

The Retriever Review

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KOSTER'S KORNER

A Message from our President

Congratulations to Jimmy Nealy and "Booger" and Paul Britton and "Angel" (handled by Ron Friudenberg) for passing the Spring Grand. Rody Best also did a fine job passing two of his client dogs. This proved to be an exceptionally tough Grand, as only 42 out of 377 dogs passed. Just think, out of the 42 our club had 4 of them.

Congratulations are in order for all of our other club members who ran the Grand, our club was very well represented!

Summer training days are drawing near. We will have our first session June 16th and will run each Sat. at 8:00 AM during the summer. I want these sessions to be mainly designed for our newer members and their young dogs, but we encourage anyone that wants to participate to come on out. We will definitely take time to train the more experienced dogs along with the young dogs. The sessions will be held at Jack Brooks Park located on highway 6 in Hitchcock.

Please give Randy Crable a call if you can help out at the June hunt test. The hunt test will be held June 2nd & 3rd with set up on June 1st. It will be held at Peach Point WMA once again

The Koster family would like to thank all of our HRC family for their thoughts and prayers during the last several months. It has been a very difficult time for us and your kindness will always be remembered. Thanks for the beautiful corn plant, I just hope that we can keep it alive because Liz and I have a reputation for not being very good with house plants.

Remember, good things happen to good people.



A Note from Your Secretary-

Rex and I traveled to Texarkana to watch the Grand for the weekend. It was the first one we had ever been to and I must say that it was really tough. Our club was well represented with Handlers and cheerleaders!! I am really proud of Jimmy, Ron & Rody for their passes and Steve, Janet, Jason, Billy, Dave and Marshall(a new member!) for a great effort! We all had a great time even if Jimmy couldn't keep up with his ribbon (Ask Kyle)!!! If any of you have any good pictures, please get them to me and I will put them on the web!

APRIL MEETING

The meeting was held on April 11, 2007 at the Los Compadres Restraunt in Alvin, TX. Those present were Rex & Donna Westbrook, Ralph & JoAnn Linkenhoker, Stan & Michelle Spradley, Kirk Warren, Al Johnson, Jimmy Nealy, Janet Kimbrough, Randy & Peggy Crable, Don & Liz Koster, Russ Gartman, Tunga Alper, Kyle Cooper, Zeb Friudenberg, Garret Bigelow and guest. This was our first meeting at this restraunt and I think everyone enjoyed it.

Don asked that the minutes from the March meeting be accepted, Ralph Linkenhoker made the motion to accept the minutes and Rex Westbrook seconded it, all were in favor.

OFFICERS REPORT: *Don Koster* wished everyone luck that was headed for the Grand and said we were well represented. *Randy Crable* reported he was working on the HT and would give a report. *Michelle Spradley* passed out a handout showing our expenses paid this last month which included our payment to the Texas Parks and Wildlife for the June HT, to Janet Kimbrough for 5 more holding blinds and judges expenses from the Feb HT, leaving us with a balance of \$2577.89. *Donna Westbrook* reminded everyone to keep sending in their passes and titles each week. She also said that April 15 would be the deadline for renewals and everyone who hasn't paid by then would be taken off the membership list.

OLD BUSINESS: *Hunt Test Report*-Randy reported that he had most of the judges and were just waiting for a few of them to confirm for sure. We are going to have some judges from Memphis, TN coming to judge in a trade with our club. Their club will pay for them to come and judge for us and our club will pay for some of our club members to judge at their HT. This way we will have some new judges in both places. We are going to try and work a similar deal with other clubs. Randy said we still need some marshals and encouraged members to volunteer. Tunga said he was a maybe and Jerry King said he would marshal for started. Don said we have 12 rooms at the LaQuinta reserved for the HT. The boy scouts will be taking care of the bird boy duties. *Title Pins*-Janet said that we've had some small order coming in. She also said that Maria Jefferies may be taking over the title pin duty and that she would take care of changing the information in the ad in the HRC magazine. *Shirt & Hats Committee*-Donna reported that we would be ordering jackets sometime after the June HT and that we would have some of the jackets at the HT for people to look at. She said that Tracy had told her that Ann's Monogramming is trying to find the exact same jackets. The cost of the jackets will depend on how many we order but will probably be around \$60-\$70. Don brought up that we need to elect a committee to work on hats and shirts. Since Sam Harkins, Bill Chapman and Tracy Stephens have already been working on it, they were nominated as the committee. Michelle made a motion to accept these members as the Shirt and Hat Committee and Tunga seconded it. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: The raffle was brought up and Janet suggested that we try to get some free items like some of the other clubs. Donna volunteered to make some phone calls and see what she could get. Donna and Tracy will be in charge of the raffle at the June HT. Don said that we need to turn in any rule changes we would like to submit to the rule change committee. Some of the suggestions from our members were to do away with the dry pop before the blind in Seasoned and that a Grand Judge needs to have handled a dog at the Grand in at least one series before they can judge. After some discussion, Don said he would write them up and submit them. He also said that the all the HRC Officers for this year were unopposed. Janet said there would be a judges seminar at Bryan College Station. She also said that she had received the material for our blinds and that she would have them ready for the HT. Rex made the motion that we adjourn and Tunga seconded it. All were in agreement!! See you next month!!



WE NEED YOU

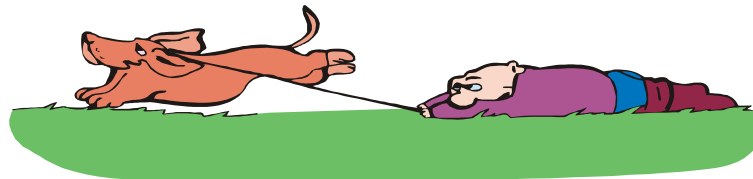
TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR JUNE HT!!!!

**PLENTY OF GREAT JOBS AVAILABLE-NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
CONTACT RANDY CRABLE AT (409) 925-7840 OR pcrable@houston.rr.com**

DON'T DELAY-CALL TODAY!!!



UPCOMING HUNT TEST



Alamo HRC HT May 19 & 20
LOC: Boeck Ranch, Schertz, TX

Colorado River HRC HT June 2 & 3
LOC: Peach Point WMA, Jones Creek, TX

For more information and premiums go to www.huntingretrieverclub.org/



TITLES AND PASSES

Our club members had great success this month at Hunt Tests. Here's a list of their accomplishments. Be sure to turn in your passes so you can get the credit you deserve!!

Colorado River HRC HT

Feb 17 & 18, 2007

SHR Devil's Kane Mutiny/Forrest Lewis

Started Title (Sun)

HR Dakota's Miss Rebe Sue "Rebe"/Forrest Lewis

HR Title (Sun)

Bryan College Station HRC HT

March 31 & April 1, 2007

SHR Shadow's Artic Frost/Garrett Bigelow

Started Title

SHR Shadow's Duckwater Dutchess/Garrett Bigelow

Started Title

SHR K & W Duck Commander In Chief/Garrett Bigelow

Started Title

HR Devil's Kane Mutiny/Forrest Lewis

HR Title (Sat)

HR Roux's Atchafalaya Rose/Forrest Lewis

HR Title (Sun)

Greater Golden AKC HT

April 7, 2007

HR Westbrook's Eagle Eye Commander "Chief"/Rex Westbrook

Senior Pass (Sat)

Port Arthur AKC HT

April 21 & 22, 2007

GRHRCH UH Charlies Running Weedeater MH/Daren Hearn

Master Pass (Sat/Sun)

HRC Grand

April 21-25, 2007

HRCH UH Snota Yella "Booger"/Jimmy Nealy

Grand Pass

HRCH Britton's Duck Angel "Angel"/Paul Britton, owner/Ron Friudenberg, handler

Grand Pass

Tejas AKC HT

April 28 & 29, 2007

Street's Gator Pts. PMF Charlie "Charlie"/Lisa Street owner/Pat McHale handler

Junior Pass (Sat & Sun)

Westbrook's Lone Star TX Ranger "Rip"/Donna Westbrook

Junior Pass (Sun)

CH HR Waterbound "The Pathfinder" SH "Annie"/Sheryl Fuller owner/James Davis handler

Senior Title (Sun)

HR Westbrook's Eagle Eye Commander SH "Chief"/Rex Westbrook

Senior Title (Sun)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!

We want to welcome Robert Ellis from Manvel. He has chocolate female named "Sierra". He recently moved here from Carson City, Nevada and this is his first lab. He heard about our club from Rody Best.

My Experiences

By Kyle Cooper

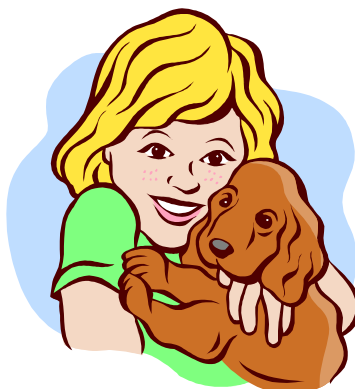
Hi, my name is Kyle Cooper and I joined the Colorado River Retriever Club on February 16, 2007. On that same day, I ran my Golden Retriever "Cooper" for the first time at the CRRC Hunt Test in Started.

I was introduced to dog training about a year and a half ago by Oakwood Kennels head trainer, Ron Friudenburg. He had trained my golden female, "Summer" and it all shot out from there! Just 6 months later, I was an assistant dog trainer. Ron asked me "Why don't you get a dog?" and it got me to thinking. So the next day I asked him what I needed to look for in a dog. Ron said I needed a good named breed with a field trial bloodline. After a month of looking, I got a heck of a dog! I found me, yep that's right, a Golden. Some say they are too smart to handle and some say they are this and that but like my good friend Janet Kimbrough told me, "It doesn't matter the color as long as I have a hunting breed and as long as I don't get a hunting poodle, I'll be fine!" So they delivered the puppy a week later and he was beautiful. If yall know the Belvederes, you would know he is a true, strong Belvedere. My dog and I have spent some good times together and we are just getting started. Right now, he is about to be 1 year old.

We just got back from Texarkana where I attended the 2007 Spring Grand. It was my very first Grand and it was amazing with over 377 dogs. I met so many trainers and spent some amazing time with Rex and Donna Westbrook, Steve and Maria Jefferies, Marshall Stone (who is now a member!), the amazing Janet Kimbrough and good ole Jimmy Nealy.

Well, that's pretty much how I became a beginning trainer and how I was introduced to this amazing club and its great members. Thanks to all of you who have helped me along the way.

(For those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting Kyle Cooper. He is the 14 year old son of Roland & Cindy Yarborough. He is a lot of fun to be around and is always ready to talk dogs!! Usually, if you see Ron or Zeb, Kyle is around somewhere! He and "Cooper" have titled in Started and will be headed for Seasoned!! Good Luck Kyle and thanks for writing this for me!!-Donna)



Puppies For Sale

**UKC & AKC "SHADOW & TATER" TOTS
Whelped April 11, 2007
2 chocolate males - 4 chocolate females
2 yellow males - 2 yellow females**

**Sire: HRCH Jefferies Riptde Cash Force SH "Tater"
Dam: HR Wind River's Edge of Night JH "Shadow"
Owned by Steve & Maria Jefferies**

**These puppies will be socialized, introduced
to live pigeons, dewclaws removed, written hip &
eye guarantee, vaccinated and wormed.
\$650.00**

**Contact: Steve Jefferies
979-345-6993**



Four Topper Dog Box for Sale

Can be seen on Mike & Lisa Nutter's website at www.twinriversretrievers.com



REMINDERS!!!!

Remember to access the Newsletter and membership list on line, go to www.crrcinc.org then click on Retriever Review, the user name is crrcinc and the password is lablovers. Also, be sure to register on the message board! If you have any questions or problems with the website just send me an email at rexndonna@earthlink.net

Be sure to volunteer for our upcoming June HT. You don't need any experience!!! We will need plenty of help-no one will be turned down!!! Contact Randy Crable at (409) 925-7840/home or (409) 789-9545/cell or email pcrable@houston.rr.com

If you would like to be a sponsor for our June HT book please send your information to Maria Jefferies at mjjefferies@earthlink.net The cost will be \$25 per sponsor.

If you have anything you would like to donate to the raffle for the June HT please let me know ASAP. You can email me at rexndonna@earthlink.net

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING ON MAY 9, 2007 (AT OUR NEW LOCATION!) AT THE LOS COMPADRES MEXICAN FOOD RESTAUNT ON HWY 35 IN ALVIN! IT'S LOCATED DIRECTLY BECHIND POPEYE'S CHICKEN! THE MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM SO COME EARLY AND ENJOY SOME FOOD AND AS ALWAYS, LOTS OF DOG TALK!