

Leash and Whistle

the newsletter of the

Ohio Valley Retriever Club

September 2009

Upcoming Club Event Information

September 9, Wednesday:

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

Board Meeting at **Panera**, 875 Bethel Road just west of SR 315 in **Columbus**. Meeting begins at **6:30 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!

Please—The OVRC needs your help!

--From hunt test co-chair Leslie Phillips

The Ohio Valley RC's AKC Hunt Test is rapidly approaching. As you probably know, it will be held at the Woodbury Wildlife Area west of Coshocton, Ohio. This is two day event on September 19 and 20 during which we will hold 1 Master, 2 Senior, and 2 Junior level stakes.

The club hosts only two AKC Hunt Tests throughout the year (April and September). Not only is this one of our purposes for this club, these tests (outside the meager membership fee) are our only revenue. There is no stimulus money for us if our hunt tests do not go well.

Unfortunately, a new retriever club is hosting a hunt test in Michigan the same weekend as us, so our entries are down. So that we can still run a successful and fun event for all, we really need everyone to help us during the test even for part of a day. Those that do help will get lunch.

There are two ways you can help:

1. We *really* need workers, i.e.
 - Marshall: for Saturday Senior and Sunday Junior
 - bird throwers for JH, SH, and MH
 - blind planters
 - take the birds from the judges during the test
 - assist with equipment distribution

2. If really can not make it on Sept. 19 and 20, please donate something for our raffle for the banquet on Saturday night. With so many people's help, we were able to make in excess of \$400 on the spring raffle, which kept the event in the black. We hope to make more this test.

Please email or call me if you can volunteer for our upcoming Hunt Test hopefully by September 14th.

Thank you everyone!

Leslie Phillips, Co-Chair

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Fall 2009 Hunt Test Information in Brief

- The test will take place on September 19 and 20 at Woodbury Wildlife Area in Coshocton.

- The event closes on Wednesday, September 9 at 11:59:59 central time on www.entryexpress.net .

- The Master stake will be judged by Clarence Klaus and Bob Meyer, beginning at 8 am Saturday.

- The Senior stakes will be judged by Bill Roberts and Patricia McCabe on Saturday and Dan Ramsey (THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE JUDGING PANEL) and Ed Zawodny on Sunday. Senior stakes will begin at 9 am.

- The Junior stakes will be judged by Dan Ramsey (THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE JUDGING PANEL) 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, (dogphoto.com) and members Al and Pam Jameson (gundogphotos.com).

- There will be a dinner beginning at approximately 6 pm at the Coshocton Sportsmen's Club.

- 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.

- There will be two "fun stakes" at the dinner on Saturday, a "Youth Handler" stake, for any handler 16 and under with any dog of their choice, and a "Puppy" stake, for any handler and a puppy under 6 months of age. There will be ribbons and token prizes for participants.

Club Training Day Update

Training days took place on Sunday, July 12 and Sunday, August 9 at Woodbury Wildlife Area in Coshocton; and on Sunday, August 30 at private property in Union County. New members were present at all three events. The training days focused on hunt-test set-ups, and gave dogs an opportunity to work with gunners in the field, wait in holding blinds, honor under difficult conditions, experience a gunner at the line, and other critical experiences. On the August 30 date, young dogs had an extra opportunity to work with a gunner in the field. All told, some great experience! The next club training day will be October 4 at Tri-Valley Wildlife Area.

Membership Update Continues

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

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BRAG!

Marie Denney and "Abby," Mystic Mountain River Bear, earned two passes for Abby's JH title at Fort Detroit Retriever Club. On to Senior!

Send your brags and photos!

Want a Kitten?

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

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