

Land of Lakes Hunting Retriever Club

December 2009 Newsletter

Congratulations: A new HR title was attained by **Jeff Kolanski** and **Bogart** at Fox River Valley HRC this fall. Congratulations Jeff.



Land of Lakes Club Members Congregating at the 2009 Fall Hunt Test.

Annual Awards Banquet and Wild Game Feed: This annual event will be held at the Hugo Fire Hall on January 9, 2010. It starts at 5 pm. Bring your best wild game recipe to share, along with your hunting and dog training stories. The prestigious Bulldog Award will be given to some outstanding club member for their contribution in 2009. Notify Mark Switzer of any HRC Titles that were attained by you and your dogs in 2009. In addition, if you have any hunting or training photos to show with the slide show, send them to Mark electronically.

Handler and Judges Seminar: A Handler and Judges Seminar will be held at the Hugo Fire Hall from 9am to 4pm on January 30, 2010. Region 8A Field Representative Mike Botts will be the instructor. A seminar is required every 3 years for meeting your judging requirements. It is also an excellent seminar for handlers to learn how their dogs are judged and what is important for them to remember when they run. Contact Mark Switzer if you are interested in attending. The cost is \$10 to cover lunch and expenses.



This is what it looks like when handlers take over the Started Judges tent.



George Billiar gets a Seasoned Ribbon from Judges Pat Gysbers and Jeff Kolanski at the 2009 Fall Test

Training Days:

Upland Training has been scheduled at Rocky Bay for 19Dec2009, 02Jan2010, 16Jan2010, and 23Jan2010. Training begins at 8am. Get tuned up for running in the Upland Hunt Test. The 2010 Kelly Farm Training Days have already been scheduled. The dates are April 3, April 17, May 8, May 22, June 26, and July 10 for 2010. Elk River Kennel dates will be added to the Training schedule in the near future. And the Board will also be checking into a new site at Dave Russell's On Line Retriever location. Check the website for the latest dates and locations for training.

Upland Hunt Test Planning:

Plans are underway for the Land of Lakes Upland Hunt Test on January 31, 2010 at Rocky Bay. The test starts at 9 am. Volunteers for Marshalls, Bird Planters and Gunners are needed for the event. Contact Mark Switzer if you can assist in any way. Lunch will be served on site.

More Fall Hunt Test Photos:



Our Dedicated Started Marshall Dick Trainer at the 2009 Fall Test



“HRCH UH Hay Creek’s Polar Blast” on a Retrieve at the 2009 Fall Test.

Condolences: Our sympathies go out to Randy Tull with the loss of his yellow lab UH HRCH Dillingers Remington Silencer. Remington was an outstanding 1500+ point dog from our area. He was always consistent in running his tests and often the only dog in a Finished test to line a challenging blind. I always enjoyed watching him run as well as judging him. Our hearts go out to Randy as he misses his buddy. We are sad for his loss.

Well, I finally got a newsletter out by the end of the year. I am sure that you were on the edge of your seats...just waiting for it. As you know, it always gets hectic during the fall. We are hunting you know!!! If you have any news worthy items or successful titles that you have earned...let me know. I am always looking for news and/or photos. Thanks Deb and Bruce for the fabulous photos from the Fall Test.

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