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LAND OF LAKES HRC Retriever News



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Club Newsletter

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Area Dog Event Calendar

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

UKC/HRC Hunts:
 6-10/11-00 LLHRC, Kelley Farms, Stillwater, MN. Hunt Test Sec: Mark Switzer
 9-9-00 LLHRC, Kelley Farms, Stillwater, MN. Hunt Test Sec: Mark Switzer

AKC hunt tests:

NAHRA hunt tests:

AKC licensed trials:

Other:

Newsletter Items Wanted!

A newsletter is only as good as the contents. Share your hunting experiences! Your reports can be as simple as Grouse flushes and successes and where you were hunting. Or a report from the duck blind. 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: copyright@ismn.net.

2000 Calendar of Events

(subject to change)

(Editor's Note: the Official Calendar of Events was to be one of the topics of discussion and decision at the January 18th Club Meeting. This information will be updated soon.)

February - Game Farm Pheasant Hunt
 A possibility with info to follow.

Feb/ Mar - Club Meeting Schedule
 To be announced

June 10-11 - LLHRC Hunt Tests
 Kelley Farms Stillwater.

September 9- LLHRC Hunt Test
 Kelley Farms Stillwater.

LLHRC is now available and updated on the web thanks to Chad Peterson. Visit the site at <http://www.pconline.com/~chad/lolhrc>

Our schedule of events during the year (including hunting season) will posted on the website, as best as possible.

Three Hunt Tests Scheduled for 2000

LLHRC will be holding three licensed HRC Hunt Tests in the first year of the new century.

In June we will offer two tests back to back on the weekend of June 10 and 11 at Kelley Farms in Stillwater. The club will also hold a test on Saturday Sept 9th.

Planning for these events is underway and volunteers are being sought to help make these hunts as successful as our past ones. Please step forward and contact a Hunt Committee member or Club Officer and volunteer your talents.

*National HRC Membership
 Is A Good Idea.*

The saying goes: A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

President's Corner - by Jim Bowden

1999 Results

Reflecting on 1999's accomplishments for the club, I can honestly say "WE DID IT". Looking back to the spring back-to-back, I was proud of the way we conducted our first licensed hunt.

Attendance at training days provided all dogs and handlers with real-life hunting situations including the harvesting of one Canada Goose at Elk River Kennels one day in September.

The fall pheasant hunt was thoroughly enjoyable as handlers and dogs had a successful and safe hunt, while our dogs were able to perform afield like the hunting retriever champions we train them to be.

John Davis and Daisy Mae achieved her Hunting Retriever Championship title and will be contemplating running in future Grand Hunts.

Growth in membership continued throughout the year exceeding 70 members. Mark Switzer tells us we have sufficient monies in the bank account to improve our training supplies and finance the spring hunts.

Y2K Challenges

1) The club is holding three licensed hunts this coming year – June 10th and 11th and September 9th. This will enable our members to earn championship points on their dogs.

2) Equipment Needs –We would like to acquire or build an enclosed trailer to house all of our equipment for training days and licensed hunts. Any ideas? An equipment manager is needed to maintain club guns, equipment, etc. and arrange to haul to club events.

3) Game Fair Participation – The club will be manning a booth at the Game Fair on August 11,12, 13 and August 18, 19, 20. Your participation is required to put on retrieving demos and to sign-up new members. Mark your calendars.

4) Judging Seminars – The club currently has only three licensed judges – Jim Bowden, Finished; Lana Gunsell, Seasoned; and Shane Olean, Started. More judges are needed. There will be a judges seminar this winter, dates and place to be announced. Please give serious consideration to becoming a judge.

5) Training Sites – Al Frieberg, Elk River Kennels, has been kind enough to allow training days at his facilities monthly but other sites are needed. Any ideas?

6) UKC Scholarships – Remember dependents of UKC members are eligible for college scholarships. Read your UKC magazine for details.

In closing, Sharon and I would like to thank all of those kind words and thoughts from fellow members expressed to us regarding the loss this past year of HR "Cindy" and HR "Tarnation". They are both missed dearly.

FOR SALE- WANT TO BUY?!

WANTED - Used Snow Goose Decoys. Contact Chad Peterson, 651-292-9668

WANTED - 8to12 foot covered trailer for storage and hauling of dog club training and field trial equipment. Contact Jim Bowden, Pres LLHRC.

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.

Land of Lakes Hunting Retriever Club Information

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Getting ready to breed your female?

(The following is an excerpt from an article in Northern Flight News)

As long as your bitch is up on her shots it is not necessary to boost her again right before breeding. It actually will make it more difficult to get the pups actively vaccinated. The mother's immunity will interfere for longer. The vet should check her for canine brucellosis, a communicable disease that makes the male sterile.

If you are inexperienced at breeding have the mom checked out 24-48 hours after whelping. Dewclaws should come off at 3-5 days of age. Then the pups should get their first vaccine at 6 weeks of age. Only vaccine they need at 6 weeks is one shot that includes distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza and parvo. They should also be wormed a couple of times between 6 and 14 weeks of age. Puppies should be examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist at 7 weeks of age, to check for any signs of retinal dysplasia, a genetic disease.

I am assuming that your bitch is over 2 years old, has an OFA of Fair or better and/or a Pennhip score in the top half of the breed. And that her elbows have been evaluated, and her eyes checked yearly. If not then you should not breed until she has passed each of these checks.



Early October Duck Hunting Report

Brian Keogh, LLHRC member

I leased several ponds near Benson, MN for the waterfowl season. So far, we haven't seen a lot of birds, but managed to get at least one BW teal on each of our two outings. Our yellow lab, Kenny, has been learning a ton, as have I, since this is our first season. Listening to the sounds of a pond "waking up" before sunrise and watching Kenny's head snap from side to side with each sound has been as entertaining as anything.

If we had not attended the hunting retriever classes offered by the club, we wouldn't have been able to make the leap to actual hunting and having this much success. With just 3 birds in hand at this point we are obviously not measuring success by the number of birds harvested.

Raffle 2000 Update

A fund-raising raffle will once again be a feature of our back-to-back June Hunt Tests. The Special Raffle will be for a Tri-Tronics Fly Away Special Training Collar. Advance ticket sales for this prize will begin in March, with all members receiving five tickets to sell. This format worked quite well for the shotgun last year and the club is hoping for similar success.

Our "At The Hunt Raffle" will also be held, assuming that items can be found from our generous donors! If each member could come up with one item we would have a good raffle table – and if we all found two items it would be huge! If you have an item sitting around the house or shop that seemed really nice at the time you acquired it but never made it far out of the box it could be perfect for the raffle table. If you could ask the sporting goods, dog, hunting, fishing businesses you frequent for a donated item, that would be great too!

Look for more information from our Raffle 2000 Coordinator/s in the near future.

Hunt Test Results



Congratulations to LLHRC members who have earned passes at Hunt Tests are posted in this column. Please keep your newsletter editor informed of your dog's successes!

We'll even report on your efforts at AKC and NAHRA events so don't hide your light under a basket.

2000 Membership Renewal Notice

Land Of Lakes HRC Club Dues are renewable in January of each year. Annual dues are \$15.00 for individual membership, and \$20.00 for family membership.

Your National HRC Membership dues are renewable annually on the anniversary of your membership start date recorded in the national offices. While National HRC membership is not a requirement of local LOLHRC membership LLHRC does recommend it for the many benefits it provides including: the Hunting Retriever magazine; notification of hunt tests; ability to compete in HRC sanctioned hunts; to name a few. For the convenience of writing just one check LLHRC will forward your National HRC Membership dues and application to HRC for you.

Your club is what you and all members make it to be when we participate in the many activities available surrounding our time spent training and testing our retrievers to perform in an actual hunting environment. The promotional types are saying that "we are in the era of the hunting retriever." HRC is working to keep the focus on retriever breeds for what they were created for - hunting. True-to-life training and testing in a program where hunter helps hunter.

Thank you for being a member of the Land Of Lakes Hunter Retriever Club!

2000 Membership Renewal Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

email _____

HRC Membership # _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership
LLHRC \$15 _____	LLHRC \$20 _____
National* \$25 _____	National* \$30 _____
Total _____	Total _____
Make check payable to: LLHRC (*if not current National member)	

2000 Membership Canine Survey

(Look for expanded information in the 2000 LLHRC Member Directory, and possibly some newsletter stories resulting from this survey – editor)

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Please return this form with your membership dues check.