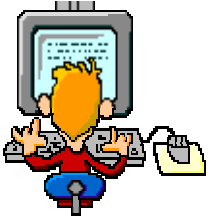


# The Retriever Review

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## **KOSTER'S KORNER**

*A Message from our President*

I do not have much to report this month, but I did want to take this opportunity to wish everyone good luck this hunt test season.

From the reports that I have had the teal season has been pretty good, at least the first week was productive. The birds seemed to thin out the second week.

I wish that I had something great to report on from the Grand, but the word that I have is that our club members did not do very well. I am sure that Jimmy will give us the "low down" at our next meeting.

We will start lining up help for our Feb. hunt test at our next meeting. Please be prepared to discuss any improvements we might make to help our hunt test become even better than they already are.

Remember, good things happen to good people.

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**ATTENDEES :** Don Koster Jimmy Nealy, Jerry King, Tunga Alper, David & Becky Manney, Bill Coleman, Jenny Lyons, Wayne Lindsey, & Jason Luker.

Called meeting to order; approved minutes; introduced Jenny Lyons & Wayne Lindsey as this was their first meeting. They are full time trainers operating out of Angleton. They can provide all types of training.

Officer's Report : Don was the only officer present due to Randy and Donna working and Michelle is on vacation in Montana. Don reported that the summer training is officially over due to the up-coming testing and hunting seasons. He stated that the training sessions were successful and that we averaged about 9 handlers and 11 dogs each week. He also stated that he had received positive feedback from those who attended.

Old Business. Jerry King made a motion and Jason Luker seconded the motion that we purchase 6 Gunners Up wingers for the club. This was after some discussion as to whether we had officially approved the purchase at our last meeting. We checked the minutes and saw that Stan Spradley had suggested the we purchase them after Don had reported the cost of \$315 from Gunners up, but no motion was made and the issue was not voted on by the club. Jerry King made a motion that we purchase 6 Gunners Up wingers and Jason Luker seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. Jimmy will try to purchase them at the Grand if they are offering any "deals" to the handlers.

Jimmy and several other members reminded Don that it was time to get the shirts ordered as the camo material is now out for the up-coming hunting season. Don stated that he would contact Bill Chapman and Sam Harkins to see if they would be willing to handle the order.

Don announced that Officer Joe Goff will be a guest speaker at our next club meeting. Joe is a Game Warden in Brazoria County and will help us understand any new hunting regulations for the up-coming season.

New Business: Don reminded everyone that our Feb. hunt test is Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. He asked that everyone check their calendars and be prepared to help out any way possible. It was suggested that since Randy did such a great job in June that he needs to be the Hunt Chairman in Feb. Don said that he would talk to him about it. No other business was conducted and the discussions turned to training issues. David Manney made a motion to adjourn and Jimmy seconded and we adjourned.

## **OCTOBER MEETING**

The meeting was held October 10, 2007 at Los Compadres in Alvin. Those members present were Don & Liz Koster, Jeff Koster, Jason & Jeanne Luker, Jerry King, David & Becky Manney, Roy & Beverly Barnes, Jeremy & Kendra Raef, Stan & Michelle Spradley and Donna Westbrook.

Don called the meeting to order. He said that Joe Goeff would not be at the meeting tonight but that he would reschedule him another time. Jason Luker made the motion to accept the minutes from the September meeting and David Manney seconded it, all were in agreement.

Officers Report: Don said that he was looking for a Hunt Test Marshall for our Feb HT and ask for any volunteers. He said that Randy Crable said he would do it, if no one else would. He said we would also need a HT Secretary. Michelle Spradley gave the treasurers report and said we had \$7600. Donna Westbrook gave the secretary report and reminded everyone to turn in their titles and passes. She told everyone that we now have 95 members.

Old Business: Jimmy Nealy didn't get a chance to buy any wingers at the Grand. He is going to check at the Big D HT. Don said once we received the 6 new wingers, then 6 of the old ones will need to be taken out of the trailer. He said we could sell the old wingers for a \$100 each or put them up for bid at our HT. He said we could discuss it later. Don also said that Bill Chapman is checking into new shirts.

New Business: We have the Christmas Party coming up soon. Michelle Spradley, Maria Jefferies and Donna Westbrook will be on the committee. Jason Luker said to let him know if anyone is interested in getting their dogs tested for EIC. He said it is free but a donation is appreciated to help pay for the cost of the test which is \$10-\$12. Don said we will need plenty of volunteers for the upcoming HT in February. He asked Donna to check on a contact name for the West Columbia Project Graduation so that we can see if they would be interested in being our bird boys again. Stan Spradley brought up the idea of having our meetings at the new Bass Pro Shop in Pearland. Don said he would check it out. Don announced that the judging committee has signed papers for Jerry King and Jason Luker to be started judges. Jeanne Luker made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Don Koster seconded it and all agreed!



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

***Well, it was great to finally make it back to a meeting. This has really been a busy end of the year! Rex and I were both fortunate to get our HRCH on both our dogs this season and we are looking forward to running the Grand in April!!! My 10 year old granddaughter, Hannah, also got her first title which was very exciting for her. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!! Hope to see you at the Christmas Party-Donna***



## **2007 TITLES**

Here is a list of the Titles earned by Club Members for this year. Congratulations to all!!!

### **STARTED HUNTING RETRIEVER**

SHR Maggie Mae/Scott Orr  
SHR Belveder's Southern Gold/Kyle Cooper  
SHR Wildrose's Cooterville/Don Hough  
SHR Highland Bayou's Gander's Goin Down/Roy and Beverly Barnes  
SHR The Devil's Kane Mutiny/Forrest and Julia Lewis  
SHR Shadow's Artic Frost JH/Garrett Bigelow  
SHR Shadow's Duckwater Dutchess JH/Garrett Bigelow  
SHR K & W Duck Commander In Chief/Garrett Bigelow  
SHR Kanati's Sweet Breezy Louise/Matthew Hickl  
SHR Raymonds Ose Negro Grande JH/Rob Somers  
SHR Westbrook's Lone Star TX Ranger/Rex and Donna Westbrook  
SHR Bogey/Richard Gardner

### **HUNTING RETRIEVER**

HR Flying V's Rambling Abe JH/Steve & Maria Jefferies  
HR UH Doctor Dave's Ruddy Drake JH/Dave Brannon  
HR Palm's Major Effort SH/Mason Mitchell  
HR Elm Creek's Jack of Diamonds JH/Dick & Diana Beaufils  
HR Nutter's Chili Pepper Peanut JH/Lisa Nutter  
HR Wannamakers Sweet Dixie/Coy Sims  
HR Dakota's Miss Rebe Sue JH/Forrest & Julia Lewis  
HR The Devil's Kane Mutiny/Forrest & Julia Lewis  
HR Roux's Atchafalaya Rose/Forrest & Julia Lewis  
HR Raymonds Ose Negro Grande JH JH/Rob Somers  
HR Mister Bojangles/Sam Harkins  
HR Bogey/Richard Gardner  
HR UH Cajun's Callin' Baton Rouge JH/Rody Best

### **HUNTING RETRIEVER CHAMPION**

HRCH Flying V Zig Zag N Zoe/Steve & Maria Jefferies  
HRCH Maxx's Hip Pocket Rocket SH/Dick & Diana Beaufils  
HRCH Starlight's Chantilly Lace/Junior Boykin  
HRCH Westbrook's South Texas Pedro SH/Rex & Donna Westbrook  
HRCH Westbrook's Eagle Eye Commander SH/Rex & Donna Westbrook

### **UPLAND HUNTER**

HR UH Doctor Dave's Ruddy Drake JH/Dave Brannon

### **500 POINT CLUB**

HRCH UH High Praise Dark Chocolat With Nuts/Janet Kimbrough

### **JUNIOR HUNTER**

HR Raymonds Ose Negro Grande JH /Rob Somers  
SHR Street's Gator Pt. PMF Charlie JH/Lisa Street and Joe McKinney  
Triple Crown's Hook Line and Sinker JH/Rody Best  
Nutter's Drop Da Hammer Harley/Michael Nutter

### **SENIOR HUNTER**

HRCH Jefferies Marsh Cricket SH/Steve & Maria Jefferies  
HRCH Westbrook's Eagle Eye Commander SH/Rex & Donna Westbrook  
CH HRCH Waterbound "The Pathfinder" SH/Sheryl Fuller  
HR Palm's Major Effort SH/Mason Mitchell

### **MASTER HUNTER**

HRCH UH High Praise's Houdini MH /Dave Brannon



### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!!**

A BIG CRRC WELCOME TO OUR NEWSEST MEMBERS:

Wayne Lindsey is from Houston and he has a yellow female named "Sadie". Clint and Aubrey Trahan are from Angleton and have a yellow male named "Cooper". Kyle, Brandy and Hunter Grant are from Richwood and have a yellow male named "Champ".

**DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING ON Nov 14, 2007 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!**

