

THE RETRIEVER REVIEW

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Koster's Korner **A Message from Our President**

There is not a lot to report this month, but I do have an opportunity that may interest the club. Tejas Hunting Retriever Club would like to go together with our club and host an upland hunt test that would be held in late October. It would possibly work in the following manner; we would host our preliminary hunt on Sat. morning and our licensed hunt on Sat. afternoon. Tejas would hold their preliminary hunt on Sun. morning and their licensed hunt on Sun. afternoon. (Of course we could flip flop and have ours on Sun. and Tejas on Sat.) Tejas has indicated that Preistmeyer farms would be available at no charge. Think about it and we will discuss it at our next meeting.

The plans for our June hunt test are coming together very well. At the present time we plan on having one flight of started dogs, two flights of seasoned dogs, and three flights of finished dogs. The started flight would be limited to the usual 50 dogs while the seasoned and finished flights would be limited to 25 dogs. We are doing this so that every flight can be finished at a reasonable time so that all can have time to visit and enjoy our tailgate party. The judge's list is shaping up to be one of the best that has ever been put together and includes judges such as; Omar Driscoll, Lora Neans Horn, Jim Reichman, Carol Ford, Mark Hundley, Dan Negrin, Robert Hines, & Bob Brundrett just to name a few. I know that Janet Kimbrough, Tracy Stephens, and Maria Jefferies have been working real hard to make this hunt test very special. Be sure to thank them for their hard work when you see them. As you can see, we will need a lot of extra help to pull this off. We will need 8 or 9 extra bird boys and 4 more marshals per day to make it happen. Please consider volunteering your help. Thanks in advance to Jimmy Nealy and Chris Huele for taking on the responsibility of making the necessary food arrangements. This is a tremendous undertaking and the club is very grateful to these two guys for their support and dedication to our club and our sport.

We want to wish all club members who will be running the Spring Grand all of the luck in the world. It appears that our club will be well represented at the Grand. Some of those who will be attending include; Jimmy Nealy and "Booger", Janet Kimbrough and "Waggars", Ralph Linkenhoker and "Cinco", Billy & Tracy Stephens and "Blade", Steve & Maria Jefferies & "Tater", and Jesse Oetgen & "Dixie" provided Jesse can re-arrange his schedule. Good luck to all!

March Meeting

Our March meeting was held on March 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, Tracy Stephens, Jerry King, Matt Crable, Randy & Peggy Crable, Jimmy Nealy, Janet Kimbrough, Don Koster, Tunga Alper, Katy Alper, Mary Alper, Tylene Desoimeaux, Roy & Beverly Barnes and Lewis Goodman.

Michelle gave the treasurers report. She said we had \$4974 in the bank but still have some bills to pay for the hunt test.

I thanked everyone for sending in their passes and titles for the newsletter. I also let everyone know that Judd & Lisa Street are new members of our club. I asked everyone to look through their pictures and send me ones from the last 20 years of our club. Maria Jefferies and I are going to make a scrapbook for the June HT.

Don started out with Old Business. He talked about how glad he was to be a member of our club. He thought the Feb HT went the smoothest of any we've had due to all the help and hard work of club members. He said he had a lot of good comments about the HT and about the club members. We only had 213 dogs run and the raffle and shotgun carried us. We actually ended up in the red on the HT.

Janet discussed the June HT. She said most of the judges have committed. She said she would like to run an ad in the HRC magazine for the 20th anniversary HT and is going to order duck bands for the hunt. Jimmy Nealy said he would do all the food and drinks and Don Koster will be the HT Marshall.

Janet also is looking into getting the title pins made for our club to start selling. There will be more information coming on this.

Under New Business, we talked about getting better signs for the HT, Tunga Alper said he would check into it for us. The Double R Hunting Club is donating a duck hunt for the June HT and they will also give us 15% of the fee, for anyone booking a hunt with them and mentioning our club. We talked about ordering 20th anniversary hats. The HT committee will be check into those. It was also brought to our attention that there have been some gator sightings out at Jack Brooks Park so be careful if you are training there. Steve Jefferies talked about the club purchasing some tree house blinds for the judges to use to keep them out of the elements. Jimmy Nealy said to give him a call if you would like to train for the Grand.



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.

Lone Star HRC – Mar. 25th

Dave Brannon-Finished on Sat.

Bryan-College Station HRC-Apr. 1st & 2nd

Don Koster-Finished on Sat. & Sun.

Phil Maddox-Seasoned on Sat.

Scottie Maddox-Seasoned on Sat.

Mike Nutter-Started on Sat.

Lora Neans-Finished on Sun.

Robert Hines-Started on Sun

Jimmy Nealy-Finished Sat.

Dan Negrin-Finished on Sun.

Cajun HRC-Apr. 1st & 2nd

Robert Hines-Finished Sat. & Sun

Heart of Texas AKC- Apr. 1st

Dick & Diana Beaufils-Master

Big D AKC-May 6th & 7th

Dick Beaufils – Master on Sat.

Dave Brannon-Junior on Sat./Senior on Sun.

If you have any pictures, from the last 20 years, of our club that we could 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



TITLES AND PASSES

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

Coastal Bend AKC HT

Feb 4 & 5, 2006

Cliff's Set The Pace Fur Face/Cliff Davis
Senior Pass (Sun)

Colorado River HRC HT

Feb 18 & 19, 2006

Flying V Zig Zag 'N Zoe "Zoe"/Steve Jefferies
Seasoned Title (Sat)
Bear's Super Shoot'n Benelli "Benelli"/Steve Jefferies
Seasoned Pass (Sat & Sun)
The Royal Duke of Briarwood "Duke"/James Price (Junior Boykin, owner)
Seasoned Pass (Sat)

Tejas HRC HT

Feb 25 & 26

The Royal Duke of Briarwood "Duke"/James Price (Junior Boykin, owner)
Seasoned Pass (Sat) Seasoned Title (Sun)
Bear's Super Shoot'n Benelli "Benelli"/Steve Jefferies
Seasoned Title (Sat) Finished Pass (Sun)
Jefferies Riptide Cash Force "Tater"/Steve Jefferies
Finished Pass (Sat & Sun)
Flying V Zig Zag 'N Zoe "Zoe"/Steve Jefferies
Finished Pass (Sat & Sun)

Lake Charles HRC HT

March 4 & 5, 2006

SHR Charlmer's Misty Midnight "Maddy"/Mike Nutter
Seasoned Title
HRCH Charlies Running Weedeater MH "Charlie"/Daren Hearn
Finished Pass (Sat & Sun)

Bryan College Station AKC HT

March 4 & 5, 2006

Street's Smoking Gun "Gunner"/Lisa Street
Junior Pass (Sat)

Brazosport AKC HT

March 11 & 12, 2006

Paco der Ente Jager Hund "Paco"/Stan Spradley
Junior Pass (Sat & Sun)
Shelley's Comanche Jewel "Jade"/Michelle Spradley
Junior Pass (Sat & Sun)

Star Light Brooks "Star"/Maurice Brooks
Junior Pass (Sat & Sun)
Buddy Super Dog Brooks "Buddy"/Maurice Brooks
Junior Pass (Sat & Sun)
HR Westbrook's South Texas Pedro JH "Pete"/Rex Westbrook
Senior Pass (Sun)

Waterloo AKC HT

March 18 & 19, 2006

HR Muddy Jack Skybuster JH "Buster"/Mike Akeroyd
Senior Pass (Sun)
GMHR HRCH UH Silverbrook's Montana Gold/Shari Miller
Master Title (Sat/Sun)

Bryan College Station HRC HT

April 1 & 2, 2006

Paco der Ente Jager Hund "Paco"/Stan Spradley
Seasoned Pass (Sat) Seasoned Title (Sun)
HR High Praises Houdini "Houdi"/Dave Brannon
Finished Pass (Sat) Finished Title (Sun)
Britton's Texas Duck Angel "Angel"/Paul Britton
Finished Pass (Sun)

Heart of Texas AKC HT

April 1 & 2, 2006

HR Westbrook's South Texas Pedro JH "Pete"/Rex Westbrook
Senior Title (Sun)
HR Westbrook's Victory At Sea JH "Torie"/Donna Westbrook
Senior Pass (Sun)
UH HRCH Buzz N Da Decoys SH "Buzz"/Rody Best
Master Title (Sat/Sun)

Cajun HRC HT

April 1 & 2, 2006

HRCH Charlies Running Weedeater MH "Charlie"/Daren Hearn
Finished Pass (405 points)

Central Kentucky AKC HT

April 1 & 2, 2006

Grousemoor Phoenix Fawkes "Foxy"/Doug Nelson
Senior Pass (Sat & Sun)

Congratulations to Stan and "Paco" for winning the "Super Retriever Singles" at the Lone Star HRC HT on March 25, 2006. Paco beat everyone by 1.5 seconds!!!

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



UPCOMING HUNT TEST

HRC SPRING GRAND HUNT April 22-26, 2006

LOC:DCI Farm Jackson, LA

For more information on HRC HT go to

www.ukcdogs.com/HRetrieversEvents.htm

Port Arthur AKC HT April 22 & 23

LOC: Port Arthur, TX entries close Wed. April 12, 2006

Tejas AKC HT April 29 & 30,2006

LOC: Giddings, TX entries close Tues. April 18,2006

Big D AKC HT May 6 & 7, 2006

LOC: Tioga, TX entries close Fri. April 28, 2006

Brazosport AKC Field Trial May 5-7, 2006

LOC: Montgomery, TX entries close Tues. April 25, 2006

For more information on AKC HT go to www.entryexpress.net



TO EVERYONE RUNNING THE GRAND!!!



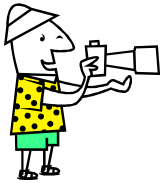
LIMESTONE KENNELS SUMMER TRAINING CLASSES JUNE 10TH – AUGUST

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 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.



NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our newest members, Judd and Lisa Street. I think most of our club members already know who they are. They own and operate Vision Photography. Judd takes some great pictures of our dogs out in the field and Lisa does a great job of crop, cut and paste to get the picture just the way we want it! They actually got started one year ago, at our February HT. They have had a few of their photographs published on the cover of the Hunting Retriever Magazine and have taken pictures at the Grand and the Master National HT. They live in Huntsville, TX and have 4 labs (3 yellows and 1 Chocolate). Their e-mail address is visionlisjud@earthlink.net Next time you see them, be sure to welcome them to our club.



Vision Photography

Here's where you can find Judd & Lisa Street taking great pictures of us and our dogs!!

Cajun HRC-April 1 & 2

Greater Houston Golden RC AKC-April 8 & 9

HRC Grand-April 22-26

Tejas AKC-April 29 & 30



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 litter of pups. They are going fast, only 3 black females left! For more information you can e-mail them at drayh@prodigy.net or call them at (409) 735-4426.

FOR SALE - 2004 KAWASAKI 360 TWO WHEEL DRIVE ATV. TIRES HAVE BEEN TREATED WITH "SLIME" SEALANT. GUN RACKS INCLUDED. USED VERY LITTLE. GREAT CONDITION! \$3000.00 CONTACT : DON KOSTER AT (281)585-4868

FOR SALE-DOG KENNELS. KENNEL IS 6 ½' X 10' AND MADE OF A HEAVY GAUGE PIPE, PAINTED IN HIGH GLOSS GRAY. THEY ARE COLLAPSIBLE AND CAN BE JOINED TOGETHER OR USED AS STAND-ALONE. PURCHASED FROM MCCOY'S IN JAN. 2005 AND USED UNTIL WE BUILT OUR KENNELS. SELLING IN ALMOST NEW CONDITION. PRICE NEW IS \$514.19 EACH-SELLING FOR \$425 EACH. WE HAVE 2 OF THEM AND WILL SELL SEPARATELY OR TOGETHER. CALL DANNY OR TERRY BROADWATER AT (361) 588-6937 AFTER 7 PM OR E-MAIL broadwater@ykcwb.com FOR INFO AND PICTURE.



REMI NDERS!

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.

We will be having 2 raffles at our June HT. One is for a Browning BPS 12 Gauge Pump Shotgun with a 2 ¾" or 3" chamber, wood stock and a case and one is for a Beautiful Handmade Quilt with a retriever theme, made by Peggy Crable. The tickets for the raffle are \$10 each for the gun and \$5 each for the quilt. If you can't make it to our June HT and would like to purchase raffle tickets, you can send me your money and I will turn in a ticket for you. If you would like to help sell tickets, just let me know and I will make sure you get some. If you would like to see pictures of either one, just let me know and I will e-mail them to you.

If you will be needing a hotel room for our June HT, please let me know. It will be cheaper for us to reserve them as a club, than individually. You can e-mail me at rexndonna@direcway.com



DOG TALES

A lady awoke one morning and discovered her dog was not moving. She called her vet who asked her to bring the dog in. After a brief examination, the vet pronounced the dog dead.

"Are you sure?", the distraught woman asked. "He was a great family pet. Isn't there anything else you can do?"

The vet paused for a moment and said, "There is one more thing we can do." He left the room for a moment and came back carrying a large cage with a cat in it. The vet opened the cage door and the cat walked over to the dog. The cat sniffed the dog from head to toe and walked back to the cage.

"Well, that confirms it." the vet announced. "Your dog is dead."

Satisfied that the vet had done everything he possibly could, the woman sighed, "How much do I owe you?"

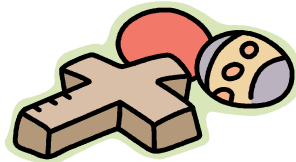
"That will be \$330." the vet replied.

"I don't believe it!!!!", screamed the woman. "What did you do that cost \$330??"

"Well", the vet replied, "it's \$30 for the office visit and \$300 for the cat scan."

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

HAPPY EASTER!



Acquiring a dog may be the only opportunity a human ever has to choose a relative.

--Mordecai Siegal, Contemporary Writer