

# Leash and Whistle

The Newsletter of the  
Ohio Valley Retriever Club

January 2007

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## Upcoming Club Dates

1/13/07	<b>ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET</b>	6pm	<b>Home of Marty and Chris Bell SEE DIRECTIONS BELOW</b>
2/14/07	<b>Board meeting</b>	7pm	<b>TBA</b>

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## Singles Championship 2007 Results

Ohio Valley Retriever Club's annual Singles Championship was held Saturday, November 4, 2006. The weather was cool but accommodating, and attendance was excellent! Members new and old, prospective members, puppies, and even a few children enjoyed the day.

The club provided the meat for a cookout afterwards, and side dishes both savory and sweet were brought by club members to create an impressive spread.

Both steady and unsteady stakes were run. Both stakes were judged by veteran club members Deb Stukekey and Gary Gardner. The tests were run as back to back singles in three series, with white coats. There was excellent marking exhibited in every series in each stake.

### Unsteady Singles Results

**Reserve JAM:** Lucybelle, handled by Gale Langford

**FIRST:** Cadbury's Popsicle, "Poppy," handled by Ed Schillig

### Steady Singles Results

**JAMS, in no particular order:**

Kip, handled by Marty Bell  
Cinders, handled by Leslie Phillips  
Blaze, handled by Marty Bell  
Atticus, handled by Greta Ode  
Gage, handled by Ed Schillig  
Starla, handled by Charlie Cecil  
Reba, handled by Steve Myers  
Connie, handled by Charlie Cecil  
Nitro, handled by Mike Phillips

**RESERVE JAM:** Woody, handled by Charlie Cecil

**AND...**

**FIRST PLACE, STEADY SINGLES:**

**Bellmarks's Sweet Licorice, "ICE," handled by Marty Bell**

**Congratulations, Marty and Ice!**

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## **Annual Banquet to take place on 1/13/06**

The Annual Meeting and Banquet will take place on 1/13/06 at the home of Marty and Chris Bell. City Barbecue will be served. Annual presentations will take place, and 2007 Board members will be approved by members present to vote. Other club business will be addressed as well.

Prospective board members to be submitted for approval by a vote of the membership:

Gary Gardner  
Marty Bell  
David Downs  
Greta Ode  
Leslie Phillips  
Tim Price  
Ed Schillig  
Nancy Schillig  
Don Smith  
Janet Wasson  
Frank Weisbeck

**And finally, folks will have a chance to catch up with each other and their wonderful dogs! The food will be good, the company will be excellent—why not come enjoy the evening with YOUR club!**

Date: January 13  
Time: 6pm to socialize, dinner at 7pm, club business to follow  
Place: Home of Marty and Chris Bell  
Location: [5585 Wilcox Road, Dublin](#) (linked to a map)  
Directions: Take 270 to either Tuttle or 161 going west; take Tuttle or 161 to Emerald Parkway; take Emerald (north from Tuttle, or South from 161) to Rings Road; take Rings Road west to Wilcox; take Wilcox south, to the cul-de-sac.  
Phone: Marty Bell, 614-889-5871

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## **OVRC Member Elected to Retriever Field Trial HOF**

**Thanks to Tim Price for submitting the following exciting information and a profile of Jack Martin!**

OVRC member Jack Martin has been elected into the Retriever Field Trial Hall of Fame and the induction takes place in February. Jack and Judy are thrilled with the news and are looking forward to the induction ceremony that takes place in Tennessee. Congratulations, Jack and Judy!

### **JOHN W. MARTIN**

John has been a continual field trial participant since 1966 and a 40-year member of the Ohio Valley Retriever Club, a member of the Labrador Retriever Club and the Maumee Valley Retriever club.

He competed in 13 Nationals and 24 Amateur Nationals. He won the 1981 National with FC/AFC Orion's Sky (already a Hall of Fame dog).

He judged the Amateur National in 1987 and created a checklist for national judges that is still used today by some. That list eliminates public bickering and reaches agreement prior to the trial on areas that may be a source of conflict amongst the judges.

John has owned 8 dogs in 40 years. He started them all as puppies. Among them were four FC/AFC's, 3 Double Header winners, 1 National Champion. All of them had Derby points. Two of them, who were not field champions, had all-age points. It is doubtful that anyone in this sport has had such a record with only eight dogs AND trained and handled them all himself—an amateur in the truest sense of the word.

He is an 8-point judge and judged innumerable trials across the country. His trials are known for the quality of his tests and the fairness of the judgments.

John has absolute standards of honesty and fair-play in judging and running and is well known for his frankness and honesty. He encouraged and started many young people in training and running their own dogs. Many have attributed their success to his teaching and encouragement.

His accomplishments are not shown in offices held but in the admiration and respect of the people who know him and the success of his dogs in competition

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## **Brag!**

Firebird Ivan, "Ivan," owned and handled by Jerry Burns, **WON** the Open at North Florida on October 21! Way to go, Jerry and Ivan! Pixie, owned and handled by Bev Burns, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the Amateur at the Snowbird trial on December 3.

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## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Look for an addendum to this newsletter for November minutes of the Board, to follow shortly.

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## **How to Get in Touch with Leash and Whistle**

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