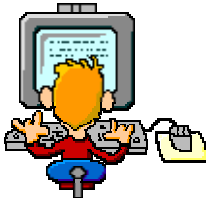


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Koster's Korner

A Message from Our President

I want to take this opportunity to thank a few people who have been working very hard for our Club lately. First thanks to the Christmas Party Committee and their helpers for all of their hard work in planning the great party that we had Dec. 2nd. Everything was just great! Special thanks to Steve & Maria Jefferies for allowing us to have it at the Flying V Ranch. The decorations, food, gifts, and games were all great!

We also need to thank Ralph Linkenhoker and Maria Jefferies for all of the hard work that they are doing in preparation for our upcoming Feb. hunt test. There is an enormous amount of planning and legwork that goes into putting one of these things on and I know that they are doing a great job putting everything together. Thanks also to all of you that have volunteered to help at our test. It is because of your dedication and hard work that this hunt test will be a success.

I would also like to personally thank Michelle Spradley for filling in for Randy and myself at our last meeting. We were both tied up that night and Michelle graciously agreed to conduct the meeting in our absence. Thanks again Michelle!

Thanks also need to go to Janet Kimbrough for handling our mail order Title Pin sales. We have already recovered our initial start up costs and this spring should see us start to turn a profit on our pin sales.

How about that CRRC web site! Thanks to Donna Westbrook and her son for all of their hard work in getting that site updated.

Now for something to think about for our next. Mr. Mark Lanier, our HRC President has asked each club president to poll their respective club as to whether they think that an audit is needed of the HRC financial records. Such an audit could cost HRC between \$4,500 and \$10,000. HRC has had a CPA look over our books and he does not think that an audit is needed. I will have more info on this subject at our Jan. meeting.

I hope that everyone has or has had a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and remember, good things happen to good people.

December Meeting

The meeting was held on December 13, 2006 at the Golden Corral in Alvin, TX. Those present were Allen & Misti Lambert, Rex & Donna Westbrook, Roy Barnes, Matt Hickl, Scott Orr, Russ Gartman, Stan & Michelle Spradley, Janet Kimbrough, Ralph Linkenhoker, Jimmy Nealy and Phillip White.

Officers Report: Our President and Vice President were away on hunting trips so Michelle Spradley led the meeting this month (and did a great job!!). She started the meeting at 7 pm by asking that the minutes for the last meeting be accepted. A motion was made to accept them and it was seconded, all were in favor. Michelle gave the treasurer's report and said we have \$1700 in the bank, with close to \$500 coming from the sale of title pins. Donna Westbrook gave the secretary report. She started out by saying there were 61 people at the Christmas Party this year. The Party went really well and everyone had a good time. She also asked for any suggestions or ideas for next year, while it was fresh on everyone's mind. She also said that we ended up with 75 members for 2006, 24 of which were new members. She reminded everyone, that in January, it would be time to renew our memberships and pay our dues. You can get the application for membership on our website and mail it to her as soon as possible. If you are a new member who joined the last quarter of this year, you will not have to pay again and if you aren't for sure, just ask her and she would let you know. She will also be sending out an email with this information and will attach a copy of the membership application also. Donna also said that her email had been down and would let everyone know when it was back up. (It's up and the new email address is rexndonna@earthlink.net)

Old Business: Steve Jefferies reported that the ducks for our February hunt test would be \$8 each and would be coming from Manheim, TX. It will also cost us an extra \$50 for the guy to come back and pick up his trailer. After this hunt test, the ducks will be going up to \$9. Ralph Linkenhoker reported on the Hunt Test. He said that all the judges are approved. He said that he still need to get in touch with the project graduation people who will be our bird boys. Jimmy Nealy said he had a back up for the bird boys if the other one didn't work out. Ralph also sent out an email to all the marshals with their job assignments. Donna gave a report for the T shirt committee. She said that a place in West Columbia would sell us short sleeve, solid color shirts with the black logo on the back for \$6.50 if we bought 50 shirts and \$5.50 if we bought 100. The cheapest he could do a registered camo shirt would be \$18 or the army camo would be \$9.50. He can get us caps in Advantage Wetlands camo with the logo embroidered in black for \$10. We can also get solid color koozies with our logo on both sides for .93 each but we have to buy 150. Donna said she was still going to check some more places in the area.

New Business: Michelle Spradley asked for the 2007 officer nominations from the nominating committee and from those present. Those nominated were Don Koster for President, Randy Crable for Vice President, Michelle Spradley for Treasurer, Donna Westbrook for Secretary and Maria Jefferies for Historian. Janet Kimbrough motioned that the nominees be approved, it was seconded and the club agreed. Janet told everyone that she and Claudine were working on a new website called huntsecretary.com. She said

that it would be similar to entry express but better. It will take care of AKC and HRC hunt test and would be ready for operation soon. She said that each club would have to vote on whether they will use it or not but that it would make the hunt test secretary job a whole lot easier and would end up costing the same amount of money. Everyone thought it sounded like a good deal. Janet said she would let us know when it is up and running! Unfortunately, it won't help us for our February HT. She also said that Region 11 will be having a Judges Seminar close to the end of January. Jimmy Nealy volunteered to take care of the details for the seminar and will get back with us. Janet and Jimmy also encouraged everyone to attend especially those who have never been to one. Next we told a few hunting stories and some of the new members asked some training questions. We talked about upcoming hunt tests and the Spring Grand. A motion was made that we adjourn; it was seconded and all agreed.



NEW MEMBERS

We have 2 new members!!! That makes 24 for the year!!! We welcome Al, Courtney and Randy Johnson from Baytown. They have a black female lab named "Shadow". We also welcome Don, Ceresa, and Holly Hough from League City. They have a black male lab named "Coot".



A Note From Your Secretary

I can't believe it's been a whole year since I started writing this newsletter! I really have enjoyed doing it and look forward to the New Year! I truly believe we have the best club around and know it will only get better because of all the dedicated members we have. I want to thank everyone for all their help, I have learned so much this year and now I have a new challenge with the website and look forward to making it better. Next month I will be making some changes to the newsletter so be sure to let me know what you think! I hope everyone has a Safe and Happy New Year!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 10, 2007 AT THE GOLDEN CORRAL ON HWY 35 IN ALVIN! THE MEETING STARTS AT 7 PM SO COME EARLY AND ENJOY SOME FOOD AND AS ALWAYS, LOTS OF DOG TALK!



UPCOMING HUNT TEST

ALAMO RC BASIC/TRANSITION SEMINAR

Featuring Bill Eckett & Bobby George
January 20-21, 2007
LOC: Red Dog Ranch, Giddings, TX
Limited Enrollment

For more information go to: www.alamoretriever.com

RAVEN'S WAY HRC HT

February 3 & 4, 2007
LOC: 7 J Stockyard Farms, Madisonville, TX

CAJUN RETRIEVER CLUB UPLAND HT

February 10 & 11, 2007
LOC: Estherwood, LA

COLORADO RIVER HRC HT

February 17 & 18, 2007
LOC: Peach Point Wildlife Management Area, Jones Creek, TX

LAKE CHARLES HRC HT

March 3 & 4, 2007
LOC: Sweet Lake Land & Oil Co, Lake Charles, LA

For more information go to: www.hrc-ukc.com



REMI NDERS!

Deadline for submitting items for the newsletter is the 25th of each month. Please e-mail them to rexndonna@earthlink.net Be sure to send in your judging assignments and any titles or passes you have received!!! Also, anything you want to sell, hunting and dog stories you would like to share, etc!!!

Be sure to check out our website!!! Please, take the time to register on the Message Board and let's use it for messages and questions!! This could be a great tool and a lot of fun!! If you need any help or have any problems with the website, just let me know. I still have work to do on the links and calendar section and I'll let you know when it's done!!!

The premium for the CRRC HT is now on our website!! Be sure to get yours in early so you don't miss out!!!

I had to share one last Christmas item!!

How To Wrap Christmas Presents with Your Dogs

1. Gather presents, boxes, paper, etc. in middle of living room floor.
2. Get tape back from puppy.
3. Remove scissors from older dog's mouth.
4. Open box.
5. Take puppy out of box.
6. Remove tape from older dog's mouth.
7. Take scissors away from puppy.
8. Put present in box.
9. Remove present from puppy's mouth.
10. Put back in box after removing puppy from box.
11. Take scissors from older dog and sit on them.
12. Remove puppy from box and put on lid.
13. Take tape away from older dog.
14. Unroll paper.
15. Take puppy OFF box.
16. Cut paper being careful not to cut puppy's foot or nose that is getting in the way as he helps.
17. Let puppy tear remaining paper.
18. Take puppy off box.
19. Wrap paper around box.
20. Remove puppy from box & take wrapping paper from its mouth.
21. Tell older dog to fetch the tape so he will stop stealing it.
22. Take scissors away from puppy.
23. Take tape older dog is holding.
24. Quickly tape one spot before taking scissors from older dog & sitting on them again.
25. Fend off puppy trying to steal tape & tape another spot.
26. Take bow from older dog.
27. Go get roll of wrapping paper puppy ran off with.
28. Take scissors from older dog who took them when you got up.
29. Give pen to older dog to hold so he stops licking your face.
30. Remove puppy from present & hurriedly slap tape on to hold the paper on.
31. Take now soggy bow from puppy & tape on since the sticky stuff no longer sticks.
32. Take pen from older dog, address tag & affix while puppy tries to eat pen.
33. Grab present before puppy opens it & put it away.
34. Clean up mess puppy & older dog made playing tug-of-war with remnants of wrapping paper.
35. Put away rest of wrapping supplies & tell dogs what good helpers they are.

