



The Saskatoon Retriever Club Newsletter

President's Message

Well the spring has sprung, and sure as there are ticks on your pant legs, it is training, trialing and testing season. The first event of the season was held on a beautiful May long week end, and Saskatoon dogs and handlers did very well in a small but competitive field. WC and Hunt Test events are up next in June, so be sure to get your entries in early.

Our spring class graduated six dogs. In addition to being a very diverse group, the owners are very keen. We look forward to seeing these goldens, flatcoats, duck tollers and labs running in the upcoming events.

Thanks to everyone who came and helped at the club clean up days held in early may. Many hands made the work light as we walked the new club grounds removing wire and metal from the large slough area. Please note that there are still some areas in need of cleaning. These have been identified with flagging tape, so avoid running your dog in these spots.

Some obsolete equipment was removed from the club house grounds, and the woodpile received some overdue attention. Last summer's hail damage to the club house is nearly repaired, and a much needed shot of water came in through the canal just in time for the field trial. All in all, the grounds are looking very good, so get on out and enjoy your club. I hope to see you out training or running in the near future.

- Jeff Morari

Saskatoon Retriever Club President

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SRC Retriever Training Class of 2008



Congratulations to all the dogs and handlers who went through this year's class. A special thanks to the organizers and all the club members who came out to help and support the class.

REMINDERS

- To submit your article, event notice, story or anything else for the next issue of the Callback, please send it to Dale Johnstone at dale.johnstone@sasktel.net.

2008 Spring Trial

Thank you to everyone who pitched in and helped at the Spring trial. The event was a great success, and will go down in history as one of the nicest weekends weather-wise we have ever had for this trial. Unfortunately, there were not enough Junior dogs entered to run that stake, but the other stakes were well attended.

Special thanks go to Anne Hildebrand and her crew for the great tailgate supper and also to the whole crowd of members who pitched in at the Qualifying, where we were short of hired throwers.

Many of our Club members had some success at this Spring trial, and are to be congratulated. Results are as follows:

MAY 17, 2008: OPEN: 26 dogs, Judges: Ernie Rose and Larry Cleven

1st: FTCH AFTCH Ottercreek's Gryphon, Owner/Handler: Larry Baker
 2nd: FTCH AFTCH GMH ClubMead's Autumn Breeze, Owners: Garry and Sue Taylor, Handler: Sue
 3rd: FTCH Diamondback's VL Earl MH, Owner: Rodney Mack, Handler: Colin McNicol
 4th: AFTCH RDC's Jazztime Trips Ink Spot, Owner/Handler Ron Adlington
 RCM: Revilo's Cutting Edge QFTR, Owner: Tom and Marg Murray, Handler Tom
 CM: BlueGoose's Just Call Me Mister, Owner/Handler: Rob McDougald
 CM: Revilo's Gunz'N Roses, Owner: Tom and Marg Murray, Handler Marg
 CM: Bulrush Yellow Bud, Owner/Handler Ron Bischke

MAY 17, 2008: QUALIFYING: 12 dogs, Judges: Ross Campbell and Rick Thibault

1st: TaylorLab Muddy's Crew, MH, WCX, Owner/Handler John McDonald
 2nd: ClubMead's Thundering Thor, MH, Owner: Doug Hildebrand, Handler: Daryl Shmon
 3rd: SaskQuill's Black Jackson, Owner: Jeff and Rhonda Morari, Handler Jeff
 4th: RamblinMaxx Any Given Sunday, Owner/Handler: Greg Buchan
 RCM: Beefbark's Chewed Shoe, Owner: Roger Wilkins, Handler: Colin McNicol

MAY 18, 2008: OPEN: 25 dogs, Judges: Marg Murray and Tom Murray

1st: FTCH AFTCH TaylorLab's True Blue, Owner: Garry and Sue Taylor, Handler Garry
 2nd: TaylorLab's Sugar and Spice, Owner: Garry and Sue Taylor, Handler Sue
 3rd: FTCH AFTCH Ottercreek's Gryphon, Owner/Handler: Larry Baker
 4th: GMH Wintoba's Talisman JFTR, Owner: Colette O'Reilly, Handler: Colin McNicol

MAY 18, 2008 QUALIFYING: 12 dogs, Judges: John McDonald and Jim Couch

1st: SaskQuill's Prairie Thunder, Owner/Handler: Doug Hildebrand
 2nd: GlenElm's Delta Bound, Owner: Ron MacKenzie, Handler: Colin McNicol
 3rd: Misty Marsh's Minnesota Maggie WCI, SH, JFTR, Owner: Trent and Stephanie Sproule, Handler: Trent
 4th: Beefbark's Chewed Shoe, Owner: Roger Wilkins, Handler: Colin McNicol

Master National Updates

Remember, our Club will be hosting the 2008 Master National Hunt Test Stake from August 18th to August 22nd. Check out our website for details about the event, the social functions, and for the forms you need to enter (www.saskatoonretriever.ca). Also check out our impressive list of sponsors for the event.

This should be a really fun event for participants as well as spectators. Plan on taking a few days to take it in. We need volunteers! If you are willing to help in any capacity, please contact one of the following:

John McDonald (*Chairman, 955-1668*): if you have questions about the event or if you are not sure where you could help the most.

Anne Hildebrand (*social committee, 477-2873*): if you are willing to help organize or work at one of the social events, man the hospitality room, make lunches, etc.

Garry Taylor (*gun captain and assistant marshal, 343-4993*): if you are willing to throw (often using a winger) or gun for one or two series during the week or if you can help with marshaling duties and hanging birds.

Doug Hildebrand (*chief marshal, 477-2873*): if you are willing to help the judges (cutting brush, throwing birds, running your dog) during setup for this event on August 15, 16 and 17). Dogs and handlers entered in the Master National cannot participate in setup.

Jim Couch (*finance chair, 477-0913*) if you know of a potential sponsor we should contact, if you wish to make a personal/business donation, if you have an item for the Silent Auction or if you are willing to help set up and man the Silent Auction.

Mid-Summer (Association) Trial

The Saskatchewan Retriever Clubs Association trial will be held on June 28 and 29. We will host an Open each day, and no minor stakes. We do need help from Club members willing to serve as marshals and assistant marshals. Many of our "regular" helpers will be away that weekend at a Hunt test, so new volunteers are welcome.

If you are interested in volunteering to help please contact Garry Taylor (FT Chairman) at 343-4993 or by email: sue.taylor@usask.ca.

Premium lists are available on our website at: <http://saskatoonretriever.ca/trials.htm>

Upcoming Events

SEMINAR: July 5 and 6 2008

Lynn Troy will be putting on a seminar on retriever training all day Saturday and Sunday. The major focus of this seminar will be taking young dogs through the transition phase of training – moving them from just using their instinct to retrieve and mark to being able to handle. This seminar would focus on drills and “tricks” that Lynn uses to build momentum, develop fine lining skills and improve handling. She will also emphasize developing line manners that allow the dog to work with the handler as part of the dog handler team. These are all techniques we can use on our own dogs. The seminar will be aimed primarily at dogs entering or getting ready to enter the Qualifying Stake at Field trials or Master Hunt tests but no matter what the level of your dog there will be a lot for all handlers to learn.

There will be several short “classroom” sessions in the Clubhouse followed by demonstrations in the field and then selected participants will have an opportunity to run their dogs through some of the drills while Lynn makes suggestions to the handler and to the spectators. Lynn is an excellent teacher and explains herself well without being critical– this will be a learning experience for everyone involved.

The seminar will be limited to 10 participants with dogs and a maximum of 20 participants without dogs. Dogs should all be at least at the early transition phase of training – that is they should be force fetched, sitting on the whistle, and doing simple cold blinds. More advanced dogs are also welcome.

FEES:

\$100 for the 2 days if participating with a dog

\$50 for the 2 days if participating without a dog

There may be an additional charge for lunch (more info later)

PLEASE: only register if you are sure you can attend.

Registration is limited, so if you would like to reserve a spot please contact Sue Taylor as soon as possible. Email entries are preferred. Email: sue.taylor@usask.ca, Phone: 343-4993

GRCC Working Certificate Tests

On August 29, 2008 the Golden Retriever Club of Canada will be holding Working Certificate Tests (WC/WCI/WCX) on our club grounds. The Test is associated with their National Show, held in conjunction with the SKOC Show on the long weekend in September.

The tests are open to all retrievers as usual and premium lists are available on our website.

Dog Philosophy

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

-Anonymous

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went.

-Will Rogers

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

-Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

-Josh Billings

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.

-Andy Rooney

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!'

- Dave Barry

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made.

-M. Acklam

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them.

-Phil Pastoret

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole.

-Roger Caras

For Sale

One Electronic Dogtra control with two receivers - \$200.00 obo - Contact Ross 931-1157

Videos

This is something new I'm going to try for the electronic version of the Callback. I've received a few good videos lately that people have shared with me via email. If you click on the link below, the video will open. For those with the printed version, if you type the link into your browser and hit enter, it should open.

Better than this would be if we had short videos of some of our own dogs to share. If you have anything please email it to me at dale.johnstone@sasktel.net.



<http://www.saskatoonretriever.ca/Videos/PuppyTraining.avi>



<http://www.saskatoonretriever.ca/Videos/HomeAlone.wmv>

Thanks to all who sent in submissions for this edition of the Callback.