

Duluth Retriever Club

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DRC PREZ SEZ

Hello
DRC



members, spring has arrived early and many members are already out enjoying some training. Here are a few of the projects the BOD have been working on over the winter months. We are preparing some new policies for the use of the clubhouse and for camping on the DRC property during the summer months and at events. We have also been trying to schedule a fun trial day, complete with judges and live flyers to encourage members to come out and enjoy the excitement involved with running your dogs. The highly successful T3 class is preparing for another busy summer working with members and their dogs to help them with their training. Our former T3 class members, we hope to have a resource for you all to continue your progression from the class. – Jeff Amendola

**The Duluth Retriever Club
is a non-profit organization
with (501c 3) status.**

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Stay on established roadways **DON'T MAKE RUTS!**

Do not drive off established roadways since this will leave ruts. If you leave ruts, repair them. Roads that cross dams on private property should be avoided.



Keep the gates locked

Lock the club gates when you depart the property. For private properties leave gates as you find them.

Pick up after yourself

This includes all trash, food, and empty shotgun shells.

Have respect for others

If you arrive at a particular training site and see that it is occupied you can: 1) ask to join the group, 2) wait for them to finish, or 3) find another place to train.

2010 DRC CALENDAR

May 4

T3 Sign-up - 5:30
DRC Club House

May 8

Spring Wing Training

May 25

T3 Begins
DRC Club House

July 30 - August 1

DRC Hunt Test

August 20-22

DRC Field Trial

General Membership Meetings

May 4, June 2, July 7, August 4
and September 14; 7:00 PM at
clubhouse

Additions/Corrections

Dave Jordet was named volunteer of the year in 2009 along with Craig Berryhill. Dave spent countless hours on the grounds and keeping the tractor going. He has also been named as a director to the board of DRC. Thank you so much for all you do Dave.



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DOGGIE ACCOLADES

Field Trial Achievements

Reba owned by Tom Fait- Amateur Reserve Jam at SW Georgia ARC 3/7/10 and an Amateur 4th at NFARC 3/14/10.

2009 National Retriever Championship Summary of DRC Members

Congratulations to David Furin and his dog, AFC Landover's Right On Target, handled by Dave Rorem who qualified for the 2009 Championship and made it to the 5th series.

Club life member and defending 2008 National Champion, Dave Rorem, handled 7 dogs at the Championship and 4 into the 9th series. Life member Chris Ledford handled 2 dogs at the championship and 1 to the 9th series.



Field Trial August 20-22

The DRC will host its annual field trial in August. The event attracts dogs and handlers from all over the country. The trial consists of four different “stakes” - Derby, Qualifying, Amateur All-Age, and Open All-Age: Derby is for young dogs, under 2 years old; Qualifying is for intermediate-level dogs; Amateur and Open are for advanced dogs. Professional trainers may not compete in the Amateur. For this reason, the Open stake is very hard to win and generally has the most difficult tests. DRC members often compete in one or more (and sometimes all) of these stakes. In past years, these Club members have enjoyed some notable successes against very strong competition.

Unlike many clubs, the DRC staffs its trial using Club members (as opposed to hiring help). This contributes to a very high-quality event. It is my hope that we can continue this tradition. For this reason I encourage all Club members to mark the fall trial date on their calendar. This is a great opportunity to help out the Club (and, for participating members, to satisfy your requirement to put in a day's work). It is also a great opportunity to see some of the very best retrievers in the country and root on your fellow Club members.

*John Nichols
Field Trial Chairman*

Hunt Test July 30 – August 1

Get ready for another great event at the Annual DRC Hunt Test. This year we will be offering a double Master, double Junior and single Senior. The weekend will start out on Friday with the first Master. Saturday will be busy with Friday's Master finishing, the start of the second Master and a Junior stake. Sunday will keep us on our toes with the finale of the Saturday Master, running of Senior and second Junior. Many club members will be trying for their first ribbon and others to finish their title. Lots of help will be needed so mark the dates and plan on helping and or cheering on fellow club members. Rick Edington in the Hunt Test Chairman.



Web Master Retiring

Thank you to Donna Edington who single handed kept the DRC website going these past years. She has moved out of the area and is busy with running her new kennel so Gary Larson will be taking over. There will be a short time for the transition and updating to 2010 so please be patient. Take a look online at www.DuluthRetrieverClub.com

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Train the Trainer (T3)

The 2010 sign-up for the popular T3 course will be Tuesday, May 4th at the DRC clubhouse. The course will run for 10 Tuesdays starting on May 25th and ending on July 27th. All retriever breeds are welcome and old as well as young dogs are right for the course. All you and your dog needs is a desire to learn.

The prime objective of T3 is to aid dog owners in the training of their hunting retrievers. The goal for the season is to have most or all of the dogs performing a single marked retrieve by the end of the course. Also to have taught owners/ handlers how to proceed with further more advanced training. As the name of the course alludes to, the instructors are not training your dog, **YOU ARE**. A dog cannot be “trained” in 10 evenings so the instructors will assign home work to do before the

next session. Handlers will also be taught to throw birds and bumpers for the training sessions. The cost of the course will be \$70.00 which includes 10 training sessions and a training DVD. Membership in the club is also required. A Participating membership is \$40.00 (requiring a day of work) and Non-participating membership is \$100.00. For more information on T3 contact Craig Berryhill at 218-590-4261 or Craig.Berryhill@gmail.com.

“I can’t say enough for all of the members that have helped me and Ryder achieve this junior hunt title, particularly Craig and Mark. Joining the club was one of the best things that I have done. Thanks for your help and advice.”
– Rod Niemi, DRC member

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Tom Fait's Presidential Experience

I had an interesting experience this winter at the Southwest Georgia Retriever Field Trial. While in the holding blind, I noticed it was a little more crowded on the mound than normal; there were 2 elderly people in lawn chairs just behind the judges and the handlers with their dogs. After running, I stepped over to the honor box directly in front of the elderly couple. They were polite and quietly asked questions about dog work and handlers. I never looked directly at them because my job was not over; I still had to focus on my dog and keep her from breaking.

After returning Reba to her crate, someone ran up to me and asked how my experience was on line. I said, "Okay, but probably not good enough to get called back. What's the big deal?" He asked, "Well, do you know who that couple was on the mound?" Me- "No, I never looked at them." He said, "Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter." I walked over to the gallery. To my surprise when Jimmy and Rosalynn were leaving, he turned to me, grinned, and said "nice job!" I said "Thank you sir!" He did not have any political pull with the judges; we didn't get called back.



Membership Renewals are Due

In January, you received your membership dues renewal letter. For those of you who have submitted payment, we greatly appreciate your quick response. For those of you who intend to be 2010 members but are waiting, for whatever reason to send us your check, PLEASE send your check TODAY. This does two things, first it provides a source of operating funds to start the year and the AKC Licensed Hunt Test. In addition, it avoids the cost and time associated with another mailing to you...Please send your membership renewal with payment; \$40 – Participating; \$100 Non-Participating; \$500 Life Member.



Brown's Property Pledges

The drive is going well, and we are into phase II (ground improvements). Browns field pledges can be sent in any time and will can be claimed as a deduction on 2010 taxes. I hope that those that haven't given yet might consider so, and to those that have made pledges a big thanks for helping improving training opportunities for all members of DRC.



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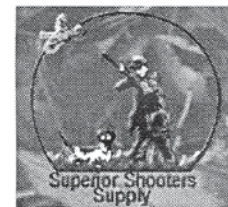
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