

HURON RIVER LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!

We had a very busy May membership meeting that involved some really good business discussion from our membership. We also had some new guests this night as well as previous guest who came back for an additional visit. We all look forward to your future participation at our meeting attendees and guests. If you haven't seen us in a while, please stop-in at our next meeting.

I'm hopeful that this year will be an exciting year for our club as we work to bring the Field side of the club back into swing after a long break. Personally, I'm very excited that we are partnering-up with the Marsh Banks Golden Retriever Club to run a successful Junior/Senior Hunt test in September. There is a lot of planning and work yet to be done, and of course it will require the cooperation of all of our members, whether you are new or a long-time HRLRC member. Thank you to Kim Bridgewater-Bryson for taking the lead to coordinate these efforts on behalf of our club. Stay tuned for further updates from Kim, and of course information that will be shared via the HRLRC email list and newsletters.

Our next membership meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Friday, June 9th at the Livingston Co. Conservation Club. Come join us for a private screening of *"Puppy Puzzle: The Hastings Approach to Evaluating The Structural Quality of Puppies"*. Puppy Puzzle outlines the structural evaluation process developed by the Hastings's. The video can help develop your "eye" for the puppy that belongs in a breeding program and the show ring. It can help in choosing a puppy for obedience, agility, harness work or field trials, and to help recognize which puppies are better suited to a "couch potato" lifestyle. Thank-you to Pam Nichols for sharing this video with our membership at our June meeting.

Additionally at the June meeting, we will be voting on a new HRLRC club logo as discussed at the May membership meeting. If you have a logo design that you would like to include in the vote, please bring it to the meeting. All designs submissions should not contain any information identifying the person who submitted the drawing. Design submissions will be posted on the wall anonymously, so that each member can view and choose the logo they like best. Each member will be given a card to cast their vote. Once the votes are tallied, the design with the most votes will become the new HRLRC logo. The old logo will also be included for those who would prefer to cast their vote for the current logo. In the event that there is a tie between 2 design submissions, a second vote will be cast to break the tie. Wondering why we are voting on a new logo? Well, at a previous meeting we discussed the difficulties we're faced with in reproduction

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of our logo on items such as shirts, prizes, etc. To make reproduction easier and less costly to our club, we decided that it was time for a "refreshing" of our logo.

In last month's President Message I eluded to the fact that we, as a club, hope to embark on some new opportunities with field events and obedience, and to facilitate public awareness and education events. As you are aware, we currently conduct our membership meetings at the Livingston Conservation Club. In order to utilize this facility, the club agreed to participate in the Livingston Conservation Club Youth Day on Saturday, July 29, 2006. This is our opportunity to help support the Livingston Conservation Club as well as to facilitate an awareness of dog related events for the children that will participate at this youth day. This is our opportunity to share our knowledge, facilitate public awareness, and perhaps inspire the next Junior Handler, obedience competitor or hunt test exhibitor. Please mark July 29th on your calendars, as we will need many of our members on hand with or without dogs to make this event successful. Thank-you to Gary Cooper for taking the lead to coordinate these efforts on behalf of our club. See you on June 9th at our next meeting!

Michelle VeuCasovic
Infinity Labradors
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MAY MEETING MINUTES

May Huron River Labrador Retriever Club Meeting Minutes

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Meeting called to order and started at 7:35 pm.

Attending: Patty Wayne, Joyce Tuntland, Judy Matice, Pauline Mortier, Cindy Skiba, Barb Paveglio, Jessica Tuntland, Cathy Culpert, Sheila Norgren, Michelle VeuCasovic, Frieda Paison, Delores Richard, Stella Blair, Mike Merians, Kenny & Cassandra Barrett, Pam Nichols and Gary Cooper.

Guests: Felica Tuntland, Nancy Anderson, Greg Lemanski, Terri Micallef and Jim and Sheila Church.

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Last month's Secretary's report read and approved with the correction: Jeannine Asch was not the person who volunteered to check on the Ohio Foster situation.
Treasurer's report approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kim Bryson meeting with Marsh Banks this month to finalize plans for the Hunt Test.
Marsh Banks GRC Hunt Test: Date Sept. 2-3, 2006 at Omega Farms in Williamston, Mi.
There will be 2 opportunities for HRLRC members to train in preparation for working the test on 7/15/06 and 8/19/06.

Hunt Test Fees: \$55 for Junior, \$60 for Senior.

HRLRC Cost Responsibilities: Cost of 2 birds per dog (\$5.50ea), group Judge gift of approx. \$50, shared judge transportation and lodging, judges dinner evening, lunches for workers on Sunday, ribbons/prizes at \$3 per dog, ammunition approx. \$300, and shared catalog expenses (to be determined).

Club Worker Responsibilities for Junior Test on Sun. only: 1 Marshall, 3 Bird Boys, 5 workers minimum for Jr.

Livingston Conservation Club Event:

To use the LCC grounds, our club must participate in this educational/learning opportunity for their LLC Youth Day.

Date: July 29, 2006 from 10 AM-4PM.

Demo: Rally, Field and Junior Showmanship.

The club should have pamphlets for handout on Rally, Junior Showmanship, 4H, and AKC for all who would like one and where to receive training for these events.

Club members MUST be present for this Youth event or we will lose our privilege to have our monthly meetings at this location. Members need to sign-up for time slots and particular events they are willing to help with, even if you may not have full knowledge of the topic covered.

Volunteers may contact: Patty Wayne- Rally, Kim Bryson-Field, or Michelle VeuCasovic.

SPECIALTY UPDATE:

AKC has given approval of the judging panel, but has NOT given full approval due to missing items on the application and no remittance of the show application fee. Gary will forward completed items within the next day or two after the club meeting. We will need approval from the parent club for the specialty. Attempts to contact LRC Board Members by Nancy Chargo

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have not been successful to date. Cindy Skiba indicated she would try to contact Faith Hyndman as she is a LRC Board Member. The premium list is completed and needs to be printed once we have "full" AKC approval. Michelle will coordinate the printing of the premium list through business contracts that give her exceptional pricing on printed items. HRLRC will have 500 premium lists printed for distribution via mail, and handout at upcoming shows such as LOC, Greater Pittsburg LRC and Winnebago LRC.

We still need a Chief Ring Steward for our specialty. We also need ring stewards. Gary will ask Ken Vaight at the next Combined specialty committee meeting about stewards for the rings. However, we still need a Chief Ring Steward from our club membership.

Gary Cooper was given permission to purchase flag tape to rope off special areas at the specialty.

NEW CLUB LOGO:

Discussion occurred about the need for a new HRLRC club logo. It was decided we needed a more simple logo that would be easier to reproduce for publishing, shirts, trophies, etc. The members who were present at the May meeting agreed that a new logo decision would be decided upon at the June meeting. Members are to bring their anonymous drawings to the June meeting. They will be hung and each member will cast their vote on the selected choices. The logo with the most votes would become our new club logo. If there is a tie between 2 logos, then a vote would exist between the two tied drawings. The current logo would also be in contention to continue on as being our club logo. Each member is invited to bring their design to the June meeting for the opportunity to become the next HRLRC logo. A decision on lapel pins and new club shirts was tabled until a new logo is decided upon.

CLUB PICNIC, PUPPY MATCH, HEALTH DAY:

There will be NO club picnic and puppy match this year, nor will there be a health clinic. There isn't enough time to schedule these events this summer because of other club commitments already made. Additionally, there was a discussion about keeping the picnic as a "club picnic" in the future without a puppy match. And having the Puppy Match as a separate event, carefully planned and advertised to increase participation of members as well as those not affiliated with HRLRC.

CLUB MEETING DATES FOR 2006/2007:

The Board and General Membership meetings will be a combined meeting to save travel time for

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elected members. If a discussion is necessary for Board members to address, a separate meeting will be called to conduct club business. The following is a partial calendar of meetings for 2006 and 2007.

The remaining meeting calendar will be set at the June meeting.

June 9th, July 7th, August 11th, Sept. 8th, October 6th, Nov. 3rd, and Dec. 1st.

Other notable club dates:

Livingston Conservation Club Youth Day- July 29th

Marsh Banks GRC Hunt Test/HRLRC Sponsorship- Sept. 2-3

June Membership Meeting-June 9th, a viewing of "The Puppy Puzzle", bring your own snacks!!

OTHER BUSINESS:

Achievement Awards Committee: looking into ways to recognize club members for their dogs accomplishments. Committee members: Cassandra Barrett, Jeannine Asch, Stacey Quake, Kim Teal and Kim Brown.

Sunshine Committee: Nancy Chargo elected

Phone Call Chain: those without email will be notified of meeting cancellations by the President and all others will be notified by email.

Monthly meeting minutes will be mailed to those members who do not use email.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45. Motion by Gary Cooper, seconded by Joyce Tuntland.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Nichols

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CLUB NEWS

The following are paid as of 5/10/06.

2006 Dues have been paid by (**bold type** represents membership + breeders directory):

Cindy & Mark Adler, **Kenneth & Casandra Barrett**, Helen Bronson, Kim Brown, **Kimberlee Bryson**, Terry Bryson-Standen, **Nancy Chargo**, Jeff & Theresa Deporter Mary T. Evans, Mark Foster & Nancy Manning, **Bill Gardner, Carrie Gati, Judy & Dan Matice**, Nicole McCarthy, **Mike & Judy Merians**, Laura Michaels, Dave & Denise Misaras, **Pauline Mortier, Pamela Nichols**, Frieda Paison, **Stacy & Tom Quake, Laura & Al Reich, Barb & Mike Pavaglio**, Dolores Richards & Stella Blair, Michael Sapienz, **Cindy Skiba**, Pam Smith, **Kimberly Teall, Nancy Todd**, Judy Trevino, Joyce & Jessica Tuntland, **Michelle Veucasovic, Patricia Wayne**, Cheryl Wellnitz

CLUB SCHEDULE

MEETING LOCATION: Meetings are the 1st Friday of every month unless otherwise noted.

Board Meetings begin at 6:30pm, General Membership meetings begin at 7:30pm and both are at the LIVINGSTON CONSERVATION CLUB which is on McClements road and old 23 just one mile south of M-59 and one mile west of old 23. Dogs welcome. Please help us keep this wonderful facility and make a good impression- clean up after your selves.

HRLRC Club Meeting Dates for 2006/2007:

The Board and General Membership meetings will be a combined meeting in an effort to reduce travel time for elected members. If a discussion is necessary for the Board, a separate meeting will be called to conduct club business. The following is a partial calendar of upcoming meetings. The remaining meeting calendar will be set at the June General Membership meeting.

June 9th July 7 August 11 September 8 October 6 November 3 December 1

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Other notable club dates:

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Marsh Banks GRC Hunt Test/ HRLRC Sponsorship September 2-3, 2006

WINS-N-GRINS

Companion Dog Training Club Agility Trial – May 26,27,28

Nicki (Lubberline Endeavor Binnacle) qualified in all three of her novice standard runs May 26, 27, 28 earning a 2nd place in each to obtain her Novice Agility (NA) title!

Sam (Something Absolutely Magical) qualified in her Open Jumpers with Weaves run on May 26.

NORTH AMERICAN JACK RUSSELL TERRIER ASSOCIATION - May 13-14
SHR UACH U-CH Piccadilly's Beloved Friend JH OA OAJ WC CC TDI CGC. Owned by Nicole McCarthy. Darwin qualified in 8 out of 12 runs, earned his first AG3 leg and was High In Trial for trial 2.

U-GRACH Endeavor Piccadilly Pipe Dream WC CGC. Owned by Nicole McCarthy and Jeanine Asch. Piper earned her first 2 AG2 legs with 2 first places!

UAGI UGRCH Woodhaven Two For Roughing, WC, CGC, Am/Can. CD owned by Laura Michaels

GCKC May 19, 2006 - Novice Rally Obedience - Score 98 out of 100 - 1st leg

GCKC May 20, 2006 - Novice Rally Obedience - Score 98 - 2nd leg

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WHELPING BOX

Disclaimer Clause: This list is of litters of our members that are in good standing with our Club and the American Kennel Club. The Huron River Labrador Retriever Club, Inc makes no warranties expressed or implied as to the condition of any dogs being offered for sale, standards or practices of any breeder, the quality of their animals or the accuracy of any of the information contained within the HRLRC, Inc listing, website or any links from the website. HRLRC, Inc. does not endorse, recommend or guarantee any kennel, breeder or dog listed. **Reminder:** Send \$10 litter ad fee per month/per ad to Laura Reich 5558 Sunkist, Oxford, MI 48371. Please indicate in the memo section of the check the month that you are paying for. These litter ad fees go towards the HRLRC Rescue Account. Please call or email the Laura Reich (laura@lor-allabs.com or 248-969-6998) to renew or update your ad. Deadline for receiving the ad is at the membership meeting of that month

Members may join Hrlrc_dogs@yahoogroups.com for up to the minute litter communications!

Club Member email Lists: HRLRC@yahoogroups.com and HRLRC_dogs@yahoogroups.com
Club Website: www.HuronRiverLRC.com (newsletter archives available there)