

Duluth Retriever Club

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NEW PREZ SEZ

Hello DRC members.

As Kim steps down from her years of leadership I would like to thank her for all her hard work and contributions to the club. Kim has been one of the driving forces behind the success of the Browns property fundraising among other things. I hope to continue the DRC heritage and club success. There are several things we are working on for upcoming years. I'd like to start an annual "picnic trial" for local dog enthusiasts to come out and have a little fun with their dogs in a non-competitive test situation. The T3 program has been a huge success and we want to enhance it and develop an intermediate class for T3 graduates. We are also in the works to hold another handling seminar on our grounds next summer. The board of Directors will be busy working on many other club issues this winter. I welcome any member to contact me. Thanks for making the DRC a great place to train our wonderful animals and meet some good people along the way.

DRC President – Jeff Amendola



FORMER PREZ SEZ

It has been my great honor and pleasure to have served you as President for the past 5 years. Thank you for the support, kind words and the beautiful wooden bowl handcrafted by Dick Adams. I will leave you with one true statement often spoken by Joe Deloia who said it best; "You meet the greatest people through the dog." I loved the friendship, laughs and memories. May we have many more.

Kim Keelor
DRC President ex-officio



THANK YOU KIM



2009 DRC CALENDAR

December 3

Wild Game Potluck - 5:30
DRC Club House
Bring the whole family.

The Volunteer of the Year Award

Craig Berryhill - for his work with the T3 program, the Hunt Test Training group, and his many hours of service at the DRC Hunt Test and Field Trial.



Puppy of the Year Award

Millie (Maj-Britta's Millie, 10/01/08)
Millie has demonstrated enthusiasm, excellent marking, and ability to learn quickly. She earned her first junior hunt test pass before the age of 1 year. Handler: Mark Helmer; Owner: Helmer family; Breeder: Bob Owens

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DOGGIE ACCOLADES

Field Trial Achievements

“Mildred” 3 years, and Bernie Carey earned a 1st-Amateur All-Age on July 18, 2009 at MIRRC and an Open 2nd for 8 points.

“Wyatt” 2.5 years won the Qualifying at the Hennipen Trial 9/12 &13 and became Qualified All-Age. Owned and handled by Corky Krollman

“Croix” 2.5 years owned and handled by Jeff Wiklund, won a Qualifying at the September MFTA trial.

“Mutt” and Bill Wertz earned a 1st-Qualifying July 24, 2009 at MIRRC

Steve Ritter’s “Miah” earned a 1st-Special All-Age on July 18, 2009 at MIRRC and a 1st-Amateur All-Age on August 1, 2009 at CMRC

Tom Fait and “Reba” received a JAM in the Amateur at Hennepin County this fall.



Master Hunt Title Earned

“Drake” handled by Mike Marmon



Senior Hunt Title Earned

“Boof” handled by Mark Helmer

“Jessie” and Dick Adams

Junior Hunt Title Earned

Jolor’s Rejuvenator, “Sparkle”
Breeder/Owner: Margo E. Penke
Trainer/Handler: Mark Vossbein, Al Penke

Typhoon’s Diesel (Diesel) earned his JR Hunter title this summer.
Michael Lebsack

“Gunnar” handled by Becky Wise & Larry Champeaux, at Marine on St. Croix

“Ryder” handled by Rod Niemi received his Title on September 5 at the NDRC hunt test

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Club Officers for 2010

President	Jeff Amendola
President ex officio	Kim Keelor
1st VP	Bernie Carey
2nd VP	*Stephen Rannenberg
Treasurer	*Lynda Spangler
Secretary	Dick Adams
Directors	Craig Wilson Al Markham Gary Larson Tom Fait *Larry Champeaux *Craig Berryhill *Mark Helmer
Raffle	Cory Finnila
Field Trial Chair	John Nichols
Hunt Test Chair	Rick Edington

Thank you to the following members for their dedication and service on the board, Joe Tieberg, Ron Nelson, Ed Lundstrom, Wendi Mattinen.



Fall Field Trial Report

Our fall field trial was held August 14-16. Many thanks are owed to the DRC members who made this event a great success. As usual the two “fat guys” worked overtime to put excellent food on the table for our guests, judges, and Club workers. Many folks helped out with grounds preparation. Others helped during the trial itself. Still others

worked behind the scene to obtain trophies, rooms, judges gifts, and raffle items. Additional thanks are owed to Jeff Amendola for taking over as field trial secretary, and to the many Club members who sold raffle tickets.

This year two of our club members – Jeff Wiklund and Bernie Carey – served as judges. Jeff judged the Open stake with Carl Ruffalo while Bernie judged the Derby with Rick Van Bergen. Not only did Jeff and Bernie put up excellent tests, they also saved the club the expense of hosting out-of-town judges. Three of our judges (Rick, Mark Bellmore, and Paul Panichi) also elected to stay in trailers parked on the grounds, saving the club additional money. Obviously, money is not what this is all about. However, given the slim margins under which we operate, these cost savings are a great help.

Among the entered dogs owned by DRC members, our “star” performer was “Mildred” (aka Stellar’s Full Throttle), owned by Bernie Carey and capably handled by Club member Dave Davis. Mildred placed second in the Open. A look at the “Doggie Accolades” section shows that Mildred has had a great year. Now Bernie is in the enviable (?) position of “chasing points” in the hope of qualifying for National level competition.

Once again, thanks to all. Without your efforts these events would not happen. –*John Nichols, Field Trial Chairman*

Summer Hunt Test Report

The 2009 hunt test committee would like to sincerely thank all the club members for their help during the July 24-26, 2009 AKC licensed hunt test. We would particularly like to thank the Roningen Family for the generous use of their land. Once again our membership hosted a top-notch event with 107 entries. Thank you goes out to bird throwers, blind planters, live flyer stations, marshals, bird stewards, grounds crew, and the guys in the kitchen. Without their dedication to the club and the sport, our club would not be able to host such a quality event. A special thanks goes out to the individual Stakes Chairmen (Dick Adams, Craig Berryhill, Gary Larson, and Jason “Griz” Clark), because of them, each test was organized and ran smoothly. We’d also like to thank the judges for the time they volunteered and for putting on 4 quality hunt tests. –*Rick Edington, Hunt Test Chairman*



Web Master

Thanks to Donna Edington for her work on the website.

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Duluth Retriever Club Raffle

1st Prize - Beretta Uricka Camo Automatic 3" 12 ga

2nd Prize - 19" Magnavox Flat Screen HD/LCD

(Donated by WDIO Channel 10/13)

3rd Prize - 3 pc Vitronox (Swiss Army) Luggage Set

(Donated by Security Jewelers)

Drawing to be held at the DRC Clubhouse, Duluth, MN
Sunday, August 16th @ 3:00 p.m.

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Need not be present to win
\$5.00 per ticket
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2009 Raffle Winners

1st Prize:

Beretta Uricka Automatic 3" 12 gauge shotgun – Stan Paczynski

2nd Prize:

19" Magnavox Flat Screen HD/LCD TV – Tony Sega

3rd Prize:

3 piece Vitronox (Swiss Army) Luggage Set – Rev (Jim Gagne)

801 raffle tickets were sold with a profit of \$2,895. Pete Mattinen was the top ticket seller again winning the \$100 prize WAY TO GO !!

"Painting of Your Dog" Raffle

by artist Rudy Luoma was won by Tom Fait. 41 tickets were sold raising \$365 for the club.



Train The Trainer (T3)

Another summer has passed and so has another class of T3. Our last session ended on a light hearted and fun evening which included an informal hunt test, a picnic lunch, and much laughter. Congratulations to the handlers and their dogs who stuck with the program, trained through issues, and made great advances in obedience and handling skills. Craig Berryhill, I and other members of the DRC are committed to looking for ways of improving the program as we continue to enjoy this wonderful world of dogs. Many thanks to all who participated and volunteered their time and efforts.

–Mark Helmer



Brown's Property Pledges

The drive is going well, and if all the pledges come in, we will be close to having the Phase I (loan for Browns) paid off. Future pledge money would go for phase II (ground improvements). Browns field pledges should be sent in by the end of the year if you wish to claim them as a deduction on 2009 taxes. I would hope that those that haven't given yet might to consider so now, and to those that have made pledges a big thanks for helping make this perhaps the best fund raiser ever for DRC.



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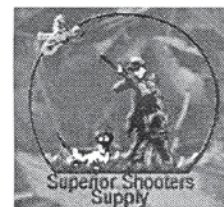
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