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Koster's Korner

A Message from Our President

Well, our Feb. hunt test has come and gone and it was a very successful hunt test thanks to the hard work of our members. There are several people that need to be recognized for their hard work and I will attempt to recognize them at this time.

First of all, I would like to thank all of those who volunteered to marshal our hunt test. We had Stan Spradley, Jerry King, & Lisa Nutter in Started; Paul Britton, Rich Knickerbocker, & Tunga Alper in seasoned; Dave Brannon, Jeff Berrill, Ralph Linkenhoker, Glynn and Colt Anderson, and Gary Jackson in finished. Thanks guys for a job well done!

Next we need to thank our hunt test secretaries; Janet Kimbrough and Tracy Stephens. This hunt test was a success largely because of their hard work and organization. The hours spent on the phone and all of the clerical work that was required is greatly appreciated.

All of the guys and gals that helped with the equipment are to be congratulated for a job well done. If you haven't noticed we have a lot of equipment and keeping track of it can be a real problem. Thanks to the hard work of Randy Crable's team we were able to get the equipment out and back very efficiently. I know it can be challenging at times working with our judges to get their test set up exactly like they want and your help and patience did not go unnoticed. Hats off to all of our marshals that helped set up and tear down tests throughout the weekend. Billy Stephens and Steve Jefferies not only served as Bird Stewards, but also helped with the equipment. Thanks guys!

And let's not forget about the food! We started off with our judge's dinner of grilled chicken, baked beans and potato salad. Boy was it great! Thanks to Jeff Koster, Liz Koster, and Clint Bunn for a great dinner. Sat. & Sun. we served sandwiches for lunch served by Liz Koster, Maria Jefferies, Tracy Stephens, Donna & Rex Westbrook, and Maurice Brooks. "The White Apron" catered the tailgate party. It consisted of some of the best lasagna that I have ever eaten. We had a great salad and garlic bread to go with it. Thanks to Rex & Donna Westbrook for making the arrangements. The cookies and cake were excellent and added a special touch to all of our meals. Thanks to all of you who prepared them.

The shotgun and general raffle went extremely well, we made about \$550.00 combined! Thanks to the raffle committee for all of their hard work. Maria Jefferies, Tracy Stephens, and Donna Westbrook are to be congratulated for their efforts. Tracy was able to sell all of the cards for our shotgun raffle due to her hard work peddling those cards. Thanks Tracy.

Last, but certainly not least, the judges. Be sure to thank these people for giving up their weekend so that we can run our dogs. Dan Negrin, Mike Nutter, Michelle Spradley, Bob Brundrett, Dick Beaufils, and Robert Hines who are all fellow club members, did an outstanding job. Also judging were G. A. & Sharon Dubard, Richard Cisneros, Bob Love, & Chas. Wyble Sr. We truly appreciate their efforts.

I do not want to forget to thank our national sponsors. Purina for all of the dog food (500lbs.); Dogs Afield - \$25.00 gift certificate for our raffle; Zinger Winger donated \$200.00 worth of discount coupons for our raffle.

And the good news is we get to do it all over again June 3rd & 4th. So get ready and offer your help for our 20th anniversary hunt test, it promises to be a great hunt.

February Meeting

Our February meeting was held on Feb 8, 2006 at 7 pm at the Golden Corral in Alvin, TX. Those present at the meeting were Steve & Maria Jefferies, Rex & Donna Westbrook, Stan & Michelle Spradley, Billy & Tracy Stephens, Ralph Linkenhoker & Jo Ann, Jerry King, Matt Crable, Randy & Peggy Crable, Jimmy Nealy, Janet Kimbrough, Jeff Berrill, Don & Liz Koster, Tunga Alper and Glynn Parent.

Michelle gave the treasurers report. She said we had \$544 in the bank but that will be changing as hunt test money comes in.

I reported that we still have a lot of people who have not paid their dues. I also talked about our success as a club at the Raven's Way HT.

Don started out with Old Business. We discussed each of the proposed rule book changes and then voted on all of them. We voted "No" on proposals #1,2,5 & 6 and "Yes" on #3 & 4. If you would like a copy of the proposals, just e-mail me at rexdonna@direcway.com and I will send them to you. Next, we discussed the upcoming Feb hunt test and last minute decisions. Then, Don introduced our new member Glynn Parent.

Under New Business, Don told us that we had been officially approved to market the HRC title pins. We will be taking over for the Austin HRC club which has dissolved. Janet Kimbrough will be heading it up. We talked about Raven's Way very first Hunt

Test and how well it went. We loaned our equipment to them and also has some club members who marshaled for them. I think everyone who went, had a great time.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING ON March 8, 2006 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! DON'T BE LEFT OUT, HAVE A VOICE IN YOUR CLUB!



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 – Mar. 4th & 5th

Phil Maddox – Finished on Sat. & Sun
Scottie Maddox – Started on Sun
Don Koster – Seasoned on Sun

Bryan-College Station AKC-Mar. 4th & 5th

Dick Beaufils – Master on Sat.
Diana Beaufils – Master on Sat.
Dave Brannon – Master on Sat.

Brazosport AKC- Mar. 11^h & 12th

Lou Davis – Master on Sat.
Dave Brannon – Senior on Sun.

Waterloo AKC – Mar. 18th & 19th

Dick Beaufils – Master on Sat.
Diana Beaufils – Senior on Sun.



TITLES AND PASSES

Our club members had great success this month at Hunt Tests. Here's a list of their accomplishments.

RAVEN'S WAY HRC HT Feb. 4th & 5th

Westbrook's Victory At Sea JH "Torie"/Donna Westbrook
Started Pass (Sat) Started Title (Sun)

Flying V's Ramblin Abe JH "Lincoln" /Steve Jefferies
 Started Pass (Sat) Started Title (Sun)
 Bear's Super Shoot'n Benelli JH "Benelli" /Steve Jefferies
 Started Pass (Sat) Started Title (Sun)
 Nutter's Chili Pepper Peanut "Peanut"/Skylar Nutter
 Started Pass (Sat)
 Nutter's Magnum Force Storm "Stormy"/Mike Nutter
 Started Pass (Sat)
 Wilson Creek's Sunny Side Up "Sunny"/Danny Broadwater
 Started Pass (Sun)
 Bear Parent/Glynn Parent
 Started Pass (Sun)/ 1st time to handle a dog at a HT-Way to Go!!!
 SHR Wind River's Edge of Night JH "Shadow"/Steve Jefferies
 Seasoned Title (Sat) Seasoned Pass (Sun)
 Westbrook's South Texas Pedro JH "Pete" /Rex Westbrook
 Seasoned Pass (Sat & Sun)
 SHR Flying V Zig Zag'N Zoe "Zoe" /Steve Jefferies
 Seasoned Pass (Sat & Sun)
 Wilson Creek's Original Texas Star "Tex"/Danny Broadwater
 Seasoned Pass (Sun)
 HR Berrill's Baby Jake "Jake"/Jeff Berrill
 Finished Pass (Sat)
 HRCH Jefferies Riptide Cash Force SH "Tater" /Steve Jefferies
 Finished Pass (Sat & Sun)

HRCH Boss's Bladerunner SH "Blade"/Billy Stephens
 Finished Pass (Sat)
 HRCH UH High Praise Dark Chocolat With Nuts "Wagars"/Janet Kimbrough/Finished Pass (Sat)
 HRCH Bud's Lil' Dixieland Delight "Dixie"/Jesse Oetgen
 Finished Pass (Sun)
 HRCH Don's Midnight Sam "Sam" /Don Koster
 Finished Pass (Sun)
 HRCH Charlies Running Weedeater "Charlie"/Brenda Hearn
 Finished Pass (Sat) 1st time to handle a dog at a HT-Way to Go!!!
 HRCH Charlies Running Weedeater "Charlie"/Daren Hearn
 Finished Pass (Sun)

Congratulations to Rody Best and his handlers at Triple Crown, they managed to go 34 out of 35 passes, with 5 titles.

Colorado River HRC HT

Feb 18 & 19, 2006

Nutter's Chili Pepper Peanut "Peanut"/Lisa Nutter
 Started Title (Sat)
 Westbrook's Eagle Eye Commander "Chief"/Donna Westbrook
 Started Pass (Sat & Sun)
 Howdy's Southern Sadie "Sadie"/Junior Boykin
 Started Pass (Sat) Started Title (Sun)
 Starlights Chantilly Lace "Tilly"/Junior Boykin
 Started Pass (Sat & Sun)
 Nutter's Magnum Force Storm "Stormy"/Mike Nutter
 Started Pass (Sat)
 Skybuster's Waterfowl Wizard "Merlin"/Glenda Akeroyd
 Started Pass (Sun)
 Viking's Lacey Lil Thing "Maggie"/Randy Crable (Matt Crable,owner)
 Started Pass (Sat & Sun)

Bear Parent/Glynn Parent
Started Pass (Sat & Sun)
Lil Ann/Lewis Goodman
Started Pass (Sat)/ 1st time to handle a dog at a HT-Way to Go!!!
Westbrook's South Texas Pedro JH "Pete"/Rex Westbrook
Seasoned Pass (Sat) Seasoned Title (Sun)
Britton's Texas Duck Angel "Angel"/Paul Britton
Seasoned Title (Sun)
Wilson Creek's Original Texas Star "Tex"/Steve Jefferies (Danny Broadwater,owner) Seasoned Title (Sat)
SHR Westbrook's Victory At Sea JH "Torie"/Donna Westbrook
Seasoned Pass (Sat & Sun)
SHR Chalmer's Misty Midnight JH "Maddy"/Mike Nutter
Seasoned Pass (Sat)
Katy's Ruby Tuesday "Ruby"/Tunga Alper
Seasoned Pass
Howdy's Slick Raider "Raider"/Randy Crable
Seasoned Pass (Sun)
HR Muddy Jack Skybuster JH "Buster"/Mike Akeroyd
Finished Pass (Sat)
HRCH UH Linkenhoker's Five Too Mini "Cinco"/Ralph Linkenhoker
Finished Pass (Sat & Sun)
HR High Praises Houdini "Houdi"/Dave Brannon
Finished Pass (Sat)
HR Nutter's Char'd Bit-O-Honey JH "Honey"/Mike Nutter
Finished Pass (Sat)
HR Viking's FB1 Surfer Girl "Gidget"/Don Koster
Finished Pass (Sun)

Rose Country AKC HT

Feb 18 & 19, 2006

UH HRCH Buzz N Da Decoys SH/Rody Best
Master Pass (Sat)
UH HRCH Watermark's All That Jazz MH/Rody Best
Master Pass (Sat)

Congratulations to Rody Best and his handlers at Triple Crown. They received a Master Pass, a Senior Pass and 28 Junior Passes for their clients.

Music City Retriever Club Upland HT

Feb. 18 & 19, 2006

Grousemoor Phoenix Fawkes "Foxy"/Doug Nelson
Upland Pass (Sun)

Tejas HRC HT

Feb 25 & 26

Westbrook's Eagle Eye Commander "Chief"/Donna Westbrook

Started Pass (Sat) Started Title (Sun)

Skybuster's Waterfowl Wizard "Merlin"/Glenda Akeroyd

Started Pass (Sun)

Bear Parent/Glynn Parent

Started Title (Sat)

SHR Westbrook's Victory At Sea JH "Torie"/Donna Westbrook

Seasoned Title (Sat) Seasoned Pass (Sun)

HR Muddy Jack Skybuster JH "Buster"/Mike Akeroyd

Finished Pass (Sun)

HR High Praises Houdini "Houdi"/Dave Brannon

Finished Pass (Sat)

HRCH UH Linkenhoker's Five Too Mini "Cinco"/Ralph Linkenhoker

Finished Pass (Sun)

Northeast Louisiana AKC HT

Feb 25 & 26, 2006

HRCH Charlies Running Weedeater "Charlie"/Daren Hearn

Master Title (Sun)

If you passed or titled at a Hunt Test this month and you are not listed, please send me the information so I can put it in next month! Also, if you are judging somewhere and we don't have you listed, be sure to get me the information at rexndonna@direcway.com

If you have any pictures, from the last 20 years, of our club that you would like to share with everyone at the June HT, please send me a copy and the information about the picture to 1032 Bar X Trail, Angleton, TX 77515. I am going to try to make a scrapbook of our first 20 years as a club. Also, if you have any good stories from "back in the day", be sure to send them to me at rexndonna@direcway.com



UPCOMING HUNT TEST

LAKE CHARLES HRC March 4 & 5, 2006

REGULAR HUNT LOC: Lake Charles

CENTRAL LOUISIANA RETRIEVER CLUB

March 11 & 12, 2006 REGULAR HUNT

LOC: Pineville LA 71361

PONTCHARTRAIN HRC March 18 & 19, 2006

REGULAR HUNT LOC: Bonnet Carre Spillway

AMITE RIVER HRC March 25 & 26, 2006
REGULAR HUNT LOC: DCI Jackson LA

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION HRC April 1 & 2, 2006
REGULAR HUNT LOC: Dave Brannon Property

CAJUN RETRIEVER CLUB April 1 & 2, 2006
REGULAR HUNT LOC: Estherwood Kof C Home
For more information on HRC HT go to
www.ukcdogs.com/HRetrieversEvents.htm

Waterloo AKC HT March 18 & 19, 2006
LOC: Manheim, TX entries close Wed. March 8
Heart of Texas AKC HT April 1 & 2, 2006
LOC: Buckholts, TX entries close Tues. March 21. 2006
For more information on AKC HT go to www.entryexpress.net



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our newest member, Glynn Parent. He lives in Guy, Texas and works for ConocoPhillips in Sweeny. He has a chocolate male named Bear that is 16 months old. He ran his very first Hunt Test at Raven's Way on Sunday Feb. 5th in started and received a pass! He went on to pass Bear on both days at our Hunt Test and received his started Title on Saturday Feb 25th at Tejas!! Way to Go Glynn and Bear! Glynn has 50 acres with a couple of ponds and has said to give him a call if you would like to come and train with him. His e-mail address is gbacres@consolidated.net and his home phone number is (979)793-7127.



WRITERS AND STORY TELLERS WANTED!!!!

Do you have a story you would like to share? It can be about a hunting trip, a hunt test or any kind of dog story. It can be a personal experience or something you read in a magazine. I am also interested in dog quotes and jokes. I would like to encourage some of our judges to write an article for the newsletter with suggestions and tips for us. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS THE 25TH OF EVERY MONTH!! Submit them to rexndonna@direcway.com



PUPPIES!!!!!!!!!!

HRCH Charlies Running Weedeater
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HRCH Boomer's Cajun Katie SH

Daren & Brenda Hearn have a new litter of pups. They are all black, 5 females and 3 males, and are 1 week old. For more information you can e-mail them at drayh@prodigy.net or call them at (409) 735-4426.



REMI NDERS!

Membership Renewal forms were mailed out at the end of December. Please take the time to fill it out and send it in with your dues. The deadline is March 31, 2006. If you don't send in your dues, this will be your last newsletter! Get those dues sent in, we don't want to loose anyone!! If you're not sure you paid, send me an e-mail at rexndonna@direcway.com and I will let you know!! If you paid your dues to someone other than me, be sure to let me know so I can give you credit!

If you would like to volunteer for our June 3rd & 4th Hunt Test at Peach Point, be sure to contact Don Koster at kosterdon@aol.com or call (281) 585-4868.



**HAPPY
ST. PATRICKS DAY!**

Musings
by Richard Biby, Contributing Editor
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day. If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day. I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog." just smile, because they "just don't understand."

Sometimes we need a prayer partner!



A friend of mine sent this to me. I thought you would all enjoy it!