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## The Saskatoon Retriever Club Newsletter

### 2008 Executive

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### Congratulations to the 2008 executive

#### Callback

Dale Johnstone will be the new editor this newsletter. He would appreciate receiving any information that could be of interest to the membership. I would like to thank everyone for helping me out and sending all the funnies etc. for everyone to enjoy. I am sure Dale would love the same support.

Dale's email is [dale.johnstone@sasktel.net](mailto:dale.johnstone@sasktel.net) *Lynn*

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### Membership Renewals

It is that time of year again and Memberships are now due. Please find a renewal form on the back page of this Callback. The renewal forms makes it easy to update any membership changes so we ask that you Please complete and mail to Lynn Campbell, Box 176, Clavet, Sk. S0K 0Y0.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the SRC membership for offering me the opportunity to take on the role of president of our club. I am a little over-awed to follow in the footsteps of those who have done so much over the years. Rhonda was not sure if I should take this on, but when I told her we got to move into the President's Residence, she agreed.

This will be a very exciting year for the club as we embark on a full slate of club activities plus the hosting of the Master National Hunt Tests in August '08. There will be a great deal to do and we will need all hands on deck to host the kind of first rate event that our club is known for. Don't wait to be asked, volunteer early and often and we will all reap the rewards.

Congratulations to all those who won honors in the Working Certificate, Hunt Test and Field Trial circuits. We will be celebrating these accomplishments at our annual Christmas Social at the Parktown Motel. Be sure to put this on your social calendar. Come on out share your stories and partake in the holiday cheer.

Our training class is slated to begin in January, but unfortunately we again find ourselves in need of a facility due to a policy change at our old venue. If you know of a suitable location, please let me know as soon as possible so we can get information out to those who have already expressed interest in the class.

For all of you who are still involved in the pursuit of fur and feather, stay safe, keep warm, and bring your photos and stories to share when we get together in December.

*Jeff Morari*, President  
Saskatoon Retriever Club

### SPRING FIELD TRIAL

Our Spring field trial dates (May 17 and 18) have been approved by the CKC and we are planning another successful event. We will host an Open, a Qualifying and a Junior stake on Saturday and an Open and Qualifying stake on Sunday. Plan to attend as a competitor and/or as a worker! We need help from Club members willing to serve as marshals, assistant marshals and throwers (*we hope to have Club members help throw the minor stakes, to decrease costs*). If you are interested in volunteering to help please contact Garry Taylor (FT Chairman) at 343-4993 or by email: sue.taylor@usask.ca.

### MID-SUMMER (ASSOCIATION) TRIAL

This summer we will be hosting the Saskatchewan Retriever Clubs Association trial. Our dates (June 28 and 29) and our judges have been approved. We will host an Open each day, and no minor stakes at this event, to decrease our dependence on Club manpower (as we anticipate many of our members will be away at a Hunt test that weekend). We do still need help from Club members willing to serve as marshals and assistant marshals. If you are interested in volunteering to help please contact Garry Taylor (FT Chairman) at 343-4993 or by email: sue.taylor@usask.ca.

## MASTER NATIONAL

Our Club will host the Master National Hunt Test Stake from August 18-24<sup>th</sup> and planning is well underway. This is the first time this event will be held in Western Canada, and we would like for all members to please help us to promote this event and to generate participation by local dogs, dogs from across Canada and American dogs. Dogs eligible for entry include: (1) All dogs with a CKC MH title or an AKC MH title with 2 CKC MH passes between September 4, 2007 and August 8, 2008 and (2) All CKC GMH titled dogs. ***Good luck especially to all of our Saskatoon Retriever Club members as they train their dogs and participate in our summer Hunt tests to try to qualify for this National!***

This should be a great event. We have three judges (Mike Cardinal from Ontario, Anne Everett from BC and Derek Dunn from New Brunswick) who are looking forward to designing interesting and challenging tests. The Master National consists of two sets of land marks (usually triples), two sets of water marks, 2 or 3 land blinds, 2 or 3 water blinds and an upland test with a sit to flush. We have a variety of social events planned including our Banquet on August 16<sup>th</sup>, a Workers Party, a BBQ, and a Hospitality room each afternoon/evening at the Clubhouse. Our finance committee has been busy trying to nail down big corporate sponsors as well as smaller sponsors to buy ads or donate items for a Silent Auction. 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 or man the hospitality room.

**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 setting up the tests.

**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, or if you have an item for the Silent Auction.

As well, we hope that all members will participate in cleanup of our grounds during the work parties scheduled in the Spring and late summer, to get our grounds in the best possible shape for this event.

This Master National will be a great opportunity to showcase the strengths of our Club. We have ideal grounds, lots of dedicated workers interested in the Hunt test game, the best equipment available and experience hosting National events. The quality of our event will undoubtedly boost interest in participation in future Master National events. We also intend to make a large profit which will be used to pay some of the expenses associated with maintaining our property and to make land improvements.

**Check out the updated website**

[www.saskatoonretriever.ca](http://www.saskatoonretriever.ca)

### SASKATCHEWAN RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**  
**SASKATOON RETRIEVER CLUB HOUSE**  
Meeting 10:30 am Lunch to follow  
EIC Testing and Picnic Trial to follow

Annual Christmas Party and Awards  
Mark your Calendars December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Parktown Motel, Happy Hour 6-7, Supper at 7  
Send All Information on Dogs who Achieved a Hunt Test Title or Field Trial Title in 2007  
to Lynn Campbell at [bigskylabs@sasktel.net](mailto:bigskylabs@sasktel.net)  
Bring your pictures and your videos; we will have a TV with a DVD player available  
Jeff Morari has a 'Interesting' hunting video to show

### DATES TO REMINDER

SK. Retrievers Assoc. Meeting	November 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
Christmas Party	December 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2007
SRC Spring Trial	May 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
SRC Working Certificate Tests	June 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
SRC June Hunt Tests	June 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
SRA Field Trial, Saskatoon	June 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
SRC August Hunt Tests	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2008
Cdn. Master National, Saskatoon	August 18 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2008

### STAY!!!!

I pulled into the crowded parking lot at the Super Wal-Mart Shopping Center and rolled down the car windows to make sure my Labrador Retriever Pup had fresh air.

She was stretched full-out on the back seat and I wanted to impress upon her that she must remain there! I walked to the curb backward, pointing my finger at the car and saying emphatically, "Now you stay. Do you hear me?"

**"Stay! Stay!"**

The driver of a nearby car, a pretty blonde young lady, gave me a strange look and said,

**"Why don't you just put it in park?"**

## EXERCISE INDUCED COLLAPSE

As many of you know, I have been involved in research involving the syndrome of Exercise Induced Collapse in Labradors for a number of years. Recently a reliable test for the genetic mutation causing this condition has been developed but it is only available on an experimental basis (See information sheets in this newsletter). Cindy Shmon and I took cheek swab samples for testing from about 50 dogs from our Club and the Regina Retriever Club at our August Hunt test, but unfortunately the swabs we used (borrowed because the swabs from MN had not yet arrived) did not collect an adequate DNA sample in most dogs. I am willing to re-swab all of those dogs and any others who wish to be sampled, and to send the samples in for analysis (free). I would propose that we do this at the Club land, just after the Saskatchewan Retriever Clubs Association meeting. If you are interested in having your dog tested, fill out the questionnaire that is attached to this newsletter (including pedigree information) and bring it with you and your dog to the meeting, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the SRC Club House.

**Questions? Contact Sue Taylor: [sue.taylor@usask.ca](mailto:sue.taylor@usask.ca)**

## EXERCISE INDUCED COLLAPSE IN LABRADOR RETRIEVERS

A syndrome of exercise intolerance and collapse (**EIC**) has been recognized in young adult Labrador Retrievers, especially those from field trial lines.

### DESCRIPTION:

Signs usually become apparent in dogs between 5 months and 3 years of age (average 14 months). Some affected dogs never show signs.

Affected dogs are always normal at rest and with routine exercise and activity.

Strenuous exercise with extreme excitement may induce weakness and then collapse.

- some dogs lose control of rear legs only, and continue to run while dragging them
- some dogs are wobbly or uncoordinated
- some dogs are unable to move
- dogs often pant and may be very hot during collapse
- all dogs are conscious, some are a little disoriented during the "attack"
- dogs recover after 5 to 20 minutes with no residual soreness or stiffness
- some dogs who are affected (genetically and physiologically) never experience an episode of collapse.

Factors making collapse more likely on a given day include high ambient temperature, level of excitement or anxiety and degree of exercise.

### DIAGNOSIS:

EIC is the most common reason for exercise/excitement induced collapse in young, apparently healthy Labrador Retrievers.

Complete veterinary evaluation of affected dogs is normal, and until now EIC could only be diagnosed by systematically ruling out all other disorders causing exercise intolerance and collapse. This involves very extensive and expensive (often > \$2000) testing.

## **EIC TESTING:**

Researchers at the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Minnesota have been investigating EIC in Labrador Retrievers for over 10 years. Recent research by collaborators at the University of Minnesota (Ned Patterson and Jim Mickelson) has identified the probable causative mutation responsible for susceptibility to EIC. They have also developed a method to test for that mutation. We are now seeking DNA samples from highly conditioned field trial dogs in the US and Canada to try and determine the frequency of this mutation in the population. In the first 600 dogs tested, it looks like between 35 and 45% of field trial dogs carry this abnormal gene.

## **UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEST RESULTS: THE INHERITANCE OF EIC**

In exchange for you allowing us to sample your dog to advance our research into how common the mutation is in the Labrador population, the laboratory in Minnesota will provide you with test results, letting you know whether your dog is:

Affected by EIC (*has 2 copies of the mutation*)

A carrier of EIC (*has 1 copy of the mutation*)

Clear of EIC (*no copies of the mutation*)

## **EXPLANATION:**

Every dog gets 2 copies of every gene - one from its mother and one from its father.

The mutation in the gene that causes EIC is inherited as an autosomal recessive trait, which means that all **affected dogs** (*those showing signs of collapse*) have 2 copies of the mutated gene - one that they got from their mother, and one that they got from their father.

**Carriers, by definition, are dogs that have one copy of the mutated gene** that they got from either their mother or their father and they have one normal copy of the gene that they got from the other parent. These dogs will not show signs of collapse. They will pass their copy of the mutated gene on to approximately half of their puppies.

***So you can see, if you have a carrier dog or bitch, it is very important to know the EIC status of any dog you are breeding to.***

**Clear dogs are dogs that do not have any copies of the mutation.**

**Affected dogs have 2 copies of the mutation**, having received one copy from each parent.

**Reporting results: Results of this testing for EIC will be sent only to the owner or agent of the owner.** Results (*negative or otherwise*) will not be posted.

**Note:** Once this test is offered commercially, we do hope to establish and post online a list of negative dogs (*similar to what is now available for centronuclear myopathy*), but dogs participating in this round of "research" testing will not be included on that list until their test result is verified with a second sample. This is because we will need to be more stringent about confirming identity (tattoos or microchips) at the time of DNA collection that is done for the purpose of certifying EIC status.

**QUESTIONNAIRE: EXERCISE INDUCED COLLAPSE**

(1) Owner name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's registered name: \_\_\_\_\_

CKC or AKC (circle one) number: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate (dd/mm/yr):

sex:

color:

*Either attach a 3 generation pedigree or detail a 3 generation pedigree (parents and grandparents) on the reverse side of this sheet)*

(2) What is this dog's call name?

(3) Has this dog ever experienced an episode of collapse or wobbliness during highly exciting activity?  
Circle one: YES NO

(4) If yes, please describe the episodes on the back of this sheet including the dog's age at the first episode, how many episodes the dog has experienced, what you noticed during the episodes, and the activities that seem to precipitate the collapse

(5) If you would like to know your dog's test result, please provide us with your contact information.

Phone number:

Email:

**Results will indicate whether your dog is:**

**Affected:** has 2 copies of the mutation

**Carrier:** has one copy of the mutation

**Clear:** no copies of the mutation

I understand that the identity of dogs and owners participating in the research will not be revealed; and I have supplied complete and accurate information, to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*The completed questionnaire should be presented to Sue Taylor at the time that the cheek swab samples are collected. She will send this form together with the cheek swabs to the University of Minnesota. All information provided and all test results are confidential and will only be released to the owner or agent.*





New Application <input type="checkbox"/>
2008 Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>

Date: _____
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## Saskatoon Retriever Club

### Membership Application & Renewal

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish your Newsletter via Email (Yes)\_\_\_\_ (No)\_\_\_\_

Are you a CKC member?  Yes  No

CKC Member No. \_\_\_\_\_

What Breed of Retriever do you own \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership classifications:

- New member, \$100.00 (subject to SRC Directors Approval)
- Family membership, \$75.00 (renewal)

I / We agree to allow my email address to be part of a distribution list to be used by the Saskatoon Retriever Club Executive for the purpose of disseminating club information.

YES  NO.

I / We agree to abide by the Constitution, Code of Ethics, Aims and By-laws of the Saskatoon Retriever Club and the By-laws and Rules of the Canadian Kennel Club

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

**Please mail application and membership fees payable to:**

**The Saskatoon Retriever Club  
C/O Lynn Campbell, Treasurer  
Box 176, Clavet, Sk  
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(306)931-1157  
email: bigskylabs@sasktel.net**

