

The Retriever Review

The Newsletter of Colorado River Retriever Club

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hope this message finds you well and in good spirits.

The club training day was a hot one. I would like to thank Steve and Maria for hosting this event.

I would like to also thank Coby Frankum for bringing donuts and breakfast tacos.

Karen and I enjoyed going to St. Louis for the national meeting. It was easy to appreciate what HRC does for all of us after seeing the grand scheme of things.

If you haven't been before, it is well worth the trip. I think there was 144 clubs present.

Hunt test is underway, and we still need marshals. Please let me or Maria know if you can volunteer.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

Sam Roll



Quote: *"The greatest fear dogs know is the fear that you will not come back when you go out the door without them."*

----- Stanley Coren

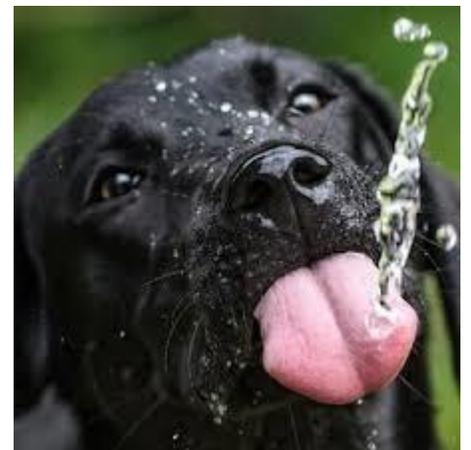


The Club's Best News

JULY MEETING

The next CRRC meeting will be
Wednesday, **July 14, 2021**
7:00 pm

Las Flores Restaurant
306 E House Street
Alvin, Texas 77511



JUNE MEETING

Minutes

CRRC's *June* meeting was held on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Sam Roll, *President* called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Member's Present: Sam & Karen Roll, Ken & Michele Burge, Maria & Steve Jefferies, Lori Allyn, Patrick Cumiskey, Rex & Donna Westbrook, Randy Crable, Adam & Emily Rust, John & Dana Laviolette, David Dalmolin, Wayne Lindsey and Don Koster.

Welcome: Sam Roll welcomed all. Welcome to Adam & Emily Rust, new members and first meeting.

Sam Roll asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2021 meeting. Ken Burge made a motion to approve and a second was made by David Dalmolin, all were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

Officers Report:

President: Sam Roll reminded everyone that the October Hunt Test is right around the corner. He passed around a sign-up sheet for those members wanting to volunteer to help. Sam reported that He & Karen, Jason Luker and Robert Hines attended National meeting in St. Louis, Missouri on June 12, 2021. Sad news to report that Jimmy & Jody Nealy lost their dog Willy.

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasure: Lori Allyn reported a balance of 12,023.53 in the bank.

Historian:

Region 11: Sam Roll announced that the Judges/Handlers Seminar will be held in Kyle, Texas on August 28, 2021 hosted by Alamo HRC.

Running Rules Rep:

Old Business:

CRRC's Fall Hunt Test: CRRC's Fall Hunt will be on October 23 & 24, 2021, in Jones Creek at the Justin Hurst WMA. Sam Roll, hunt chairman, reported that this test will be a 1-2-2 test and will include a tailgate dinner and a raffle. He has acquired most of the judges, please check out the sign-up sheet and feel free to suggest anyone you would like to come judge for us. We will need volunteers for snacks, signs and raffle.

CRRC Banner: A brief discussion was held about the CRRC banner. We are looking for an 8x4 to hang on front entrance gate and a smaller one, possibly a 4x6 or a 4x4 to display at headquarters. Some good ideas are in the works.

Training day: The May 22, 2021 training day went well. We had about 10 to 12 members attend. Thank you John Laviolette's for allowing us to use your land.

Summer Party: CRRC's annual summer party will be on June 19, 2021 at Sam & Karen Roll's home.

Events: Sam Roll reported that the Orie Mathews & Steve Riggins Seminar on May 29 & 30, 2021 in Caddo Mills, Texas went well. He heard that they had about 35 to 40 people in attendance. Central Texas HRC will host a snake clinic on June 19, 2021 in Lexington, Texas.

New Business:

HRC Officer Elections: The elected officers of HRC shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be members of HRC in good standing. The candidate for the office of President is Jack Gravely. The candidates

Save The Date!

October 23 & 24, 2021

**Colorado River Retriever Club
Fall Hunt Test**

**Justin Hurst WMA
Jones Creek, Texas**



Hunt Chairman

Sam Roll
281-777-0137

Hunt Secretary

Maria Jefferies
979-299-2111

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for the office of Vice President are Glen Scarborough & Donald White. The candidate for office of Secretary is Elaine Mitchell and the candidate for office of Treasurer is Caroline Davis. Club votes must be turned in by June, CRRC voted for Glen Scarborough for the office of Vice President.

Training Day: CRRC will have a training day at Flying V Ranch on June 26, 2021. Maria will send out an email with detailed information.

Training Topic: *Ken Burge* discussed keeping your dog cool during the summer heat. Overheating can be fatal to your dog, please keep your marks short and have plenty of water on hand for you and your dog. If you haven't read the "Dog Topic" in the May Newsletter, go back and read the details of heatstroke in dogs, it is worth the read. *Don Koster* followed suit with the importance of having a first aid kit with you at all times. Items to include in your first aid kit, to name a few, would be alcohol, rectal thermometer, spray bottle etc. Learn to read your dog, anticipate what your dog is going to do...Be ready!

Door Prize: Michele Burge was the winner of the Stanley Classic Thermos. *Congratulations Michele!*



Keep Kool !

drink plenty of water, drink plenty of water

Welcome New Members

I'd like to introduce you to the newest
Members of Colorado River Retriever Club

- 🐾 **Christopher Prejean**, from Richmond, Texas. He is the owner of Oakhorn Holly of Altiquin "Sollie" a black, female Labrador Retriever.



Message from the Secretary

Please help me keep the membership information updated. If you have moved and have a new address, if your phone number or email has changed or if you have a “new” canine family member, please update this for me. I also love to recognize our four legged family’s birthdays, so please make sure to include this information too.

Pawing to Remind You ...

If you would like to see you and/or your dog’s hunting/hunt test pictures in the newsletter, Please email: mljefferies@hotmail.com or text: 979-299-2111 them to me.



In Memory of
HRCH UH Sum Ting Willy Wong MH
December 15, 2008 – June 7, 2021
Owned by Jimmy & Jody Nealy

June Doggie Birthdays

Pearland Lab's Sage Rose Wood

"Sage" 6-29-2019

Owned by Mchaji Celestaine

Sua Sponte Ranger

"Ranger" 6-19-2017

Owned by Chris & Brittany Chambless

Xanadu Bigbaydogs Sunrise Red Rage

"Fuzz" 6-13-2016

Owned by Patrick & Tammy Cumiskey

Ten Bears Peanut

"Peanut" 6-9-2013

Owned by Marc & Carolyn Karstaedt

Layna's Ema Sabe

"Ema" 6-18-2015

Owned by Chris Pratka



Dog Topic

Baseball Team Dogs: Meet the Cutest Diamond Pups

Baseball + dogs = a perfect match! Meet the team mascots who do everything from delivering balls to pitchers and meet-and-greets with fans.

What could be more all-American than baseball and dogs? Combine the two and it makes for a perfect summer afternoon. Across the country, minor league baseball teams and even a few major league teams have their very own baseball dogs that are as much a part of the team as players, coaches and staff. Many of these dogs are also fan favorites, entertaining spectators before, after and sometimes during the games.

Rookie, Trenton (NJ) Thunder

First, there was Chase. Then Derby. Now, the grandson of this venerable lineage, Rookie, delights fans of the Trenton Thunder, an AA affiliate of the New York Yankees. Eric Lipsman, Sr. Vice President, Corporate Sales and Sponsorship for the Thunder says “We introduced him to the fans on our Opening Night of 2014, when our manager Tony Franklin walked him out to home plate for his meeting with the umpires. The fans went crazy.” The *Golden Retriever* takes his role of bat dog seriously, trotting out to grab the barrel of the baseball bat and return it to the dugout after each Thunder at bat. His execution is perfect, although his debut was less so, as you can see in the [ESPN E: 60 special, “The Family Business,”](#) about the Thunder’s bat dogs. When he’s not hard at work, Rookie loves to greet the fans, hang out with the players in the clubhouse or play with his toys in the front office.

Rookie learned a lot of what he knows from his dad, Derby. He followed Derby everywhere, they were inseparable. They loved each other very much and like his beloved dad and his grandfather before that, Rookie continues the long Trenton Thunder bat dog tradition.



Miss Lou Lou Gehrig, Greensboro, (NC) Grasshoppers

When we think of baseball dynasties, names like Alou or Griffey come to mind. But the Greensboro Grasshoppers have a canine dynasty in the family. Their current baseball dog is a black *Labrador Retriever* named Miss Lou Lou Gehrig. Lou Lou is the niece of another dog, Miss Babe Ruth, who was a beloved part of the team from 2006 through 2015.

According to Donald Moore, President and General Manager of the Hoppers, Lou Lou is “rock solid” when it comes to fetching bats and running the bases. She may sometimes be over-eager, like the time she decided an at-bat was over just a little too early. The moment was captured [on video](#) and went viral. The fans love her, and for many players, far from home, Lou Lou feels like their very own dog. She even has her own baseball card in the team card set.

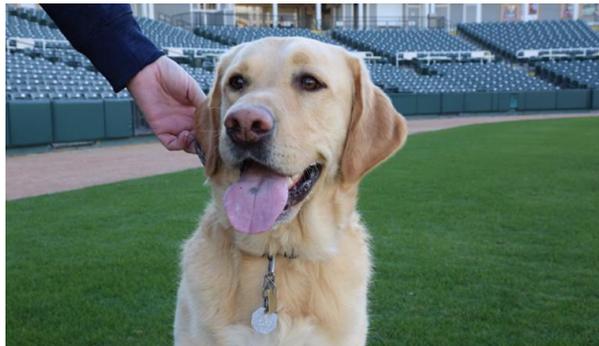


Brooks, Frisco (Texas) RoughRiders

Some athletes are born with more enthusiasm than talent and Brooks, a *Labrador Retriever* is one of them. According to the Frisco RoughRiders, an AA Affiliate of the Texas Rangers, Brooks was meant to be the team's bat dog and he tried, he really tried, but collecting the bat just isn't in his wheelhouse.

Brooks, who joined the team in 2015, does have other talents. In fact, he's a base running tornado. He runs the bases after games and loves meeting and greeting fans during games. The RoughRiders say he's also the life of the office, with the title of "Chief Morale Officer."

Brooks went viral when he was [captured on video](#) accidentally mowing a little boy down as he tore around the bases. When Brooks isn't being the joyful life of the party at DR. Pepper Ballpark, he lives at home with one of the RoughRiders' sales representatives.



Deuce, Myrtle Beach (SC) Pelicans

Retirement parties are one thing, but few people get the kind of send-off that Deuce, the yellow Labrador Retriever did and there was a lot to celebrate.

As a puppy, Deuce shadowed his predecessor, Dinger, learning to run the bases and bring baskets of new baseballs to the home plate umpire. Early in his career, he was the team's bat dog, too. He also worked hard in the office, helping to pick up his toys, dropping his bowl in the sink when he was done eating and bringing his empty water bowl to the staff for a refill. Of course, he expected something in return and would drop his tennis ball repeatedly at the feet of staff members until someone threw it for him. When not working, Deuce helped out at the team store, where he was happy to let fans of all age pet him and take selfies with him.

To Kristen Call, Assistant General Manager of the Pelicans, a Class A Advanced Affiliate of the Chicago Cubs, Deuce's greatest moment was his final lap. Usually, he'd run the bases after a win, but for this special day, the game was stopped between innings and [Deuce ran the bases](#) to a packed, cheering crowd. "to pay tribute to his

ten years of service.” said Ms. Call. Deuce will enjoy his retirement with the local family that raised him but hopefully, he’ll return to his “office” now and then to say hello to old friends.



Jake the Diamond Dog

While there are baseball dogs that spend their entire careers with one team, Jake the Diamond Dog has brought joy to dozens of ballparks. Since 2009, this *Golden Retriever* has brought water to umpires, taken the game ball to pitchers on the mound, stood for the national anthem picked up bats after at-bats, and delighted fans at ballparks across the country, from Albuquerque to Buffalo and points in between.

Jake’s favorite “job” may be the meet-and-greet he does with fans, who treat him like a celebrity. Who wouldn’t love a dog that plays Frisbee with the fans mid-game and brings a bouquet to the sweetheart of the game?

After “playing” thirty games a year, this hard working baseball dog retired in August 2018 at age twelve. Jake spend his time enjoying himself and hanging out with his family in Ohio.





it'S a Fact:

Dogs get high when you rub their ears real good. They have a branch of nerves in their ears that extend to their internal organs and release endorphins nwhen you rub them, sending relaxing impulses through their bodies and giving them a natural high.

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