will place emphasis on gun safety, as HRC is the only club where handlers handle guns.

At the booth we will have three major activities going on. 1-Promoting new memberships. 2-Registration for our September Hunt Test. 3-Raffle for a framed wildlife print to be given away at Game Fair.

Parking for volunteers this year will be a challenge as there is a shortage in the Exhibitors Parking lot near the entrance. Please make arrangements to carpool.

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Membership Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 5 Focus on Sept Hunt Test

The September club meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept 5, at President Jim Bowden's home in Forest Lake. Address: 8442 Itasca Court. Take I-35 north to Forest Lake, exit on Hwy 8 east, four miles to Itasca Ave (Lord of Lakes Lutheran Church on corner) turn right heading back west to Itasca Court (row of mail boxes) take a right. The focus of the meeting will be get all the equipment ready for the club Hunt Test the following weekend.

The meeting / work session will start at 7:00 and end when we get the work done. If you want to come out early and do some fishing on Jim's lake you're welcome to do so.

News Notes & Information

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Land of Lakes Hunting Retriever Club Information

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Raffle 2000 Update

Our fund-raising raffle was once again a succesful feature of our back-to-back June Hunt Tests. Lana Gunsell came through once again with over twenty great prizes that had banquet attendees happily buying \$20 wingspans of tickets. Numbering the prizes really sped up the winning process.

We also had a surprise donation from the Tri-Tronics company just prior to the Hunt. John Sinclair, coming in from Canada and running both a Started puppy and his GRHRCH Starhaven't Tilley in Finished on Sunday, brought a Tri-Tronics executive from Arizona to his first HRC Hunt Test and a donation of a Tri-Tronics Flyway Special Training Collar. We sold over \$400 in tickets in ten minutes. THANK YOU JOHN!

At Game Fair we will be holding a raffle for a framed wildlife print donated to LLHRC by Wild Wings Art Gallery. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawing on Sun August 20 at Game Fair.

We will hold another raffle at the September Hunt Test so please consider finding an item or two to donate. We will need a ticket sales coordinator during the day of the Test. We will also have a Special Raffle prize drawing for a Tri-Tronics Flyway Special Training Collar, or \$200 cash, the drawing for this prize will be Saturday 9-9-00. Advance ticket sales will be going on throughout August.

AGAIN – THANK YOU GENEROUS DONORS!

As we find each year, if each member could come up with one item we have a good raffle table – and if we all found two items it would be huge!

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 businesses you frequent for a donated item, that would be great too!



Steve Anderson, our Started Site Marshall, had some added excitement when his dog Starr decided that 11 a.m. saturday morning was the time to start whelping puppies. After word came in on his cell phone he handed off the clipboard, unloaded the spare equipment from the back of his truck and flew off to midwife duties.

Our out of town Hunt Test Judges were excited about participating in our annual Judges Fishing Contest, held friday evening after set up. With a quick change of location to the Bowden's lake when scheduled hostess Sharan Connell spent the week in the hospital unexpectedly, but did recover from her illness to come home that afternoon. Graciously (as always!) Sharon Bowden put together a barbeque that met with success. The largest fish caught was a four pound bass brought in by Jim Bowden and Fred Lepenske so quickly there was some discussion of live wells and home advantage. Again this year contestants could have won a Ranger Boat, however the Official Rules got in the way.

Jim Bowden reports that he is field testing a new remote bumper launcher for a company bringing it to market.

Treasurer Mark Switzer, and his staff at Schmelz Body Shop, reworked the club wingers to make them safer and easier to operate. Their work was greatly appreciated by our bird technicians. Thanks Mark!

Wade Samson successfully Apprentice Judged in Started on Sunday. He'll fulfill his Apprenticeship at the WISILL hunt on August 18, and will become LLHRC's first up from the ranks Started Judge! Congratulations Wade! (This will mean that we need a member to step in as Hunt Marshall in 2001.)

Word from central Minnesota is that formation of new HRC club is on back burner. John Davis reports that Pat is doing well with her battle with cancer and is scheduled for a bone marrow transplant in September.

Club President Jim Bowden reports that he and LLHRC member Julie Johnson put on a training demo focused on training aids at the Woodbury Gander Mountain on May 17 which went well. They distributed info about our club as well at this opportunity to meet with area retriever owners.

We are a young club on the outer reaches of the UKC and HRC area of influence and have a lot to learn about what the Hunting Retriever Club is and how we can benefit from our membership. We are an organization of "hunters helping hunters", getting together to help train our dogs and improve our dog handling skills. If you have any ideas to share about how our club can reach out to prospective members (or current members) please share them with myself, Chad Peterson, Jim Bowden or Ed Victory.

If you know other news to share with LLHRC members please send it in to the newsletter. The Fall Retriever News will be going to press around September 20th.

Land of Lakes HRC at Game Fair

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Booth volunteers get free admission but you must have made arrangements with Ed Victory to be placed on the list prior to arrival. When arriving at Game Fair go to the Information Desk at the Exhibitors Entrance where you will pick up an exhibitor badge, register your dog, 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 \$20 good through the remainder of this year and all of next year. New members joining at Game Fair will also receive a 8# bag of dog food and a hat, and will have their name entered for a drawing for free entry in our September Hunt Test. Combining all this stuff with the opportunity to get involved with a great group of hunting dog people we should be the best deal at Game Fair!

Game Fair 2000 Information

Dates: August 11,12,13 and 18, 19, 20. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission: adults \$8, kids 6-12 \$3, seniors \$6, kids under 6 free. Fridays are Family Days with kids free with paid adult admission.

Full details at www.gamefair.com

Fun Dog Events

Eukanuba Scurry - Race for best time on a double single, one in lake and one on land.

Long Jump Off The Dock - The longest measured jumps in to the lake get into the exciting finals.

Obstacle Course - Race the clock on land and water (by decoys) retrieving dummies.

Pointing Dog Event - Dogs get to hunt natural cover on the leash provided. Who ever finds and points the most pheasants, within 3 minutes wins a prize.

Game Fair Retrieving Championships

The public is invited to participate in these stakes:

Puppy - Fri 8/11 & Sat 8/19. Age is up to 24 months. Test consists of four singles. May be restrained. Scored on marking, style, perseverance, trainability and all birds must be delivered to hand.

Hunters - Sat 8/12 & Fri 8/1. No age limit. Test consists of multiple marks and pass/fail blind. Blind will not affect the qualifying score, however dogs qualifying for the final must be able to complete the blind. Must be steady at the line and may be asked to honor, judged on marking, style, perseverance and trainability.

Open - Sun 8/13 & Sun 8/20. No age limit. Dogs will be steady at the line. Test consists of multiple marks, a blind. Must be steady at the line and may be asked to honor, judged on marking, style, perseverance and trainability.

Each day highest 3 scoring dogs advance to the finals at 4:30. In 1998 Jim Bowden's Charlie was the Hunter Division Champion. Which LLHRC member will win this year?!

There are also many seminars and demonstrations of interest to dog owners and hunters.

Training Tips

contributed by Lana Gunsell

Having the Gun Help.

Training is much easier with help throwing marks. Coordinated communication between handler and gunner (aka bird technician) is a must. Here are some tips:

Handler and gunner using the same signals.

Gunner watching handler & dog at line.

Gunner watching dog in the field & handler at the line.

When dog picks up bird give wave to the line.

On multiple marks sit down when dog picks up your bird.

Protecting bag of birds/bumpers from any dog out in the field.

Picking up bird when handler requests "no bird" or re-run.

Gunner informs the line when there are only 2-3 birds left giving line time to plan rebirding with least interruption to handlers on deck.

When throwing the last bumper gunner should have an extra one of same in case dog needs it thrown for help.

When using shot or starter gun wear ear protection.

Check starter gun from time to time so you can reload – always be ready.

Pick up used cartridges, shells, birds, trash, etc, when done.

"Having the gun help" means that the gun helps the dog who is lost in the field. The gun can: Stand; • Stand and Yell "Hey-Hey"; • Stand, Yell and Wave Arms; • Stand, Yell, Wave Arms and Walk Towards Mark; • Stand, Yell, Wave Arms, Walk Towards Mark and Throw the Bird Up

Other gunner help includes: Faking a throw to area of fall; Throwing one (or more) bumper to area of fall. Getting attention with: gunshot, duck call, gunner voice. Or any combination of the above as requested by handler.

The Gunner should help in response to a silent signal from the handler as yelling to signal the gun may attract the dog's attention back to the handler. **The gun should give as much help as necessary and as little as possible.** It is always better to have the dog resume his hunt in the fall area and find the bird on his own. As the dog resumes his hunt in the fall area the gunner should retreat to his chair.

The Secret to Successful Dog Training

"What is the secret to your success?" a beginner asked the greatest dog trainer of all time.

"Two words"

"And what are they?"

"Right Decisions."

"And how to you make the right decisions?"

"One word"

"And what is it?"

"Experience"

"And how do you get experience?"

"Wrong decisions".

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In this issue:
Game Fair Preview
September Hunt Test Info
And More!
Next Meeting TUES 9-5

Are you and your dog
ready for hunting season?

Prove It!

LLHRC will hold our third licensed HRC Hunt Test of this year on Saturday, September 9th at Kelley Land & Cattle Co. in Marine On St. Croix.

Planning for this event is under way and volunteers are being sought to help make this hunt as successful as our past ones. Please step forward and contact a Hunt Committee member (Wade Samson, Chair 612-682-0960) or a Club Officer and volunteer your talents. Premiums will be mailed in early August and available at Game Fair.

Get your entries in soon!

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 Gustafson, 1775 St. Marys St., Falcon Heights MN 55113, or via email: copyright@isd.net.



Test Results

LLHRC now boasts the only two dogs in Minnesota that have earned both a Hunter Retriever Champion and AKC Master Hunter title as members. Jim Bowden and HRCH Chunk of Desert Storm MH (Charlie) join John Davis and HRCH Daisy Mae Of Ouachita MH WCX in this elite group. Congratulations Jim and Charlie!

Our club's group of titled Hunter Retrievers has a new member!

Congratulations to Chad Peterson and HR Meister Jaeger for earning their title at the Big Wapsie Hunt on May 27th. Word is he's heating up the competition with dad Norm and HR Brookside's Featherquest.

At the National Flat Coat Retriever Trials in Tennessee 5-16 to 23 Lana Gunsell's Mocha's Carpe Diem Java (Java) earned her Excellent Agility Title, placing first, and earned her first leg on a Master's title, Tracy Danby handled Java in the Agility trials. Also at Nationals, Lana's Crofter's Loch Taylor Maid (Ty) made the first cut in Shown by Breeder.

The following club members had passes at our Spring Hunt:

Started Passes: Brian Ross and Ross's Resolute Ruben; Jeff Wilson and Wilson's Superior Jack; Randy Gustafson and Perrin's Yulflower (Holly); Jim Bowden and Charlies Raisin' Cindy; Ed Victory and Victory's Lil Rebel Tyke.

Seasoned Passes: Tom Montez and Harmony's Big Buddy; Wade Samson and Bailey's Blues And All That Jazz; Ed Victory and Cassandra's Victory; Greg Larson and Sir William Wallace Betwitched; Mark Klabunde and Sir Williams Raven

Finished Passes: Roger Davis and UH-HRCH D-Dawg's One For The Books; Dan Ross and HRCH Montauk's Go Tigger Go.

Please keep your newsletter editor informed of your dog's successes!

FOR SALE- WANT TO BUY?!

WANTED - Used Snow Goose Decoys. Contact Chad Peterson, 651-292-9668

WANTED - Used Remington 870 12 ga shotguns in serviceable condition, could use 3 to 5 for LLHRC Hunt Tests. Up to \$100.

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.