



# LAND OF LAKES HRC Retriever News



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## Calendar of Events 2001

(subject to change)

**Training**- 1st & 3rd Saturdays informal training  
9 am start. Various locations around the Twin  
Cities Greater Metropolitan Area.

**July 7** - Club Training at Elk River Kennel  
9 am to Noon. Club Meeting following.

**August 7** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

**August 10-11-12** - Game Fair

**August 17-18-19** - Game Fair  
Armstrong Ranch, Anoka MN

**Sept 4** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Preparations for Fall Hunt Tests. Site: tba

**September 8-9** - LLHRC Hunt Tests  
Kelley Farms, Marine on St. Croix

**October 2** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

**November 6** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

**December 4** - Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. start  
Holiday House, White Bear Lake

LLHRC information is available and updated  
on the web thanks to Chad Peterson. Visit the  
club website at: [www.llhrc.org](http://www.llhrc.org)

Our schedule of events during the year will  
be posted on the website, as best as possible.

## Good Time Had By All At May Hunt Test!

Lots of fun was had by many people at the Spring Hunt! We had retrievers and handlers from seven states out for two days of great weather and working in the swamps. The tests were well designed to test the abilities of the dogs, the handlers and dogs were well mannered and the support staff were outstanding in making it work smoothly.

The camaraderie is always a high point feature as fellow HRC folks come in from around the country to trade advice and yarns during the weekend. This hunt's advice tip from a 500 point handler is "Train To Success - avoid pushing to failure". (*There's gotta be a book's worth of details of that simple statement but this is just a newsletter - Editor*)

We saw six members earn titles on their dogs. Earning Hunting Retriever Champion (HRCH) was Greg Larson with Sir William Wallace (Brave Heart). Earning Hunting Retriever (HR) were Tom Montez and Harmony's Big Buddy; Pat Gysbers and Gysbers Hot Kol; and Jim Bowden and Charlies Raisin' Cindy (handled by Pat Gysbers as Jim was out of town). Earning Started Hunting Retriever (SHR) were: Brian Ross and Ross's Resolute Ruben; and Randy Gustafson and Perrin's Julflower (Holly). Several dogs from outside the club earned enough points with passes at our test to earn titles as well.

At the Fall Hunt we should see several more LLHRC members earn titles with a pass or two. So keep training!

## Hunt Test Volunteers Great!!

Our Spring Hunt was great because of the contributions of many people who volunteered their time and talents to make it work.

Your Hunt Chairs, Wade Samson and Randy Gustafson, would like to thank everyone for a job well done!

Our Hunt Secretary, Mark Switzer, once again came through with a final product that covered the many details that a Hunt produces. Hunt Committee members Tom Montez, Norm Peterson and Jamie Petersen were helpful in many ways.

The fun started with set-up on Friday. When the judges showed up from out of town they were met by Wade, Randy, Mark, Tom, Jamie and Norm plus Jim Bowden, Pat Gysbers, David Possin, Greg Larson, Robert Regstorf, Randy Cook, David Nye, and Dan Hove from Illinois, who all pitched in to get it ready. After setting up the twelve sites for the weekend, the judges (and locals with strength left) were the guests of Sharan Connell and Norm Petersen for a fabulous dinner and

## Test Results!

LLHRC members have been busy running in many events throughout the region. As promised your newsletter tells the world of your success!

Crofters Loch Taylor Maid (Ty) earned her Novice Agility (NA) dog title at the Bloomington Agility Trial on Memorial Day

Weekend. A dog must pass three legs to title within an allotted course time and



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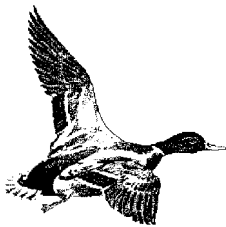
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## Club Secretary Position Open

The folk song line "the times they are a changing" is often heard (*at least by us survivors of the sixties*) and it's happening now with the LLHRC. Lana Gunsell resigned as Club Secretary effective June 6, 2001.

As one of the first folks to join the club and a guiding hand throughout our existence, Lana's diligent work as Secretary will be missed. Lana will continue to be an active member and a licensed HRC Judge.

"Every challenge is an opportunity" the optimist says. So it is with your LLHRC. If you have one to two hours a week using your organizational and communication skills on behalf of your club then this may be your opportunity.

If you are interested please contact Randy Gustafson or any officer or board member.



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## June 2001 Meeting Minutes

Abridged from Minutes submitted by Lana Gunsell, LLHRC Secretary  
Membership Meeting, 6/5/01 at Holiday House, White Bear Lake MN, called to order at 7:10 pm by Pres Randy Gustafson.

Present: Jim Bowden, Marcia & Richard Graetz, Lana Gunsell, Pat Gysbers, Randy Gustafson, Tom Montez, Bob Rengstorf, Mark Switzer.

### STANDING REPORTS

Minutes from May Meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bank account balance \$1,785.04. Hunt Test proceeds deposited and most items paid out. Upcoming expenses includes popper shells for Fall Hunt.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spring Hunt Test: Wade Samson reported it was the best hunt LLHRC has put together yet. Lots of participation by members helping out. The Club needs to acquire three additional wingers, more TalkAbout 250 radios and shotguns. Club has materials for wingers on hand, Pat Gysbers will work on assembling using existing patterns. Motion approved for Wade / Hunt Committee to spend up to \$300 to fulfill equipment needs.

Training Committee: Attendance continues to be good at the training days with as many as 15 people. Special thanks to Al Frieberg for use of Elk River Kennel facilities. Wade will try to reserve the new DNR / MN Field Trialers land near Milaca for Club practice on Aug 4, probably setting up an upland test.

Game Fair 2001: No additional correspondence. Greg Larson has expressed interest in heading up demonstration effort.

### OLD BUSINESS

Web Site: "llhrc.org" has quite a few photos from Spring Hunt and results will be faxed to Chad so he can get them posted. Chad has developed a password protected members only area inside the web site for members to be able to contact each other. Details on how it will work will be forthcoming.

### NEW BUSINESS

Fall Hunt Test: Sept 8, 9 & 10, Planning. Commitments from Judges secured, will be submitted for UKC approval. Discussion over care and distribution of birds. Motion passed for club to purchase two bird crates from Lana G and Bob R volunteered to build more making a pattern from wood crate. Moving Judges motel accommodations closer to hunt site discussed, Jim B. will check into Stillwater / Hwy 36 facilities. Shane Olean via an email message volunteered to cook/coordinate the Saturday Banquet at the hunt site possibly roasting turkeys, members thought this would be a good idea. Jim B suggested the judge's dinner and gift might be a paddle wheel boat ride and dinner along the St. Croix River and will check into costs and dates. There was interest in having a junior handlers hunt test before the banquet where young children could handle trained dogs for ribbons.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Jim B reported that the MN DNR allocated 640 acres of land near Milica MN to be used exclusively by the MN Federation of Field Trial Clubs for the purpose of dog training and holding of Trials & Tests. LLHRC is a member of the federation.

Adjourn: 9:20 pm

### NEXT MEETING – Saturday JULY 7, 2001- Informal

Meeting Place: Elk River Kennels field following Club training that morning from 9 am to noon. Main topics of discussion will include items relating to Game Fair 2001 and the Fall Hunt Test.

### AUGUST MEETING – Tuesday AUGUST 7, 2001

Meeting Place: Hudson House, Highway 61 & Cedar, White Bear Lake, MN, Meeting start time: 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Dinner available for purchase at restaurant is reasonably priced and of good quality. The board meeting takes place over dinner and members are welcome to join in.

# Club Members Collect Ribbons at May Hunt Test!



Tom Montez gets the indoor version of the "Title Dunk" at the Saturday Banquet from President Randy Gustafson in recognition of Buddy's earning his Hunting Retriever title with his pass at Seasoned on Saturday.

## Started Saturday Passes

Blaz'n Cubbie Bear Tank One JH.....Jamie Petersen  
 Frisbee Maggie of Echo Lake.....Mark Ekeroth  
 KD's Ready to Rumble .....Latisha Hancy  
 Merrythought's Loup-Garou .....Aeric Larson  
 Perrin's Julflower .....Randy Gustafson  
 Ross's Ardent Anna .....Brian Ross  
 Ross's Resolute Ruben .....Brian Ross  
 Scott's Water Bound Brandt.....Scott Krumm  
 SR Nissop's Voi Kauhea SD WD CGC .....David Possin  
 Sunshine Amazing Baby.....Steve & Susan Scherber  
 Sunshine Aslan's Shadow .....Linda Kiey  
 Sunshine Too Much Fun.....Susan Scherber  
 Water Gamecr Zuzu's Petls.....Susan & John Liemohn  
 Spruce Grove's Code of Conduct .....Gail Ross  
 Stonefield Mississippi Quill.....Gail Ross

## Seasoned Saturday Passes

Gysbers Hot Kol .....Pat Gybers  
 Harmony's Big Buddy.....Tom Montez  
 Charlies Raisin' Cindy.....Jim & Sharon Bowden

## Finished Saturday Passes

HRCH UH D-Dawg's One For The Books ..Roger & Pat Davis  
 HRCH Montank's Go Tigger Go .....Daniel & Gail Ross

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 Stonefield Mississippi Quill.....Gail Ross  
 Flying B's High Roller .....George Billiar  
 Maddie.....Phil Hesli

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HR Sir William Wallace Bewitched .....Greg Larson  
 HRCH UH D-Dawg's One For The Books ..Roger & Pat Davis  
 HRCH Montank's Go Tigger Go .....Daniel & Gail Ross



Pat Gysbers (r) receives a bucket of congratulations from Hunt Chair Wade Samson for Kol's earning his Hunting Retriever title with his pass at Seasoned on Sunday. Enjoying dad's success are Brian & Katie along with Roger Davis (l) and Greg Larson.



Greg Larson proudly displays the Finished ribbon he and BraveHeart earned Sunday from Finished Judge Lana Gunsell.



Posing is just part of the fun for handlers collecting a ribbon for Sunday Started.

## Ribbon Quest Reports from page one

negotiate 13 obstacles in the correct order. Ty placed 5th, 3rd and 2nd on her legs and easily made time with many seconds to spare!! Ty was handled by LLHRC member Tracy Danby. Ty earned her CGC (Canine Good Citizen) Title on June 13th at Brooklyn Park.

Jamie Petersen ran Cubbie in an A.K.C test Sunday May 20. She passed the test for a leg in Senior. It was held at Rice Creek Hunting Club in Little Falls MN.

Greg Larson & Braveheart passed two more finished tests at "Big Wapsie HRC" Memorial weekend, Randy Cook & Baylor passed 2 seasoned tests to get her HR title and George Billiard & Gunner passed 2 started tests.

The Northern Flights AKC Hunt Test on June 2&3 was successful for many LLHRC members. Brian Keogh reports "My yellow Lab, Kenny, (Danikk Red Wing) passed his 4th leg of the AKC Jr Hunt Test at Northern Flight, earning his Jr. Hunter title. It was Lana and Jim's classes that got me enthused about training and got Kenny and I off to a great start 2 years ago. I'll never forget the 1st class in a driving rain for 2 hours on a cool April evening."

Also receiving Junior Hunters passes were: Mark Ekeroth & Frisbies Maggie of Echo Lake, Dan & Gail Ross two passes with Sprucegroves Code of Conduct and one for Stonefield Mississippi Quil, Jim Bowden & Charlie's Raisin' Cindy (2), Linda Kiey & Sunshine Aslan's Shadow (AJ) 2 passes, and Dinah Harlow & Walnut Hill Salsa of Tudorrose.

Al Frieberg earned a Senior pass with High Voltage Twenty Gauge and a Master pass with Elk Rivers Hot Frankie MH.

The Iron Range AKC tests in Virginia June 9/10 was the occasion for Linda Kiey to capture a Junior Hunter title for Sunshine Aslan's Shadow, and Mark Ekeroth & Maggie earned two Junior passes.

Mark Ekeroth & Frisbies Maggie of Echo Lake earned a Junior Hunter Title with a pass at Lake Country RC in Prior Lake Sunday June 23. Congratulations Mark & Maggie!

Keep your editor informed on how your work has paid off in ribbons! Get your share of fame and glory, or at least see your name in the newsletter!



Pat & HR Gysbers Hot Kol



There's a bit of waiting involved in this game as Greg Larson, Don St. Clair and Roger Davis would attest.

### Newsletter Items Wanted!

Share your hunting or training experiences! Your reports can be as simple as announcing a new puppy has joined the family. Send in your stories and they'll get published.

To be included in the next issue mail your item to Randy Gustafson, 1775 St. Marys St., Falcon Heights MN 55113, or via email: [news@llhrc.org](mailto:news@llhrc.org).



Jamie Petersen (l) and David Possin get things started on Sunday.

## Game Fair 2001

The most looked forward to out-of-doors sporting event of 2001 is happening over two big weekends in August and LLHRC is part of the action!

It's Game Fair! The ads promise that it's bigger and better than ever. And yes the LLHRC is included in the ad in Outdoor News.

Which means that the outdoor sports men and women are counting on us to be there working our booth (okay it's a table in the dog tent) talking to folks about hunting retrievers and the HRC program. Then the best part is we get to show off our dogs' skills in front of a crowd of hunters. Our hope is that some of these hunters will then join our effort to make hunting retrievers better.

As a regular paying attendee Game Fair is lot of fun (which must be why so many people are there) but it's even better as a LLHRC Volunteer! As a volunteer exhibitor you get free admission, close in parking, show off your dog, talk to folks, see the exhibits, run the events, wear an official exhibitors badge and talk up the club.

Our Volunteer Coordinator for Game Fair 2001 is Greg Larson. Give him a call at 651-458-5166 to reserve your spot for this event. Like any trade show or convention it's a bit of dull work but overall it is fun.



Saturday Finished Handlers and Judges line up at the banquet



Sat. Seasoned Handlers and Judges are all smiles at the banquet



Saturday Started Handlers and Judges get together for a banquet photo.

# Thank You Spring LLHRC Hunt Test Helpers!

Many thanks to the folks who volunteered their time and talents to make the Spring Hunt a great success! The saying that many hands make light work is true, and we can add "makes it fun too" to the saying!

**Thank you one & all!** (With many apologies from the editor, who just knows he forgot names and jobs that people did to make the week-end go as smooth as it did.)

Hunt Marshall: Wade Samson, Saturday  
Randy Gustafson, Sunday

Hunt Secretary: Mark Switzer

Official Hunt Committee:  
Norm Peterson, Jamie Petersen, Tom Montez, Wade Samson & Randy Gustafson

Friday Set-Up Volunteers:  
Jim Bowden, Robert Rengstorf, David Possin, Pat Gysbers, Dan Hove, Mark Switzer, Randy Gustafson, Wade Samson, Scott Krumm, Randy Cook, Mickey Lamberth, Fred LePenske, Jamie Petersen, Tom Montez, Ted Lewin, our Judges who helped other areas set up too: Roger Davis, Fred Read, Travis Larson, Brett & Robin Greenfield, John Lemburg, Lana Gunsell, Bill Kehoe, Mike Witt.

Site Marshals:  
Started: Jamie Petersen  
Seasoned: Pat Gysbers  
Finished: Randy Cook

## Bird Throwers and Site Helpers:

Started: Robert Rengstorf, David Possin, Scott Krumm, Richard Graetz, Phil Hesli, Brian Ross, Aeric Larson, Chad Herrgott, Dennis Paul

Seasoned: Brian Gysbers, Mike Bishop, Craig Switzer, Tom Montez,

Finished: David Nye, Mickie Lamberth, Greg Larson, Tom Montez, Jared Gustafson, Jeff Switzer, Norm Peterson,

## Other Chairpersons:

Judges Committee Chair: Wade Samson

Judges Dinner: Sharan Connell

Meals / Lunch: Steve Scherber

Food Service Helpers: Katie Gysbers, Perrin Gustafson

Awards/Ribbons: Sharan Connell, Mark Switzer, Katie Gysbers

Game Steward: Tom Montez, Pat Gysbers, Greg Larson

Raffle: Randy Gustafson, Sharan Connell

Registration: Mark Switzer

Banquet: Sharan Connell

Veterinarian: Stillwater Vet Clinic

If you would be willing to volunteer for the September Hunt Test (the March 2001 Issue has descriptions of the jobs that go into making a HRC Hunt Test work) please pick up the phone and give either Randy (651-642-9694) or Wade (763-682-0960) a call, we'd love to see you volunteer!!!



Sunday Seasoned Handlers show off the ribbons well earned.



Sunday Finished Handlers and Judges pause after a good day.

## **A Texan's Guide to Life**

(to help us better understand our new President)

Crisis management principle: Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat out of the bag is a whole lot easier 'n puttin' it back.

If you're ridin' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.

If you get thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.

There's two theories to arguin' with a woman. Neither one works.

Don't worry about bitin' off more than you can chew. Your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger'n you think.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

# Raffle 2001 Update

The LLHRC Spring Raffle was a great success! Thanks to the generosity of our members! **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**



Saturday's Banquet was an opportunity for sharing stories with new and old friends. Below, Judge Roger Davis presents awards to Seasoned handlers.



## Winning a Guided Spring Goose Hunt in South Dakota could be in your future!

How would you like to be hunting geese in South Dakota next Spring?

Imagine you're chasing "light" geese in South Dakota ... watching them set those wings into your decoys ... folding with your shot ... dropping for your four legged companion ... and all it took was a five dollar chance on a dream.



Hunt Secretary Mark Switzer kept on the move taking care of details.



As this photo shows, we had lots of great items given away at the Hunt Test Banquet. The funds we raised are being used to acquire more equipment for our tests and training activities.

Now lets get going on the Fall Raffle! We have a few items lined up, and we could use a Coordinator. If you could ask the sporting goods, dog, hunting, fishing businesses you frequent for a donated item, that would be great!

Start saving those nickels because the LLHRC is about to give you the opportunity to "have some fun" in a special raffle drawing for a 2002 South Dakota Spring Light Goose Hunt with Shane Olean, founding member of LLHRC.

The details are still being ironed out. All members will be given the opportunity to purchase and sell chances to other interested hunters for this special event.

Keep tuned to the Retriever News for more information.



What a great lunch! Steve Scherber and Perrin Gustafson had some fun cooking and serving in the new lunch wagon.

## Eastern Iowa HRA joins HRC

Region 8 has a new club to welcome to the HRC fold: Eastern Iowa Hunting Retriever Association.

"We're off and running. UKC approved our Preliminary Regular Hunt test for Sat 1 Sept and our Preliminary Upland Hunt test for Sun 2 Sept. Both will be at Oakwood Sporting Resort near Sigourney, Iowa.

"We're pleased that the other regional HRC clubs welcome us and are trying to do our share, too. I emailed our club member addresses to several clubs when we were approved and Big Wapsie told me they got 6 more entries as a result.

"We look forward to cooperation to make better hunting retrievers.

"Our club has been around 14 years. We have up to 80 members, depending on the year. Almost all hunt,

with about half preferring pheasants, half preferring waterfowl, and many hunting both. We usually run several un-sanctioned club tests in winter or early fall, score the pheasant championships at Oakwood, and run licensed NAHRA tests. Having been around a while, we have lots of equipment: guns, strongarms, wingers, upland launcher, etc. - and an equipment and bird trailer...

"This year we wanted to take a first-hand look at the HRC program. A few of us have run some HRC hunt tests, but most of the club hasn't. (Actually, only about half of the club participates in licensed events.) We're anxious to give the HRC a chance to show itself off through the summer clinic and preliminaries.

Thanks for your interest, --Keith Stroyan"

Web site: (<http://www.geocities.com/eastiowahra/>)

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### Basic Dog Rules

**NEWSPAPERS:** If you have to go to the bathroom while playing in the front yard, always use the newspaper that's placed in the driveway every morning for that purpose.

**VISITORS:** Quickly determine which guest is afraid of dogs. Charge across the room, barking loudly and leap playfully on this person. If the human falls down on the floor and starts crying, lick its face and growl gently to show your concern.

**BARKING:** Because you are a dog, you are expected to bark. So bark – a lot. Your owners will be very happy to hear you protecting their house. Especially late at night while they are sleeping safely in their beds. There is no more secure feeling for a human than to keep waking up in the middle of the night and hearing our protective bark, bark, bark...

**LICKING:** Always take a BIG drink from your water dish immediately before licking your human. Humans prefer clean tongues. Be ready to fetch your human a towel.

**HOLES:** Rather than digging a BIG hole in the middle of the yard and upsetting your human, dig a lot of smaller holes all over the yard so they won't notice. If you arrange a little pile of dirt on one side of each hole, maybe they'll think it's gophers. There are never enough holes in the ground. Strive daily to do your part to help correct this problem.

**DOORS:** The area directly in front of a door is always reserved for the family dog to sleep.

**THE ART OF SNIFFING:** Humans like to be sniffed. Everywhere. It is your duty, as the family dog, to accommodate them.

**DINING ETIQUETTE:** Always sit under the table at dinner, especially when there are guests, so you can clean up any food that falls on the floor. It's also a good time to practice your sniffing.

**HOUSEBREAKING:** Housebreaking is very important to humans, so break as much of the house as possible.

**GOING FOR WALKS:** Rules of the road: When out for a walk with your master or mistress, never go to the bathroom on your own lawn.

**COUCHES:** It is perfectly permissible to lie on the new couch after all your humans have gone to bed.

**PLAYING:** If you lose your footing while chasing a ball or stick, use the flower bed to absorb your fall so you don't injure yourself.

**CHASING CATS:** when chasing cats, make sure you never – quite – catch them. It spoils all the fun.

**CHEWING:** Make a contribution to the fashion industry ... eat a shoe.

Source: Bird Dog & Retriever News, Feb-Mar 2001



# Fall Hunt Test Information

Fall Hunt Test plans are underway. We have been approved for two Regular Hunts to be held back to back on the weekend of September 8 & 9, 2001, at Kelley Land and Cattle Company in Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota.

Plan now to register to run your dog/s in a test on one or both days. The HRC tests are designed to simulate actual hunting conditions so they offer you a real opportunity to prove you and your dog are ready for action this fall.

Our Hunt Chairs are Wade Samson on Saturday and Randy Gustafson on Sunday. The Hunt Committee is Tom Montez, Pat Gysbers, Mark Ekeroth, Norm Peterson and Jamie Petersen.

During the next few weeks we will be confirming our Site Marshals and other hunt volunteer positions. Please double check your schedule and volunteer to help.

Early efforts are being made to make our Friday Judge's Dinner a memorable event by holding it on a paddle-boat cruising on the St. Croix River enjoying the scenery. This event will be open to all club members and their families wishing to attend. More details will be forthcoming on this opportunity.

The Fall Hunt Test Banquet will be held on site Saturday evening. Shane Olean is coming in from Sioux Falls to cook up either a turkey barbeque or steak dinner that promises to be a special event. Plan to bring the whole family to this dinner. After the day's tests have been run and we're waiting for the feast there will be a Junior Handler's Test for the youngsters in attendance. Those fifteen and younger can run the family dog (regardless of title, training or age) in a retrieving test for prizes.

***This Fall Hunt looks to be one for the memory books. Hope to see you there!***



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JUDGES AND HUNTS TO BE JUDGED		
	Saturday 9-8-01	Sunday 9-9-01
<b>Test</b>	<b>Judge</b>	<b>Judge</b>
<u>STARTED</u>	Dan Kirk 6079 Dennis Maass* 6229	Wade Samson 6106 Chad Peterson* 6216
<u>SEASONED</u>	Jim Bowden 3579 Fred Le Penske 5656	John Lemburg 5108 Scott Le Penske* 5574
<u>FINISHED</u>	Lana Gunsell 5339 Roger Davis* 2317	Jim Bowden 3579 Fred Read* 3785
	* Denotes Apprentice Judge	

## Land Of Lakes Hunting Retriever Club

**United Kennel Club  
Licensed Regular Hunt • Sept 8, 2001  
Licensed Regular Hunt • Sept 9, 2001**

I submit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for entry fees. **Saturday**   
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Non-UKC Registered **Sunday**   
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Non-HRC Owner  
 Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enter in Hunt Category: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Retriever: \_\_\_\_\_

UKC Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ HRC Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ DoB: \_\_\_\_\_

Sire: \_\_\_\_\_

Dam: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's H.R.C. Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

*"I certify this dog's immunization is current":*

(Signature of Owner/Agent): \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Handler (If Handler signs above):

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

H.R.C. Membership # of Handler: \_\_\_\_\_

*I agree NOT to hold the landowner(s) responsible for loss of property, damage or injury incurred during this event. UKC and the host Club are NOT responsible for loss, accident or theft, and further assume no responsibility for any damage or injury sustained by the handlers, or to any other their dogs or property and further assume no responsibility for injury to children not under the control of their parents or guardians.*

# 2001/2002 HRC Rulebook Test Excerpts

Changes were made to the HRC Running Rules that became effective January 1, 2001. In an effort to get the membership thinking about becoming HRC Judges here are some excerpts from the new Judge's Test for your review.

Q: According to the Rulebook, when making their evaluation, "Judges must ask themselves if they would spend time in a blind or boat with this Handler".  
A. True \_\_\_\_\_ B. False \_\_\_\_\_

Q: What part of the Seasoned test is the rulebook referring to when it states: "The purpose of this test is to require the Seasoned dog to demonstrate a reasonable degree of control on the return from a retrieve"?  
A. Marking \_\_\_\_\_ C. Blind \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Walk-up \_\_\_\_\_ E. Diversion \_\_\_\_\_

Q: The Finished Retriever may be failed for "excessive, consistent creeping".  
A. True \_\_\_\_\_ B. False \_\_\_\_\_

Q: The Rulebook states: "The reason for limiting the number of entries is to give each dog an opportunity to run all tests even if they failed a portion of a test".  
A. True \_\_\_\_\_ B. False \_\_\_\_\_

Since I didn't get the master answer sheet you are on your own to look through the Rulebook to find the answers.



The rules and standards are printed in the UKC Rules and Guidelines for Hunting Retriever Tests. Available from the United Kennel Club, Inc., 100 East Kilgore Rd., Kalamazoo, MI 49002-5584, (616-343-9020).

## Chasing the Light Geese with Chad Peterson

Brother-in-law (Mike Coda) and I had a 3 day binge chasing Tundra Munchers (snow geese) just north of Yankton, SD (Irene, SD exactly). Hunted Thursday March 3/22 - Saturday 3/25, we saw more and more birds everyday we were there. We had originally planned to head to Nebraska, but after reading the hunting reports on [www.waterfowler.com](http://www.waterfowler.com) we decided that most of the birds were moving into the southern South Dakota area. We were a bit nervous on Thursday night, not finding the mass quantities of birds that we usually see in SK in the fall, as we approached the border, the snow line melted, and the birds appeared! What a site on Thursday, pintails, mallards, snow geese, Canadian geese, widgeon, bluebills, the mother load of the spring migration was bearing down on South Dakota, and we had timed it just right!

After securing permission from a couple of farmers just north of Yankton. We decided to make our wake-up call at 4:00 am. It is funny how I couldn't hardly get out of bed for work the morning before at 7 am, but was springing to life easily after only a couple of hours sleep. Thursday Morning's hunt was in extremely dense fog, we bagged 14 with the help of 2 e-callers and 50 Carry-Lite Full body decoys. The neatest thing about the whole experience that day was all the other waterfowl that were attracted to our spread; we had groups, upon groups of pintails, mallards, and

widgeon dive bombing our spread all morning. The only thing that was missing were the dogs, we had to leave them in the truck because we had no where to hide them in the middle of a corn field.

Thursday night we, Mike & Huck (his 9 month old Yellow Lab) and Jaeger (my Yellow) and I got 3 more; pass shooting an edge of a flooded field. Huck got his first taste true taste of snow geese as he chased a cripple down, what fun!

On Friday AM we didn't hunt, we had extremely heavy rain, and it just didn't seem like a good time to go and lie in the mud for a couple of hours, no matter how die hard we were! We ended up setting out our spread around noon for an afternoon and evening shoot from yet another soggy corn field, with 60 full bodies, and 50 windsocks, and 2 e-callers, we had great decoying action even the "big" (greater than 100 birds flocks came in like they were on a rope!) All told only bad shooting kept us from bagging more than the additional 23 sky carp we added to the game bag.

Saturday AM we were skunked with same set up as Friday PM, same field. We moved 2 miles away and set up 60 full bodies, 100 windsocks, 12 magnets, and 2 e-callers (what we would call the whole enchilada!) The end result not great decoying, mostly singles and pairs, but we ended up squeaking out 12 more.

Total of 52 geese for 3 days hunting. If you have never tasted snow goose hunting, get out there, it is some of the most addictive and fun hunting opportunities that exist!

## Caution about infections

*Norm Peterson and Sharan Connell report on the challenge they faced with a sudden illness to HR Brookside's Featherquest right after our Hunt Test.*

Just a quick note to let everyone know we found out why Brooke was so unresponsive on Sunday. We almost lost her last night. She was not herself on Sunday & Sunday night. Monday when Sharan got home from work she couldn't get up, was going into shock, shallow breathing & heart was racing.

We got her to the emergency medical clinic in Oakdale where they gave her IV's & Xrayed her. They diagnosed her as having PYOMETRIA (bacteria) infection in her uterus. They believe it was E coli bacteria. It infected her uterus and put pressure on her other organs. Anyway, she is most of the way out of the woods as far as survival. The general treatment is a spaying but because of our interest in a future breeding, we are trying to treat the infection & taking meds to induce an abortion/clean out her womb. We have about 14 days to watch & see if the infection goes away and that her uterus drains. She is home tonight and then has to be brought back to the vet tomorrow for treatment a constant supervision. If she doesn't respond completely, we will be going the route of a hysterectomy.

The basic lesson for us is that during the estrus, her cervix is open and she can be very susceptible to a bacterial infection. The womb is a great place for growing organisms.

Norm & Sharan

*(Editor's note: Norm & Sharan made the decision to spay to save Brooke.)*

## Training Days

On the first and third Saturday mornings in July we'll be at Elk River Kennels from 9 am to noon. Come early to help set up the equipment, then we'll work marks, blinds, drills and more on water and land. There is a token \$5 cost to cover expenses.

Wade is working with the Minnesota Field Trial Clubs Association to secure the new grounds in Milaca for an Upland training event on Saturday August 4th. Look for more information as details get worked out. There will not be "official" club training on August 18 as the club will be at Game Fair.

The HRC motto is "Hunters Helping Hunters". You'll find that put into practice when club members train together, and why the HRC program works so well throughout North America.

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conversation at their home that included a pontoon tour of their lake.

The Site Marshals kept it all running smoothly both days. At Finished Randy Cook oversaw a crew of folks who pitched in to make it look easy, his bird technicians included Mickey Lamberth, David Nye, Greg Larson, Craig Switzer, Jared Gustafson, Norm Peterson, and Tom Montez. In a rookie debut Pat Gysbers marshalled Seasoned like a veteran. While overseeing helpers Mike Bishop, Brian Gysbers, and Jeff Switzer, Pat also handled his Kol and Bowden's Cindy to passes both days, bringing home Hunting Retriever titles for both dogs.

Over in Started Jamie Petersen kept it on track with a firm hand and his sense of humor. Tolerating Jamie and helping out as a bird tech or gunner between running their dogs were Scott Krumm, David Possin, Robert Rengstorf, Dave Ledman, Chad Herrgott, Dennis Paul, Phil Hesli and new member Richard Graetz observing his first Hunt with wife Marcia was willingly recruited from the gallery on Sunday to run a winger.

Back at Headquarters the new Lunch Trailer was run expertly by Steve Scherber, who cooked up delicious burgers with charming customer service assistance from Perrin Gustafson and Katie Gysbers.

The Banquet on Saturday night was a rousing good time because of the planning and work of Sharan Connell and Norm Peterson. The food was good, the conversation lively, the ribbon ceremony rewarding and the fund raising "auction" was a lot of fun.

Through the years the LLHRC has learned that putting on a Hunt Test is a lot of work and a lot of fun when everyone works together. I think we can add to the saying "Many hands make light work ... and a rewarding experience".

The whole weekend was fun. A spirit of cooperation and general good feeling was in the air throughout the grounds among all the handlers, making "test anxiety" almost forgotten.

Thank you everyone!



## Welcome Maxwell Anthony Peterson

The LLHRC welcomes a new member: Maxwell Anthony Peterson. Lori & Chad Peterson signed him up at 10 pm on May 16, 2001 in the delivery room. He arrived in at 8 lb 3 oz and in good health. This is Chad & Lori's first child. No word yet on plans to join dad in the goose blinds this fall.

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**In this issue:**  
Meeting Minutes, Hunt Results,  
Photos, News Notes And More!  
**Next Meeting Tues Aug 7**

### Area Dog Event Calendar

Here's listing of events that our newsletter editor has been made aware of:

#### UKC/HRC Judges & Handlers Seminar

8-18-01 WISILL HRC, Burlington WI,  
Mike Witt, 815-341-6879

#### UKC/HRC Licensed Hunts:

8-25-01 WISILL HRC, Burlington WI,  
Roger Davis, 262-694-5989

8-26-01 Badger State HRC, Burling-  
ton WI, Ron Schiro, 608-756-8769  
fwlplay@ticon.net

8-25-01 Lake Ontario HRC, Oshawa,  
Ontario Canada, Geg Louck, 416-297-  
0487 Snmsc@ica.net

9-1/2-01 Eastern Iowa HRC, PRELIMI-  
NARY Reg Sat & Upland Sun, Keith  
Stroyan, 319-545-2481, keith-  
stroyan@uiowa.edu

9-1-01 Kankakee River HRC, Lowell  
IN, Chris O'Donnell 219-778-2363 cmod-  
onn@netnitco.net

9-8/9-01 LLHRC, Kelley Farms, Marineon  
St Croix, MN. Hunt Sec: Mark Switzer

9-22-01 St. Clair Flats HRC, Harsen's  
Island MI, Terry Legree, 810-755-0751, R-

tlegree@msn.com

9-22-01 Fox River Valley HRC,  
Burlington WI, Ruth Smith, 708-479-  
7690, (chair- amiable@xnet.com)

9-23-01 Michigan HRC, Howell MI,  
Faith Heil, 517-546-3315, redheil@voy-  
ager.net

9-22/23-01 Gun Creek HRC, Benton IL,  
Cheri White, 618-926-0787,  
frcrw@shawneelink.net

9-29/30-01 Tri-State HRC, Indiana,  
Susan Simms, 812-473-0277,  
ssimms7897@aol.com

#### AKC Hunt Tests:

7-21/23-01 North Dakota RC, Dilworth,  
MN

8-25/26-01 Northern Flight, Marine on  
St. Croix, MN Steve Scherber 715-246-  
2467

#### NAHRA Hunt Tests:

7-14/15-01 Southern MN HRA, Owaton-  
na MN, Ann Heise 507-282-2329,

anniee666@home.com

8-11/12-01 Central Flyway HRA, Minot  
ND, Dan Norton 701-624-2065

9-22/23-01 Midwest Ret Club, Diagonal  
IA, Roger McCay, 641-336-2801, rmc-  
cay@iowatelecom.net

#### AKC Informal Trials :

Third Sunday each month, Sauk Rapids,  
MN

#### AKC Licensed Field Trials:

7-13/15-01 Hennepin County, Princeton  
MN

7-20/22-01 MN Iron Range RC, Virginia  
MN

8-3/5-01 Central MN RC, Sauk Rapids  
MN

8-24/26-01 North Dakota RC, Dilworth,  
MN

9-7/9-01 MN Field Trial Assn, Prince-  
ton MN

#### Other:

Check [www.llhrc.org](http://www.llhrc.org) for additional links  
and schedules of events of interest.

## Club Hats

Club hats are still available for only \$15.

Contact Mark Switzer at the next Training Day or  
meeting to purchase yours. All proceeds go into  
Equipment Acquisition Fund.

## FOR SALE- WANT TO BUY?!

**FOR SALE** - Used Tri-Tronics training collars in good condition. Contact Lana Gunsell, 651-487-1203

**WANTED** - Used Snow Goose Decoys. Contact Chad Peterson, 218-525-9237

**WANTED** - Used Remington 870 12 ga shotguns in serviceable condition, could use 3 to 5 for LLHRC Hunt Tests. Up to \$100.

**WANTED** - Training area. 20 acres plus within an hour of metro area for LLHRC, lease with purchase option potential.

If you have something for sale, for trade, or want to buy, this newsletter offers free space to get it done! Send your items, description and phone number (or way to have buyers contact you) to Randy Gustafson, Editor.