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PIN OAK HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

August Newsletter

President's Message

By: Doug Bush

Well, it's finally here the first hunting season of the year, I hope everyone was able to get out and enjoy the weekend and maybe kill a limit of birds. I know Shelby and I were glad to see this weekend finally get here, we tried our luck with the opening of Canada Goose Season instead of the traditional dove hunt. We should have stuck with the dove hunting, but that is why it is called hunting. One thing that we were glad to see was the small change in the weather, it did feel like Fall is finally just around the corner.

When Fall is finally here one thing is for sure, there will be plenty of things to do in the upcoming months. It's hard to believe that our Fall Hunt Test is less than a month away and according to Larry Mc everything is going pretty smooth. Dickie has volunteers for all the site Marshals, Tracy has the Bird Technicians ready to go, Greg has the birds lined up, and Marty and Vaughn will be handling the raffle. We still need someone to take charge of hospitality, there's been plenty of folks volunteer to help out with this, but we still need someone to coordinate meals for the weekend (Make Sam's run, Plan Friday Night Meal, coordinate Lunches Saturday/Sunday and Saturday Nights Meal) if you can help with this please let Larry or Harold Grimmitt know.

If you missed last month's meeting you missed an exciting meeting, the club voted to have an Evan Graham Workshop March, 21&22. I think this will be a great opportunity for all that want to become a better trainer/handler, Evan has trained three dogs that became Field Champions and several that earned points on the National Derby List. I know some of you are thinking, why are we having someone that ran Field Trials put on a seminar for a HRC Hunt Test Dog, well the name of the game is fundamentals/basics and 80% of the clubs that hold his workshops are HRC Hunt Tests Clubs, no matter what your experience is as a Handler/Trainer, you will come away with some new knowledge.

Larry Wade also had a great training session that carried over to the weekend training day, we had twenty people show up for our training day and it was a great success with a lot of new faces and young dogs, that I know will be hooked on this sport for life. Thanks again, Larry, for all the hard work that went into the training day, I know there was a lot of positives that everyone came away with.

I also want to remind everyone about the Mack's Fall Fest the weekend of September, 14-16 we will be working the Duck Dog Challenge so come and run your dog for a chance to win 500.00 in Avery & G&H gear. I talked with Christian Curtis with Avery this morning and there isn't a problem running your dog and working the event so come on over and enjoy the fun. Even if you are not sure your dog is ready, I'm sure we can get them some Marks. I know Shelby and I will be trying to get a piece of the prize so if no one shows up we might have a chance to win. Team Water Dog will also be there so we might even learn a few tips from the Pros.

I hope to see everyone at the meeting Tuesday night.

Doug

Officer Reports

Secretary Report—Sonya Bush

Please let me know if any of your contact information changes so that we can keep an up to date roster.

Treasurers Report – Dickie Edmund

The balance in the account is \$12,631. No outstanding debts.

Call To Order

Doug called the August 14, 2007 meeting to order at Gander Mountain, 24 members were present. Please join me in welcoming Brad Leinart with his pups, Maggie and Max and Carey Stallings and Samson.

New Business

Doug Bush had contacted Evan Graham and proposed that the club hold a Smart Works Seminar Spring of 2008. The board met on August 2, 2007 to discuss the feasibility of hosting; we decided to present the club with the following: Pin Oak would host the seminar sometime in March, 2008. A date to be chosen later, one that would not conflict with any fellow clubs. We proposed the cost of the seminar be \$75.00 per person, if paid at least four weeks before the actual seminar and \$100.00 thereafter. We felt this would give everyone that wanted to attend, the opportunity and still this price would enable us to cover the expenses. We would advertising the participation would be 50 handlers and dogs, but could go up to 60.

We also discussed getting new shirts for club members, it was voted and passed that Doug and I pick out the shirts and contact all the members with the style, color and cost. Ray Akridge was going to contact the individual we had previously used for monogramming.

It was voted and passed that Bill Rath would be a Pin Oak Hunting Retriever Lifetime Member.

We discussed helping Hurricane Hunting Retriever Club work the HRC Booth at the SRS Crown Series. It is to be held at Riverfest this time, which should bring a great deal of publicity for or clubs. The Super Fly and Super V will actually be held on the Riverfest grounds, while the Retriever series will be at a different location. We will pursue to see if we can bring our dogs for demonstration purposes.

Old Business

Ray Akridge inquired about the old bird trailer that has been sitting at his residence for at least 3 years. The club voted to donate the trailer to Ray to do with as he pleases.

We went over the details regarding Pin Oak, in conjunction with Avery hosting the Fastest Retriever Competition, Sept 14-16 at Mack's Prairie Wings Fall Festival. Greg White is going to make sure we have a banner for display. Doug Bush will make flyers advertising our club, as well as, inserts for the Evan Graham Seminar to be distributed at Mack's. Volunteers from our club are needed to help run the competition, the entire weekend. For those who have already volunteered, we appreciate you very much. We feel this will be a great opportunity to spread the word regarding our club and possibly introduce more people to our sport.

We voted and passed for Larry Wade to take charge and contact Ron Jones at sda1world to contract him to revamp our web site. As you all know, this is greatly needed. We feel like we got an outstanding deal. As of today, the site is coming along nicely and looking outstanding. Again, thanks to Larry Wade on his work on yet another much needed task.

Fall Hunt Test, October 6-7, 2007

Larry McMurray reported that things were coming along nicely in the preparations of our upcoming Hunt Test. All the judges are in place and most of the site marshals. We are still needing volunteers to help out with Hospitality.

Vaughn and Marty are working on the raffle and appear to be having great success with that. Again, we ask all club members to pitch in and bring something from home that you might not be using to donate to the raffle.

Upcoming Events

HRC

October 6-7 Pin Oak HRC; AR

October 13-14 West Tennessee HRC, TN

October 13-14 Amite River HRC; LA

October 27-28 L'Anguille River HRC; AR

Training –

Larry Wade has another exciting training presentation planned for our September 11th meeting at Gander Mountain. An outline of the training is as follows:

Fundament Retriever Etiquette

- Steadiness**

- The Line**

- Drill**

You definitely need to make plans to be there for our training session!!!

A big “Thanks” to Larry once again.

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Classifieds

Ray Akridge is the Dogra Collar representative and will be happy to assist anyone in purchasing an e-collar for their training needs. Ray can be contact at the above email address or at 501-993-2083

Ray Akridge also has a litter of pups for sale, the pups are out of HRCH Kelly's Bama Boy and HR Nathan's Leaping Layla. This breeding was so that Ray could get a pup out of these two dogs. He obviously has been very pleased with their performances. The price is \$500.00. There were (3) black males, (2) yellow males and (1) yellow female available at the time of our last meeting. As of today, several are spoken for, but not chosen yet.

I will be sending an email referencing Jack, the 14 month Golden Retriever. Jack has had a rough life and is looking for a loving home. He was rescued and adopted, but now his new family are being sent to Hawaii.