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Message From Your President Mike Brockman



April 2020
Hi All,

Wow..... wake me from this nightmare! Holy cow, what a mess. This Coronavirus is sure kicking the shit out of a lot of things.... Unfortunately, many will die, many more will get sick, many more are taking a hit to the pocketbook and then there are those of us that don't get to go play dog games with our friends and fellow club members.

But we should all take heed of the warnings and directions given by the experts (of which I am far from it).

Following those directives from the experts, we have been forced to cancel everything that draws a crowd, including all our training days and the Hunt Tests. Hopefully by June, things might start getting closer to normal, but I'm not holding my breath.

With all that "badness", our training properties at Dr. Powell's place in Kersey and The East Pond and Mary's Place are all still open and available for you to go training as long as you don't gather a crowd and keep your distance from one another. There is risk also to handling shared equipment and dog bumpers and ducks I presume, so BE CAREFULL. A wasted spring and possibly summer are not nearly as serious as a wasted life.

There really isn't anything else to report on. I wish you all the safest and most boring survival of this pandemic. I heard a guy whining that he didn't know a single person that was sick (implying this was being overblown) OK, would you rather have friends that were sick and dying? Not me!!

Thanks, see you soon hopefully. If you have any questions, please let me know. Mike and Mojo
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2020 UPCOMING EVENTS

- 03/21 Judges Seminar, Region 13, Fort Lupton **Cancelled**
- 03/28 PVHRC Training Day **Cancelled**
- 04/04&05 SCHRC Regular Hunt Test **Premium Cancelled**
- 04/19 PVHRC Training Day **Cancelled**
- 04/25&26 RRHRC Regular Hunt Test **Premium Cancelled**
- 05/02&03 PVHRC Regular Hunt Test **Premium Cancelled**
- 05/09 PVHRC Training Day **TBD**
- 05/30&31 MRHRC Regular Hunt Test Premium (Not Posted)
- 06/06 PVHRC Training Day
- 06/20&21 Hidden Pines Regular Hunt Test Premium (Not Posted)

Go to PVHRC.com/Calendar for detailed dates

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Member contributions to this newsletter is encouraged



PVHRC MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Sportsman's Warehouse Thornton at 6:30

Minutes Submitted by Secretary Lee Ann Heldt

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mike Brockman, President, Joe Olson, Vice President, Ryan Armstrong, Treasurer and Lee Ann Heldt, Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: David Heldt and John Edmonds

Meeting brought to order by President Mike Brockman

SECRETARY'S REPORT: by Lee Ann Heldt. February meeting minutes approved by email.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Well in the black. We've had many members pay using PayPal. Ryan transferred some today from PayPal today. He will send a list to Mac to match up with Applications.

JUDGES AND HANDLER SEMINAR: – March 21 Mike will talk to Willie to see about drinks and food. Rec Center may be the ones to provide the drinks for us like coffee, pop and waters. Some kind of breakfast food may be provided.

MARCH 28 TRAINING DAY: Ryan Armstrong and Mike Schwan as coordinators. Mike would have liked to move it to the 29th but because of the started class we decided to leave it on the 28th. It will be held at Mary's place starting at 9am. Ryan will see about getting some birds for training with.

SPRING TEST – May 2 and 3 Most positions are filled. Mike has talked to Greg Ditter (Tara's (caterer) dad) and mentioned to him that we need 10 bird techs. There are no concerns at this time about getting them but Mike will stay in touch with Greg. Ryan is working on providing a couple of bird techs also. We need someone to pull the equipment trailer and to get the birds. It was mentioned that Dallas may be able to do this as he is bird steward. Ryan is overall Marshal and is working on recruiting stake marshals. David will get the poppers ready. There are plenty of ribbons and duck bands. Lee Ann is working on having them ready for the test. Lee Ann also ordered the dog food and she will be ordering the judges books for both the spring and fall test from llhrc club. David will work on the raffle. We have several items

from last years order and he will go thru them to see what there is and what else is needed. He will order a winger and a blind. Lee Ann has received the Pro Controller for the raffle as well. The caterer is lined up and the birds have been ordered.

FALL TEST – AUGUST 8 AND 9: Application needs to be sent in by April 1. Joe will be Hunt chair and Mac will be Hunt Secretary. We are looking in the venue before sending it out.

MISCELLANEOUS – Flatlander Seminar with Willie organizing it has nothing new to report.

We discussed about buying some more Battery-operated release boxes but want to try the ones we have before we do so.

Meeting Adjourned

April Board Meeting **Cancelled**



ATTENTION MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP FEES

*It's time to Get Your
2020 Membership Fees In*

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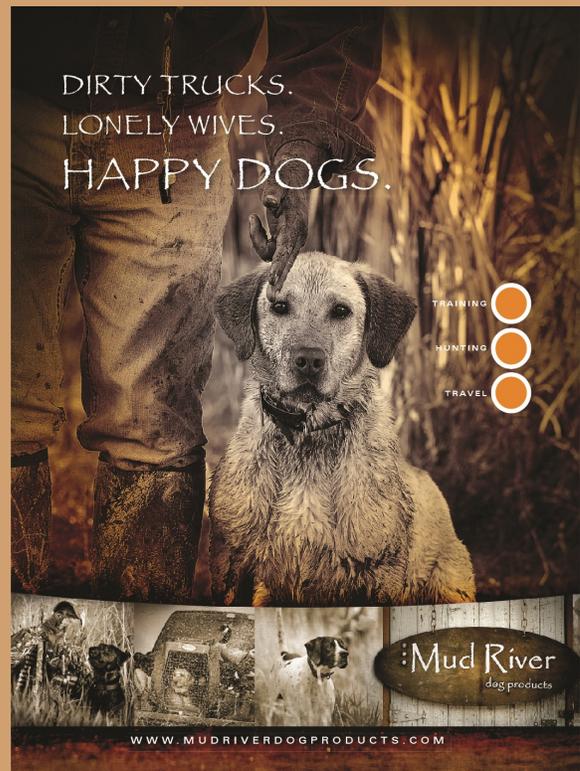


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2020 Started Dog Training Classes

PVHRC will be doing Started Dog Training Classes again this year. The purpose of the classes is to help inexperienced handlers and their dogs with their training. The classes also give new members a chance to get involved with the club and meet other members.

Each session will be approximately two hours long and will consist of a tailgate discussion followed by field work. Everyone should plan to bring their dogs. Since we'll be spending some time talking it is good if everyone has a crate or other way to put their dogs up until it is their turn in the field. Everyone should also bring plenty of water for their dogs, sunscreen, bug dope and appropriate clothes for typical Colorado Spring weather (jacket, rain coat . . . snow boots?)

All dogs are welcome. Whether you have a young pup or an older inexperienced dog we will adjust field work to fit the needs of those who attend.

The classes will be held at the same time and location as the club training days so check the calendar on the website for location. Once we have a group together, if there's interest, we may also do some weeknight training.

The classes are free to PVHRC members. If anyone knows someone who is not a member but who has a hunting retriever be sure to spread the word and invite them along. For more information contact Joe Olson at joeolson@yahoo.com

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Session 1 - Program Introduction and Basic Training Concepts

Date/Time: Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Location: TBD

Session 2 – Marked Retrieves for Hunting Retrievers

Date/Time: Saturday, April 19, 2020, 9:00 a.m.

Location: TBD

Session 3 – Reliable Delivery to Hand

Date/Time: Saturday, May 9, 2020 9:00 a.m.

Location: TBD

Session 4 – Introduction to Blind Retrieve Concepts

Date/Time: Saturday, June 6, 2020 9:00 a.m.





PVHRC Training Days
March 28th - Cancelled
April 19th - Cancelled
May 9th - TBD





To all members of PVHRC:

I am trying to see if there is interest in a training seminar/practical with Chris Jobman-Flat Lander Kennels. This will occur at his training grounds and facilities in Bayard, Ne. Many of the members of PVHRC know Chris Jobman and his successes as a professional dog trainer. With HRC and AKC.

Southern Colorado HRC club members attended a two-day training session like this last year. They all were very complimentary of the two days spent with Chris at his facility. SCHRC members like Erik Brekke and Don Ley are two gents that were attendees. Both came away with practical training concepts that they had not been able to implement until they were able to see it and work with their dogs first hand.

What Chris has given me to pass along on dates etc.:

Dates that Chris has available at this time. August 1 and 2. The two-day event will cost \$2,500. Chris will supply all bird boys etc. The number of dogs would be 15-20. 15 would work the best. All dogs must be forced fetched and running marks. HR and SH dogs and above are the best fit for this seminar. Chris mentioned he could accommodate several observers. Meaning these folks would not have dogs, just watching. The costs to just "observers" would be less expensive.

With the numbers mentioned above. If we have 15 handler/dog teams. The approximate cost would be \$166.00 per attendee. If we have 20 handler/dog attendees. the cost would be lower. Plus your travel, meals, and hotel costs. Bayard is located a short distance from Scottsbluff, Ne. So, hotels should not be a problem.

This event/seminar is not sponsored by Platte Valley HRC. The board of PVHRC is giving their blessing and encouragement, but the club doesn't have the funds to pay and or sponsor this event.

Once I have commitments from PVHRC members and depending on the numbers. I will then open this opportunity to other folks that are not PVHRC members. Please check your calendars and let me know your interest in this event. As you can guess, Chris's calendar/schedule is something we have to keep in mind. I would like to have some concrete interest/numbers by sometime late March early April so we can communicate to Chris our intentions.

With all that said. Please RSVP to me. Willie Ratliff iam4dux@aol.com
If you would like to talk with me personally about the above event. You can call me. 303-589-3346





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Louis is a well-mannered, trainable, and responsive dog with a lot of drive. I chose Louis as a puppy not only because of an outstanding pedigree but because both of his parents were steady and quiet at the line. That was important to me and their marking and handling ability was also exceptional. These traits were passed down to Louis and if paired with the right female, will be passed down to your pups as well. Louis is steady at the line, quiet, and is a pinpoint marker. He loves to run blinds and handles literally precisely. Louis achieved his Hunting Retriever Champion title with a 100% pass rate. He also went six for six in Master and received his Master Hunter title in 2019. He passed the 2019 Fall Grand and is planning on running the 2020 Spring Grand. Louis is an outstanding waterfowl and upland dog in the field. If you are interested and feel your female and Louis would pair well, let's talk. Mike Schwan 970-203-5396. mjschwan@msn.com

