

Leash and Whistle

the newsletter of the

Ohio Valley Retriever Club

July 2009

Upcoming Club Event Information

July 12, Sunday:

Training Day, Woodbury Wildlife Area, meet kitty-corner from Branch Church on Route 4 at 8:30 am to begin promptly at 9. Cost is 3 dollars per dog to cover expenses.

August 9, Sunday:

Training Day, location to follow (tentatively a new venue in Union County), meet at 8:30 am to begin promptly at 9. Cost is 3 dollars per dog to cover expenses.

August 12, Wednesday:

Board Meeting at Old Summit Town Restaurant, 14163 Broad St Sw, Pataskala, OH 43062 ([map](#)) . Meeting begins at 7 pm.

August 30, Sunday:

Club Training Day, Location to follow (tentatively at private technical water—stay tuned), meet at 8:30 am to begin promptly at 9. Cost is 3 dollars per dog to cover expenses.

September 9, Wednesday:

Hunt Test Close on www.entryexpress.net, 11:59:59 central time.

Board Meeting at Old Summit Town Restaurant, 14163 Broad St Sw, Pataskala, OH 43062 ([map](#)) . Meeting begins at 7 pm.

September 19 and 20, Saturday and Sunday:

AKC Hunt Test, Woodbury Wildlife Area, Coshocton, Ohio.
Event premium at www.entryexpress.net .

October 4, Sunday:

Tri-Valley Wildlife Area, near Zanesville; there will be a caravan beginning from the McDonald's on Route 60 in Dresden at 8:30 am. Cost is 3 dollars per dog to cover expenses.

October 25, Sunday:

Singles Championship. Stay tuned for details!

For convenience, you may also print the attached calendar.

Summary of Board Activity, Spring 2009

OHIO VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB MARCH 2009 BOARD MEETING MINUTES From Don Smith, Secretary

The March 11, 2009 meeting of the Board was held at the Olde Summit Town Inn on E. Broad St. Board members, including Marty Bell, Don Smith, Greta Ode, Leslie Phillips, Ed Schillig, Tim Price, Gary Gardner, Frank Weisbeck, Al Jameson and Janet Wasson, and members Nancy Schillig, Joe Dutro, Mike Phillips and Kevin Bullock were in attendance. A quorum was present

No minutes from the February 2009 meeting were available due to the secretary's absence.

Treasurer's Report – Current balance as of meeting is somewhat low for this time of year, but still sufficient for normal activities. Contact Treasurer Ed Schillig for details.

Newsletter – Greta reported that the newsletter was ready to go. She will update and send out by Thursday.

Website – Tim said that he will get training days and the judges' seminar on the site. A question arose about advertising on the site. Tim said he will investigate set up costs, etc.

Spring 2009 Hunt Test – Everything is pretty well set. We still need a game steward. Marty and Leslie will marshal Master. Joe and Johnny Campbell will marshal Senior. Still not sure about Junior marshals. Need to have someone take the club trailer out and back. Don will check into getting information on the dinner raffle, our website address and the judge's seminar in the catalog.

Fall 2009 Hunt Test – Leslie So far, Clarence Claus and Bob Meyer have agreed to judge Master. Patti McCabe and Joe Zwatney will also judge Junior/Senior.

Spring 2010 Hunt Test – Gary Gardner and Frank Weisbeck will be co chairs.

Unfinished Business – Calendar of events –

A training day is set for March 15 at Delaware Wildlife Area. Theme is singles and singles with diversions.

April 5 – Location - Tri-Valley Wildlife Area, Joe Dutro and Kevin Bullock chairs. Theme – hunt test manners.

May 31 – Location – Johnstown Community Sportsmen's Club. Don Smith chair. We will be providing training services to novices, including non-members. Goals are to recruit new members, address the benefits of joining. Objectives – focus on new people and dogs, rather than member dogs, encourage questions, demonstrate abilities of Junior, Senior and Master dogs. Agenda – introduction to training, rules for training, introduction to collar. Will begin at 9 a.m.

Judge's Seminar – May 9, Charge \$45, minimum payment to AKC - \$500, extra for more than 20 participants. We will have a pot luck lunch provided by members. There was a lengthy discussion of the location. Moved that St. Francis de Sales High School be used since it is easy to get to and centrally located. Motion passed.

Following the discussion of the judge's seminar, Marty provided an explanation of what is required to become a judge.

New Business –

We received a dues statement (\$100) for the National Retriever Club. Since we are no longer holding field trials, the Board voted to not renew membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

OHIO VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB
APRIL 2009 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
From Don Smith, Secretary

The April 8, 2009 meeting of the Board was held at the Olde Summit Town Inn on E. Broad St. Board members, including Marty Bell, Don Smith, Greta Ode, Ed Schillig, Leslie Phillips, Gary Gardner, Al Jameson and Janet Wasson, and members Bill Ash and Mike Phillips were in attendance. A quorum was present

The reading of the minutes of the March 2009 meeting was dispensed with.

Treasurer's Report – Current balance as of meeting is lower than customary for this time of year, but still sufficient for normal activity. Contact Treasurer Ed Schillig for details.

Newsletter – Greta had not current report.

Website – Tim was not present, but according to the information he learned from Mary Hext, no one much advertises in a website the size of ours. However, she could put in advertising links and it may defray some costs. It's really up to potential advertisers to get with Mary. Discussion was had regarding advertising fees. On motion of Leslie, seconded by Gary, the board determined that advertising fees will be \$50/year for members and \$100/year for non-members, plus set-up costs. Personal member announcements, e.g. announcing litters, for no more than 3 months is free to members. The latter was on motion of Leslie, seconded by Ed.

Spring 2009 Hunt Test – Everything is pretty well set. Mitch White has offered to help with equipment. Marshalls- Master, Ash, Bell; Senior Sat, Dutro, Campbell and L. Phillips; Senior Sun, Bo Hanson, Dutro, Campbell; Junior Sat, Lance & Peggy Lawyer, Wasson; Junior Sun, Gardner, Al Jameson. Don will be game steward and will haul trailer both ways.

Workers – after some discussion, it was decided to have 4 paid workers on Saturday, 3 on Sunday. Dinners are set. Judges dinner will be steak. Saturday dinner - \$6.00. One of the recently donated raffle items is a 2 person/2night stay at the Woodbury Outfitters Lodge at the time of the fall hunt test.

Fall 2009 Hunt Test – Leslie reported that all judges are lined up. Gary reported that the rooms at the motel are reserved.

Training days – the May 31 training day will be at the Johnstown Sportsmen's Club. It will be a guest event. Al is working on flyers. June training day will be discussed at the May meeting.

Unfinished Business –

AKC Judges Seminar – Set for May 9. So far, only 2 people have signed up. Info will be in the hunt test catalogs. Greater Pittsburg and Buckeye agreed to put a notice in their newsletter. Bill will call Chris Wincek about getting the word out the LRC.

Equipment – Marty brought up the issue of a lack of first aid kits which we should have in the trailer. He will pick up one.

Youth Fishing Derby, Coshocton Sportsmen’s Assn – Gary asked the club to make a financial donation or the Assn’s Youth Fishing Derby, pointing out that the Sportsmen’s Assn, has always been very accommodating of OVRC. Gary made a motion, Don seconded, to donate \$50.

Because of concerns about the size of the entry, Gary did an analysis of other clubs’ tests over the last few years. It appears that entries are down at many of the tests.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

OHIO VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB
MAY 2009 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
From Don Smith, Secretary

The May 13, 2009 meeting of the Board was held at the Olde Summit Town Inn on E. Broad St. Board members, including Marty Bell, Don Smith, Greta Ode, Ed Schillig, Leslei Phillips, Gary Gardner, Al Jameson, and Patricia McCabe, and members Nancy Schillig and Joe Dutro were in attendance. A quorum was present.

The reading of the minutes of the April 2009 meeting was dispensed with.

Treasurer’s Report—The balance remains on the lower side of the customary amount for this time of year, but after hunt test reimbursement and small profit is on the upswing and is still sufficiently healthy for normal activity. Contact Ed Schillig for details.

Hunt test report—Ed reported that the Spring hunt test made a profit of 601 dollars (less additional expense of 47 dollars). The co-chairs thanked everyone for their hard work.

Newsletter—Greta reported that there will be an announcement of the Guest Training Day going out. The newsletter itself will go out after the training day.

Training Day—The guest training day will be May 31 at the Johnstown Sportsmen’s Club. As of the time of the meeting, there were 10-12 people registered and 8-9 dogs. There was a lengthy discussion of how the day will be organized. Participants will be given an idea of what Junior, Senior and Master tests require.

Fall 2009 Hunt Test—No report.

AKC Judges Seminar—Greta reported that the seminar went well. Although we lost 15 dollars, the seminar was successful.

New Business—

Increasing membership—Greta brought up the issue of what to do to bring new dogs and handlers into the club. Among the items discussed were the possibility of evaluating dogs for a conformation

certificate, AKC Canine Good Citizen program, running a test for a working certificate, possibly at the Sportsmen's Club, and having puppy stakes. This will be discussed more at the next meeting.

Possible new hunt test/training grounds—Don said that he and Marty had been contacted by the Division of Wildlife about the possibility of using Tri-Valley Wildlife Area for hunt tests in the future. A significant amount of discussion followed, but it was agreed that Marty and Don will meet with the Division to look at the area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

OHIO VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB
JULY 2009 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Summary by newsletter editor, Greta Ode
(note: there was no board meeting in June)

The July 8, 2009 meeting of the Board was held at the Olde Summit Town Inn on E. Broad St. Board members, including Al Jameson, Don Smith, Janet Wasson, Leslie Phillips, Marty Bell, Tim Price, and Greta Ode, and member Joe Dutro were in attendance. A quorum was present.

A reading of the May minutes was dispensed with.

The meeting began with a discussion of membership and agreement that a single current list of members with updated contact information was needed. It was also noted that the current membership application does not request e-mail contact information. Greta Ode will use her newsletter list, her membership list from last year, and information she will acquire from Ed Schillig to attempt to create a master list. She will solicit updated contact information from members in the next newsletter.

Newsletter—Greta reported that she was waiting to send the newsletter until training locations and board meeting locations were determined.

Locations of events—The Board affirmed event dates and discussed locations for training days and Board meetings. (see above, Upcoming Event Information).

Fall Test—Leslie Phillips and Tim Price reported that everything is on schedule for the fall test. Don will send out letters to judges. Tim will have Gary check on motel reservations and order lunches. Janet could use more raffle items.

Popper guns—The Board approved storing popper guns at Marty's rather than in the trailer, where temperature and humidity create poor storage conditions. Marty has been reconditioning guns. He will oversee a rotation of use for them as well.

Spring 2010 Hunt Test—no report.

Singles Championship—Janet Wasson will chair, Greta Ode will help as needed. Possible judges were discussed. Marty will check with Ron Briggs for availability of his property.

Training days—The new member training day at the Johnstown Sportsman's Club was discussed. Al Jameson was praised for his organization of the event. Its impact on future membership and test revenue was discussed; all agreed that this will be most successful as an annual event. Marty expressed disappointment in the poor attendance at the June 28 picnic.

Possible new hunt test/training grounds—Marty and Don met with Division of Wildlife Representatives at Tri-Valley Wildlife Area. The grounds—land and water—show potential. Marty and Don have been

offered the opportunity to fly over the area as well. Access to fields and ponds will be an issue to be resolved. The land is in the process of reclamation and under bond currently, so no movement will take place for at least 2 or 3 years. The board agreed it is wise to keep an open mind and continue to discuss future grounds with the Division as necessary. Greta suggested that at some point in the future the Board consider a fund for private grounds, but this is not feasible at this time and costs may be prohibitive.

Puppy and youth stake—The board agreed that it would be nice to have puppy and youth fun stakes at the fall test. Gary Gardner needs to be contacted regarding whether the gun range would be available for these short-grass singles events. All youth handlers would receive a ribbon and a Team Takem T-shirt.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Spring 2009 Hunt Test Summary

Ed Schillig, Chair, and Greta Ode, Co-chair, planned, organized and managed a successful Spring 2009 AKC Hunt Test, which took place on Saturday and Sunday, April 18-19.

There were 84 total entries, with only 1 refunded scratch. The test ended slightly in the black, with a profit of 554 dollars. There were a few key factors important in keeping the test affordable and slightly profitable: Gary Gardner did an excellent job of providing great food at a low cost for both the judges' dinner and the Saturday dinner at the Sportsman's Club (and the food was really excellent); Janet Wasson organized and promoted the dinner raffle (with several items contributed by generous members), which netted over 400 dollars; and numerous club members volunteered their time, energy, and expertise (marshalling, throwing, shooting) to help defray the cost of workers, one of the few expenses that is not fixed. Without Gary, Janet, and many club members' efforts, the test would not have been financially viable. Thank you!

The grounds at Woodbury were in good shape, with some mowing evident and the ticks not quite in full force! A large area of land on the west side had just been burned and was not usable, but should be nice for the fall test, and the water was high at all of the ponds.

Start times for the Master, Senior, and Junior tests were staggered, which seemed to work well in terms of set-up logistics and getting Master started in a timely and orderly fashion. There was also a rotation in master in order to ensure fairness in the running order.

The Saturday dinner at the Sportsman's club was well-attended, including attendance by family of members and participants, and the raffle seemed to be a great hit. Attendance at the dinner was helped by the timely wrap-up of Saturday Master activity.

Photographer and club member Pam Jameson took photographs at the Saturday Senior and Sunday Junior stakes; they are available for viewing and purchase at www.gundogphotos.com.

The Master stake was judged by John Marchica and Steven Bernock. There were 34 entries, with 34 starts, and 16 Qualifying scores. Congratulations to club members Mike Phillips with "Nitro," Todd Cooper with "Emma," Bill Ash handling Ron Briggs' "Cooper," Tim Price with "Lola," Ed Schillig with "Gauge," and Don Smith with "Daisy."

The Saturday Senior stake was judged by Sherie Catledge and James Price. There were 11 entries with 9 starts (2 scratched), and 3 Qualifying scores. Congratulations to Al Jameson with "Sonny," Leslie Phillips with "Torie," and John Campbell with "Drake."

The Sunday Senior stake was judged by Linda Marchica and Aaron Tervo. There were 6 entries, with 6 starts, and 4 Qualifying scores. Congratulations to club members Al Jameson with "Sonny," Leslie Phillips with "Torie," and John Campbell with "Drake."

The Saturday Junior stake was judged by Linda Marchica and Aaron Tervo. There were 16 entries with 15 starts (1 scratched), and 12 Qualifying scores. Congratulations to club members Mike Phillips with "Star," Marie Denney with "Bear," and Greta Ode with "Raven."

The Sunday Junior stake was judged by Sherie Catledge and James Price. There were 17 entries with 14 starts (3 scratched), and 9 Qualifying scores. Congratulations to club member Marie Denney with "Bear."

Additional information on qualifiers, running order, and premium can be viewed at www.entryexpress.net.

Upcoming Fall 2009 Hunt Test Information

Leslie Phillips and Tim Price are co-chairing the Fall 2009 AKC Hunt Test. The event closes on Wednesday, September 9 at 11:59:59 central time on www.entryexpress.net; the test will take place on September 19 and 20 at Woodbury Wildlife Area in Coshocton.

The Master stake will begin at 8 am on Saturday with dog number one, and a rotation will be instituted for the remaining series. The stake will be judged by Clarence Claus and Bob Meyer. Saturday's Master activity will conclude by 6 pm to facilitate dinner and raffle activities.

The Senior stakes will be judged by Bill Roberts and Patricia McCabe on Saturday and Tim White and Ed Zawodny on Sunday. Senior stakes will begin at 9 am.

The Junior stakes will be judged by Tim White and Ed Zawodny on Saturday and Bill Roberts and Patricia McCabe on Sunday. The Junior stakes will begin at 9:30 am.

There will be two photographers present at the event: Dale Churchill and Kerrin Winter-Churchill, who have photographed OVRC tests in the past (dogphoto.com), and members Al and Pam Jameson, who have also photographed OVRC tests and training days (gundogphotos.com).

The dinner will begin at approximately 6 pm at the Coshocton Sportsmen's Club on Rt. 541 in Coshocton. Gary Gardner will once again be in charge of the fare. Pop and keg beer are available for purchase, or you may BYO if you'd like. During and following dinner there will be a raffle of training and retriever-related items, and Junior and Senior qualifying results will be announced and ribbons awarded.

NEW!!! There are plans in the works for two "fun stakes" at the dinner on Saturday. The first will be a "Youth Handler" stake, for any handler 16 and under with any dog of their choice. The second will be a "Puppy" stake, for any handler and a puppy under 6 months of age. There will be ribbons and token prizes for participants.

A Call for Volunteers

The Fall AKC Hunt Test is in need of volunteers. It is crucial that this event end “in the black,” and one of the few costs that can be controlled is the number of workers. By volunteering your time, you can help the club run a successful event and ensure its ability to continue to put on quality training days for its members and AKC events for everyone. The Spring test WOULD NOT have been profitable without the volunteer efforts of our members—please consider helping this fall.

You don't have to be a great shot to volunteer, and you don't have to give the entire weekend. If you can take a few hours early in the day to help tote equipment and set the test, or a few hours in the middle of the day to plant a blind, pop a popper gun, throw, take birds, or give a marshal a break, you will make a difference in the success of the event.

And not only will you be helping the club—you may be helping yourself and your dog. The opportunity to see multiple dogs from directly behind the line where the judges sit is well worth a little bit of time taking birds (and you can always wear gloves!). You will see many different handlers and many different dogs, and may very well recognize something to apply to your own training. The same goes for a little time watching multiple handlers work their dogs on blinds from a position near the blind, or watching multiple dogs hunt for a particular mark. Volunteering can be a valuable training experience.

To volunteer, simply respond to the newsletter (gretaohiovalleyretrievers@hotmail.com) or contact Leslie Phillips at LCPhillips@aol.com or call Leslie at 614-323-9547.

Raffle Items Welcome

The raffle at recent events has made the difference between ending in the red or the black—with the unpredictability of the economy and a conflicting test in Michigan this fall, every opportunity to help the club financially is important. Janet Wasson, organizer of the event, is looking for a few more items.

If you have a retriever training item for which you have no use, a retriever-related gift or novelty item that is lovely but just not your style, or any outdoor item or vehicle item that may be useful to a retriever trainer, please consider donating the item to the raffle. What you might think is a White Elephant may be just what another retriever person desperately needs!

To donate a raffle item or funds to purchase a small item, simply respond to the newsletter (gretaohiovalleyretrievers@hotmail.com) and Janet will get in touch with you.

Judges Seminar and Recent Apprenticeships

Ohio Valley Retriever Club held an AKC Hunt Test Judges and Handlers Seminar on May 9, 2009 in Columbus. The seminar will took place at St. Francis DeSales High School, on the near north end. The cost of the seminar was 45 dollars, and club members brought buffet items for lunch. The AKC presenter was Chuck Kimbrel.

Total paid attendance was 13, and though the club lost 15 dollars on the event, we gained several prospective judges both in the club and within reasonable distance. Some attendees have already apprenticed and are ready to jump into the judges pool.

Club Training Day Update

At the suggestion of members Kevin Bullock, Joe Dutro, and John Campbell, the Sunday, April 5 Club Training Day took place at Tri-Valley Wildlife Area in Zanesville. This state property is being developed for bird dog trials to replace training and trial grounds lost at Kildeer Plains. The area is also being considered for future retriever training, testing, and trialing grounds. The cover was low, the scenery was new, and there were many fields to choose from. Those who remember observed that it looks much like the Woodbury grounds did 15 and 20 years ago. The day was well-attended, with over twenty members and their dogs. While it was too cold for serious water work, a few members stayed for a short water series as well.

The Club Training Day on Sunday, May 31, was devoted to new handlers, new members, and potential members. Al Jameson and Don Smith coordinated the event, which was held at the Johnstown Sportsmen's Club. Joe Dutro gave a brief obedience demonstration, and several other club members were present to demonstrate a few hunt test scenarios and help new handlers and their dogs. Smoked chicken legs, water, and other refreshments were provided, and Joe's Team Takem tent was there for those who wished to look at or purchase training supplies. Attendance was very good, with about 14 enthusiastic new handlers and perhaps 20 new dogs present. Experience and natural aptitude of the dogs varied wildly, and everyone had an opportunity to try something new, whether it was waiting in a holding blind, trying a dog on a long mark, or picking up a bird for the first time.

The Club Training Day on Sunday, June 28 at Ed and Nancy Schillig's property doubled as the Club Picnic. While the event was not well attended, it was much enjoyed by those present. There was productive training in the morning, and because of the lower turnout a few new members were able to have some personal attention paid to their dogs. Training was followed by relaxing under easy-ups with chips and dip and cool beverages while sirloin tips roasted on the grill. Chris Bell brought a Cavalier for some loving, and Ed and Nancy's goats and numerous kittens provided entertainment.

Membership Update

Membership information is in the process of updating and revision. It has come to the board's attention that new memberships and renewals have been coming to various places and in various stages of completeness, and that some members' contact information may no longer be accurate.

If you are a renewed member and have not sent contact and other information in lately, or if you are a new member that did not fill out an official membership application,

PLEASE take a moment to cut and paste the following into an e-mail to the newsletter (gretaohiovalleyretrievers@hotmail.com) and include the requested information:

Name:

Spouse:

Street address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone number(s):

E-mail address:

Dog information (how many, breeds, ages, sex):

Training needs:

Annual dues are \$20 per member family. If you have not done so already, please send your 2009 dues to the Treasurer, and include the above requested information:

Ed Schillig
1391 Prospect-Mt. Vernon Rd. E.
Waldo, OH 43356

Brag!

Don Smith tells the newsletter that his “Molly” has earned her JH and SHR.

Marty Bell reports that “Kip” earned a qualifying score and TITLED at Master at Cuyahoga Valley Golden Retriever Club on June 6-7 2009. Kip earned an additional qualifying score at Buckeye on June 13-14.

Marty also reports that “Flip” earned his first Master qualifying score at Buckeye as well.

Mike Phillips’ “Nitro” qualified and TITLED at Master at Cuyahoga Valley GRC on June 6-7.

Marty sent in the following pictures:



Marty and MH “Kip”



Mike and MH “Nitro”



Marty and Mike with MH Ice and 4 MH littermates, Kip, Blaze, Tank, and Nitro

Want a Kitten?

Contact Ed Schillig, 614-578-8281. Many colors and patterns, both sexes, socialized.

Attachments sent simultaneously with this newsletter:

OVRC Calendar of Events, updated