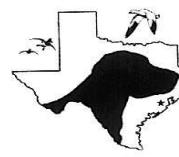


The Retriever Review



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March 2011

NEXT MEETING * APRIL 13, 2011 * BASS PRO SHOP * PEARLAND, TEXAS

Minutes

CRRC's *March* meeting was held Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Kyle Grant, *President* called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Members Present: Kyle, Brandy & Hunter Grant, Maria & Steve Jefferies, Don Koster, Randy Crable, Rex Westbrook, Roy Barnes, Ken Burge, Jerry King, Rodney Copeland, Leo Conejo and Debbie Story.

Kyle introduced and welcomed Rodney Copeland as a new member to Colorado River.

Officers Report:

President: Thanks to all for helping with the Spring Hunt Test. Thank you to those members who helped with set up on Friday. Thank you to Steve & Maria for use of the barn for the tailgate. Thank you to Ken Burge and Roy Barnes for the awesome job they did with the tail gate. The food was fantastic...we nominate you both for all future tailgate dinners!

Treasurer: Brandy Grant reported a balance of 3,365.59.

Old Business:

Kyle Grant reported that the Evan Graham Seminar has been moved to May 6 and 7, 2011. It will be \$125 per person to attend.

Hunt Test Report, Kyle reported that all went well for the hunt test. Members did come out to help and are greatly appreciated. In spite of the few entries prior to Saturday, we did have some walk ups. We ran a total of 161 dogs for the weekend. We broke even on this hunt test.

Discussion to consider looking for a new motel to serve as our hunt headquarters, preferably before our 25th anniversary.

Don Koster reported that Bass Pro is hosting their Spring Classic. Colorado River will have a demonstration on Saturday, March 12, 2011. Anyone wishing to participate may do so from 12:00 – 2:00, set-up time will be at 11:00. Maria will send out an email to all members.

Southeast Texas Hunting Retriever Club will have their preliminary Hunt on March 19 & 20, 2011. Let's help support this club.

New Business:

CRRC's Fall Hunt Test will be Saturday, May 21 & Sunday, May 22, 2011. All positions are open at this time. Volunteers are needed for the hunt test and hopefully more club members will run their dogs this hunt test.

Randy Crable agreed to serve as Hunt Chairman and announced that he would be using local judges. Please contact Randy, if you will be able to help.

Fall Hunt Test – May 21 & 22, 2011

Hunt Test Marshall – Randy Crable
Hunt Test Secretary – Maria Jefferies
Bird Stewart – Steve Jefferies
Bird Boys – Ralph Linkenhoker
Equipment Manager – Kyle Grant
Signs
Judges Dinner
Lunches & Snacks – Brandy Grant
Tailgate Dinner – Ken Burge & Roy Barnes
Raffle

Site Marshals for Started – Seasoned – Finished A – Finished B
Leo Conejo

We need site marshals, please volunteer your time. We will help you and teach you how to do it.

Steve Jefferies reported that there was a bird shortage, due to the very cold weather up north. Several clubs were having trouble locating ducks for their upcoming hunt test. There were some ducks found in Troy, Kansas, but would cost \$500.00 to bring them down. Three to four clubs wanted to get together to cut the cost. We would have to find a place to keep them and then feed them until our hunt test in May. Members discussed having them shipped in for the May hunt test. Steve has been in contact with Roberds duck farm about getting our ducks. Mr. Roberds called prior to the meeting and said he would know something for sure tomorrow on weather he could get the ducks for us .We will still make plans to have our 25th anniversary hunt test and wait to see on the bird situation.

Debbie Story reported that we are in good standing with the state of Texas, so we now have a Tax-ID number and are incorporated. Thank you...Debbie, for all of your hard work.

Don Koster reported that the 2011 HRC Youth Camp will be held on June 17-19, 2011 in Brownwood, Texas. He received an email from Glenda Mitchell asking for donations of \$100.00 to help out with camp expenses.

A motion was made by Roy Barnes and a second by Brandy Grant to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.



Quote: *Dogs are forever in the moment. They are always a tidal wave of feelings, and every feeling is some variant of love.* – Cynthia Heimel

Dog Topics

Socialization is an ongoing process throughout your dog's life, but the most important period is before four months of age. Quite literally, socialization means making your dog sociable with humans, other dogs, cats, and other animal species he may encounter as an adult. Socialization also involves introducing your dog to many different environments and objects. When done properly, your dog will learn to stay calm and inquisitive and not nervous or scared when faced with novelty. Socializing your dog also means providing him with quality time. Give him lots of calm attention and affection. Pet him and call him by his name. When appropriate, introduce him to your neighbors and others who come to your home regularly. If possible, expose your dog to a variety of people while acting normal and calm. Your dog will look to you to learn the proper way to behave, and if you appear nervous or if you overreact, he may think that something is wrong. Socializing your dog to other dogs is important, but this does not mean letting him run free in the neighborhood. Give your dog the opportunity for safe, controlled interaction with dogs whose owners you know and be sure the dogs are immunized.

Here are a few things you can do:

- As soon as your veterinarian says it is safe, introduce your dog to the sights and sounds of his world outside. Make this fun by praising him and giving him a kibble of dog food as he explores.
- Go to training classes.
- Visit dog-loving friends
- Take your dog on errands with you in temperate weather. (Never leave your dog unattended in the car.)
- Invite people over to your house

Socialization isn't about forcing your puppy into scary situations but rather about creating pleasant associations with new events and faces. Things to keep in mind:

- What a dog learns early in life is likely to stay with him for life.
- Your puppy's first few months of life are a period of intense physical and psychological growth. For your puppy to develop into a friendly and well-balanced adult dog, he needs to have all of his senses appropriately stimulated.
- The more loving interaction you have with your dog, the better.
- Include a little work in your play times and a lot of play in your work times. Make learning fun!

Grooming

Daily grooming and handling throughout your dog's life, helps make him a calm, well-behaved and tolerant companion. Make grooming a special time for you and your dog. Whether he needs it or not, brush him daily with much affection and reassurance so he learns to love this time together.

Handling his paws, tail, ears and mouth

End a play session by gently handling your puppy's paws, look in his ears, and open his mouth. Use your fingers to gently massage his gums. This prepares him for having his teeth brushed. Praise him warmly when he allows these things. Get him used to all this early and grooming him later in life will be easier.

Feeding

Utilize every opportunity to socialize your puppy. Make feeding time a happy experience by praising your puppy for being a good dog as you place his dish on the floor. Considerable puppy-owner bonding can occur through positive feeding experiences.

Feeding can also aid in training your puppy. As you place his food dish on the floor, give the command, "Come" Ask him to "Wait" before he starts eating. After he has waited for a few seconds, release him from the "Wait" and tell him that it is "Okay" to start eating. This introduces your puppy to obedience in a very positive way.

As you socialize and train your puppy, remember that puppies are eager to please. Reward your puppy for good behavior by praising him. A little praise goes a long way in helping your puppy become an endearing companion.

March Birthdays

Southern Sadie's Ginger Spice

"Ginger" 3-22-08

Owned by Junior & Joni Boykin

Downs Deuce is Wild

"Deuce" 3-27-08

Owned by Brandon Downs

Niki's Black Diamond on the Line

"Onyx" 3-5-10

Owned by Leslie Gourley & Niki Brennon

Grant's Gettin a Lil Lucy

"Nookie" 3-5-10

Owned by Kyle & Brandy Grant

Warren1 Luv Ya Blue Moon

"Warren" 3-4-08

Owned by David Hawkins

Flying V Zig Zag'n Zoe

"Zoe" 3-21-04

Owned by Steve & Maria Jefferies

Viking's FB1 Surfer Girl

"Gidget" 3-21-04

Owned by Don & Liz Koster

Thirdcoast's Money to Burn

"Burn" 3-17-09

Owned by Jason & Jeanne Luker

Four Oaks Little Big League

"Graham" 3-2-09

Owned by Matt & Tracie Melton

Nutter's Chard Bit-O-Honey

"Honey" 3-5-03

Owned by Michael & Lisa Nutter

Westbrook's South Texas Pedro

"Pete" 3-17-04

Owned by Rex & Donna Westbrook



In Memory of.....

GRHRCH UH Snotta Yella "Booger"

August 5, 1999 – March 21, 2011

Owned by Jimmy & Jody Nealy

Messages from the Secretary

Please help me keep the membership information updated. If you have a new address, phone number, or email address...if you have a “new” canine family member, please let me know. I am going to recognize our four legged friend’s birthdays, but cannot do so unless I have your info. My email address is mljefferies@hotmail.com.

LET US KNOW!!

[Passes Earned](#) [Titles Earned](#) [Judging Assignments](#)

Remember, we cannot acknowledge your accomplishments, if you don’t let us know. We need this information for the newsletter and for the awards dinner at the end of the year.

Email us at:

Maria Jefferies mljefferies@hotmail.com Brandy Grant brandyb27@yahoo.com



i t ' s a F A C T

In 1959, a black Labrador Retriever named King Buck was the first dog to appear on a U. S. postage stamp.



welcome new members

**I'd like to introduce you to the newest
Members of CRRC**

- ✿ Rodney & Samantha Copeland of Danbury, Texas. They are the owners of “ a male chocolate Lab.

Did you Know?

Teenage Labrador Retrievers not only are energetic and prone to making mischief. Young labs are often inclined to steal things so they'll have something to carry around.



Upcoming Hunt Test

HRC 50th International Grand Hunt Spring 2011

April 2-6, 2011
Grenada, Mississippi

Alamo Retriever Club

May 14 & 15, 2011
D'Hanis, Texas

Colorado River Retriever Club

May 21 & 22, 2011
Jones Creek, Texas

Good Luck!!!

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To all attending the 2011 Spring – HRC 50th International Grand Hunt in Grenada, Mississippi on April 2- 6, 2011.

Ron Friudenberg – HRCH UH R.R. Oakwoods Free “Free”
HRCH Raisen Chief MH “Chief”
HRCH UH Chloe Mae Grace “Chloe”
HRCH Texas Southern Starr “Starr”
HRCH Nathaiel Natty Bumpo “Nate”
HRCH R.R. A Lot A Soul “Lottie”

John Huddleston – HRCH UH R.R. Oakwoods Gone with the Wind “Win”

Steve Jefferies – HRCH Flying V Tater’s Little Shadow ”Spud”
HRCH Flying V Zig Zag’n Zoe “Zoe”

Janet Kimbrough – HRCH UH High Praise Dark Chocolate with Nuts “Wagars”

Don Koster – HRCH Viking’s FB1 Surfer Girl “Gidget”

Jason Luker – HRCH JT’s Cosmic Collision “Crash”

Donna Westbrook – HRCH Westbrook’s Eagle Eye Commander “Chief”

Rex Westbrook – HRCH Westbrook’s South Texas Pedro “Pete”
HRCH Westbrook’s Lone Star Tex “Rip”

Reminders

Evan Graham 2-day Seminar

May 6 & 7, 2011

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Angleton, Texas

(Grounds to be announced)

The History of HRC

Written by Robert Hines

\$20.00

Please contact Maria Jefferies to be put on a purchase list

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April Meeting

The next CRRC meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Bass Pro Shop in Pearland.

Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.

