

Land of Lakes Hunting Retriever Club

February 07 Newsletter

Election Results were reported on 02January 07 at the January Business meeting. New officers for 2007-2008 were announced. **The new officers are: President - Mark Switzer, Vice President - Greg Larson, Secretary - Chris Benz, Treasurer - Scott Krumm. The Board of Directors is Jeff Kolanski, Dennis Riebe, Pat Gysbers, Nick Repke, Randy Gustafson, and Wade Samson.**

The Annual Wild Game Potluck and Awards Banquet was held at the Samson home on 06Jan07. Attendance was excellent with quite a variety of wild game dishes shared. No one went away hungry. There was plenty of “talking smart” and sharing of fall hunting experiences. A short meeting was held with Pins awarded for all those members that attained titles with their dogs in 2006. Special recognition went to Chris Benz and Cooper attaining 500 points. Randy Tull and Remington attained 1000 points in 2006. George Billiar won the coveted Bulldog award for his club involvement in 2006 above and beyond the call of duty. Here is a photo taken at the event. More are available on the website.



The Upland Hunt was held on February 3, 2007 at Rocky Bay Game Farm near Pine City. It was record day with wind-chill approaching -25F. Many thanks to club members for toughing it out and participating in the event. A big thank you goes to Rocky Bay for hosting the event. Everyone helped with a variety of tasks that included marshalling, judging, shot-gunning, planting birds, setup, etc. Both hunts ran smoothly. It was a fun time, in spite of the weather. Rumor has it that the club may have even made a little money for the treasury. Land of Lakes member passes that were recorded and sent to HRC are as follows: **Hunt 1 (Judged by Wade Samson & Chris Benz):** Greg Larson & Topbrass War Chieftan, Ed Puumala and Sweet Jazzy Jerry, Ed Puumala and Raven's Sparkling Jasmine, Randy Tull and Dillingers Remington Silencer, Marc Hoffman and Candelwood Ram's Haymaker, Jeff Kolanski & Tealwood's Bogart, Linda Kiey and Sunshine on Golden Pond, Nick Repke and Nick's Risky Hunter, Dan Borgos and Teliotes. **Hunt 2 (Judged by Greg Larson & Pat Gysbers):** Marc Hoffman and Candelwood Ram's Haymaker, Jeff Kolanski & Tealwood's Bogart, Randy Tull and Dillingers Remington Silencer, Linda Kiey and Sunshine on Golden Pond, Ed Puumala and Sweet Jazzy Jerry, Ed Puumala and Raven's Sparkling Jasmine, Dan Borgos and Teliotes, Wade Samson and Bailey's Blues and All That Jazz.

Training Season has kicked off with a couple of Saturday training days held at Rocky Bay in January for upland hunt test practice. There was a good turnout with 15+ members showing up each Saturday. The next training days for February are at the site in Hugo. Check the Website for the specific days on the calendar, or contact Dennis Riebe and Jeff Kolanski (our training coordinators).

Time of Sadness: Our sympathy goes out to Dennis Riebe with the passing of his Lab Dixie. We also send our sympathy to Chad Peterson with the passing of his Lab Jaegermeister. All of us definitely understand what a tough time it is when our dogs get to the age or condition when they have to be put down.

The next newsletter will be in April. Let me know of any newsworthy items by the end of March. Our next business meeting is March 5 at the Green Mill Restaurant. The location is Lexington and 694. Meeting begins at 7pm with dinner at 6pm.

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