

# The Retriever Review

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## **KOSTER'S KORNER**

*A Message from our President*

Just a quick note to let everyone know how much my family appreciates all of your thoughts and prayers concerning my Dad's recent illness. He is doing a lot better now since he was released from the hospital and is now beginning his therapy at Friendship Haven in Friendswood. It is a lot easier on us also because we do not have to go to the medical center every day. He is 20 minutes from our home and about 10 minutes from my brother's home. Please continue to pray for his recovery. Dad will be turning 85 years old on Feb. 22.

The hunt test is just few short weeks away. Please contact Ralph Linkenhoker to volunteer your help if at all possible. I understand that he needs a finished marshal and all of the help he can muster for set up on Fri.

I understand that our club was very well represented at Raven's Way HRC this past weekend. Congratulation to all of you, who passed, and I hope that those of you who didn't pass came away with some added experience that will help you in the future. At any rate, I hope all of you had a good time; I know that I sure wanted to be there.

At our next meeting we will be discussing the upcoming elections of officers at the next annual HRC meeting to be held in June. Please be prepared to discuss anyone that you might want to nominate for any of these important positions.

## **JANUARY MEETING**

The meeting was held on January 10, 2007 at the Golden Coral in Alvin, TX. Those present were Steve and Maria Jefferies, Don Koster, James Hightower, Scott Orr, Russ Gartman, Lewis Goodman, Roy & Beverly Barnes, Morgan Barnes, Becky & David Manney, Kirk Warren, Al Johnson, Don & Ceresa Hough, Janet Kimbrough, Randy & Peggy Crable, Mason & Tommie Mitchell, Donna Westbrook, Sam Harkins, Stan & Michelle Spradley, Phillip White, Ralph & Jo Ann Linkenhoker.

I think this was the most members we have ever had at a meeting. Don started off the meeting by having our newest members introducing themselves. Don & Ceresa Hough, Al Johnson, Beck & David Manney, Kirk Warren and Mason & Tommie Mitchell told us a little about themselves and of course, about their labs. We are really happy so many new members are taking an interest in the club.

Don asked that the minutes from the December meeting be accepted, Steve Jefferies made the motion to accept the minutes and Michelle Spradley seconded it, all were in favor.

**OFFICERS REPORT:** Don Koster and Randy Crable didn't have anything new to report. Michelle Spradley gave the Treasures report and said we were down to \$454.29. We've been paying our Hunt Test expenses and should recoup them once premiums start coming in. Donna Westbrook reminded everyone about the upcoming January Judges Seminar. She reminded everyone to get their dues in for the new year and to be sure and get their premiums in to Maria Jefferies if they are going to run their dog at our Hunt Test. Michelle then presented Don with an Appreciation Award from the club since we forgot to do it at the Christmas Party! We appreciated all your hard work Don!

**OLD BUSINESS:** *Hunt Test Update-* Ralph Linkenhoker said everything for the Hunt Test was taken care of and being finalized. Our host hotel for the HT is the LaQuinta and is \$55 per night and be sure to mention the club to get the discount. The raffle was discussed and it was decided to keep it small and only spend \$150. We will hold our Zink call until our June HT. Everyone was reminded about the Gift Card Tree and all club members were encouraged to donate a gift card in any amount for that. Ralph also said if anyone would like to run their dog as the test dog to let him know. *Title Pin Update-* Janet said that orders for title pins are still coming in and that we had sold another \$200 worth. *T Shirt Committee-*We decided to leave this project for after the February HT.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Don received a National HRC Letter from Mark Lanier. A couple of clubs had requested that the books be audited by an outside company. This would cost the HRC up to \$10,000. William Hughs who is the internal auditor said it wasn't needed and would be a waste of money. Don read the letter and we discussed the matter and as a club we voted "no" to the audit. Since there was no other new business, Peggy Crable made the motion to adjourn, Steve Jefferies seconded it and all were in favor.



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

***I have had a lot of computer problems since the New Year started. Hopefully, they are resolved and I can get back on schedule. I changed up the format of the Newsletter just a little so I hope you enjoy it. I'm always open for suggestions!!!***

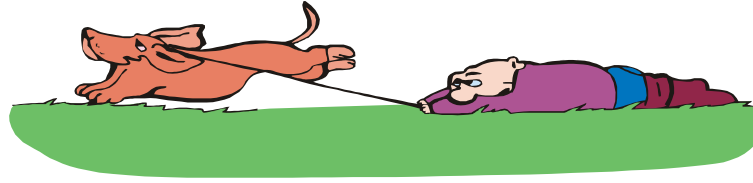


**NEW MEMBERS**

We are off to a good start this year! We have 2 more New Members for this month! We all welcome Coy Sims from Sweeny. He has a black female lab named "Dixie". We also welcome Scott Lemmon from Sugar Land. He has a black male lab named "Cole".



## UPCOMING HUNT TEST



**Colorado River HRC HT** February 17 & 18  
LOC: Peach Point Wildlife Management Area, Jones Creek, TX

**Tejas HRC HT** February 24 & 25  
LOC: Priesmeyer Ranch, El Campo, TX

**Lake Charles HRC HT** March 3 & 4  
LOC: Sweet Lake Land & Oil, Sweet Lake, LA

**Central Louisiana HRC HT** March 10 & 11  
LOC: Camp Beauregard Wildlife Management Area, Pineville, LA

For more information and premiums go to [www.huntingretrieverclub.org/](http://www.huntingretrieverclub.org/)

**Big D AKC HT** Feb 24 & 25 (entries close Feb 16)  
LOC: Tioga, TX

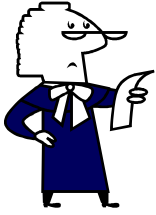
**Bryan College Station AKC HT** March 3 & 4 (entries close Feb 21)  
LOC: Iola, TX

**Brazosport AKC HT** March 11 & 12 (entries close Feb 28)  
LOC: Montgomery, TX

**Waterloo AKC HT** March 17 & 18 (entries close March 7)  
LOC: Manheim, TX

For more information or to enter go to [www.entryexpress.net](http://www.entryexpress.net)  
For a calendar listing of HRC and AKC HT go to [www.texasretrievers.org](http://www.texasretrievers.org)

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



## 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 3 & 4

Daren Hearn-Started Sunday  
Robert Hines-Seasoned Saturday/Finished Sunday  
Ralph Linkenhoker-Finished Saturday & Sunday  
Jimmy Nealy-Finished Saturday  
Dick Beaufils-Finished Sunday  
Mike Nutter-Finished Sunday

### **Colorado River HRC HT** Feb 17 & 18

Daren Hearn-Started Saturday & Sunday  
Mike Akeroyd-Seasoned Saturday & Sunday  
Robert Hines-Finished Saturday/Seasoned Sunday  
Mike Nutter-Finished Sunday  
Dan Negrin-Finished Sunday  
Dick Beaufils-Finished Sunday

### **Tejas HRC HT** Feb 24 & 25

Robert Hines-Started Saturday  
Michelle Spradley-Started Sunday  
Don Koster-Seasoned Saturday  
Mike Nutter-Seasoned Sunday  
Lora Neans-Finished Sunday  
Dick Beaufils-Finished Sunday

### **Lake Charles HRC HT** March 3 & 4

Daren Hearn-Seasoned Sunday  
Robert Hines-Finished Saturday & Sunday

### **Central Louisiana HRC HT** March 10 & 11

Janet Kimbrough-Finished Saturday & Sun

### **Lone Star HRC HT** March 24 & 25

Janet Kimbrough-Finished Saturday  
Dave Brannon-Finished Saturday



## TITLES AND PASSES

Our club members had great success this month at Hunt Tests. Here's a list of their accomplishments. Be sure to turn in your passes so you can get the credit you deserve!!

### Raven's Way HRC HT Feb 3 & 4

SLC Alley's Gator "Gator"/Billy Stephens

Started Pass Sat & Sun

Maggie Mae "Maggie"/Scott Orr

Started Pass Sat & Sun

Dixie Hits The Water Hard "Dixie"/Glynn Parent

Started Pass Sat & Sun

Wildrose's Cooterville "Coot"/Don Hough

Started Pass Sat & Sun

HR Flying V's Rambling Abe JH "Lincoln"/Steve Jefferies

Seasoned Title Sat

Palm's Major Effort "Major"/Mason Mitchell

Seasoned Pass Sat & Sun

HR Titan's Rainbow JH "Rainy"/Michelle Spradley

Seasoned Pass Sun

Doctor Dave's Ruddy Drake "Drake"/David Brannon

Seasoned Pass Sat & Sun

HRCH Flying V Zig Zag'n Zoe "Zoe"/Steve Jefferies

Finished Title Sat/Finished Pass Sun

HRCH Jefferies Riptide Cash Force SH "Tater"/Steve Jefferies

Finished Pass Sat & Sun

HR Britton's Texas Duck Angel "Angel"/Paul Britton

Finished Pass Sat

HRCH Boss's Blade Runner "Blade"/Billy Stephens

Finished Pass Sat

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

Finished Pass Sat

GRHRCH UH Watermark's All That Jazz "Jazz"/Rody Best

Finished Pass Sat & Sun

HR Nth TXS Mystical Mojo SH "Mojo"/Rody Best

Finished Pass Sun

HRCH UH High Praises Houdini "Houdi"/David Brannon

Finished Pass Sat/Finished Test Dog Sun

HRCH UH High Praises Dark Chocolate with Nuts "Wagars"/Janet Kimbrough

Finished Pass Sat



## REMINDERS!!!!

**If you can donate a gift card for the raffle, be sure to bring it to the Hunt Test this weekend!!!**

**If you haven't paid your dues for this year, be sure to get those sent in to Donna as soon as possible!!! You can pay for them at the Hunt Test, just give it to Maria Jefferies.**

**Remember to access the Newsletter and membership list on line, go to [www.crrcinc.org](http://www.crrcinc.org) then click on Retriever Review, the user name is crrcinc and the password is lablovers. Also, be sure to register on the message board! If you have any questions or problems with the website just send me an email at [rexndonna@earthlink.net](mailto:rexndonna@earthlink.net)**

**Good Luck to Everyone this weekend!!!**

