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RCHDC Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS _____

MARCH 2006 _____

BY GORDON SCHLICHTING



winter is coming to a close. None to soon for me. I am ready for it to end.

I think that we are all ready to get out and start training our Dogs again. Training starts on April 1st at Rice Creek. Check coordinators schedule elsewhere in this newsletter. Even if you don't run hunt tests you should come out and train. It is good to get your dog out for some exercise and some fresh air for you. Pack a sandwich and we will have a little picnic lunch at noon.

Remember the Pointer and Retriever Tests in May. I am sure there will be a spot for you to work if you want to come out and help.

The Board voted to support the Sporting Clay Shooting again this year. If you are interested in participating contact J P Martin.

Hoping for nice warm weather real soon as we want to go to the Rainy River fishing in a couple weeks. We want to be there as soon as we can get a boat in the river.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

BY MARGARET GRONDAHL

RCHDC Board Meeting

March 1, 2006

Rice Creek Hunting and Recreation Clubhouse

Present: Bob Pflipsen, Linda Martin, Kevin & Margaret Grondahl, Gordon Schlichting, Jason Vogt, and Bruce Resch. Also present were; JP Martin, Dianne Pflipsen, and Lu Schlichting.

Secretary's Report: Margaret read through the RCHDC Board Meeting minutes from the meeting of 1-04-2006. Linda moved and Bruce seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Linda reviewed the Treasurer's report. Bruce moved and Jason seconded to approve the minutes as read. Motion approved.

AKC Club membership: Gordon reported on the distinction between Affiliate Club and Membership Clubs that he received from AKC.

Entry Express: Gordon reported RCHDC is signed up for Entry Express. He and Bruce will be the administrators. It is ready to go for the Retriever Hunt Tests.

2007 Judges Seminar: RCHDC is slated to hold a 2007 Judges Seminar. JP Volunteered to chair the judges seminar for Retrievers & Spaniels in January 2007. Kevin moved, Jason seconded to approve JP as the chair for 2007 Judges Seminar.

Greater MN Retriever Association: Gordon I and Gordon II will be the delegates to these meetings. Gordon I reported on the following from the last meeting.

1. Mileage: The price range of mileage paid to judges is from 35-40 cents per mile. Currently RCHDC pay 40 cents per mile to judges.

2. Cost of Postcards: the Association is compiling mailing lists for the 10 clubs. One postcard will be sent with all the test listed on it. Potential costs could be \$100 per year.



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3. **Data Base:** A data base is being created with the mailing lists and will be available for all the clubs involved in the Association.

Website: Travis Lund has the new Rice Creek Hunting Dog Club website up and running. Linda suggested paying Travis for a year at a time. Kevin moved, Bruce seconded paying Travis yearly for the cost of the website. Also Travis needs pictures for the website. Gordon and Travis can be the contacts on the website. And will post the RCHDC mailing address on the website.

Pay Part of Seminar : Linda reported that in the past RCHDC has paid AKC fee for RCHDC members to attend the judges seminars. Discussion was held. Linda moved, Bob seconded to pay for the members attending the judges seminar in Hibbing, on March 11th.

Four Brooks: Discussion was held about Four Brooks. There is water available for training. Linda suggested tabling the discussion until someone is able to make a visit to Four Brooks to see what the grounds have to offer. Discussion held. Topic tabled and Bruce volunteered to go look at it.

Gun Safety Seminar: Discussion held on whether RCHDC needs to hold another seminar or not. Topic tabled until next meeting. Gordon will present this topic to the Greater MN Retriever Association meeting.

Lease: Will be paid by April 1st, 2006.

Saturday Morning Training: Gordon will be setting up the volunteer coordinators for Saturday morning trainings.

Tuesday evening trainings: JP will be coordinating trainings at 6:30pm on Tuesday evenings.

Sporting Clays: Will be held on Thursday evenings. Linda moved, Kevin seconded to continue to support sporting clays team for \$150 for coverage of league fees. Discussion held. Motion approved.

Water update: JP updated the board on the discussion with Joey regarding making changes for opportunity for improving water availability.

Field day/ Clinic: Discussion held. Tabled until next meeting.

Hunt Tests: May Retriever Hunt Tests: judges are all set up.

May Retriever Hunt Tests: on the roll.

August Retriever Hunt Test: Judges are being set up.

Membership Incentives: Discussion held. Tabled until next meeting.

Food for the Hunt Test: Cooking food verses bringing in a lunch wagon. Discussion held. Tabled.

Linda moved and Bruce seconded to adjourn the RCHDC Board meeting. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Next RCHDC Board meetings: May 4th, 2006 at 7pm

August 3rd, 2006 at 7pm



† **Kiev and Cheryl Motl's son, Austin, had a skiing accident this past January and has just recently been released from the hospital.**

As a result of the accident, Austin is paralyzed from the waist down.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Motl family in this time of need.

A Benefit Supper for Austin is being held on Saturday, April 8th, 2006 from 4:30-7:30pm at the Sauk Rapids/Rice Middle School.

Tickets are available by contacting:

Bonnie Gottwalt 320-393-4439 or Julie Johnson 320-255-1454



Thank You to Rice Creek Hunting Dog Club for the Flowers at Kriste's Funeral.

Thank You to each of you who sent Memorials, Cards and Prayers to all of us at the time of Kriste Kircher's illness and death. You all helped brighten our days.

God Bless you all.

Brian Kircher

Brent McWhorter

Gordon and Lu Schlichting

Gordie Schlichting

Marlene Dingman

Big Thank you!



To Travis Lund for all of his hard work in getting our New Website online.

Our new website address is

<http://www.ricecreekhuntingdogclub.com/>

If you have photos of your dogs send them to Travis Lund at travis@cloudnet.com

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Club secretary, Margaret Grondahl, reminds members that it is time to renew their memberships. There is currently only one category of membership. \$35.00 includes individuals and families. Your membership must be current in order for you to be eligible to vote at the annual meeting. (There is one vote per paid membership.)

Membership renewals can be sent to: Margaret Grondahl, secretary, 805 6th ST NE Staples MN 56479 or, if you prefer, send along with your banquet registration, to: JP Martin, 15418 Nature Rd, Royalton MN 56373.

RICE CREEK HUNTING DOG CLUB MEMBERSHIP, year 2006

Name _____ Renewal _____ New _____ (check one)

Address _____ Email Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____

Family members names (spouse and children under 18) _____

Breed of Dog/s _____

RCHDC Saturday Morning Training Coordinators

<i>Training is scheduled to start at 9:00 A.M. on Saturdays in April</i>		
April 1-Gordon Schlichting	June 3-Travis Lund	August 5-Gordie Schlichting
April 8-Gordon Schlichting	June 10-Margie Grondahl	August 12-Ret Test
April 15-Kevin Grondahl	June 17-Brian Kircher	No Formal Training
April 22-Jack Davies	June 24-Gordie Schlichting	August 19-Jason Vogt
April 29-Scott Manea	<i>Training Starts at 8:00 am in July</i>	August 26-Spaniel Test
May 6-Pointer Test	July 1-J P Martin	No Formal Training
No Formal Training	July 8-Scott Manea	If you can't make it on the date that you are scheduled please contact someone else on the list and trade with them.
May 13-Byron Quinn	July 17-Bruce Resch	
May 20- Ret Test	July 22-Linda Martin	
No Formal Training	July 29-Steve Krueger	
May 27-Rick Bruesewitz		

Bring a sandwich and we'll have a picnic and social time when we're through on Saturdays.



Tuesday Night Training



Beginning Tuesday evenings May 2nd

Time: 6:30 pm

Meet at: Rice Creek Hunting and Recreation (Club House)

- No Training during rain or inclement weather
- These sessions are for more advanced training of Retrievers and Spaniels

Hosted by: JP & Linda Martin

For more information contact: JP or Linda at jplm@clearwire.net



RCHDC Sporting Clays Team

Anyone can shoot for the RCHDC team that is a member.

RCHDC shoots on each Thursday evening at 6:30 PM

You DO NOT have to know how to shoot clays to join (we've had team members the first time they shot, they hit 8 out of the 50) Therefore , if you want to learn how to shoot clays, come on out and have some fun.

Normally, we have a gut bomb after we shoot and sit around awhile.

The current team members are there to help you in any way they can. Gunners for the hunt tests usually come out of the sporting clays teams.

Contact JP for more information or to Join jplm@clearwire.net

Dog	Pd	LastName	FirstName	Phone	StreetAddress	City	ST	Zip	Email
Lab		Archer	Russ			Little Falls	MN	56345	
Lab		Ballman	Ron			Glenco	MN	55336	
Lab		Betker	Brent / Jennifer			Royalton	MN	56373	
ESS /Lab		Betz	Mike / Jenny			Byron	MN	55920	
FBt	*	Bjork	Ben			Little Falls	MN	56345	
Brit	*	Bicknese	Dean / Mary			Bloomington	MN	55420	
Lab	*	Bruesewitz	Rick			Aitkin	MN	56431	
FCR	*	Bunde/Decker	Dave/Ann			Hampton	MN	55031	
Lab		Burak	Jack/Lisa			St Cloud	MN	56304	
Ret	*	Danahy	Paul/Marcia			Minnetonka	MN	55345	
AWS	*	Davies	Jack / Cathy			Brainerd	MN	56401	
ESS	*	Erickson	Lee / Carol			Fargo	ND	58102	
Lab		Friederich	Jason			Jordan	MN	55352	
Lab	*	Grondahl	Kevin			Staples	MN	56479	
Ret	*	Ihnen	Dr. Joel / Jean			Princeton	MN	55371	
ESS	*	Johan	Jeff			Crosby	MN	56441	
Ches		Johnson	Vince / Ceil			St. Cloud	MN	56304	
Lab	*	Kahlert	Tom			Browerville	MN	56438	
Ptr/Lab	*	Kircher	Brian / Kris			Rice	MN	56367	
ESS	*	Krueger	Stephen / Sue			Brainerd	MN	56401	
Lab	*	Lawrence	John DMV			Lonsdale	MN	55046	
Ptr	**	LeBlanc	Eldon / Sylvia			Little Falls	MN	56345	
Ptr	**	LeBlanc	Greg / Cindy			Little Falls	MN	56345	
Ptr	**	LeBlanc	Joe / Shelly			Little Falls	MN	56345	
Ptr		Lee	Gary			Litchfield	MN	55335	
Lab	*	Libra	Roger			Glenco	MN	55336	
ESS	*	Livingston	Deb / Greg			Coon Rapids	MN	55433	
Lab		Loreth	Chad/Lisa			Little Falls	MN	56345	
Lab	*	Lund	Travis / Stacy			Foley	MN	56329	
Ret	*	Manea	Scott / Peg			Rice	MN	56367	
ESS	*	Martin	JP / Linda			Royalton	MN	56373	
Lab	*	McCaleb	Fay / Abraham			South Haven	MN	55382	
Lab	*	Miller	Bob			Pequot Lakes	MN	56472	
ESS	*	Monson	Mark / Anita			Eagan	MN	55123	
Lab		Mott	Kiev / Cheryl			Sauk Rapids	MN	56379	
ESS	*	Nicklasson	John / Nancy			Litchfield	MN	55355	
Br	*	Pflipsen	Bob / Dianne			Albany	MN	56307	
ESS	*	Quinn	Byron / Pat			Little Falls	MN	56345	
Ret		Raymond	Patricia			Maple Grove	MN	55311	
Ess/ Ret	*	Resch	Bruce / Sandie			Maple Grove	MN	56373- 3821	
Ptr/ Ret	*	Ross	Dan / Gail			Royalton	MN	3821	
Ret	*	Schlichting	Gordon / Lu			Deer River	MN	56636	
Ret	*	Schlichting/ Ding- man	Gordie / Marlene			Wadena	MN	56482	
Ret	*	Seipkes	Pam			Cold Spring	MN	56320	
Set	*	Sexton	Rosemary			Motley	MN	56466	
IWS	*	Smith	Fran DVM			Zimmerman	MN	55398	
Lab	*	Sobania	Tony			Lonsdale	MN	55046	
Ches	*	Tongen	Dan / Carol			Foley	MN	56329	
Lab	*	Vogt	Jason / Sandra			Annandale	MN	55302	
ESS	*	Wallen	Jackie /Steven			Rice	MN	56367	
ESS	*					Bowlus	MN	56314	

President Gordon Schlichting

Vice Pres Kevin Grondahl

Treasurer Linda Martin

Secretary Margaret Grondahl

Past Pres Scott Manea

Director Jason Vogt

Director Bob Pflipsen

Director Bruce Resch

Director Lee Erickson

* Indicates Dues Paid

** Indicates Honorary Member (Mon Voting)

Last updated: March 2006

Black and White Critter and a Spotted Dog

By: Linda Martin



Spring is here and those nasty, stinky, black and white critters are out and about again. I've given this recipe to many people, but never had occasion to use it myself until last week. We had just returned from a weekend field trial, and were getting ready for bed. We let the dogs out for one last time, when a terrible racket arose in the back yard. When we opened the door and the scent that assaulted our nostrils was immediately identifiable. It appeared that Rice was de-

termined that that black and white critter did not belong by her yard. So she was barking madly at it to scare it away. Apparently, I failed to mention to her, in the course of her training, that these critters should not be messed with. Well, needless to say, the skunk, even though he was on the outside of a six foot high chain link fence, and in no imminent danger, chose to spray my little dog full in the face. My first thought was; there is no way this dog is staying in the house tonight. But, I decided to give the recipe a try-nothing to lose at midnight. I could not believe how well it worked!! When I finished cleaning her up you could not tell that she had just been sprayed by a skunk. So tuck this recipe away just in case you should have the same experience.



De-Skunking Your Dog

Do Not Use Any Other Skunk Recipe prior to this one-If you do it will not work.

1 quart 3% hydrogen peroxide

1/4 cup baking soda

1 teaspoon liquid dish soap

Rub into the coat (get it down to the skin), then rinse with plenty of tap water. Discard any leftover solution.

Warning: Do NOT mix this concoction ahead of time. It produces oxygen and will blow up in a closed container.

Note: A large dog may require a double batch.



A DOG'S PURPOSE- FROM A 4 YEAR OLD

Editor's Note: This is a email forward that speaks volumes! Thank you Linda!

Being a veterinarian, I had been called to examine a ten-year old Irish Wolfhound named Belker. The dog's owners, Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle.

I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer. I told the family we couldn't do anything for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home.

As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for the four-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt as though Shane might learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, that I wondered if he understood what was going on. Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

We sat together for a while! after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives. Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me. I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, "People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life -- like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The four-year-old continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay a s long."

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply, Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.



Show off your
dog or
hunting trip on
our website.

Send your photos to Travis Lund
travis@cloudnet.com and he will
put it on the website.



The North Dakota Retriever Club is sponsoring a "Smartwork" Retriever Workshop.

Evan Graham an accomplished professional retriever trainer and author of the popular SMARTWORK series of retriever training manuals and videos (www.rushcreekpress.com) will be on hand **Friday and Saturday, June 2nd & 3rd** to teach a variety of topics including; fundamentals, use of electric collars, improved marking skills, blind retrieves, handling, and advanced training skills.

The event will be held at the North Dakota Retriever Club at their grounds near Glydon, MN.

Cost is \$90 for NDRC Members and \$125 for non-members, youth under 16 are Free.

Lunch is included in the registration fee.



Wanted

Gunners. Bird boys/girls, Marshals, etc...

May Pointer and Retriever

Hunt Tests

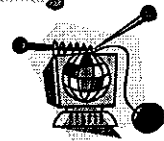
Pointer Test May 6 & 7

Retriever Test May 21 & 22

When you are called,

Please say **YES!**

Be sure to check out our website



<http://www.ricecreekhuntingdogclub.com/>



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