

# The Retriever Review

The Newsletter of Colorado River Retriever Club

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Happy Thanksgiving CRRC

Hope everyone had a great weekend and did not eat too much. What I really hope is that some of y'all got to do some duck hunting with you mutts. (I know Karen and I did)

The New Year is right around the corner and the club is going to be busy as ever with the February hunt test. If you have not volunteered for any of the duties, please get with Randy Crable (hunt marshal) and let him know what you can do.

Don't forget the Christmas party will be on Dec 11 at Steve and Maria's place. Good food and great fellowship will be available. Also, the club meeting has been moved to Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Sam Roll**



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

----Author Unknown



## The Club's Best News

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### DECEMBER MEETING

The next CRRC meeting will be Wednesday, **December 15, 2021**  
7:00 pm

**Las Flores Restaurant**  
306 E House Street  
Alvin, Texas 77511



## NOVEMBER MEETING

### Minutes

CRRC's *November* meeting was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. Sam Roll, *President* called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Member's Present:** Sam & Karen Roll, Maria & Steve Jefferies, Lori Allyn, John Laviolette, Patrick Cumiskey, Randy Crable, Ken & Michele Burge, David Applegate, Bob Brundrett, and Don Koster.

**Welcome:** Sam Roll welcomed all.

**Sam Roll** asked that a motion be made to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2021 meeting. *Lori Allyn* made a motion to approve and a second was made by *Don Koster*, all were in favor and the minutes were approved and accepted.

### Officers Report:

**President:** Sam Roll thanked everyone for all the help with the hunt test. It was a long 3 days but everything came together.

**Vice President:** The CRRC 2022 Officer elections will take place at the December 15, 2021 club meeting.

**Secretary:** I will be sending out the 2022 Membership Applications. Membership dues are due on January 1, 2022. Please fill out a *new* membership form as I make notes and changes throughout the current year.

**Treasure:** Lori Allyn reported a balance of 11,850 in the bank.

### Historian:

#### Region 11:

**Running Rules Rep:** The Running Rules Rep (Robert Hines) has distributed the change proposals and voting ballots to each eligible club president in region 11. Don Koster read and the club members voted on the running rules change proposals.

### Old Business:

**CRRC's Fall Hunt Test:** The Fall Hunt on October 23 & 24, 2021, in Jones Creek at the Justin Hurst WMA was a great success. Sam Roll thanked everyone that volunteered their time to help. We had great judges, marshals, bird techs and volunteers. Thank you to Frank Avery for the workers lunches and the food truck contact. Thank you to Steve & Maria for the use of the Flying V Ranch for the tailgate, to Mr. Everett for the great food and to Misty Ryder for the wonderful raffle. The banners looked great on the front gate and at headquarters.

**2022 Officer Election:** If you would like to run or nominate someone for an officer's position, nominations are open. Please contact Ken Burge at 409-599-5896.

**Christmas Party:** We will have our annual Christmas Party and Awards at the Flying V Ranch in Angleton on December 11, 2021. Please don't forget to RSVP.

**Awards:** If you earned a Title for 2021, please contact Don Koster by November 16, 2021 by 9:00 pm.

### New Business:

**Trailer Clean-up:** We need to schedule a trailer clean-up day sometime in January. We will revisit at the next meeting.

**CRRC's Spring Hunt Test:** The dates for the February Hunt Test are February 19 & 20, 2022 in Texas City. Randy Crable, *Hunt Chairman* will have a 1-1-2 test with a tailgate dinner. He is talking to Texas City now about the property.

**Save The Date!**

**December 11, 2021**

**Colorado River Retriever Club  
Christmas Party  
&  
Awards**



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Website**

[www.crrcinc.org](http://www.crrcinc.org)

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**Door Prize:** Steve Jefferies was the winner of an Avery cap, a Dogsorber towel, and a Yeti insulated cooler.

*Congratulations Steve!*



### **Officer Election for 2022**

Officer elections for 2022 will take place at the *December 15, 2021* club meeting.

At

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Officer nominations are:

President: Don Koster

Vice President: Randy Crable

Secretary: Maria Jefferies

Treasure: Lori Allyn

John Laviolette

Historian: Carrie Shaw

Ken Burge

If you would like to run or nominate someone for an officer's position, nomination are open.  
Nominations can be made or taken from the floor at the annual meeting on December 15, 2021.

Nominees must be willing to serve.



## *Message from the Secretary*

As 2021 comes to a close, it is time once again to renew our **2022 Membership Applications** and pay the club dues. Our club dues are due by January 2022. Please fill out a “**new**” application and update your information. 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.

**New Membership Applications** are attached, please fill out a new form for me with your membership dues. I will need the *new forms* please, as I make notes on the current ones, throughout the year. Everyone please update your information, Lifetime members included. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.



*Here we come “2022”*

# November Birthdays

## **Roux Avery**

“Roux” 11-6-2017

Owned by Frank Avery

## **Doctor Dave’s BBD**

“Dave” 11-1-2012

Owned David Brannon

## **Diggin’ For Gold**

“Booger” 11-28-2018

Owned by Chris & Brittany Chambless

## **Xtreme’s Black Hills of Dakota**

“Dakota” 11-6-2011

Owned by Bob & Lauri Hansen

## **Watermark’ Blue Skies**

“Bowie” 11-9-2013

Owned by Stephen McDonald

## **TCR Coupers Rouge**

“Coup” 11-23-2020

Owned by Paul Massey

## **Twin Rivers Genuine Risk**

“Gen” 11-12-2016

Owned by Michael & Lisa Nutter

## **Hank The Tank**

“Hank” 11-23-2021

Owned by Darius & Lisa Stewart



*Happy Birthday*

## *Labrador Lover*

Everyone says that having a dog is good for your physical, mental and emotional health.

They say that dogs calm you and lower your blood pressure, which in turn helps you to live longer.

Obviously these people have never lived with a Labrador.

I might, if push comes to shove, admit that they just MIGHT be beneficial to one's emotional health,

but I don't know if I can go as far as the mental and physical claims.

Are labs good for your mental health? I have my doubts.

What good can come from coming home and finding your wedding pictures chewed into tiny pieces?

Or what about discovering that your laundry hamper is empty and ALL of your dirty underwear

is now decorating the bushes in the back yard and your next door neighbors are having an elegant yard party?

Have you ever gotten dressed up to go out for the evening only to have Rosco run in from the backyard and plant his wonderfully muddy feet in the middle of your back?

You can't tell me that any of these occurrences does anything worthwhile for your mental health.

They also don't do much for your physical health either.

I don't see anybody's blood pressure dropping after experiencing these little surprises.

Not to mention that wear and tear on your heart when you are awakened from a deep sleep by a loud "WOOF"

issuing from a gaping mouth an inch from your face.

And there are massages and doctors' visits.

I once received spousal abuse counseling during a massage because my back and legs had so many bruises.

Same thing with a visit to a new doctor. He wanted to run a lot of test to determine why I was so bruised.

Fortunately he was a lab owner himself and completely understood when I told him that I lived with 5 of the creatures.

There are times that I am not sure if I should put down the color of my skin as being white or black and blue.

Labs have extraordinarily hard heads and a good blow from one can lead to a concussion

and a beauty of a black eye.

The list is practically endless.

Talk to any lab owner and he will delight in detailing a multitude of injuries.

*Since I admitted to some emotional benefits coming from lab ownership,  
I will now address that area.*

There is something definitely soothing about scratching a lab's ears or rubbing its belly.

When it has been one of those days that make you want to quit the world,  
there is nothing better than to open your front door to the unquenchable love that is waiting for you.

The laughing eyes and rapidly beating tail are great ways to make you forget about the hobgoblins that littered your day

You never need to worry about crying by yourself when you have a lab  
as they are always there to wash away your tears and are ready for a hug should the need arise.

When you have a lab you must weigh the importance of bruises and public underwear vs  
a gentle kiss to wash away tears or the love evident in a wagging tail.

You must decide if the loss of your mental and physical health  
is compensated by the velvety ears always at the ready.

If you are like most of us, you will put make-up on your bruises and hang your hamper from the ceiling.

You will make sure that you have excellent health insurance  
and know the quickest route to the emergency hospital.

You will wear your battle scars proudly  
and always be sure to have at least one lab around at all times.



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