



LAND OF LAKES HRC Retriever News



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Calendar of Events 2001

(subject to change)

Training- 1st & 3rd Saturdays informal training 9 am start. Various locations around the Twin Cities Greater Metropolitan Area.

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 information is available and updated on the web thanks to Chad Peterson. Visit the club website at: www.llhrc.org

Our schedule of events during the year will be posted on the website, as best as possible.

Hunt Test May 12 & 13!

Our Spring Hunt is soon at hand! The site is Kelley Farms, Manning Trail, Marine on St. Croix, 10 miles north on Manning (CoRd 15) from Hwy 36, or 1 mile south on Manning from CoRd 4. Look for the yellow and white canopy on the east side of the road.

The fun starts Friday 5/11 when the tests are setup. Members able to help are encouraged to come and lend a hand. When our judges from out of town start arriving at noon they will be met by volunteers busy getting things ready for them. The goal is to have the Saturday test sites all setup by early afternoon, and the plans laid out and confirmed for the Sunday tests by midafternoon. Sharan Connell and Norm Peterson will be hosting a cookout for the Judges and setup volunteers at their home in Forest Lake after the setup.

On Saturday morning registration will be open at 7:00 am. The tests will start at 8:00 am. There will be food available on premise both Saturday and Sunday, the club has a catering trailer that will be serving lunch and snacks throughout the day.

Test sites will be at various locations on the Kelley Farms property. Signage will direct participants and observers to the sites. Wear camo hunting clothing. Bring clothing appropriate for the weather, waders or hip boots, sunscreen, water for your dogs and anything else you may need (such as a lawn chair).

Saturday evening there will be a banquet after the tests are completed at the VFW Hall in Forest Lake, next to the Target.

On Sunday morning it all starts again at 7:00 am, and ribbons will be awarded after the tests conclude.

Test Results!



The WISILL and Fox River Valley tests at Bong Recreation Area saw two LLHRC Minnesota members meet with success.

Greg Larson and **Braveheart** received two Finished Passes. This was quite an accomplishment as not many dogs were able to pass those tests.

Jim Bowden successfully handled **Cindy** to her first Seasoned Pass.

Let us know how your work has paid off in ribbons! Get your share of fame and glory, or at least see your name in the newsletter!

Hunt Test Awards Banquet

All club members and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend the Spring Hunt Test Awards Banquet at the VFW Post 4210 in Forest Lake on Saturday, May 12th. The banquet doors will open at 5:30 pm after the Hunt Test. The VFW is located at 556 SW 12th Street. The cost is \$12 per person. Sharan Connell (651-292-9782) is chairing the Arrangements Committee for the Banquet that will feature a Buffet Dinner, a Raffle, Hospitality Hour (cash bar), conversation with HRC members from around the country, and ribbons awarded to the handlers that pass the tests on Saturday. If you would like to help make this event a success please give Sharan a call, or email at Banquet@llhrc.org.

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Raffle 2001 Update

The LLHRC Spring Raffle will have lots of great items to be given away at the Hunt Test Banquet. A hearty **THANK YOU** to all the members who donated or sought donations to make this fund raising effort a success!

Items To Date:

- Hunting Knives - Copy-Right of Snelling
- Gun Display / Cleaning Box - Mickey Lamberth
- Wildlife Prints - Jim & Sharon Bowden
- Duck Shirt, Hat - Wilderness Creek Clothing
- Gunsmith Cleaning Stand, Leash, Lanyards, Crawler Hauler, Outrigger Board - Tom Montez
- Insulated Bucket with Swivel Seat - Tom Montez
- Framed Art "Trailside Cardinals" - Jamie & Christine Petersen
- Gun Cleaning Kit in Wood Box - Paul Zelisko
- ID Chip Prior Lake Vet - Tom Jones
- Collar, Coasters, Clock, Books, 3" 12 ga Steel Sho - Jim & Sharon Bowden
- Duck Decoy Weights, Photo Albums, Leach & Collar, Gloves, Clock, Jigsaw Puzzles, Handgun Pouch, Metal Bowls, Cordless Telephone - Lana Gunsell

And there will probably be a lot more items that will be coming in just before the test!

Now lets get going on the Fall Raffle! We have a few items lined up, and we could use a Coordinator. If you could ask the sporting goods, dog, hunting, fishing businesses you frequent for a donated item, that would be great!

April & May 2001 Meeting Minutes

Abridged from Minutes to be submitted by Lana Gunsell, LLHRC Secretary
Membership Meeting, 4/3/01 at Holiday House, White Bear Lake MN, called to order at 7:00 pm by Pres Randy Gustafson.

Present: Randy Cook, Pat Gysber, Randy Gustafson, Jamie Petersen, Bob Rengstorf, Mark Switzer.

STANDING REPORTS

Minutes from April Meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bank account balance \$1,496.33. Purchases of winger parts, training bumpers, poppers, test bird deposit

CORRESPONDENCE:

Three Information Requests processed. DNR Permit paperwork for training and testing received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training Committee: Good attendance at the training days. Special thanks to Jim Bowden for keeping his lake plowed so the club could take advantage. Looking forward to the events at Elk River Kennels. Have learned that use of live birds and shot won't be allowed by local ordinance. Discussion on having a pigeon shoot and sporting clays as a Training Day or club event. Jamie P to check on clays. The club will supply the poppers as part of the \$5 cost for training..

Spring Hunt Test: Hunt Committee is continuing to call members to recruit volunteers and check on attendance possibilities. It is looking good for filling the slots. Entries been slow coming in. Tom Montez will pick up birds, and be reimbursed for mileage. May meeting will focus on double checking equipment condition.

Game Fair 2001: No additional correspondence. Could use a volunteer coordinator to set up the booth schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

Web Site: "llhrc.org" is up and running. National has us linked up and response from people has been positive.

NEW BUSINESS

Raffle Donations: Jamie & Christine Petersen donated a really nice framed art print. Tom Montez donated lots of nice items.

Adjourn: 8:00 pm

Membership Meeting, 5/1/01 at Bowden's home, Forest Lake MN, work session started at 6:00 pm, meeting called to order at 8:20 pm by Pres Randy Gustafson.

Present: Jim Bowden, Sharon Bowden, Sharan Connell, Mark Ekeroth, Pat Gysber, Randy Gustafson, Jamie Petersen, Wade Samson, Mark Switzer.

STANDING REPORTS

Minutes from May Meeting read & approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bank account balance still positive, entries and expenses for Hunt have it in flux.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Shane Olean, past VP read.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Training Committee: Good attendance even though both April events at Elk River Kennels have been in the rain. May 5 again at Al's will set up a water test

Spring Hunt Test: Should have worker slots filled. Need more entries to make it a positive cash flow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sharan Connell and Norm Peterson will be getting married in August. Their Golden "Brooke" will be having puppies in early July.

NEXT MEETING - JUNE 5, 2001

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.

History Message from Shane Olean

(Editor's Note: Shane Olean was one of the founding members of the LLHRC, and served as our Vice President until 1999 when he moved to South Dakota.)

From 1990 - 1995 I was in Colorado Springs, CO, in the Air Force and working for various defense contractors. It was when I got Zeus in 1992 that I learned of HRC. I joined the Front Range HRC and immediately started structured training and eventually became VP of that club.

Moving back to my home state of Minnesota in 1996, I knew I needed to start a local HRC club. Through mutual friends at WISILL & FRVHRC, Jim Bowden and I were introduced. Jim had recently moved back to MN & had the same goal in mind as me; to start a local club. We held an informal organizational meeting at his house on the pontoon drinking beers and looking for bass. That night would be the foundation for what is now the LLHRC. In attendance, Jim, Ted Lewin (WISILL) and myself.

It should be noted that Jim & I didn't always see eye to eye. In fact, our first "debate" occurred that night while trying to devise a name for the club. My best artistic efforts came up with LakeLand HRC, and Jim preferred Land of Lakes HRC. By now you certainly know who won that first of many debates!

A few months later we worked our first Game Fair where we met Lana Gunsell. I'll never forget that day as long as I live. After she introduced herself I about fell over when she said "It's about damn time somebody (you guys) starts an HRC up here. What took so long and where do I sign up?" Thank you Lana for all the work & insight you've provided this organization over the past years & I'm glad to have met you.

As I stated earlier, Jim & I didn't always see eye to eye, but we did always have the best interest of the club in mind. It is with my most sincere gratitude that I thank Jim Bowden for all he's done for LLHRC. I guarantee you this club would not have survived had he not been involved. I got busy with work & then with kids and I'm sure all of you understand how priorities can change.

Jim Bowden was and is a cornerstone to this club. His continual efforts have made it what it is today & from the bottom of my hear, as many times as we've disagreed, I want to say - Thank you Jim Bowden for all you've done!

It's time to get back to work - or back to the field as it may be in this case. The gobblers are starting to strut & I have only 8 more days to get them patterned.

Good luck to all LLHRC members this testing season. May your marks be pinned and your blinds be lined, and your retriever be rewarded with one more trip to the line.

Shane Olean (LLHRC member #2) and Zeus.

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LLHRC Member earns 500 points!

Roger Davis (founding member of LLHRC) and **Booker** have hit a milestone in the HRC by joining the 500 point club.

While Roger may say that a lot of the credit goes to HRCH UH D-Dawg's One For The Books, we all know that it's teamwork that makes it happen. Training with fellow HRC members (Roger is very active with WISILL & Fox River Valley), entries into tests (often combined with be willing to judge) and a commitment from Pat who supports Roger and his time with retrievers. Booker is the first LLHRC dog accomplish this great feat.

Congratulations Roger, Pat & Booker!

Training Days

On the first and third Saturday mornings each month the LLHRC gets together to train. This has been a great opportunity for those handler/dog teams to get in some work where more than one set of hands is beneficial. We set up the equipment and work marks, blinds, drills and more on water and land. Different scenarios are set up each session to help meet the training level needs of the dogs participating.

On Saturday, May 19th we'll be at Elk River Kennels from 9 am to noon. There is a token \$5 cost to cover expenses. This summer we hope to be able to schedule a sporting clays to give our gun skills some training.

The HRC motto is "Hunters Helping Hunters". You'll find that put into practice when club members train together.

Next issue look for Chad Peterson's Spring Snow Goose Hunt Report!

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In this issue:
Meeting Minutes, Hunt Update,
Photos, News Notes And More!
Next Meeting Tues June 5

Area Dog Event Calendar

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

UKC/HRC Licensed Hunts:

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
5-27-01 Michigan HRC, Sunflight Kennels, Howell, MI, Diana Peacock, 517-522-4862
6-2/3-01 Illinois River HRC, Banner Marsh, IL, John Clark, 309-444-7370, HRCJWC@aol.com
6-9/10-01 Central Rockies HRC, Snyder, CO, Deb Daniels, 303-838-2759
6-23/24-01 Near North HRC, Markstay, Ontario Canada, Michael Ruff, 705-522-4632
6-23/24-01 Southern Colorado HRC, Blanca CO, Pete Spangler, 719-544-8327
8-25-01 Lake Ontario HRC, Oshawa, Ontario Canada, Geg Louck, 416-297-0487m Snmsc@ica.net

9-1/2-01 Eastern Iowa HRC, PRELIMINARY, Keith Stroyan, 319-545-2481, keithstroyan@uiowa.edu
9-8/9-01 LLHRC, Kelley Farms, Marine on St. Croix, MN. Hunt Sec: Mark Switzer
9-22-01 St. Clair Flats HRC, Harsen's Island MI, Terry Legree, 810-755-0751, Rtlegree@msn.com

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
7-21/23-01 North Dakota RC, Dilworth, 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, Dilworth, MN
6-17/23-01 AKC National Amateur Ret Club, Virginia, MN
6-23/24-01 Duluth RC (Quad & Derby) Duluth, MN

Other:

Check www.llhrc.org 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: news@llhrc.org.

Club Hats

Club hats are still available for only \$15. Contact Mark Switzer at the Hunt Test or next Training Day to purchase yours. All proceeds go into our Equipment Acquisition Fund.

FOR SALE- WANT TO BUY?!

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.

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.