

THE RETRIEVER REVIEW

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Koster's Korner A Message from Our President

I want to begin by congratulating all of my fellow club members for a job well done at our 20th Anniversary Hunt Test! It made me so proud of each and every one of you that pitched in and helped. I did not hear one single negative comment about our hunt test. Everyone that I asked stated that they were having or had a great time. Having fun is the most important thing to me and I am sure that it is near the top of the list for all of you. It seemed like every time that a need would arise, someone would mysteriously show up to take care of the need. The outstanding judging team that Janet assembled had nothing but good things to say about our hunt test and the help that was provided for them. All of our handlers seemed to be very impressed with our organization and the smoothness that everything seemed to flow. Heck our workers even had fun! Speaking of workers, I am going to try to thank everyone that worked so hard to make this hunt test the success that it was.

Thanks to Maria Jefferies and Peggy Crable for serving as our hunt test secretaries, Tracy Stephens for signing in visitors as per the State's requirements, Steve Jefferies and Billy Stephens for serving as game stewards, Randy and Matt Crable for serving as equipment managers, Ralph Linkenhoker, Rex Westbrook, Dick & Diana Beufils, Dave Brannon, Jeff Berrill, Cheryl Fuller, Rich Knickerboker, Lisa Nutter, Jerry King, Trena Massey, Stan & Michelle Spradley, Tunga Alper, and Bill Chapman & his girlfriend for serving as site marshals. The food was once again great and we have Jimmy Nealy and Chris Huele to thank for it. Thanks needs to go to Janet Kimbrough for obtaining our "Dream Team of Judges" and serving as our Region rep. for this hunt. Our hunt test committee of Don Koster, Jimmy Nealy, Ralph Linkenhoker, and Randy Crable did a great job of approving tests and handling problems if they arose. A new member, Troy Hatchett took care of getting containers and water out in the field to help cool down the dogs throughout the weekend. Troy was also one of those, along with Bill Chapman, Jimmy Nealy, and Randy & Matt Ctable that were always available when any need arose. Thanks guys! The 20th Anniversary Hunt special events committee did a great job of getting raffle items, judge's gifts, and handler duck bands. Thanks also need to be extended to Donna Westbrook for putting together the Judge's and Bird boy's snack bags

and getting a 20th anniversary cake. Last but certainly not least, a great big THANK YOU to all of you who showed up on Friday to help with set up and also helped through out the weekend tearing down the tests. A special thanks needs to be extended to Jeff Koster and Harry Brigham for helping with setup on Friday, even though they are not members of our club! They told me that they did it because they like being around people like us. That should make everyone in the club feel great. Jeff also worked both days as a bird technician and helped with tear down. If you happen to see these guys, be sure and tell them how much we appreciated their help.

The raffle that we had was probably one of, if not the best ever. Thanks to Tracy Stephens, Michelle Spradley, Donna Westbrook, Janet Kimbrough, Maria Jefferies, and Peggy Crable for donating, obtaining and organizing our raffle items. Tracy spearheaded the effort and all of them helped sell tickets. Thanks ladies! We need to thank all of those who donated time and money to make the raffle a success. Our National sponsors; Purina, Avery, and Tri-Tronics pitched in and gave us great support for this hunt test. Purina, as always, donated Pro Plan for all of the handlers; Avery donated a handler's bag for the raffle; and Tri-Tronics donated a bark collar for the raffle. James Caesar of Double R Hunting Club donated a 2 man duck hunt, Dave Brannon donated one of his famous cooked briskets for the raffle, Don Koster a 35% discount to Tri-Tronics, Peggy Crable donated hundreds of hours of labor for our quilt raffle, Maurice Brooks donated his time finding a suitable shotgun and someone to laser cut the stock for our raffle, & Steinhausers of Alvin donated a bag of Pro Plan dog food. To all of the many club members who donated money or gift cards to the "tree" THANKS for making this raffle very special!

The training days have been going great. We have had about an eleven-dog average each Sat. The really neat thing is that we have had several of our newer members present. They are all eager to learn and it has been great to be able to help them what little that I can. I wish that some of our more experienced handlers would consider coming out and helping train our new handlers. Remember, every Sat. at Jack Brooks Park on hwy. 6 in Hitchcock at 7:30 AM. On June 24th, the women's handlers' seminar was held at Dave Brannon's place near College Station. Glenda Mitchell of Lonesome Dove HRC organized the seminar. Janet Kimbrough and Lora Neans provided instruction along with Glenda. We had Michelle Spradley, Lisa Street, Lisa Nutter, Donna Westbrook, Glenda Akeroyd, Lora Neans, & Janet Kimbrough representing us at the seminar. I understand that the seminar was very informational and that everyone had a great time. Thanks to Dave Brannon for once again opening his ranch up for a dog related function. The women that I talked to said that Dave cooked for them all weekend and the food was wonderful!

June Meeting

Our meeting was held on June 14, 2006 at the Golden Corral in Alvin, Texas. Those present were Rex and Donna Westbrook, Steve and Maria Jefferies, Tracy Stephens, Jimmy Nealy, Rich Knickerbocker, Scott Orr, Maurice Brooks, Lewis Goodman, James Hightower, Austin Hightower, Randy and Peggy Crable.

The meeting started by approving the minutes from last meeting. Don gave the treasurers report (since Michelle was in Hawaii!!). He said we had a total of \$9002.07 in the bank with the ribbon bill still left to pay and his expenses for the National Meeting left to pay. He reminded everyone that training days would start this weekend at Jack Brook's Park every Saturday morning at 7:30. I reported that we had 6 new members this month for a total of 12 this year. We now have 63 total members.

Under Old Business, Don said the hunt test went really good. He didn't hear any negatives from anyone. He said the Judges were really bragging about our hunt test at the National Meeting. We had plenty of help and plenty of bird boys and girls. Jimmy Nealy and Chris Heule took good care of us on the food and drinks. The raffle was a great success. We made \$1650 from the shotgun, \$850 from the quilt and \$450 from the other raffle items. We ran 287 dogs for the weekend. Don reminded everyone to turn in any receipts to Michelle for money they need to be reimbursed for the hunt test.

Under New Business, we discussed having only 1 flight per day of started, seasoned and finished for the February Hunt Test. More discussion on this subject will be forthcoming as it gets closer. Our Upland test will be sometime in late October. We discussed being able to grandfather a couple of judges in our club for this HT. More information will be passed on as we get closer and we will let everyone know what kind of help we will be needing. It was also brought up that the people we get our ducks from, David Roark, are going out of business. This will be something we will have to address before our February HT. Don attended the National Meeting in Memphis. He said everything we voted on to pass was passed and everything that we didn't want to pass, didn't pass. He said that Zink Calls will be a new national sponsor and will be giving us a duck call to raffle off each year. We also discussed having a training/work day out at Steve and Maria Jefferies' on Saturday, August 12. Our main goal will be to clean and inventory our club trailers. More details will be coming soon!!! Meeting was adjourned.

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous



TITLES AND PASSES

Colorado River 20th Anniversary HRC HT

June 3 & 4, 2006

Mister Bojangles “Bojangles”/Sam Harkins

Started Title

R & B’s Abbigale “Abby”/Bill Chapman

Started Title

Castlewood’s I Like Ike JH “Ike”/James Witt

Started Pass (Sat) Started Title (Sun)

Wilson Creek’s Sunny Side Up “Sunny”/Danny Broadwater

Started Pass (Sat & Sun)

Riley/Trena Massie

Started Pass (Sat & Sun)

Lil Ann/Lewis Goodman

Started Pass (Sat & Sun)

HRCH Snota Yella “Booger”/Jimmy Neely

Started Pass (Sat)

Katy’s Ruby Tuesday “Ruby”/Tunga Alper

Seasoned Pass

HR Viking’s FB1 Surfer Girl “Gidget”/Don Koster-**New HRCH!!!**

Finished Pass (Sat) Finished Title (Sun)

Castlewood’s Maggie Bea “Maggie”SH/James Witt-**New HRCH!!!**

Finished Pass (Sat) Finished Title (Sun)

HR Westbrook’s Victory At Sea SH “Torie”/Donna Westbrook

Finished Pass (Sat)

HR Nutter’s Char’d Bit-O-Honey JH “Honey”/Mike Nutter

Finished Pass (Sun)

GRHRCH UH Watermark’s All That Jazz “Jazz”/Rody Best

Finished Pass (Sat) **500 Point Club!!!**



NEW MEMBERS

We had 2 people join our club during our 20th Anniversary Hunt Test. We want to welcome: Trey Bonner from League City. He has a yellow female lab named “Lola”. Scott Orr from Houston. He has a chocolate female lab named “Maggie”.



**LIMESTONE KENNELS
SUMMER TRAINING CLASSES
JUNE 10TH - AUGUST**

James and Lou Davis will be having summer handling classes for dogs and handlers running at least AKC Senior and on e-collar. Areas that will be covered are: proper use of the e-collar, steadiness, line manners, situations, how to train and run different marks and blind scenarios. All birds, bird boys, shells, grounds and technical water will be provided. Each class will be held on Sat. mornings and will be limited to 10 people. This will allow everyone to run at least 2 set ups a morning and possibly 3. If you are interested or want more info, call James Davis during the evening at (979) 826-8562.



FUTURE CHAMPIONS!!!!

AFC HAWKEYE'S VIKING

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WATERMARK'S CASEY EXPRESS MH

(FC-AFC Watermark's the Boss X HRCH Diamond Lizzy SH)

This all yellow litter of 5 males and 3 females, are ready for new homes!!! John has 2 females and 3 males left for sale in this litter. They will be ready to go this week!!! He is offering a club price of \$850 for any CRRC member. For information on this great yellow litter call John McGee at (832)230-0826/home, (713)818-1073/cell or e-mail him at watermarkscasey@hotmail.com

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams



UPCOMING HUNT TEST

Central Louisiana HRC, Aug. 12 & 13

LOC: Camp Beauregard, Pineville, LA

Raven's Way HRC, Sept. 9 & 10

LOC: 7J Stock Farm, Crockett, TX

For more information on HRC HT go to www.ukcdogs.com/HRetrieversEvents.htm



Congratulations to Paul and Jama Britton on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Grace. She was born May 31, 2006 and weighed in at 9 lbs 11 oz.!!!!!!



REMI NDERS!

Deadline for submitting items for the newsletter is the 25th of each month. Please e-mail them to rexndonna@direcway.com

Training Days every Saturday, 7:30 am at Jack Brook's Park!

Enjoy your summer!! Be sure when you are training that you and your dog drink plenty of water!!!!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR NEXT MEETING ON JULY 12, 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!