

CALLBACK



From the Pen of President Jeff:

Here we are in 2011 already and it is time for another Callback greeting. I would like to welcome Doug Hildebrand as Callback's new editor. No doubt Doug will do a great job in this position as he has in so many others with our club. Doug's facility with media technology never ceases to amaze me. It just goes to show that it is not just the young dogs that can learn the new tricks.

Speaking of young dogs, it appears that we have a bumper crop for this year's spring training class. It is gratifying to see new people joining our club to expand their knowledge of the retrieving game. We will begin our sessions with the dogs at E and J Stables the first Sunday in March at 7:00pm. As always, we encourage any available club members to come out when they can and give us a hand. With the expected large number of pups, we could use extra bodies to hold long lines, help steady the dogs and offer encouragement to the handlers.

We are also planning to go ahead with our winter judging and handling seminars. These will be put on by club members for club members and are free of charge. With so many potential topics to cover, we thought we would start out with the basics of setting up and evaluating marks and blinds. This should be of interest to handlers and judges at all levels. This will be a great opportunity to become more familiar with concepts, terminologies and the standards expected by judges. Look for e-mail updates regarding the time and place of these sessions.

Finally, it was great to see a good turnout at the "Post-Christmas" Party. Another fine meal was enjoyed and surprise gifts were exchanged - and fought over. The 2010 awards presentations were impressive as many honours were celebrated. The vitality of our club was once again evident as the long list of Field Trial, Hunt Test and Working Certificate achievements was read out. I am certain that next year's dinner will again reflect the dedication and accomplishments of fine organization.

I look forward to seeing you all at our seminars, classes and when it comes time to get the club shipshape in the spring. Until then, stay warm, get outside and get your training and trialing plan ready.

Awards for 2010



WC

Prairielight Truth or Dare WC owned/handled by Margareta or Hans Berin

WC/JH

Prairiestorm Black Ice WC JH owned/handled by Dwayne Fedoriuk

Prairiestorm Gypsy WC JH owned by Danielle Greanya, handled by Mark Dolan

Prairiestorm Top Gun WC JH owned/handled by Danielle Greanya

Prairiestorm Pirate WC JH owned/handled by Danielle Greanya

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WC/WCI/JH

Prairiestorm Sprite WCI JH owned by Danielle Greanya/handled by Wally Turk

ChPrairielight Mayday CD WCI JH owned/handled by Margareta or Hans Berin

ChPrairielight Once a Cindarella CD WCI JH owned/handled by Margareta or Hans Berin

ChPrairielight Living Daylights CD WCI JH owned/handled by Margareta or Hans Berin

WCI

Goldenworks Jagg U'R CDX WCI JH RN owned/handled by Keith & Pat Althouse

Prairiestorm Tar WCI owned and handled by Mark Dolan

WCI/WCX/SH

RCL's Prairiestorm Hurri-Kane WCX SH owned and Handled by Danielle Greanya

WCI/MH

Prairiestorm Peperment Patti WCI CD MH owned/handled by Ross Campbell

More Awards

WCX/MH

Bigsky's Morning Mist CDX WCX MH owned/handled by Lynn Campbell

JH

CH Devanor Toucan Play That Game CD WC CGN RN JH owned by Keith and Pat Althouse, Deb Gareau, and Shauna Chapman

Prairiestorm Moxie JH, owned/handled by Danielle Greanya

MH

OTCH High Voltage Dawnlit Fen WCX MH owned/handled by Louise Thorpe

NMH

NMH Taylorlab's Sugar and Spice MH

GMH NMH

NMH GMH Saskquill's Black Jackson owned/handled by Jeff Morari

2XNMH GMH

GMH 2XNMH QFTR Saskquill's Prairie Thunder owned/handled by Doug Hildebrand
 FTCH AFTCH GMH 2XNMH Taylorlab's True Blue owned/handled by Garry Taylor
 GMH 2XNMH Prairiestorm Hawk owned by Danielle Greanya/handled by Ross Campbell

SASKATCHEWAN RETRIEVER CLUBS ASSOCIATION AWARDS

OPEN

FTCH AFTCH 2XNMH Taylorlabs's True Blue owner/handlers Garry and Sue Taylor

Qualifying

Elmingo's Cedar Shadow owned/handled by Alan Parkinson, Regina

Junior

Prairiestorm Peppermint Patti CD WCI MH owned/handled by Ross Campbell

Congratulations to all the Award Winners!

AMAZING DOG TALES

(or Damn! Where's My Transmitter?)



Brock with the "infamous" Goose in the Story



Happy Days

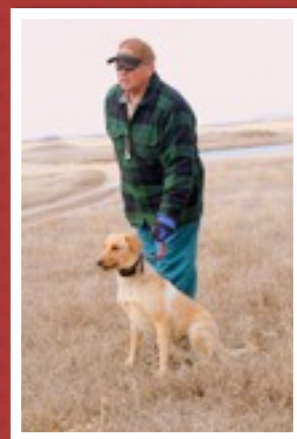
In the fall of 1987, I was being trained by my first Labrador Brock. Despite his un-papered mother and bargain basement price tag of \$25.00, Brock was a very good retriever. It turns out his father was of exceedingly noble lineage and Brock had inherited a boatload of natural ability.

We were hunting a large marsh one Saturday morning looking for a limit of geese. There was a shallow bay that ran off the main water body and Brock and I crouched in the reedy cover at the opening of the bay. With the noon cut off time approaching, I had managed to bag only two Lessers. At 11:55 a group of greater Canadas came over the bay and offered a glorious opportunity. I hit the first honker but only broke a wing. Instead of making sure the bird was done, I switched to a second goose and folded it. Brock charged through the inches deep water and made the easy retrieve. I realized that the first bird had gone down close by in the reeds and prepared to send Brock for the cripple.

Just then I heard the unmistakable yodel of Specklebellies heading on a direct course for our spot. The Timex read 11:59 and lure of the limit was just too great. I held Brock back and waited on the flight of Specks. After Brock returned with the Whitefront, it was time to pick up the big Canada. Brock took a solid line to the fall area which was no more than 30 yards from my position. I expected a hunt on the cripple, but soon became dismayed as the dog began splashing around in the open shallows. "Idiot!" I raged. How could the stupid dog not pick up the scent in the reeds which were not terribly heavy. Surely the goose would have skulked off through the cover heading towards the shore. Many whistles, hand signals and expletives later, it was clear that Brock had no interest whatsoever in hunting the fall area. His only desire was to run through the water which extended about 100 yards to the far side of the bay. My frustration with Brock's apparent failure was tinged by the shameful realization that my greed had put us in this position.

Finally I yelled at Brock, "Fine! Run around like an idiot then!" Realizing that he had been released from my fruitless direction, Brock took off on a beeline for the far side of the bay. "What the?? " I thought. " Has this dog lost its mind?" After hollering a few more choice epithets after the dog, I looked down and noticed Brock's paw prints in the calm shallow water. These were on top of a set of goose tracks that headed straight across the.....Surely he wasn't trailing the bird across open water, was he? The answer to my question came in the form of a black lab with a 12 pound live Canada emerging from the reeds on the far side of the bay.

I didn't know how to say sorry in dog language back then, but Brock no doubt realized I didn't know much at all. Jeff Morari



Upcoming Events

February 13 - Judging and Handling Seminar - St. Joseph High School - 7 to 9 pm

March 6 - Retriever Training Class begins - E and J Racing Stables - 7:00pm

April 21 - Saskatoon Retriever Club Meeting - 7:30pm - At Doug & Anne Hildebrand's

June 18 & 19 - Saskatoon Retriever Club Working Dog Certificate Testing

June 25 & 26 - Saskatoon Retriever Club Field Trials

June 27, 28 & 29 - Kenny Trott Handling Seminars - 4 to 8 pm daily - SRC grounds

July 2 & 3 - Regina Retriever Club Field Trials Hosted by Saskatoon Retriever Club

July 30, 31 & August 1 - Saskatoon Retriever Club Hunt Tests



2010 Christmas Party and Awards

Our Annual Christmas Party and Awards came and went with a lot of our members enjoying a fabulous meal. Congratulations to all who received awards; keep up the good work. It has always been hard to find a time on the calendar that is available for all members to attend, some lucky few go away, others have other commitments so it has been discussed that maybe it is time to revert back to a "Family Fun Day" with awards possibly in September or October. Hopefully we could pick a Sunday where the majority could attend. More discussion on this to follow and we will keep everyone posted. Thanks to all who came; you made it a nice evening that everyone enjoyed. Lynn Campbell



Did you know?



When the Saskatoon Retriever Club Members with their dogs man the kettles for the Salvation Army, they collect more money than what is accumulated at any other kettle on any other day. Awesome! Many thanks to all the people that helped out again this year. Doug Hildebrand

Land Committee Report

As per discussion and directive from the AGM, the SRC is the owner of a new 500cc Quad. Thanks to Daryl Shmon, Garry Taylor and John McDonald; Daryl your expertise was greatly appreciated.

Ross Campbell



Hunt Test

The Saskatoon Retriever Club Hunt Tests are scheduled for July 30th, 31st and August 1st. The CKC have approved the dates and we are awaiting CKC judges approval. As always there is a lot of work organizing and planning for this event to take place so we are asking all members at this time to come out and help; we can always find jobs and it is a great way of meeting new people and watching the dogs. If anyone has anything or knows of anything that could be donated to the Silent Auction please let us know..This is always the hard part of the organizing so help is really appreciated. If anyone has any questions please contact Vern at 934-5945 or vwindrim@shaw.ca

SRC and SRCA 2011 Field Trials - June 25,26 and July 2

Again this year we are having two exciting weekends of FIELD TRIALS back to back. Along with the two great weekends of trials there will be three seminars. The seminars start on June 27 and go through to the 29th with Professional Handler and Trainer Kenny Trott. This combines not only two fantastic weekends of trials but you also get the added bonus of the seminars; what a dog gone good time.

The JUNIOR and the QUALIFYING trials will showcase some of the best up and coming retrievers and handlers around; it will be lots of fun, exciting to watch and to compete in.

The Four Open Competitions over the two weekends are a great drawing card for the competitors. As the Nationals are fast approaching, it is down to the nitty gritty for the open handlers and their dogs. This is one of the last chances to catch a placing prior to the Nationals.

What a chance to watch some of the best retrievers in the west, USA and elsewhere compete.

If you would like to help at the trials, please contact the addresses below.

Watch the Saskatoon Retriever Website for the upcoming Premium List at www.saskatoonretriever.ca

We are holding the following events:

June 25, Saturday, we will hold Junior, Qualifying and Open Stakes

June 26, Sunday, we will hold Qualifying and Open Stakes

July 2, Saturday, we be hosting an Open Stake

July 3, Sunday, we will be hosting an Open Stake

For further information John McDonald, Field Trial Chairman at crewbrooks@shaw.ca
Sue Taylor, Field Trial Secretary at smt640@mail.usask.ca

Your 2010/2011 Club Executive and Committee Heads

President - Jeff Morari

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Mark Dolan, Louise Thorpe, Vern Windrim

Field Trial Chairman - John McDonald

Field Trial Secretary - Sue Taylor

Field Trial Treasurer - Doug Hildebrand

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Callback Editor - Doug Hildebrand

Hunt Test Chairmen - Vern Windrim and
Dale Johnstone

Hunt Test Secretary - Tracy Auchstaetter

Working Certificate Chairman - Hans Berin

Working Certificate Secretary - Sharon Ball

Land Committee Chairman - Ross Campbell

Membership - Lynn Campbell

Class Chairman - Jeff Morari

Equipment - Tim Fahl

Picnic Trials - Vern Windrim

Webmaster - Dale Johnstone

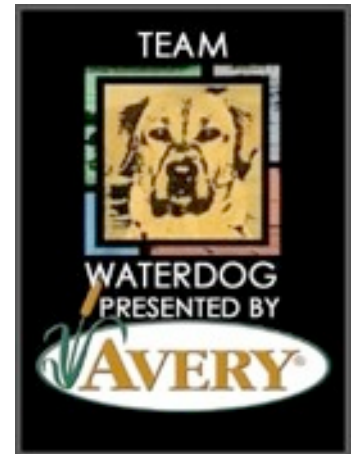
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June 27 - Handling on Marks

June 28 - Handling on Blinds

June 29 - Handling Drills

4 to 8 pm daily

Supper Break 6 to 7 pm

Bring your own food for BBQ

\$20/day or \$50 for all three for non members

Seminars on Club Property

Register Early as Enrolment is limited

It's FREE, FREE, FREE !!
to all club members

To register contact Doug Hildebrand at adhildebrand@sasktel.net