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KCRC NEWS



2006 K.C.R.C. President Eli Reichman

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2006 K.C.R.C. Officers, Directors, & Committee Members

Officers

President:	Eli Reichman
Vice President:	Loren Morehouse
Secretary:	Danette Doolittle
Treasurer:	Carol Morehouse

Board of Directors:

2 Year Directors:	Kip Anderson, Stephanie Batman Sandra Anderson, Mike Westfall
1 Year Directors:	Becky Eckett, Sue George, Dex Doolittle

Committees:

Field Trial Steward:	Will Wilbanks
Field Trial Secretary:	Joanne Wilbanks
Field Trial Committee:	Stephanie Batman*, Will Wilbanks, Loren Morehouse, Carol Morehouse, Ron Batman, Joanne Wilbanks
Field Trial Judges Committee:	Loren Morehouse*, Wil Wilbanks, Stephanie Batman, Mark Lagergren
Hunt Test Steward:	Phillip Mefford
Hunt Test Secretary:	Joanne Wilbanks
Hunt Test Committee:	Sue George*, Becky Eckett (Spring 06), Dannette Doolittle, David Wolfe (Spring 06), Dex Doolittle (Fall 06), Joanne Wilbanks, Phillip Mefford
Hunt Test Judges Committee:	Sue George*, Joanne Wilbanks, Dannette Doolittle, Phillip Mefford
Captain of the Guns:	Field Trials – Loren Morehouse Hunt Tests – David Wolfe (Spring) Dex Doolittle (Fall)
Membership Committee:	Debbie Newton*, Sandra Anderson, Janice Johnson
Budget & Finance:	Carol Morehouse*, Sandra Anderson, Susan Lagergren
Trophies:	Carol Morehouse*, Stephanie Batman, Susan Lagergren
Social Ways & Means:	Stephanie Batman*, Susan Lagergren, Sandra Anderson
Historian / Newsletter:	Susan Lagergren, Mark Lagergren (Co-Editors), Debbie Newton (Story Editor), Bobby & Sue George, Eli Reichman (Reporters)
Sanctioned Trial Judges Committee:	Kip Anderson*, Stan Bukaty, Janice Johnson
KCRC Webmaster	Joanne Wilbanks

* Denotes Chairperson

Dear KCRC members,

I hope everyone's Christmas and New Year's celebrations were filled with joy, special time with your family and that you remembered to give your four legged friend a treat or two.

This year promises to be a productive and exciting time for the Kansas City Retriever Club. During the past few weeks it's been my pleasure to speak with many of you about the future of KCRC and because of your valuable input, the board of directors has a full agenda for the coming year.

One of our first priorities has been to establish more timely and consistent communication with the general membership. To that end, we've updated many of your e-mail addresses, so every club member will be notified of any upcoming event several weeks in advance via the internet. Secondly, we'll be establishing a phone tree, so every area member will be receiving reminder phone calls as well.

In addition, other major items on the docket for 2006 include; the development and implementation of new training events, expanding our club newsletter with member profiles and pro training tips, researching the feasibility of permanent club grounds and a membership drive designed to reward existing members for bringing in new members.

Your voices have been heard and the board is responding to you. Now it's your turn . . . I encourage all of you to mark your calendars and set some time aside to participate in our club fun trials, general membership meetings, AKC licensed hunt tests and field trials.

There are many ways in which each and every one of you can contribute to KCRC. First and foremost we need and want you to attend our events so the board knows we're fulfilling the wishes of the general membership. And don't be shy! When your schedule permits ~ volunteer and help us out. We're always in need of an extra hand, so grab the clipboard and Marshal for a few dogs, gun at one of our licensed events, throw a few birds at the fun trials and I will guarantee that your time and effort will be greatly appreciated.

Together, we will make 2006 a great year for KCRC.

Best wishes, Eli Reichman

**IMPORTANT NEWS ON CENTRONUCLEAR MYOPATHY (CNM)
IN LABRADOR RETRIEVERS**

By Debbie Newton

There are many of us that may be unaware of Centronuclear Myopathy (CNM) in Labrador Retrievers since it has only been recently, September 2005, that the CNM testing program moved into full implementation. I know I was one of those uneducated and unaware after I received an email inquiring about our litter that is due any minute now. When asked if the sire or dam had been tested for CNM, and the answer was "no", the sale on the pup was lost and I was dropped like a "hot potato" by the perspective buyer.

Because of that perspective buyer, whom I would like to thank for opening my eyes, I began to do a little more research and reading on the subject. I now realize how important that it is for those of us who are serious field trailers and/or breeders to participate in this testing program. Fortunately, the sire owner and I, the dam owner, have now had both of our dogs tested.

CNM is a serious disease. It is inherited. Pups may become affected if both parents have the gene or can become carriers if only one parent has the gene. Carriers appear normal, but can transmit the disease to their offspring. The disease has been around for 35 years and of serious concern for us since it can be found in several of the top field trial lines.

CNM pups fail to develop normally. At birth, affected pups are indistinguishable from their littermates, but by 2 weeks of age there is a significant weight loss. Pups can be identified as early as 4 to 5 weeks of age by tendon reflexes. By 4 to 6 months, the symptoms become very evident with the onset of an awkward gait, decreased tolerance to exercise, associated with a general muscle weakness that worsens with the cold.

It is believed that it would be a disadvantage to remove all carriers from breeding programs since this could result in a very narrow gene pool which would allow new recessives to emerge. Also, many of the highly desirable traits that we enjoy in our dogs could be lost. The identification of CNM carriers is only a tool for better breeding practices, not to totally eliminate those dogs from the gene pool.

For those of you that have internet access, you can go to [s/e](#) for more information and instructions for testing. For those of you without internet access, please feel free to give me a call @ 816-765-3783 for instructions, hard copies of forms and article reprints. Test kits can be ordered from Retriever Field Trial News:

Phone call to Retriever Field Trial News at 1.414.481.2760

Fax sent to Retriever Field Trial News at 1.414.481.2743

Email to Retriever Field Trial News at retrievernews@mindspring.com

Test kits are \$5.00 + shipping. (DNA brushes to be taken to your vet.) DNA samples are then sent to Alfort School of Veterinary Medicine in France. The cost of the test results is \$60.00.

K.C.R.C. Upcoming Events

February 4,5, 2006

**James A. Reed Wildlife Area
K.C.R.C. Sanctioned Field Trial**

March 4,5, 2006

**James A. Reed Wildlife Area
K.C.R.C. Sanctioned Field Trial**

March 18, 19, 2006

**B. Hayden's Farm, Sedalia, Mo.
K.C.R.C. Licensed Hunt Test**

April 14, 15, & 16, 2006

**Pittsburg, Kansas
K.C.R.C. Licensed Field Trial**

June 3,4, 2006

**James A. Reed Wildlife Area
K.C.R.C. Sanctioned Field Trial**

LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

July 8, 2006

**K.C.R.C. General Membership
Meeting**

September 9, 10, 2006

**TBA
K.C.R.C. Sanctioned Field Trial**

October 20,21, & 22, 2006

**TBA
K.C.R.C. Licensed Field Trial**

December 2, 2006

**TBA
K.C.R.C. Christmas Party**

**(All Sanctioned trials begin at
9:00 A.M. Sign up begins at
8:30 A.M. at the Headquarters)**

*Its time to dust off those whistles and wash that white jacket.
It's*

SANCTIONED TRIAL TIME

*February 4-5, 2006
James A. Reed Wildlife Area*

*Sign in: 8:30 AM
Trials begin at 9:00 AM*

*Saturday – Open, Derby, & Puppy Stakes
Sunday – Amateur, Qualifying, & Novice Stakes*



At the conclusion of the stakes on Saturday, there will be a Pot Luck lunch at the headquarters building. A general membership meeting and the awarding of the 2005 Member of the Year award.

Support the K.C.R.C.

See you there!!!!

Highlights of the January Board Meeting

1. The board voted to have **Entry Express** handle all of the 2006 Licensed Field Trial and Hunt Test events.
2. A motion was passed to vote "Yes" on the **Master Nat'l club** remaining an AKC member and No on the MNRC running under it's own rules.
3. The board voted to have a **Double Header Hunt Test** with the Northwest MO. R. C. this fall. It will be held at Bob Hayden's Farm outside of Sedalia, MO.

**MUDDY WATER RETRIEVERS PROUDLY PRESENTING:
YELLOWS & BLACKS DUE AROUND DECEMBER 21, 2005**

FC CFC CAFC Taylorslab Magic Trick MH CD OFA# LR-117358E32M- PI Excellent Qualified for 2005 Nat'l Open!!!!	FC AFC Hilltop's Hayseed	FC AFC Black Gold's Kates Rascal
		Candlewood's Divine Ms M
	Cedar River Sage	FC AFC Gunstock's Butch From Winifox
		Marathon's Little Annie
Castilecreeks Misty Morning OFA# LR140955G26F Good	FC Running With The Devil	FC AFC Dare To Dream
		FC AFC Trailcreek Blue's Dacey
	Way-Da-Go Sky's The Limit MH National Derby List	2 x's NAFC FC AFC CNAFC Ebonstar Lean Mac
		AFC Candlewood Oprah Win-For-Me

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There's only a few left so call NOW!!