



The Scoop

Summer 2019 Newsletter



Letter from the President:

It seems like the peak of summer is late June, about the time our hunt test is run when the evenings start to sparkle with the light of fireflies. But now, as the calendar turns to August and there are fewer fireflies sparkling at night, surely fall is not too far around the corner. Indeed, I have seen a back-to-school commercial on TV. So, all of this is evidence that this summer edition of the newsletter is publishing a bit late. Apologies.

Certainly, the club has been busy. June tests at the nursery are behind us now and if you missed BRC's test, it was a wet one with the grounds attempting to claim a couple dog trucks. Fortunately, some handlers carry tow straps and drive trucks with the power to help in these situations. Checkout the BRC webpage gallery for photos of the test – not stuck trucks, but shots of handlers, members and their dogs. Big thanks to member John Schurman for taking and sharing the photos. And a big thanks also to member Tracy Solan our new webmaster who has been working to refresh the website.

The July Master-only weekday test was a bit steamy, but it's in the books now. The new date seemed to work out well for the club and handlers both.

Our Club Singles was ruled by Golden Retrievers this year and see the results below. We are appreciative to our judges Clint Weitzel and Rich Deeds on the Steady Stake and Linda and Rob O'Leary on Unsteady for such a fun day of retrieving and picnicking.

As far as the training grounds project, a very big thank you to everyone who made time to come to the special club meeting and vote to update our Articles of Incorporation. The revised Articles were approved which allowed the club to apply for 501(c)3 status. I am very pleased to report that our application was approved, and the club is officially a 501(c)3 non-profit. This will allow BRC to make grant applications as we endeavor to become the owner of the nursery. A bit more on the property is provided below.

Happy training!

Cyndi Poveda
President

Congratulations!

Pat Daly and Great Lakes Magnum Blue Tide MH (Blue) on their pass of the Master Amateur Retriever Club Invitational in Butte, Montana!

Grounds Maintenance

In addition to their regular grounds maintenance efforts like facilitating mowing, spraying back poison ivy and dying the ponds, our grounds chairmen Joe Ricupero and Shannon Black organized another fine clean-up day. A hearty crew showed up with rakes and clippers in hand and dressed in rain gear. The rain did not stop the work of cutting back the encroaching bushes, picked up downed branches and cut a couple dead trees. Then the sun came out, we had a few burgers and hot dogs and moved over to a fun training with some flyers.

Special thanks to Mike Garrity who arranged for a skid steer with a brush cutter used to clear some of the overgrown sapling areas around the larger trees near pond 7 ahead of the June tests. That work opens the field for additional set-up opportunities.

Training Day Thank You!

Big thanks for everyone who helped make our spring training days a go! While members took turns throwing for one another, I would like to thank the organizers who were making sure the birds were prepared, the equipment was transported to Crooked Creek and volunteered to put together the setup. Bill Skeels, Jim Domo and Tim Daly moved the equipment this year. Bob Samios, Joe Weimer planned set-ups. Pat Daly jumped in for one training day and one training day was a rainy group effort. Ellen Manes and others helped keep handlers moving along.

Club Singles Results

Steady Stake, Judges: Clint Weitzel and Rich Deeds

- 1st Place: Molly Boland/Michelle Reda & SuzieQ
 - 2nd Place: Eric Lingler & Wake
 - 3rd Place: Eric Lingler & Lily
 - 4th Place: Joe Ricupero & Frankie
- JAM Molly Boland & Fish
Dave Phillips & Gunwale
Molly Boland & Pee-Wee
Tim Dettmer & Storm
Joe Ricupero & Gracie
Tim Dettmer & Ruby
Molly Boland & Bones
Molly Boland & Aussie
Dave Garrett & Giada
Tara Perby & Lark
Tara Perby & Quest

Club Singles Results (continued)

Unsteady Stake, Judges Rob and Linda O’Leary

1st Place: Kathy Koenig & Score

2nd Place: Laurie Sangimino & Ginger

3rd Place: Sue Davis & Nitro

4th Place: Tara Perby & Opal

JAM: Molly Bolland & Whoopee

Rick Sprake & Kobi

Gayle Geiger & Zivah

Laurie Sangimino & Leena

Update on Training Grounds

Western Reserve Land Conservancy has been busily cataloguing plants, carrying out fish surveys, examining the woods and noting other unique attributes of our training grounds. This information will be included in the first grant application expected to be submitted around the end of August. This first application will be with Ohio EPA and focuses exclusively on conserving the creek portion of the property. The second application is expected to be early in 2020 to a different conservation fund, that specific fund to be determined. At the moment, three different funding sources are being considered, one of which is administered by Ducks Unlimited. However, the focus for the time being is entirely on the first application with Ohio EPA.

Non-Profit Activities

As the Club transitions to a non-profit, we are looking for organized youth groups to partner with during our testing season. Generally speaking, BRC provides youth an outdoor experience and introduction to working retrievers when the volunteer for our events. In exchange, BRC will support the youth organization through donation of a monetary gift. Examples of this type of partnership in the retriever community are with organizations like Boy Scouts, 4-H and Future Farmers of America. If anyone has any thoughts on an organization that would be a good partner with BRC, please contact Cyndi or any board member.

Welcome New Members!

Alex Daly , Ken Hrabak, Rick Ketring, Dan Loreta, Judy Merians, David Walters

Calendar Planning

Sept. 1 Cuyahoga Valley Golden Retriever Club WC/WCX
Sept. 8 Live Flyer Training Day at the Nursery, 9AM
Sept. 14-15 Greater Pittsburgh Golden Retriever Club Hunt Test
Sept. 28-19 BRC Fall Hunt Test
Oct. 5-6 American Chesapeake Club Fall Hunt Test

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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