

# The Retriever Review

The Newsletter of Colorado River Retriever Club

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

### *SPRINGTIME IS FINALLY HERE*

Hope everyone is passing dogs and collecting ribbons. Hunt test are in full swing throughout Texas right now and reminds me why we do this. HRC is such a special organization with such a family atmosphere.

CRRC spring test went off without a hitch. I would like to thank everyone who helped make it a success, especially Randy Crable, Maria Jefferies, all the judges, all the marshals, bird techs and all the members who assisted putting it on.

We have a cleanup day at the Flying V Ranch Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. I realize it is Easter weekend, so if you are not able to come it is understandable. It really should not take that long to clean and we can have some Easter pizza afterwards.

Good luck to all the handlers finishing up the spring tests and also to the handlers running the Grand.

*Happy Easter from the E.C.*

*Sam Roll*



**Quote:** "Better than all of the gold in the world, better than diamonds, better than pearls, better than any material thing...  
Is the LOVE of a dog and the JOY it brings."

--- Laura Jaworksi



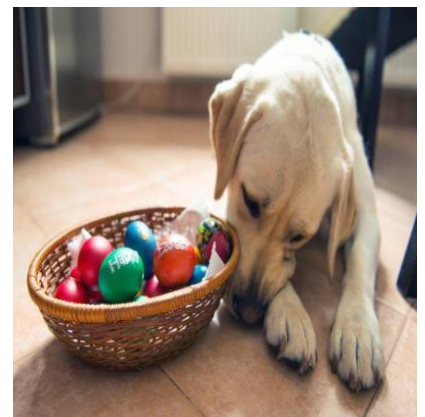
### *The Club's Best News*

#### **APRIL MEETING**

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

#### **Las Flores Restaurant**

306 E House Street  
Alvin, Texas 77511



## FEBRUARY MEETING

### Minutes

CRRC's *March* meeting was held on Wednesday, March 10, 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, Randy Crable, Pat Cumiskey, Rex & Donna Westbrook, David Dalmolin, David Applegate, Don Koster, Jason Luker, Robert Hines, Kyle Wilson and Justin & Murphy Hooter.

**Welcome:** Sam Roll welcomed all and guest Stephen & Sam Gandy, John Laviolette, Matt Naylor and Christopher Prejean.

**Sam Roll** asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2021 meeting. Ken Burge made a motion to approve and a second was made by Lori Allyn, all were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

### Officers Report:

**President:** As everyone is aware, with the freeze coming through, the CRRC hunt test dates were changed from February to March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to bring your free run certificates, Maria will need them when you check in. Ken Burge picked up our 6 new holding blinds from Byron Bass and they are super nice. *Honor to Whom Honor Is Due:* Two weeks ago, Ken & Michele Burge lost their dog Minnie to cancer. CRRC presented Ken & Michele with a duck call honoring Minnie...a blow of the call and a salute to Minnie, may she RIP, job well done Minnie!

### Vice President:

**Secretary:** Maria reminded everyone to please update and turn in your 2021 membership application, along with your dues. As per club policy March 1, 2021 is the cutoff date.

**Treasure:** Lori Allyn reported a balance of 8,836.23 in the bank.

### Historian:

**Region 11:** Jason Luker introduced himself as the new Field Rep. for Region 11 which consist of 6 clubs, Alamo, Colorado River, Central Texas, Ravensway, Southeast Texas and Tejas. He will also keep us informed on the scheduled dates for the Judges/Handlers seminar which should be sometime late April, early May.

**Running Rules Rep:** Robert Hines, informed us that the new rule book just came out this year. You can't play the game if you don't know the rules, everyone needs to be familiar with the rule book.

### Old Business:

**Judge's Test:** Robert Hines informed us of the importance to read and become familiar with the HRC rulebook. As a *fun* test of knowledge, the club members present at the meeting, took the first part of the judge's test last month and finished and discussed the second part of the test, this month. As a Judge, you are required to take the test.

**Trailer Cleanup:** Our trailer cleanup day will be on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Flying V Ranch. Please try to come to ready the trailers for our next hunt test in October.

### New Business:

**Running Hunt Test:** For those of you that are new members or new to running hunt test, here are a few tips that may help.

**Save The Date!**

**Trailer Clean-up**

**Saturday, April 3, 2021**

**8:00 am**

**Flying V Ranch  
1148 Valdez Trail  
Angleton, Texas 77515**



**Colorado River Retriever Club  
Website**

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Make an account with HuntSecretary.com [www.HuntSecretary.com](http://www.HuntSecretary.com) this site is for entering hunt test  
Join Colorado River Retriever Club [www.crrcinc.org](http://www.crrcinc.org) this site is for our club

**UKC Hunt Test Titles:** Sam explained the UKC Titles and the points earned in each category. Handouts were available for the new members present. UKC Titles appear at the beginning of the dog's name.

Started Hunting Retriever (SHR)

Hunting Retriever (HR)

Hunting Retriever Champion (HRCH)

Grand Hunting Retriever Champion (GRHRCH)

Upland Hunter (UH)

You don't have to run hunt test, you may just want to hunt your dog. Join us, we would love to have you.

### **Committee Report:**

**CRRC March 13 & 14 Hunt Test:** Randy Crable, hunt chairman updated us on the CRRC's Spring Hunt Test in Texas City. All flights are full with the exception of started and we will have 1 finished flight at Jack Brook's Park. We will meet, at the rock pile, at 1:00 for set up on Friday, March 12. If you are a working this hunt test, Maria will have a signup sheet at headquarters, please sign in. Randy & Don are taking trailers to Texas City on Thursday. We will start at 7:00 am, lunches will be provided to judges and workers, ribbons will be handed out at headquarters. We will be selling T-shirts, hats, tumblers and gators at headquarters.

**Training Topic:** Ken Burge shared with member's factors one must consider when training or preparing to run hunt test. Some factors to consider are land, cover, cat tails, rice fields, hills, light, and shade. The most important is the wind. When training, wind is not factored in as much as when you run a hunt test. We need to know which way the wind is blowing. If you're going to train you need to know what you are going to do, pay attention to the wind. The judge's know which way the wind is blowing. Steve has talked about having the whistle in your mouth and be ready to go. Pay attention to how your dog reacts to the wind and prepare for the test.

A motion was made by Robert Hines and a second by Lori Allyn to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor.

**Door Prize:** Stephen Gandy was the winner of the Game Winner Duffel bag and a "Trieven By the Bay" t-shirt.  
*Congratulations Stephen!*

## **Colorado River Retriever Club 2020 Hunt Test**

UKC Licensed Regular Hunt

**MARCH 13 & 14, 2021**



*Thank you to all who volunteered and made this test possible!*



### *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](mailto:mljefferies@hotmail.com) or text: 979-299-2111 them to me.

### **Welcome new Members**

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

- ❀ **David Applegate** from Alvin, Texas. He is the owner of Rooster’s Peanut Murphy’s Pea “Murphy” a black, male Labrador.
- ❀ **Frank Avery** from Houston, Texas. He is the owner of Roux Avery “Roux” a chocolate, male Labrador.
- ❀ **John Laviolette** from Hitchcock, Texas. He is the owner of Leroy Southern Retriever “Leroy” a black, male Labrador.
- ❀ **Stephen MacDonald** from Pearland, Texas. He is the owner of Watermarks Blue Skies “Bowie” a chocolate male Labrador.
- ❀ **Matt, Devon, Hudson & Addilyn Naylor** from League City, Texas. They are the owners of Briggs Biskit in the Sky “Briggs” a black, male Labrador and Naylor’s Ragin After Ten Kohl Beers “Kohl” a chocolate, male Labrador.
- ❀ **Adam & Emily Rust** from Tiki Island, Texas. They are the owners of Snakefarm’s Eufaula Blue “Blue” a black, male Labrador.

# March Doggie Birthdays

## **Cannon's Feel the Fire**

"Peabo" 3-18-2014

Owned by Vince & Sabrina Cannon

## **Bigbaydogs Didn't See That Coming**

"Crash" 3-12-2020

Owned by Patrick & Tammy Cumiskey

## **HRCH UH Baytown's Smooth as Glass**

"Slick" 3-17-2012

Owned by Robert Hines

## **Hooter's Lil Dot**

"Dotty" 3-29-2021

Owned by Justin & Murphy Hooter

## **TyRoux's All 'Bout the Eyes**

"Soul" 3-22-2011

Owned by Janet Kimbrough

## **Naylor's Ragin After Ten Kohl Beers**

"Kohl" 3-9-2020

Owned by Matt & Devon Naylor

## **Snakefarm's Eufaula Blue**

"Blue" 3-20-2020

Owned Adam & Emily Rust

## **HRCH RNG Sweet Benellie**

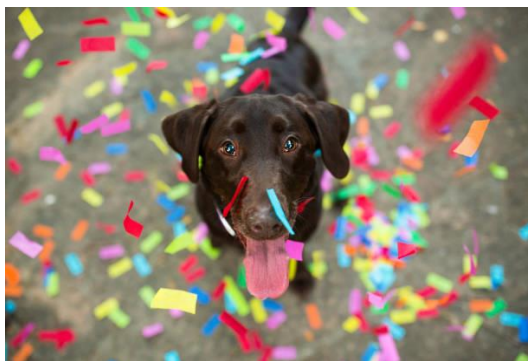
"Nellie" 3-24-2016

Owned by Nick & Katinka Stillwell

## **HR Westbrook's Power Surge SH**

"Juice" 3-27-2017

Owned by Rex & Donna Westbrook



## Dog Topic

### Finding the Way Home: Dogs Amazing Sense of Direction

*Advances in technology aimed at improving our lives are often welcomed inventions. GPS has allowed many of us, especially those with no sense of direction, to feel more confident when driving to a new location. But have you ever thought about how animals, some domesticated and others wild find not only their way home but places to migrate to each year?*

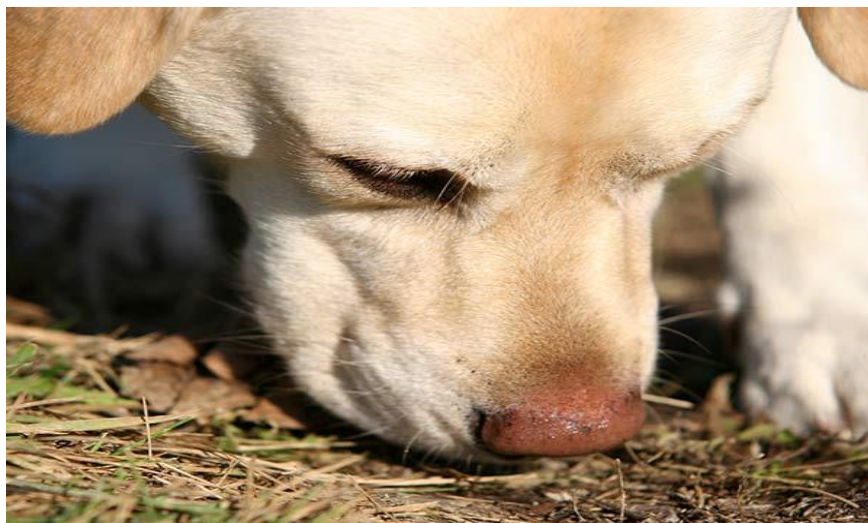
*Thanks to Mother Nature, certain animals have a built in location finding capability that relies on everything from sight and smell to more intricate magnetic methods of geolocation. Mother Nature has equipped them with some very impressive navigational systems.*

Anyone with a dog knows it's all about smells. Dogs are constantly sniffing everything they come in contact with, so it should come as no surprise that they also use their incredible sniffers to navigate.

Dogs' noses contain hundreds of millions of sensory neurons, up to 300 million compared to the 6 million in the human nose., making their sense of smell 10,000 to 100,000 times better than ours. They also have a secondary olfactory capability humans don't have. The Jacobson's organ, found at the bottom of their nasal passages, allows them to smell pheromones.

New studies also show dogs can rely on their sense of smell to pick up familiar scents over a 10 mile distance. Add to that the fact dogs see much better at night than humans because they have larger pupils, and dogs are definitely better at navigating than humans. Some researchers suggest if your dog gets lost, you can leave a familiar piece of your clothing on their bed outside to help them find their way home.

Any way you look at it, dogs have us beat when it comes to navigating. While some of us may be better than others at finding our way, it's a good thing we can rely on GPS!





## **UPCOMING HUNT TEST**

### **MARCH**

#### **Colorado River Retriever Club**

March 13 & 14, 2021

Dickenson, Texas

#### **Cowtown Spring Hunt**

March 13 & 14, 2021

Ravenna, Texas

#### **Cajun HRC**

March 13 & 14, 2021

Gueydan, LA

#### **Southeast Texas Spring Hunt**

March 20 & 21, 2021

Anahuac, Texas

#### **Lonestar HRC Spring Hunt**

March 27 & 28, 2021

Bonham, Texas

#### **Central Texas HRC**

March 27 & 28, 2021

Lexington, Texas

### **APRIL**

#### **Northeast, Texas HRC Spring Hunt**

April 10 & 11, 2021

Laneville, Texas

The **Officers** and **Members** of Colorado River Retriever Club would like to recognize the following club members who give their time to judge.  
**Thank you** all for the weekends you give to make each and every hunt test a success.  
The support is greatly appreciated.

## **MARCH**

### **Colorado River Retriever Club**

February 20 & 21, 2021

*Carolyn Hall, Don Koster, Mike Nutter, Carrie Shaw*

### **Cajun HRC - open**

March 13 & 14, 2021

Gueydan, LA

*Ken Burge*

### **Southeast Texas Retriever Club**

March 20 & 21, 2021

*Rebecca Bass, David Brannon, Bob Brundrett, Robert Hines*

### **Central Texas HRC**

March 27 & 28, 2021

Lexington, Texas

*Rebecca Bass, Bob Brundrett, Ken Burge, Randy Crable,  
Carolyn Hall, Royce Hall, Don Koster, Carrie Shaw*



*In Memory of*  
**HR Burge's Mimi Fell In Love "Minnie"**  
March 29, 2016 – February 18, 2021  
Owned by Kenneth & Michele Burge







## it'S a Fact:

While most dogs are considered adults by the time they're 18 months old,  
Labs aren't considered fully mature until their fourth birthday.  
*Labs mostly stop growing once they hit their first birthday, but they're not ready  
to leave the puppy stage. Even older Labs are known for their silly, puppy like tendencies.*

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*Happy Easter Everyone !!*