



LAND OF LAKES HRC Retriever News



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Calendar of Events 2001

(subject to change)

Winter- 1st & 3rd Saturdays informal training
10 am start. On the lake at Jim Bowden's
home in Forest Lake & at Al Freibergs.

March 6 - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

April 3 - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

May 1 - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start
Preparations for Spring Hunt Tests. Site: tba

May 12-13 - LLHRC Hunt Test - Kelley Farms,
Marine on St. Croix

June 5 - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

August 7 - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

August 10-11-12 - Game Fair

August 17-18-19 - Game Fair
Armstrong Ranch, Anoka MN

Sept 4 - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start
Preparations for Fall Hunt Tests. Site: tba

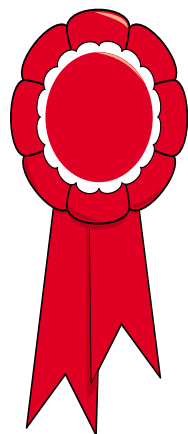
September 8-9 - LLHRC Hunt Tests
Kelley Farms, Marine on St. Croix

October 2 - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

November 6 - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

December 4 - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

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



Test Results!

The season has begun
here in the Northland!
WISILL's Upland Tests
happened 2-24/25.

Let us know how your
work as paid off in
ribbons!

Get your share of fame
and glory, or at least see
your name in the
newsletter!

Spring Hunt Test Plans Update.

Details are falling into place for our Spring Hunt Tests. Our Judges are confirmed, ducks, poppers, ribbons are ordered, and Premiums will soon be in the mail.

The need for member participation is huge. Running a Hunt takes the cooperative efforts of many people.

Our equipment preparations will be a bit of a lighter load since we've been accumulating more stuff as time has gone on. The Equipment Trailer (*thanks again to Paul Zelisko and the Club Hat Sales that made it possible*) is making it easier to keep track of the equipment inventory. This year Pat Gysber has stepped forward to build the three additional wingers we'll need. Wade Samson will be building blinds. More opportunities will undoubtedly be found to bring club inventories into the shape needed. For example, there was discussion at the last meeting that we should consider replacing all of our wingers with a design that is safer to operate. (*It's always something heh?*)

The Spring Hunt has several jobs to fill to make it work. On page three of the newsletter is an outline of the many tasks involved. Think about what you can do. Participating is fun and rewarding!

Training Days Going Well

The motto of the HRC is "Hunters Helping Hunters". You'll find that put into practice when club members train together. At the club training days you'll find why the HRC program works so well throughout North America.

Jim Bowden reports that training on Feb 17th was well attended even though it was about 25 below zero wind chill. "I ran the Rex Carr tune-up drill with advanced dogs and then ran a walk-up, triple, blind and diversion on the way back from blind.,, Most dogs did very well. Sure will be nice to train in nicer weather,."

On March 17th the plan calls for quartering, steady to flush and shot. Live chukars will be used for this session which will take place at Al Freiberg's Elk River Kennels. Advance arrangements will need to be made to have enough chukars on hand. A bird registration form is included with this newsletter. Please notify Wade Samson prior to March 5th as to how many chukars you want, the cost is \$4.50 per bird. Remember also to bring your shotgun and shells that day too.

Wade put together a great itinerary as a guide for activities (*February newsletter and web site*).

News Notes are continued on page seven

Land of Lakes Hunting Retriever Club Information Officers - 2001-2002

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Training Day Coordinator

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Raffle 2001 Update

Our fund-raising raffles are a great feature of our Hunt Tests. They have been fun and they've raised the money necessary to help the club purchase equipment, which in turn has made our Tests and Training Days better.

The LLHRC is a great group where it seems great raffle prizes always show up. All we need is someone to step forward and be willing to coordinate the magic. If this sounds like a task you would like to take on please give Randy Gustafson a call. Work-651-642-9525 or home-651-642-9694, or email: randy@copyrightofsnelling.com.

If each member could come up with one item we would 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! Look for more information from our Raffle 2001 Coordinator/s in the near future.



January 2001 Meeting Minutes

Abridged from Minutes to be submitted by Lana Gunsell, LLHRC Secretary
Membership Meeting, 2/6/01 at Holiday House, White Bear Lake MN, called to order at 7:15 pm by Pres Randy Gustafson.

Present: Jim Bowden, Lana Gunsell, Pat Gysber, Randy Gustafson, Tom Montez, Norm Peterson, Wade Samson, Mark Switzer.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from January Meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bank account balance \$2,085.81. Discussion on how to collect money at practices. Training Coordinator or designate will collect and mark attendance. Club hats will be available for purchase at practices too.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Potential member contacts from web site and email efforts. Nick DeGrammont contact about renewal. Information from Federation of Field Trail Clubs.

Lana G: Annual Officer Form sent in to UKC/HRC. Notification received that 2001 UKC/HRC public relations info coming soon. Info sent to Marsh & Meadows. No response yet from Stillwater Vet or DNR. Contact made with Bird Dog and Retriever News for listing our events. Circulated Bloodlines article on UKC new structure.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training Committee: Wade S. reports good attendance. March 17 plans calls for live birds. Mark S. has new source for chukars and quail to follow up on. Members to be notified of need to reserve birds ahead of time and cost.

Spring Hunt Test: Wade Samson has received UKC/HRC approval of judges and three written confirmations. Test Premium has been approved. Motel rooms reserved for judges at American Inn Forest Lake. Amenities for judges will be detailed in the confirmation letter. Norm P. reports that Sharan C. has confirmed the reservation with the VFW in Forest Lake for Sat 5/12 dinner, will need to have head count and payment. Banquet cost will be \$12 per person. Norm & Sharan will host the judges dinner at their home friday night. Mark S. reported that Nelson Game Farm has another commitment 5/12 so we will need to make arrangements to pick up birds. Motion passed to purchase 130 mallards. Motion passed to purchase 300 ribbons. Motion passed to purchase four cases of poppers. Wade S. reported that the Hunt Committee will meet after the 3/3 training regarding Site Marshals, Bird Technicians, Equip, Etc. Motion approved to mail ten premiums to HRC clubs presidents in Region 8, and one to all other regions.

NEW BUSINESS

Not much time left to discuss new stuff. Web site to continue to be coordinated by Chad Peterson. Club directory with more information to be available at the next meeting.

Adjourn: 9:55 pm

PRELIMINARY AGENDA FOR MARCH 6, 2001 MEETING

Old Business: Spring Hunt / Training Day / Game Fair 2001/ Club Shirts / Non-Profit Status Report / Raffle

New Business Items Requested by members:

Review of Club Constitution and By-Laws

Maintenance of Membership List

Club Officer Duties - review, redefine, clarify

Membership Interest Survey

Meeting Place: Hudson House, Highway 61 & Cedar, White Bear Lake, MN, Meeting start time: 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Dinner available for purchase at restaurant is reasonably priced and of good quality. The board meeting takes place over dinner and members are welcome to join in.

Jobs at an HRC Hunt Test

The following are the descriptions of the jobs that go into making a HRC Hunt Test work. The names of those who have volunteered to fill that job at our May Hunts are listed too, If you see a task that you would be willing to do for the May Hunt or the September Hunt Tests please pick up the phone and give either Randy (651-642-9694) or Wade (763-682-0960) a call, we'd love to see you volunteer!!!

Hunt Marshall: Wade Samson, Saturday
Randy Gustafson, Sunday

The Hunt Marshall is the person in overall charge of the Hunt. The duties are: overall supervision of the Hunt Committee Members and to perform such duties as may need to be performed.

Hunt Secretary: Mark Switzer

The Hunt Secretary is responsible for seeing that the following items are accomplished:

Hunt Packet: (Information from UKC that includes: Official Hunting Retriever Hunt Report; Judges Report; Apprentice Judges Forms; Judges sheets; Points Receipts; Formal Complaint Forms; and various membership and registration forms, UKC & HRC brochures and DNA brochures.) Judges, Judges Notebooks, Point Receipts, Premium, Program, Running Order Assignments, and Registration.

Official Hunt Committee:

Norm Peterson, Mark Ekeroth, Tom Montez,
Wade Samson & Randy Gustafson

This committee is usually comprised of the Hunt Marshall and three other persons and are listed on the Hunt Entry Premium. The members of the Official Hunt Committee must be present on the setup day to assist with, review and approve the legality of the Tests that the Judges set up. The Hunt Committee is also responsible for handling any official complaints that might arise during the event and such other duties as may required.

Site Marshals:

Started:

Seasoned:

Finished:

The Marshals are to ensure the smooth running of the Test they are assigned to. Their duties include the following:

- a) Bird Throwers are on site and are knowledgeable as to their specific duties.
- b) All equipment is in place – wingers, blinds, gun stands, guns, poppers, refreshments for Judges and Bird throwers, crates, chairs, birds, etc.
- c) Gallery area is assigned and kept quiet when retrievers are running.
- d) Holding Blind areas selected.
- e) Retrievers are ready to run as the Judges call for them.

Bird Throwers Chairperson:

Responsible for securing and coordinating schedule of Bird Throwers for the Hunt.

Bird Throwers:

Started: 2 for each A.M. & P.M.

Seasoned: 3 for each A.M. & P.M.

Finished: 4 for each A.M. & P.M.

Bird “technicians” throw the birds for the marked retrieves and plant the blinds. Bird technicians are directed by the Judges as to the timing and placement of the marks. They operate the wingers to launch the marks. Full time bird technicians receive \$20, lunch and refreshments.

Other Chairpersons:

Judges Committee Chair: Wade Samson

Judges Dinner: Sharan Connell

Meals / Lunch:

This person coordinates on site food preparation using the Club's fully equipped Catering Trailer.

Awards/Ribbons:

Door Prizes:

Game Steward:

Grounds & Hunt Site, Signs & Communications:

Gunners:

Started:

Seasoned:

Finished:

Hospitality & Accommodations:

Human Health / Safety:

Photographer:

Program Director:

Puppy Stakes Judge & Assistant(s):

Raffle:

Registration:

Banquet:

Sharan Connell

Veterinarian:

Stillwater Vet Clinic

2001/2002 HRC Rulebook Test Excerpts

Dogs and Handlers competing in HRC Hunt Tests are competing against a written standard rather than against other dogs, as a result many dogs can "win" at the same Hunt. This fact is what sets the Hunting Retriever Club tests apart from field trials. There are many other differences too, such as our handlers are also judged on criteria that involve true-to-life hunting situations such as gun safety and respect for their dogs and fellow hunters.

The rules and standards are printed in the UKC Rules and Guidelines for Hunting Retriever Tests. Available from the United Kennel Club, Inc., 100 East Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584, (616-343-9020).

Changes were made to the Rulebook that became effective January 1, 2001. In an effort to get the membership thinking about becoming HRC Judges your newsletter editor got his hands on a copy of the new Judge's Test. Starting with this issue will be excerpted questions from the test for your review.

Q: Effective 01/01/01, Seasoned retrievers will not run with a collar, except where prohibited by local ordinances.

A. True _____ B. False _____

Q: Who is expected to "conduct themselves in such a manner that they do not disturb game or the hunt"?

A. Handler _____ B. Retriever _____

Q: The Rulebook says: "any owner of a U.K.C. Registered dog entered in a U.K.C. licensed event has the right to make a formal complaint when a U.K.C. rule or policy has been violated".

A. True _____ B. False _____

Q: An attention-getting device may not be used at the Finished level.

A. True _____ B. False _____

Since I didn't get the master answer sheet you are on your own to look through the Rulebook to find the answers.



Game Recipes Column

This issue's recipe comes from my brother-in-law Dale Schmidt who brought a batch of this chili down from Grand Rapids in mid February to prove it was worth sharing in the LLHRC Retriever News. It was.



Share your favorite game recipes by sending them to Randy Gustafson, 1775 St. Marys St, Falcon Heights MN 55113 or via email to: randy@copyrightofsnelling.com.

Venison & Mushroom Chili

1 ounce dried mushrooms, broken into small pieces
1/2 cup bourbon
3 Tbs. vegetable oil
2 medium shallots, finely chopped
1 medium garlic clove, finely chopped
1/2 fresh red serrano chile, finely chopped
1-1/2 Lbs. ground venison
1/4 cup medium-hot pure chile powder
1 Tbs. ground cumin
2 bottles (12-oz.) dark beer
1 (14-1/2 oz) can crushed tomatoes
1 Tbs. salt (omit if you use regular chili powder)
1 tsp. fresh ground black pepper
1 tsp. dried leaf oregano
1 tsp. dried leaf basil
1 tsp. dried leaf thyme
3 Tbs. masa harina

In a small bowl or cup, put the mushrooms & bourbon; set aside to soak. In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add shallots, garlic & serrano chile and saute till shallots are transparent, 2 to 3 minutes. Add venison and saute till evenly browned, stirring to break up meat, 10-15 minutes. Add chile powder and cumin and saute 2-3 minutes more. Add mushrooms and bourbon. Stir in beer, tomatoes, salt, pepper, and dried herbs. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer briskly till thick but slightly liquid, about 1 hour. Sprinkle in masa, stir well and simmer until very thick, 5-10 minutes more. Serve over bean (black beans are good) or rice, with corn bread.

Accompany these dishes with family, friends and conversation to make the hunting experience complete.

Update on Dog Trialers Efforts regarding DNR Land Purchase

In the last issue of the newsletter we reprinted a news story from the Pioneer Press about the large tract of private property recently purchased by the Department of Natural Resources near Milaca, Minn. that might be turned into a dog-trialing facility.

The Minnesota Field Trial Association is the organization spearheading efforts by retriever people to work cooperatively with the DNR on this effort. The LLHRC has joined the MFTA in order to have a voice for hunting retrievers hopefully heard.

Vice President Jim Bowden has agreed to be our contact person with this group.

The following information comes from the MFTA web site.

MFTA is an organization of sportsmen with a strong interest in hunting, conservation, and especially the advancement of the pure-bred retriever breeds of dogs. The primary activity of the Association is to conduct AKC-member retriever field trials where the capabilities of the pure bred retriever can be demonstrated.

MFTA was formally organized in early 1937 and has functioned continuously since then as a member club of the American Kennel Club. The club became incorporated in April 1939. In the early years, there were no other field trial clubs in the state. In 1940 and every year until 1996, the Vestal Traveling trophy was awarded to the top Amateur handler in the Open stake. The trophy has now been retired and is on display in the Retriever Hall of Fame. MFTA held its field trials throughout the state, working not only to bring the capabilities of trained retrievers to the attention of the public but also to encourage the formation of additional retriever clubs in Minnesota.

MFTA's first trial was held in Winona, MN on May 21, 1938. From then until 1950 various locations served as trial sites - Winona, Mound, White Bear Lake, Rochester, Anoka, St. Cloud, Austin, Duluth, Bayport and Shakopee. From the fall of 1950 thirty-three trials were held at the James J. Hill North Oaks Farm (now the City of North Oaks). When the pressure of real estate development curtailed the use of the area, the Club moved to the Wild Wings of Oneka Game Farm and Shooting Preserve, near Hugo. From 1980 to 1984 MFTA held 10 trials on the Kelly Farms near Marine on St. Croix. From 1985 to 1988, the Club held its spring trials at Wild Wings and the fall trials at Kelly Farms. During a period of drought in 1989 and 1990, Kelly Farms was the site for both the spring and fall trials. Since 1991, MFTA has held its trials at the Benton Retriever Grounds, Inc.

From its inception, MFTA has been characterized as a club whose members have been very active in both local and national competition while providing much of the leadership in the development of and continuing interest in field trialing. MFTA was one of the eleven charter club members in the formation of the National Retriever Club in 1941. Over the years, a number of members have served as Judges for the national championship trials put on by the National Retriever Club and the National Amateur Retriever Club. Recently a club member was inducted into the Retriever Hall of Fame. (An MFTA member was a primary driving force in the concept and organization of the National Amateur Retriever Club, and served as its first President.)

Dogs owned or handled by MFTA members have won at least nine Championships at the trials for the National Retriever Championship and/or the National Amateur Retriever Championship. Members have made their mark in Canada by winning the Canadian National Championships and Canadian National Amateur Championships.

SPOT IT/RUFFED GROUSE

Allison Campbell, St. Paul Pioneer Press, Published Feb 15, 2001, reprinted.

What: The chicken-like ruffed grouse lives mostly on the ground. But it can also fly acrobatically, hover and turn in the air as it weaves through its favored brushy forest habitat.

Minnesota has the most ruffed grouse of any state. The Department of Natural Resources, which has kept tabs on it for 51 years, notes the species currently is on the decline in its regular 10-year population cycle. Its numbers will probably continue to drop for the next few years.

Where: Camouflage plumage makes this bird tough to spot. But keep your eyes open, and you may see a ruffed grouse perched on surprisingly thin branches of birches, poplars or aspens as it feeds on catkins, buds or seeds. They live mainly in the central and northern parts of Minnesota and south of the Twin Cities, in counties adjacent to the Mississippi River.

What's up: A snowy winter is a boon for ruffed grouse, who establish a territory in the woods and do not migrate. The grouse can travel over deep snow with the help of extensions on their toes that act like snowshoes. Burrowing in the snow provides protection from predators and also helps to keep them warm.

How to Administer Pepto Bismol to Your Dog on the Advice of His Vet.

(as remembered by Dusty Fields in Lab Laffs, Online Retrievers, Vol X, No 5, Sept/Oct 99)

1. Check medicine cabinet for Pepto Bismol and discover the expiration date on your bottle is January 1996. Discard, look for purse and keys (15 minutes) and try to get dog into car.
2. Wait for dog to deposit 2 puddles of diarrhea on lawn and then decide not to take him in the car.
3. Get dog to go into house, knowing you'll be leaving him alone. Allow another 10 minutes for this.
4. Drive to the convenience store and pay \$2.59 for the smallest available bottle of Pepto Bismol. Buy yourself a double-chocolate "muffin" while you're there. You're gonna need chocolate before this is over.
5. Come home and make a big deal out of the fact that you've bought a special "treat" for your dog. With great ceremony, attempt to open the child-proof seal, and discover that it is also adult-proof. Slice off top of bottle with serrated knife before discovering how you should have opened the bottle. Duh.
6. Pour the recommended dosage (2 tbsp) into the provided cup and sit down next to your dog. Let him sniff the Pepto Bismol and then marvel at how fast he can run upstairs and cower in his crate. Allow another 15 minutes to get him downstairs to the kitchen where it will be easier to wipe up any drips that may occur.
7. Pry open your dog's Jaws of Steel and quickly unload the little cup of Pepto Bismol down his throat. Forget to clamp his mouth shut and witness pink liquid flying all over your kitchen.
8. Repeat Step #7, remembering to clamp dog's mouth shut. When you think he has swallowed the Pepto Bismol, release his jaws, and once again, watch the pink stuff fly all over him, the kitchen furniture and your pink t-shirt. Oh yeah, did I mention that wearing a pink t-shirt is advised here?
9. Repeat Step #7 (or 8, if you prefer) – but this time do it on the patio.
10. Hose down the patio, and your dog, whose black, white and brown coat is now tinged with so much pink that he looks like he just came from a midnight showing of "Rocky Horror".
11. Wash down the entire kitchen . . . 30-60 minutes, depending on size of kitchen.
12. Go back into the house and call the vet. Make an appointment for that anti-spasmodic injection she suggested as a last resort. Consider asking spouse to take some time off work to bring the little angel to the vet because you've already missed 2 work deadlines because of this, and then remember that your spouse is spending this gloriously sunny and mild day . . . on the golf course.

2001 Membership Form

Here's an opportunity to become a member or to renew your membership. Your mailing label includes the expiration date of your membership. If it says "1-01" this may be your last issue. Don't miss future issues renew today!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

email _____

HRC Membership # _____

☐ Family Membership

LLHRC \$20 _____

National* \$30 _____

Total _____

Make check payable to: LLHRC
(*if not current National member)

2001 Membership Canine Information, use additional sheet if necessary

Dog Name _____ Call Name _____

UKC # _____ Birthdate _____

Breed _____ Sex _____

Please mail this form with your membership dues check to:
Mark Switzer, Treasurer, 2766 Riviera Drive South, White Bear Lake MN 55110

The benefits of Club Training are really seen when you participate in Hunt Tests. Last year those that utilized the opportunities saw the rewards, and helped put LLHRC in good esteem with other clubs when they travelled to tests. Club members in 2000 earned five Hunting Retriever titles, one Hunting Retriever Champion title, as well as earning passes at tests licensed by AKC and NAHRA.

WISILL / Fox River Valley Entries Still Available

As of February 21 WISILL and Fox River Valley still had openings for the back to back tests on the weekend of April 28-29 at BONG Recreation Area in Kenosha WI. Roger Davis reported they had twelve openings in Finished. Started & Seasoned were wide open. Contact Roger at 262-694-5989 for a Premium, before the Hunt fills up.

Member Survey Contemplated

Just what is it that you hope to gain from your participation in the Land of Lakes Hunting Retriever Club?

The answers to that question are numerous. A better hunting dog companion? A dog with a title? Learning to be a better trainer? Having fun with other hunters? The reality of life is that we all do what we do for reasons that are unique to the individual making the decision. Yet what we do does impact more than just ourselves – that's what make life and the human experience so d—interesting.

Over the course of this year the Club will be looking at that question and getting information from all members in order to determine a course of future direction. If you would like to participate in gathering and analyzing this information please give Randy or a board member a call or email to help get this project off the ground.

Member Roster To Arrive Soon

A new look directory listing all LLHRC members and more information will be available for distribution at the March 6 Membership Meeting.

Info as of 2-24-01 memberships. New members info supplements will be mailed with your newsletter. If your mail label does not contain 1-02 this will be your last newsletter and you will not receive a membership roster unless you renew your membership.

President's Corner by Randy Gustafson Training Land – The “Big” Issue



Where in the Metro area can a person train their hunting retriever?

The backyard is fine for many activities, but it gets a bit dicey when you're working on steady to shot. Not every neighbor thinks nothing of the report of a 12 gauge firing poppers in the afternoon as your daughter, hidden from view behind the corner of the garage, throws frozen mallards in an arc across the lawn.

Setting up a 40 yard blind inside the city limits often involves the cooperation of more than one neighbor. The concept of busting through cover by tossing dummies over hedges as you take your daily walk doesn't build great neighborhood relations.

The majority of hunting dog owners living in urban and suburban areas are faced with a huge problem – where is there space to train your dog properly.

Training land and training water are critical to the success of our efforts. The LLHRC is very fortunate in that we have generous people like Al Freiberg and Jim Bowden willing to share their facilities and time so others can train. All dog clubs in our area are fortunate to have a resource like Kelley Farms available for holding Hunt Tests.

With the urbanization and suburbanization of more and more rural spaces how much longer will any training and testing grounds exist? Can affordable space for real training be found for the average sportsman?

How about public land? Minnesota has lots of public owned space – the question is whether there's space for the individual hunting retriever trainer that would work given the rules, regulations and related pressures that are ever present in “this state where nothing is allowed”.

I read in the Feb 16th Outdoor News that the DNR is now facing the problem of how to handle the many smaller Wildlife Management Area (WMA) parcels that are being surrounded by housing subdivisions. These development locked wild areas that had been set aside and maintained for wildlife production and hunting are facing an uncertain future with ever continuing urban sprawl.

As the DNR and local governments start working on solutions to this problem perchance this is an opportunity for long term training grounds for hunting dogs across the state. Public input will most likely be sought.

If training spaces are to be available they must be discovered and held onto by treating them with respect. It is a challenge that all dog owners, hunters, sportsmen and sportswomen should be thinking about. And doing something about.

Thanks for your time.

Land Of Lakes Hunting Retriever Club

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In this issue:
Club Meeting Minutes
Photos - Training Day Itinerary
Running Rule Changes
News Notes And More!
Next Meeting Tues Mar. 6

Area Dog Event Calendar

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

UKC/HRC Licensed Hunts:

3-31-01 Gun Creek HRC, DuQuoin IL,
Cheri White 618-252-5063
4-7/8-01 Retrievers Unlimited HRC,
Sparta, IL, Liz Smith 618-443-4180
4-14-01 Central Michigan HRC, Flint
MI, Kurt Dunn, 517-625-5478
4-28/29-01 Fox River Valley, WISILL HRC,
Burlington WI, Roger Davis, 262-694-5989
5-12/13-01 Land of Lakes HRC, Kelley
Farms, Marine on St. Croix, MN, Mark Switzer
651-429-7651
5-26/27-01 Big Wapsie HRC, Tripoli IA,
Mike Judas, 309-289-8469,
mhhrch@galesburg.net
6-2/3-01 Illinois River HRC, Banner
Marsh, IL, John Clark, 309-444-7370,
HRCJWC@aol.com

9-8/9-01 LLHRC, Kelley Farms, Marine on
St. Croix, MN. Hunt Sec: Mark Switzer

AKC Hunt Tests:

6-2/3-01 Northern Flytes, Kelley Farms,
Marine on St. Croix, MN
6-9/10-01 Minn Iron Range RC, Virginia,
MN
6-16/17-01 Central Minn RC, Sauk
Rapids, MN
6-23/24-01 Lake Country RC, Prior Lake,
MN
8-25/26-01 Northern Flytes, Marine on
St. Croix, MN

AKC Informal Trials / * = pointed trials:

Third Sunday each month, Sauk Rapids,
MN

AKC Licensed Field Trials:

5-11/13-01 Hennepin County, Princeton,
MN
5-18/20-01 Minn Field Trial Assoc, St.
Croix, MN
5-25/27-01 Central Minn, Sauk Rapids,
MN
6-1/3-01 Watupa RC, Weaver, MN
6-8/10-01 North Dakota Ret Club, Dil-
worth, MN
6-17/23-01 AKC National Amateur Ret
Club, Virginia, MN
6-23/24-01 Duluth RC (Quad & Derby)
Duluth, MN

Other:

Check the website for additional links and
schedules of events of interest.



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:
randy@copyrightofsnelling.com.

Four Hunt Tests Scheduled for 2000

LLHRC will be holding four licensed HRC Hunt Tests this year.

In May we will offer two tests back to back on the weekend of May 12 and 13
at Kelley Farms, Marine on St. Croix. The club will also hold licensed back to back
hunts on Sat/Sun. Sept 8 & 9, 2001.

FOR SALE- WANT TO BUY?!

FOR SALE - "Max" - Black Lab Male, 6yrs old, Good hunter. Almost ready for Seasoned level. Contact Tom Montez, 651-731-0618

WANTED - Used Snow Goose Decoys. Contact Chad Peterson, 218-525-9237

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.

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(or way to have buyers contact you) to Randy Gustafson, Editor.