

# Leash and Whistle

*The Newsletter of the*

## Ohio Valley Retriever Club

August/September 2006

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### Upcoming Club Dates

9/23/06- 9/24/06	Saturday- Sunday	AKC Fall Hunt Test	Woodbury Wildlife Area	8:00 am
10/11/06	Wednesday	October Board Meeting	TBD	7:00 pm
11/4/06	Saturday	Singles Championship	Woodbury Wildlife Area	8:00 am

Note: Due to the busy schedule of AKC events, there will be no September Board Meeting

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### July Board Meeting Notes

The July 2006 meeting of the Board was held at the home of Marty and Chris Bell on July 12. Officers Marty Bell, Don Smith, Ed Schillig, and David Downs were present. Also present were members Bill Ash, Bev and Jerry Burns, and Nancy Schillig. There was not a quorum.

Treasurer Ed Schillig reported that the OVRC account maintains a healthy balance. Contact Ed for details.

Discussion of Fall AKC Hunt Test preparation followed. There was discussion of rosettes and what should be done if owners of qualifying dogs leave early. It was discussed that no rosettes will be mailed without the owner providing postage; those present agreed. Ed and Nancy Schillig will check the status of the rosettes. It appears that AKC will allow us to use the non-standard (blue trim) rosettes until they run out. Seven motel rooms have been reserved. It was decided to have the Saturday dinner at Jerry's at a charge of \$11.25 (this cost was later amended to \$12.50 to account for dessert). The Friday night judges' dinner will be at the River Grill. Two hundred ducks have been ordered. Ed Schillig will act as gun captain. Steve Ross has agreed to be equipment steward. There was a decision to change the entry fee to \$65 for Master, \$60 for Senior, and \$50 for Junior. Don reminded the group of the sad state of our decoys and that some were lost last year; he agreed to look into pricing.

Discussion of the Fall AKC Field Trial preparation followed. There is a need for guns, especially on Friday. Don Smith volunteered for Friday. Two hundred ducks will be ordered. Bill Ash and Ed Schillig will do an inventory of live shotshells. Don will order based upon the results of that inventory. Portable toilets have been rented. Lunches need to be ordered. Nine motel rooms have been reserved.

Membership director David Downs submitted one new member, John Smith, to the Board. Those present agreed.

There will be no picnic this year.

A club training session has been set for August 19, with no further details.

No additional business was addressed.

## **August Board Meeting Notes**

The August 2006 meeting of the Board was held at the home of Marty and Chris Bell on August 9. Officers Marty Bell, David Downs, John Matthews, Greta Ode, Leslie Phillips, Steve Ross, Ed Schillig, Don Smith, and Frank Weisbeck were present. Also present were members Bill Ash and Nancy Schillig. There was a quorum.

Secretary Don Smith submitted the minutes of the July 12 meeting; the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Ed Schillig reported that the OVRC account maintains a healthy balance; several Field Trial expenses have been paid. The report was approved. Contact Ed for details.

Newsletter editor Greta Ode reported that she opened a new e-mail account for the purpose and will create the next newsletter on a new template; hopefully this will minimize some of the technical problems with the attachment.

(new e-mail: [gretaohiovalleyretrievers@hotmail.com](mailto:gretaohiovalleyretrievers@hotmail.com) )

David Downs reported no new members this month. There was a round of praise for David for his efforts with new members; all agreed his attention to membership has been valuable.

Ed Schillig reported that his impromptu pig roast held with a neighbor was a pleasant evening for all who attended. About 12 members attended in spite of the short notice, including some new members.

It was noted that the web site needs to be updated. Tim Price will be taking over Mike Shepard's duties as Web Site Coordinator (Mike has moved).

AKC Fall Hunt Test discussion followed. Event Chair David Downs reported that our very own CJ is back on board to supply workers for the fall events; Ed will call CJ to confirm his commitment for both the Hunt Test and Field Trial. All judges have been accepted for the hunt test. Master judge Gary Seidler will be flown in rather than driving—this should actually save on transportation reimbursement. Should the Master need to be split into two flights, Marty Bell and Bill Ash have committed to judging the additional flight. All other preparations are on schedule.

AKC Field Trial discussion followed. Ed Schillig spoke on behalf of Jerry Burns. All preparations are on schedule. An inventory was taken, and shells need to be ordered. Club members are needed to be present and to volunteer, especially on Friday.

Unfinished business followed. Don Smith will loan decoys if needed for the hunt test. Frank Weisbeck suggested the club purchase handler's gun stands; Marty will purchase three

stands. The issue of delivering ribbons to handlers who leave a test early was revisited; there were strong opinions on both sides; it was agreed to maintain, for the fall events, the club's previous practice of delivering ribbons without additional charge to handlers who leave early, as Nancy Schillig pointed out that the current premium did not provide special instructions. The Board agreed to revisit this issue for the spring events. Leslie Phillips was praised for organizing the gathering of young dogs and handlers at Blendon Woods MetroPark on July 13; the event was well attended but still a manageable size; dogs and handlers were introduced to one another, questions were asked, resources shared, and dogs even ran a few marks.

In new business, the Annual Banquet and Meeting was scheduled for the second weekend in January at the home of Chris and Marty Bell. The Annual Singles Championship was scheduled for Saturday, November 4, at Woodbury Wildlife Area. Leslie Phillips will chair and will acquire judges and coordinate all preparations.

Also in new business, member Judy Martin asked that Marty Bell present to the Board nomination forms for husband Jack Martin and dog Orion's Sirius for the Retriever Hall of Fame. She also provided extended biographies for each. She asks that Board members who see fit please nominate these two outstanding contributors to the sport.

There will be a training day at Woodbury Wildlife Area near Coshocton on Saturday, August 19, at 8:30 am. Don Smith will ensure that there are ducks and sufficient equipment. Participants are to meet in the parking circle near Branch Church on County 4 in the Wildlife Area.

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## **Members Needed!**

**Members are needed to work at the fall AKC hunt test, 9/23-9/24 2006.**

**Working at an AKC event is perhaps the best way to learn how to participate in the event.** You'll never be asked to do more than you can do, you will always have the best seat in the house, if you time it right you get a free sandwich, candy bar, and more, AND (drum roll, please...) there aren't very many ticks at Woodbury right now!

The Hunt Test will be held on Saturday and Sunday September 23 and 24. David Downs is Chair for the event and Marty Bell is Chief Marshall. Please contact David at 614-878-0915 or [ddowns@usavingsbank.com](mailto:ddowns@usavingsbank.com) or Marty at 614-889-5871 or [mcbell@netlink.net](mailto:mcbell@netlink.net) to volunteer to work either day.

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## **Club Training Day Report**

Ten members and eighteen dogs attended a club-sponsored training day at Woodbury Wildlife Area in Coshocton on August 19. Two series were run, one on land and one on water. Dogs ranged from puppies to veterans, and included three breeds. There were a number of new members present, and even a few puppies. Thanks to Don Smith and Marty Bell for transporting club equipment and lending their own.

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## **Braggs!**

Sally Koepke's NFTCH Carronade's O'Rylee Factor, "Rylee," took an Open 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Minnesota Iron Range Trial. Rylee was handled by Dave Smith. Sally reports that "it was a tough 91 dog field with Farmer, Rorem, Ledford, Lardy/Smith etc. She just turned 5 and Steve and I are so proud of her." Way to go, Rylee!

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## **Sincere Condolences**

HR Meglyn's Silverado Slim SH  
Chevy  
January 8, 2002 - July 20, 2006

Chevy was Don Smith's pride and joy, and he was way too young. Please express your condolences to Don.

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