

Duluth Retriever Club News

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Spring 2011

DRC PREZ SEZ

Another spring has arrived in the northland and a big change has begun at the Duluth Retriever



Club. Logging on the Browns and club house property is the first step in transforming additional land into grassland for training and events. By no means is the work done. There will be lots more to do and will require club members to step forward and spend time realizing the dream of more land for training. There is also a new date for the annual Hunt Test which now has moved to August 5-7 with a double master, double senior and single junior. Judges are in place and plans underway. The AKC Field Trial is set for August 19-21 so August will be a busy month for the club. The season starts out with our 2nd Annual Live Flyer Training Day on May 1st. T3 starts up on May 24 and runs to August 2. Let's train!! – Jeff Amendola

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

Live Flyer Training - May 1

We are planning to hold our 2nd annual "Live Flyer Training Day" on Sunday, May 1st, starting about 9 am. The purpose of the event is threefold: to resupply the club's freezers with ducks; to give you and your dog experience with live flyers; to jump-start the 2011 season at the Duluth Retriever Club. The event is open to all DRC members and any retrieving dog with at least basic experience, such as the T3, program. We will also do our best to challenge the more experienced dogs and handlers. This is a training exercise. No ribbons will be given, but everybody wins. Anyone can help at the event also. Cost is \$12/bird. Lunch served. See you there!

2011 DRC CALENDAR

May 1

Live Flyer Training Day

May 10

Annual Membership Meeting

May 24

Train the Trainer (T3) Starts

August 5-7

DRC Hunt Test

August 19-21

DRC Field Trial



"What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower -



Logging was completed this winter at Browns and around the club house.

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ACCOLADES



Amateur Reserve JAM

Tom Fait and Reba earned a Amateur All-Age Reserve JAM at the Hennepin County Amateur Retriever Club Fall Field Trial.

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Aero owned and handled by David Furin and Paul Panichi was 4th in Amateur All-Age at the DRC Field Trial in August and earned a Reserve JAM at the MN Field Trial Assoc. trial last September.

Derby - 4th, 3rd, RJAM, JAM

Kim Keelor's Esse has earned Derby points with the following results: 4th on 9/11/2010 in Princeton, MN; 3rd on 2/11/2011 in Meigs, GA; JAM on 3/4/2011 in Americus, GA; Reserve JAM on 3/11/2011 in Tallahassee FL. Handler Bill Wertz or Kim Keelor.

Derby JAM

Wade Thurman and DEETS earned a JAM at the DRC Field Trial in August.

Sorry if I missed you. Please send additional results to me at glhome@charter.net for inclusion in future issues. Gary Larson



Master Title

Gail Kuklinski, Gunner's Wingman CD, SH, WCX, CCA

Senior Title

Millie, Mark Helmer
Jessie, Dick Adams
Izzy, Craig Berryhill
Remie, Jason Clark
Copper, Gary Larson
Cassie, Doug Lewis
Rainmaker's Perfect Grades & Temper, Kim Pfister

Junior Title

Jolor's Pixie Blue, Al Penke
Copper, Gary Larson
Kilo, Andres Gonzalez

2010 Puppy of the Year

Congratulations "Mossy" and owners/handlers Jeremy and Ellie Stecker.

2010 Volunteers of the Year

Scott Hanson
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Field Trial August 19-21

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

T3 Start-up May 24

The very popular T3 program gets underway Tuesday, May 24 and meets Tuesdays until August 2nd. Guided by the honed skills of codirector Mark Helmer and Craig Berryhill, program participants will receive a solid foundation on the fundamentals of how to train your retriever. The goal of the class is to graduate each dog proficient in steadiness, hold, marking, single and double retrieves, and intro to blind retrieves.

Hunt Test August 5-7

The Annual DRC Hunt Test has a new weekend, August 5-7. We will start with a Master A & B on Friday, Master and Senior on Saturday, and will round out the weekend with a Senior and a Junior on Sunday. We are expecting a good size crowd. As always, there will be great food coming from the kitchen, expertly crafted by the "Two Guys from the Range". Don't miss the thrills, spills and action at the 2011 Hunt Test.



Thanks to Joe and Kevin for making all the food that fuels the Duluth Retriever Club.

Club Officers for 2011

President	Jeff Amendola
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Field Trial Secretary	Jeff Wiklund
Hunt Test Chair	Gary Larson
Hunt Test Secretary	Dave Jordet



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Who We Are

The DRC is a group of men and women of all ages, backgrounds, and personalities who love and thing is certain - a love of dogs and the outdoors. From the center of their first dog to the seasonal rotations, all benefit from their involvement in our club.

The Duluth Retriever Club is dedicated to dog training, opportunities & skills acquisition through education, such as the Train the Trainer (TTT) program and Youth Center Events, and the rich grounds that offer a place to train both on water and on land. The club also sponsors the development of hunting dogs through ABC, recreational field events.

2011 DRC Events

- Train the Trainer (TTT) May 24 - August 2
- Wrap-up of May 13 Meeting
- One Day Training (O.D.T.) May 26-27
- One Day Hunt (O.D.H.) May 27-28
- One Day Hunt (O.D.H.) May 29-30
- One Day Hunt (O.D.H.) May 31-June 1
- One Day Hunt (O.D.H.) June 2-3

Members

Annual Membership Meeting: May 10, 2011, Chisholm, MN

Membership and Enrollment Events: Oct 2 & 3, 2011, Duluth

Web Page

Check out the DRC web page. Please send comments and suggestions to Gary Larson, glhome@charter.net, www.DuluthRetrieverClub.net

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Care of Birds In Freezer

When birds go into the freezer do so in an organized fashion. Fold the wings along the body and place them side-by-side. Once a layer is filled in place a burlap bag over them and start a new layer. Dispose of bad birds. Give them the sniff test. They do not belong in the freezer!

Browns 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 may be claimed as a deduction on 2011 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.



Thank you for your hard work

The club and the events that the club puts on couldn't function without all of the time put in by club members. Working on the grounds to prepare for training and events is a huge job and a special thank you to all that spent hours mowing and trimming. Thank you to the board and committees meet year-round planning and preparing for the next year. Working events is very important as is fund raising for

continued land development and organizing educational programs so essential to the club. Thanks to all that pitch in.



Use Caution Training at Browns

Newly cut areas at Browns should not be used for training. Logging debris is everywhere and the ground is rough and full of stumps. The pond area is OK for training. As in past years, no driving is allowed off the driveways especially now that it is wet and soft.



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