

The Retriever Review

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KOSTER'S KORNER

A Message from our President

Well another hunt test has come and gone. This hunt was a little disappointing due to our dog numbers were down. Other clubs are having similar problems. These problems are probably due to \$3.00 a gallon gasoline and in our case bad weather was predicted for Sat. the good news is that we still managed to make about \$300.00 overall on the test despite only running 141 dogs for the weekend.

Several people need to be thanked for helping pull this hunt off. Randy Crable our hunt test chairman did a great job as usual and our hunt test secretary, Janet Kimbrough did a great job. Special thanks need to be extended to Jimmy Nealy for arranging for all of the fine food that we enjoyed at our Judge's dinner, tailgate party, and lunches for the workers each day. Without Jimmy's help we would have certainly lost money on this hunt. Donna Westbrook did an outstanding job hustling raffle items. The raffle was a huge success and our profits from the raffle is why we ended up in the black on our hunt test. Thanks to all who helped sell the raffle tickets to make the raffle so successful.

The girl's softball team worked out real well and we would certainly use them again if they are available.

Be sure to thank all of our judges when you see them at other tests. They give up a lot to become a judge and to come judge for us.

Lastly, I would like all of our fellow club members who donated their time and money to come and work as marshals, bird stewards, equipment handlers, check in help and judges. Without your help and commitment this test certainly would have failed. Thanks go out to all of you who donated raffle items. It is one thing to volunteer to work, but it is really special when you do so at your own expense (hotel & gas expenses).

I hope to see each and one of you at our next meeting at Bass Pro Shop in Pearland. We are scheduled to have a retriever demonstration Memorial Day weekend at their store in Pearland if we can handle it. We might consider naming a committee to be in charge of these events

FEBRUARY MEETING

The meeting was held on February 13, 2008 at the Los Compadres Mexican Restaurant in Alvin, TX. Those in attendance were Rex and Donna Westbrook, Randy and Peggy Crable, Ryan Cade, Jimmy Nealy, Wayne Lindsey, Steve and Maria Jefferies, Leslie and Dawn Gourley, Don Koster, Jim Stevens, Clint and Aubrey Tahan, Gary Jackson, Stan and Michelle Spradley, Jeremy, Kendra and Korbin Raef, Ron and Alan Friudenberg, John and Joylynn Grady, Aaron and Liz Tolleson, Jerry King, Cindy Yarborough, Kyle Cooper, Lewis Goodman, Ralph Linkenhoker and Ross Lewis.

Don called the meeting to order. Rex Westbrook made the motion to accept the minutes of the Jan meeting and Peggy Crable seconded them. All agreed.

Officer's Report: *President Don Koster* reported that he had been working on club business and he would discuss is later in the meeting. He's also been helping Randy with the upcoming hunt test. *Vice President Randy Crable* said he's been working on the Feb hunt test and would give a report. *Treasurer Michelle Spradley* said that we have \$3134.18 in the bank with outstanding bills fro ribbons, insurance and T shirts. *Secretary Donna Westbrook* reminded everyone to send in their dues for the New Year. She also told everyone to please send in their titles and passes each week during HT time so that she can keep up with them. She also asked that if they had anything for the raffle to be sure and get it to her asap. *Historian Maria Jefferies* said that the title pins sales keep coming in and the she can't keep enough.

Hunt Test Report: Randy said that everything was covered. He also reminded everyone of the predicted bad weather so that everyone could be prepared. The project graduation kids had only one person show up for the training day so it was decided to replace them. A girl's softball team from the West Columbia area would be put in their place. Randy said that he and Don went out to Justin Hurst WMA and pick out some test sites. He said that some of them would be in new places that we haven't run in before.

Old Business: *T Shirts*-Don said the t shirts are done. He said that they cost us \$11.50 and that we need to decide on what to charge. After some discussion, Peggy Crable made a motion that we charge \$15 for adult shirts and \$10 for children shirts. Maria Jefferies seconded the motion and all agreed. Don said he would give the shirts to Maria Jefferies so that they could get put in the club trailer. *Bass Pro Shop*-Don said he had talked to the manager at Bass Pro Shop and they said we could have our meetings at their store. We would also have to agree to do a retriever demonstration for their Fall Classic. After some discussion, Jim Stevens made the motion that we have our meetings at Bass Pro Shop in Pearland and commit to their Fall Classic, Michelle Spradley seconded the motion and all agreed. So, starting in March, we will be meeting upstairs at the Bass Pro Shop in Pearland, TX. Don also said that the umbrella stands and umbrellas are all in and would be put in the club trailer for the June HT.

New Business: Jimmy Nealy brought up that some years ago, the club had made a rule against judges getting a free run instead of a gift and that he would like us to resend that rule. After some discussion, Jim Stevens made a motion that judges could choose a free run in lieu of a gift, Randy Crable seconded the motion and all agreed. Jimmy also wanted the club to consider changing the number of seasoned dogs per flight to 25 instead of 30. After a lot of discussion, Jimmy made the motion to make this change, Peggy Crable seconded the motion and all agreed. This would be in effect as of March 1, 2008.

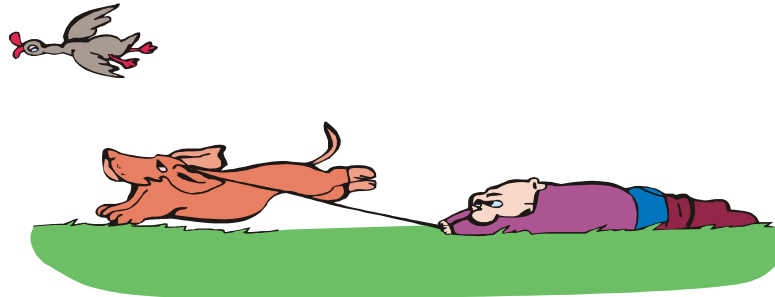
Don reminded everyone that set up for the Hunt Test would start at 2 pm on Friday. He also thanked Ron Friudenberg and Jim Witt for setting up the training day on Jan 19. He said we had about 10 members present and thought that everyone had a good day. He thanked Janet for bringing the ducks and Jerry for bringing extra bird boys. Peggy Crable had a list of household items that you could use on your dog and she shared a couple of them with us. She said you can use dawn or lemon fresh joy to bath your dog with and that it kills fleas. She also said you could use bounce to rub down your dog to make him smell better. I am going to try and get a copy of this to put in the newsletter.

Peggy Crable made the motion that we adjourn and Rex Westbrook seconded the motion. All agreed.



A Note from Your Secretary-

I just want to remind everyone to get their dues in for 2008, if you haven't done so already. After March 31, I will have to remove anyone who hasn't paid. I think the HT season has started off good for most of our club members. We've already had several titles for this year! Be sure to keep sending in those passes and titles!!! Also, a reminder to all that are going to the HRC Grand, be sure you get your entries mailed. The entries have to be there by April 1, 2008.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Lone Star HRC HT/March 15 & 16, 2008 (book entries close Mar 7)

LOC: Owens Ranch, Bowie, TX

Pontchartrain HRC HT/March 15 & 16, 2008 (book entries close Mar 7)

LOC: Bonnett Carre Spillway, Norco, LA

Bryan College Station HRC HT/March 29 & 30, 2008 (book entries close Mar 21)

LOC: Brannon Ranch, College Station, TX

Cajun HRC HT/March 29 & 30, 2008

LOC: Estherwood K of C, Estherwood, LA

HRC Spring Grand/April 26-30, 2008 (entries must be received by April 1)

LOC: Burnt Pines Plantation, Madison, GA

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Enter on line at www.HuntSecretary.com

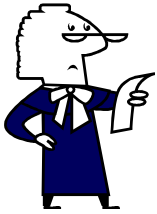
Pontchartrain AKC HT/March 29 & 30, 2008 (entries close Mar 18)

LOC: Bonnett Carre Spillway, Norco, LA

Greater Houston Golden AKC HT/April 5 (one day, only Junior & Senior, entries close Mar 26)

LOC: Anderson, TX

To enter AKC events, go to www.entryexpress.net



HERE COMES THE JUDGE

Below are listed upcoming judge's assignments for your fellow club members who volunteer their time as HRC judges. We also have club members who judge AKC Hunt Test. Be sure to thank them for their dedication to our sport when you see them.

Lake Charles HRC HT/March 1 & 2, 2008

Michelle Spradley-Seasoned Sat & Sun
Don Koster- Finished Sat & Sun
Janet Kimbrough-Finished Sat & Sun
Randy Crable-Finished Sat & Sun

North East Texas HRC HT/March 8 & 9, 2008

Don Koster-Finished Sat & Sun

Bryan College Station HRC HT/March 29 & 30, 2008

Don Koster-Seasoned Sat & Finished Sun
Dan Negrin-Finished Sat & Started Sun
Dick Beaufile-Finished Sat & Sun
Dave Brannon-Finished Sat
Bob Brundrett-Started Sun
Randy Crable-Finished Sun



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!

A Big CRRC welcome to: Richard Bell from Angleton. He has a HRCH black female lab named "Tess". Ernie D'Antoni from Magnolia, TX, he has a black female lab named "Starr", a HRCH black female lab named "Soo" and a HRCH black female lab named Titan.



TITLES AND PASSES

Congratulations to our club members who have recently earned a title or a pass at a Hunt Test. Be sure to turn in your passes so you can get the credit you deserve!!

Raven's Way HRC HT / Feb 9 & 10, 2008

Oliver of Green Acres "Ollie"/ Lewis Goodman/ Started Pass
Trahan's Cash Flew the Coop "Cooper"/Clint Trahan/Started Pass Sat & Sun
Grant's Riptide Champ "Champ"/Kyle Grant/Started Pass Sat & Sun
SHR Lil' Ann/Rody Best (owned by Lewis Goodman)/Seasoned Pass Sat & Sun
Nutter's Drop da Hammer Harley JH/Mike Nutter/Seasoned Pass Sat
HR UH Doctor Dave's Ruddy Drake JH "Drake"/Dave Brannon/Finished Pass
HRCH UH High Praises Houdini MH "Houdi"/Dave Brannon/Finished Pass

Colorado River HRC HT/Feb 16 & 17, 2008

Trahan's Cash Flew the Coop "Cooper"/Clint Trahan/Started Pass Sat & Title Sun
Grant's Riptide Champ "Champ"/Kyle Grant/Started Pass Sat & Title Sun
Dr J's Water-lovin Sailor "Sailor"/Jeremy Raef/Started Pass Sat & Sun
Oliver of Green Acres "Ollie"/Started Pass
Flying V Tater's Little Shadow "Spud"/Steve Jefferies/Started Pass Sun
Dixie Hits the Water Hard "Dixie"/Glynn Parent/Started Title
Aaron's Lady Bella/Steve Jefferies (owner Aaron Tolleson)/Started Pass Sat & Sun
Howdy's Southern Sadie "Sadie"/Junior Boykin/Seasoned Pass Sat
SHR Lil' Ann/Rody Best (owner Lewis Goodman)/HR Title
Westbrook's Lone Star TX Ranger "Rip"/Donna Westbrook/Seasoned Pass Sat & Sun
Ax's Bayou City Showgirl "Lola"/Mike Akeroyd/Seasoned Pass Sat
HRCH Westbrook's Eagle Eye Commander SH "Chief"/Finished Pass Sat & Sun
HRCH Westbrook's South Texas Pedro SH "Pete"/Finished Pass Sat & Sun
HRCH Jefferies Riptide Cash Force SH "Tater"/Steve Jefferies/Finished Pass Sat & Sun
HR Wind River's Edge of Night JH "Shadow"/Steve Jefferies/Finished Pass Sat
HRCH UH High Praises Houdini MH "Houdi"/Dave Brannon/Finished Pass

Tejas HRC HT/Feb 23 & 24, 2008

Flying V Tater's Little Shadow "Spud"/Steve Jefferies/Started Pass Sat & Sun
Oliver of Green Acres "Ollie"/Lewis Goodman/Started Title Sun
Aaron's Lady Bella/Steve Jefferies (owner Aaron Tolleson)/Started Pass Sat & Title Sun
Westbrook's Lone Star TX Ranger "Rip"/Donna Westbrook/HR Title Sun
Howdy's Southern Sadie "Sadie"/Junior Boykin/Seasoned Pass Sat & Sun
HR UH Doctor Dave's Ruddy Drake JH "Drake"/Dave Brannon/Finished Pass Sat
HRCH UH High Praises Houdini MH "Houdi"/Dave Brannon/Finished Pass Sat
HR Wind River's Edge of Night JH "Shadow"/Steve Jefferies/Finished Pass Sat
HRCH Westbrook's Eagle Eye Commander SH "Chief"/Donna Westbrook/Finished Pass Sun

Port Arthur AKC HT/Feb 23 & 24, 2008

HR Lil' Ann/Rody Best (owner Lewis Goodman)/Senior Pass

Lake Charles HRC HT/Mar 1 & 2, 2008

Dr J's Water-lovin Sailor "Sailor"/Jeremy Raef/Started Pass Sat & Title Sun

Bryan College Station AKC HT/Mar 1 & 2, 2008

HR UH Doctor Dave's Ruddy Drake JH "Drake"/Dave Brannon/Senior Pass

PUPPIES FOR SALE

Repeat breeding!!

FC AFC x HRCH - All black litter born March 7th, 3 males available. The first litter produced strong markers that are all competitive in both FT & HT, just ask the owners. Please call/email for references. Sire: FC AFC Esprit's Power Play (Esprit's Out of the Woods QAA x FC AFC Scans Nick of Time) OFA LR-137291G47M-PI, CERF LR-26893. Dam: HRCH JT's Tanker Belle (NFC NAFC Candlewoods Super Tanker Grand daughter) OFA LR-124014G26F-PI, CERF LR-44408/2008 Hips and eyes guaranteed, dew claws will be removed. Pups are \$750; a \$150 reserves your pick. For more information contact Jason Luker at email: jtluker@gmail.com phone: 832-215-3204 or visit <http://www.thirdcoastretrievers.com> and click on the "pups" link.

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REMINDERS!!!!

Remember that our meeting place has changed. We will be meeting at the Bass Pro Shop in Pearland, TX. The room is located upstairs next to the gun counter. Be sure to eat before you come as there will be no food served at the meeting.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING ON MARCH 12, 2008 AT THE BASS PRO SHOP IN PEARLAND. THE MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM!! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!

