

# The Retriever Review

*The monthly newsletter of the Colorado River Retriever Club*

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## KOSTER'S KORNER

*A Message from our President*

We have had a pretty rough couple of months in Colorado River Retriever Club concerning the deaths of some of our finest canine members. Lifetime, honorary club member Frank Bush lost his 13 year old black lab, GRHRCH Bush's Black Jack MH. Jack was one of the finest retrievers that I ever had the privilege to train with and he will be sorely missed. Janet Kimbrough lost HRCH UH Maks Windjammers High Tide SH at the age of 13. Schooner was truly a pleasure to be around and I was around him a lot, as were a lot of you fellow members. Schooner had amassed about 1350 HRC points and had one Grand pass and will be missed by all of us very much. Yesterday I received a call from fellow club member Bill Chapman informing me that HR R & B's Abbigale had died due to poisoning she had received after eating a bulb off of a neighbor's plant. Abby was only 31 months old and her death came as a real shock. I had the pleasure of training with Bill and Abby on several occasions and she defiantly had a future in our game. I would ask that you include these members in your prayers as they are all in need of comfort due to their recent loss.

I hope everyone had a great time at our X-Mas party. I know that Liz and I had a great time and it appeared to me that everyone was having as much fun as we were. We were allowed this great opportunity to come together by the hard work of a few of our members. Enough cannot be said of the efforts of our X-Mas party committee; Maria Jefferies, Michelle Spradley, and Donna Westbrook. These three ladies did a magnificent job once again and the club owes them a great big **THANK YOU!!!** Of course none of this would not be possible without the generosity of the Flying V Ranch. The Jefferies and Mrs. Valdez give so much to our club and we really appreciate all that they do.

As part of our X-Mas party, we gave out awards that our fellow club members earned during 2007. What an awesome privilege it was for me to be able to present all of the awards to so many of my fellow club members. I believe there were 47 awards earned during 2007. That is an awesome number that we can build on for 2008.

Please contact Randy Crable if you can volunteer to help at our Feb. hunt test. Your help is needed to make our hunt test a success. Contact Randy at (409)925-7840 if you can help in any way.

## NOVEMBER MEETING

ATTENDEES : Tracy Stephens, Janet Kimbrough, Deborah Story, Roy Barnes, Don Koster, Randy Crable, Matt Crable, Jason & Jeanne Luker, Ralph & JoAnn Linkenhoker, Steve & Maria Jefferies, Les & Dawn Gourley, Jerry King, Stan & Michelle Spradley, Matt Tischler, Rex & Donna Westbrook.

Don called the meeting to order. Randy Crable made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting and Rex Westbrook seconded it. All were in favor. Don introduced Deborah Story from Tejas HRC as our guest.

Officer's Report: *President Don Koster* said he had been hunting and had nothing else to report. *Vice President Randy Crable* said he volunteered to be our HT Marshall and would be looking for Club Members to help out. He would give a report in January after all the holidays are over. *Treasurer Michelle Spradley* said that we have \$6290.37 in the bank. *Secretary Donna Westbrook* reminded everyone to get their Titles for 2007 sent in so that we could get the awards back in time for the Christmas Party. *Historian Maria Jefferies* said that she had received \$635 for Title Pin sales.

Old Business: Don started the meeting by telling everyone that had ordered jackets to see Tracy Stephens to pick up their jacket. He also said that Bill Chapman was working on a bid for shirts. He asked the club if we wanted just short sleeve or should we order some long sleeve as well? Don also said he ordered 10 umbrella stands for the bird boys and that Michelle Spradley will order the umbrellas.

New Business: Don the only rule change to be voted on this year, is the one our club submitted. The rule change is to take the dry pop before the blind out of the Seasoned test and the reason for the change is that it is a not needed distraction. The club vote "For" this change. Don said he would send in our ballot. Don brought up that there is an Evan Graham Seminar at Cowtown HRC on Feb 1 & 2 for anyone who is interested. It will be a \$125 with a dog (limited to 30) and \$100 without a dog. For information on this you can go to their website at [www.cowtownhrc.com](http://www.cowtownhrc.com) . Don also announced that Michelle Spradley will be apprenticing as a seasoned judge. We talked about a nominating committee for officers but we voted to let Donna Westbrook send out a mass email for nominations. She will ask those who are nominated and present them to the club at the Dec. meeting. We talked about having a youth hunt at our June HT. Janet made a motion to send a donation to the HRC for Frank Bush and his dog Jack. Frank lost his 13 year old dog this month. Roy seconded the motion and all were in favor. Steve Jefferies made a motion to adjourn and Ralph Linkenhoker seconded the motion and all were in favor!!

## **December Meeting**

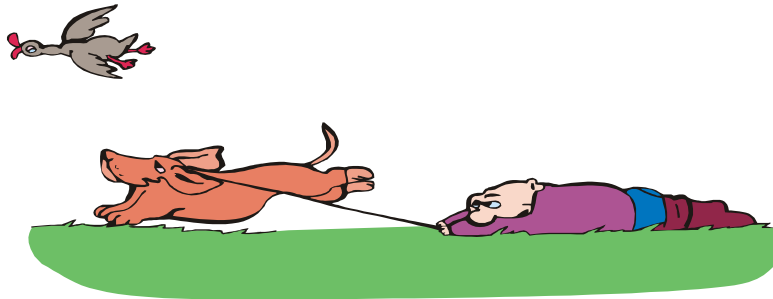
The meeting was held on December 12, 2007 at Los Compadres in Alvin, TX. Those in attendance were Michelle Spradley, Rex & Donna Westbrook, Clint Trahan, Matt Tischler, Russ Gartman, Don & Liz Koster.

We couldn't have an official meeting since we didn't have enough club members in attendance. We will have to vote on officers at the January meeting. Don said he thought the Christmas Party went really well and that everyone seemed to have a good time. He thought the committee did a great job. We talked about maybe having 2 parties this year, a picnic in June for our families and a Christmas Party for the adults, since our club is getting so big. We also talked about trying to form an event committee. Don said that James Davis had finished our umbrella stands and that he would go get them before the HT.



### ***A Note from Your Secretary-***

*I hope everyone had a good holiday season. My heart goes out to Janet, Bill and Frank for the loss of their labs and also to Michelle & Stan for the loss of their little pomeranian. We are now back to the HT season again! I am going to be working on the website and putting up premiums for the different HT as they become available. You can check them out on the Retriever Events part of the website. I will be doing the raffle at our HT. If you can donate a \$5 or \$10 gift card for our tree or if you have anything else to donate , be sure to send it to me or bring it to the HT. It's also time to renew our memberships. Please go to the website and print off an application, then fill it out and mail it to me with your dues.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Raven's Way HRC HT** /Feb 9 & 10, 2008  
LOC: 7 J Stock Farms, Madisonville, TX

**Cajun HRC Upland Hunt**/Feb 9, 2008  
LOC: Estherwood K of C, Estherwood, LA

**Colorado River HRC HT**/Feb 16 & 17, 2008  
LOC: Justin Hurst WMA (Formerly Peach Point WMA)

**Tejas HRC HT**/Feb 23 & 24, 2008  
LOC: Priesemeyer Farms, El Campo, TX

**Amite River HRC HT**/Feb 23 & 24, 2008  
LOC: Dixon Correctional Institute

**Cowtown Upland Quad**/Feb 23 & 24, 2008  
LOC: Mansfield, TX

**Lake Charles HRC HT**/March 1 & 2, 2008  
LOC: Sweet Lake Land & Oil, Sweet Lake, LA

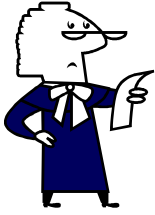
Go to [www.huntingretrieverclub.org](http://www.huntingretrieverclub.org) for more info

**Port Arthur AKC HT**/Feb 23 & 24, 2008 (entries close 2-13-08)  
LOC: Hamshire, TX

**Bryan-College Station AKC HT**/Mar 1 & 2, 2008 (entries close 2-20-08)  
LOC: Iola, TX

**Brazosport AKC HT**/Mar 8 & 9, 2008 (entries close 2-27-08)  
LOC: Montgomery, TX

To enter AKC events, go to [www.entryexpress.net](http://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.

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

Rob Somers-Started Saturday & Sunday  
Robert Hines-Started Saturday & Seasoned Sunday  
Jimmy Nealy-Seasoned Saturday  
Mike Akeroyd-Seasoned Saturday & Started Sunday  
Dan Negrin-Finished Saturday & Sunday  
Don Koster-Finished Saturday  
Ralph Linkenhoker-Finished Saturday & Sunday  
Dave Brannon-Finished Sunday  
Bob Brundrett-Finished Sunday



## WE NEED YOU

**TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR FEBRUARY HT!!!!**

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## **“CORI”**

FC AFC HUNTING HILLS CORRIANDER QAA  
FC AFC Blackwater Rudy X FC AFC Dutchmans Gold Midnight Eve  
X

## **“Tova”**

HRCH VIKING’S TRUMARC’N TOVA MH  
AFC Hawkeye’s Viking X Rebels Dixie Chick III MH

Marshall Stone has one yellow pup for sale out of this litter.  
For more information you can email him at  
[stonem5@hotmail.com](mailto:stonem5@hotmail.com)



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**DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING ON JAN 9, 2008  
AT THE LOS COMPADRES MEXICAN FOOD RESTRAUNT 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!**