

Land of Lakes Hunting Retriever Club

May 2009 Newsletter

Congratulations and Welcome: Our membership is up to 59 paid members. Business meetings at Gander Mountain in Blaine and Club Training have shown increased attendance with the new memberships. Our newest members are **Scott Ward, Steve Craig, Craig Gysbers, Alicia Macleod, Jeff Shearen, and Brian Behm**. Please go out of your way to make them feel welcome to the best Hunting Retriever Club in HRC.

Several club members traveled to Muddy Waters HRC near Stevens Point in May and participated in their back to back hunt tests. **Deb Reid** passed both days in Started with each of her Black Lab females, **Red and Belle**. **Jan Hinchman** passed Started both days with her Boykin Spaniel, **Nellie**. **Larry Hinchman** passed Sunday with his Boykin Spaniel, **Trigger**. **Pat Gysbers** passed both days with his Yellow Lab male, **Ice** in Finished. That gave Ice his Hunting Retriever Championship Title. **Congratulations to everyone that made the trip and their results!!!**

Pat Gysbers spent a week judging at the Spring Grand Hunting Retriever Test in Alexandria SD. This was Pat's second Grand Hunt judging assignment and speaks well of his abilities and representation for Land of Lakes. There are only a handful of judges that are asked to judge each year out of 120 HRC clubs nation wide. **Good job Pat!!!**

Training Days:

Training Days at Elk River Kennels and Kelly Farms have been very well attended by club members (see photos below). We have many dates lined up at these locations over the next 3 months that give you a chance to get your retriever performing at the next level. Check the website for dates and locations.

Fall Hunt Test Planning:

Plans are in process for the Land of Lakes Back to Back Fall Hunt Test on September 11, 12, and 13. Friday, September 11 is set up day starting at 12 noon at Kelly Farm, followed by an appreciation /judges dinner that evening. September 12 and 13 are Hunt Test days at Kelly Farm. Saturday evening is the on site Dinner and Awards event, as well as a wonderful Raffle.

Judges and Site Marshalls have been chosen , but there are plenty of jobs that need attention at this point. It takes a lot of effort from everyone to successfully hold this event. Land of Lakes is well known for holding outstanding Hunt Tests with people attending from all over the Midwest. Contact **Mark Switzer or Greg Larson** if you can help in some way. We are also planning to use Hunt Test Secretary outside service for the first time to help alleviate some of the typical Secretary duties.



Duncan watching Mark Switzer Shoot. Wade watching Duncan be steady.



Jason Siverson, Jeff Kolanski, and Chris Hagen enjoying training at Elk River.



Sherry Aadland, Anna Lilledahl, and Jack in the holding blind.

National Meeting:

The HRC National Meeting will be held in Memphis, TN during June 12-14. Our Regional Field Representative Mike Botts will be attending and representing Land of Lakes at the meeting.

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.

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