



# The Scoop

March 2019 Newsletter



## **Letter from the President:**

Although a bit of snow lingers in the weather forecast, there is no doubt spring is in the air. Temperatures have become more seasonal; the birds and squirrels are more animated, and the extra daylight is back in the evening. Members who train seasonally have started their own version of spring training. Club training days start the first weekend of April. The dates, times and places listed in this newsletter.

If you missed our annual meeting and dinner, you missed a fine evening with over 60 members and guests, good food and our raffle. I would like to thank everyone who helped, in particular Tara Perby and Kathy Koenig for coming early to set up raffle items as they arrived. And extra thanks to everyone who donated a raffle item!

Title awards were earned by 27 dog and handler teams. Eric Lingler and Sandbars Makin Wakes SH QAA (Wake) won the 2019 Chessman Kittridge Trophy, the high point field trial performance award. Pat Daly and Great Lake Magnum Blue Tide (Blue) won the Ed Stone Trophy for high point hunt test performance award. Pat Daly was also recognized with the Bob Reckart Award, given to the club member of the year. Bill Skeels was recognized with the AKC Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, given to the club member who deserves special recognition in the sport and who has been a valued and active club member. Congratulations to all!

The most significant club update at the meeting was related to our training grounds, the Nursery. The Kittredge family has generously allowed the club to call the Nursery its home for many years. Jon Kittredge has decided to sell the property in 2020 and he graciously gave the club a heads-up approximately one year ago. The board examined different strategies to keep the Nursery as its home and BRC has teamed with the Western Reserve Land Conservancy (WRLC). The conservancy has a particular interest in this property and conserving Bates Creek, a cold-water stream running through the wooded marshy ravine area of the property. Ultimately, the plan is for BRC to transition to a 501(c)3 non-profit, become the owner of the property in late 2020 and continue utilizing and maintaining the property in the same way the club is today.

We will include updates as things move along and have provided some additional detail in this newsletter. In the meantime, we are kicking off the 2019 season.

Think Spring!

Cyndi Poveda  
President

## **2019 Board of Directors**

At the annual meeting members elected six board members, reelecting Jim Buckley, Tim Daily, Mike McFarland and Tara Perby and electing Kathy Heintel and David Philips, all for three-year terms. The board elected officers for 2019 with Cyndi Poveda, Tim Daily and Bill Skeels remaining in their positions as President, Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. David Philips was elected Vice-President. Additionally, in February Jim Domo joined the board filling a vacancy.

## **More About the Nursery**

How will the BRC training grounds transaction work? To start, the land owner contracts to sell the property to the conservancy. The conservancy will then solicit various grant funding, over a contractually agreed upon timeframe, in order to purchase the property. To qualify as the ultimate owner, and to be eligible for grant funding, BRC will become a 501(c)3. Our purpose will shift to include a charitable orientation, which will complement our current activities. As a club, we will take on additional annual activities to support the charitable mission.

Where are we in this process? Just starting. This month Mr. Kittredge reached agreement to sell the property to the conservancy, targeting a 2020 transaction. Subsequently, BRC engaged an attorney to represent our interests in this transaction assist with the application for the new tax status. The first of the grant applications will be in late summer.

## **Hunt Test Regulations – New for 2019**

The AKC now allows consecutive judging assignments. This change allows one of two judges to judge the same level test on consecutive days or consecutive back-to-back events. This means, for example, that you may see your Saturday JH judge paired with a different judge in your Sunday JH test.

## **BRC Hunt Test Changes**

- In memory of Bob Reckart, BRC will now sponsor a junior handler for the spring hunt test. Details can be found on Entry Express.
- The weekday master-only hunt test, scheduled July 16 & 17, will be increased to a 120 dog limit this year.

## **Website Update**

Member Tracy Solan recently agreed to volunteer as BRC's webmaster and is in the process of refreshing the site information. The calendar is now updated for 2019 events and additional updates are in process.

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## **Calendar Planning: Spring Season Training Days**

We are appreciative of Crooked Creek Conservation allowing BRC to hold our early season training days at their property. Watch for RSVP Buckeye Blast emails ahead of training or call Cyndi Poveda, 440-539-0633, if you do not have email.

Crooked Creek Conservation, 4323 OH-534, Rome, Ohio

All training starts 9AM:

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

At the Nursery: Saturday, May 18 clean-up day with lunch & training day

## **Events Around the Region**

Greater Pittsburgh Labrador Retriever Club

Sean Hagar Master/Senior Retriever Training Workshops

Master: May 2 and Senior: May 3 & 4, 2019

Information: Lorraine Fox, 724-728-6964 or [preciousretrievers@msn.com](mailto:preciousretrievers@msn.com)

Michigan Flyways Retriever Club

AKC Hunt Test Judges Seminar

Russ Reavis, AKC Executive Field Rep, Sporting Group

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Information: Cathy, 248-760-0760 or [cambrush@aol.com](mailto:cambrush@aol.com)

Finger Lakes Retriever Club

Pat Burns, Elite Retriever Training Seminar

May 17- 19, 2019

Information: Mark Berger, 315-382-3785 or [muckmad@outlook.com](mailto:muckmad@outlook.com)

Presque Isle Retriever Club

Kevin Cheff Three Day Blind Training Seminar

July 26-28, 2019

Information: Robert Samios, 724-932-5659 or

[robertsamios@zoominternet.net](mailto:robertsamios@zoominternet.net)

## **Welcome New Members!**

Sarah Horung

Stephen Milano

Taylor Mummert

Kara Roth

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**Board of Directors:**

Cyndi Poveda, President

David Philips, Vice President

Tim Daily, Secretary

Bill Skeels, Treasurer

Trustees: Shannon Black, Jim Buckley, Jim Domo, Kathy Heintel, Mike McFarland, Tara Perby and Joe Ricupero.

**Suggestions/Comments/Questions:**

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