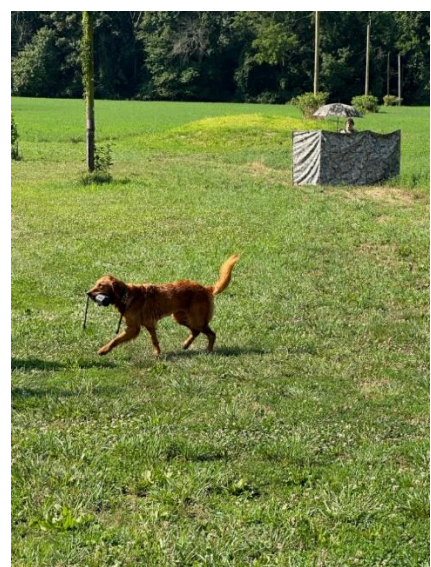




KEYSTONE RETRIEVER CLUB NEWS: July 2024

TRAINING DAY, MEMBERSHIP MEETING & PICNIC

The Club held its July Training 7/21 at Mount Ararat Farm. It was our combination training day, membership meeting and picnic. Due to the heat, we ran simplified set ups without flyers and divided the participants into two groups. Twenty-two people handled 35 dogs and all training was completed by 11:00. We had three potential members train with club as guests, they worked in the field and ran their dogs. We had several family members attend the picnic and I think a good time was had by all. Roberta Brenner fired up the grill and cooked the hot dogs and it was nice for everyone to relax together while Warren Risk ran the semi-annual Membership Meeting. The minutes of the meeting and the Year To Date Expense Reports are at the bottom of the Newsletter. Please feel free to reach out to Warren if you have any questions about the meeting and to April if you have any questions about the budget.



FALL HUNT TEST

Our Fall test will be a Double Junior/ Double Senior held at Mt Ararat Farm September 21st (JH) and 22nd (SH). The test is open on Entry Express. Our judges this year are Mario Cilia & Betty Dust and Ray Seddon & Bernie Caywood. Entry fee is \$95.

The HT Committee has been working hard to organize our volunteers so that everyone who arrives at the test ready to work knows in advance what job they will be doing. We have made it easy to sign up by putting a link on the KRC website, in the section where you sign up for a training day – you will see the link to sign up for our August training and to Volunteer at the September Hunt Test. Here is the link: <https://www.keystoneretrieverclub.org/training-day-sign-up>

Using the link allows you to pick the day(s) you would like to volunteer and the job you would prefer to do. For those who hate signing up for things on line, you can also email Bev Matthias matthiasbjm@aol.com and let her know what you would like to do. As we get closer to the test, Bev will be reaching out to members directly. We know that a number of you will be running dogs and we would like to make sure that we can coordinate our workers in the field and the running order so that the test runs smoothly. Don't forget that everyone who volunteers gets a free flyer at a future training day.

We need people to work in the field (loading wingers, planting blinds etc), to help with hospitality (setting up lunches, coolers & manning the merchandise table) and to help with set up and breakdown of equipment in the field.

CAROL CASSITY SEMINAR

All of the working slots at the Carol Cassity seminar are filled however we still have audit slots available. If you would like to audit the seminar, there is a sign up sheet at the end of the newsletter.

NEW LOCATIONS FOR TRAINING ARE NEEDED

The Club may be losing access to one of the sites that we have trained on for the last few years and we need to actively find some new locations for training. Ideally we are looking for sites with both land and water, but sites without water will also be helpful. If you know someone with a farm who would let us train, or a gameland near you, please contact Warren. The only thing to keep in mind is that it will need to have space for 15-20 cars/trucks to park. We will consider properties that we have to pay to use as well as those that are available free of charge.

ITEMS FOR NEWSLETTER

Please feel free to email me any information that you would like to include in the Newsletter. This includes litter announcements, new titles, items for sale and any articles or other items that you think may be of interest to our members. **Don't forget to send me photos – most of the photos in this newsletter are ones I shot at the training day, so any candid shots you take at tests or training days will be greatly appreciated.** lapuzzo1@icloud.com

JUNE/JULY BRAGS – we missed a couple of people in last month’s newsletter so we would like to congratulate them

- Master Passes: Elizabeth Ringleman & Peake – 6th Master Pass (Keystone)
- Joe Lescisko & Emma - 6th Master Pass(Keystone)
- Tim Kline & Benelli – first Master pass (PVGRC)
- Tim Kline & Stoeger – 7th Master pass (PVGRC)
- Tom Luke & Ace - first Master pass (Michigan Flyways)
- Megan Baker & Video – 5th Master Pass (Finger Lakes)

New Master Title: Megan Baker & Video

Junior Passes: Tim Kline & Apex – 1st JH pass (PVGRC)



Tim Kline with Benelli & Stoeger



Tim Kline's Apex



KRC SEMI-ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 21, 2024

155 MOUNT ARARAT FARM RD, PORT DEPOSIT, MD

MINUTES

Club President Warren Risk opened the meeting by welcoming all members and guests who attended the training day.

He introduced the club officers who were present and three guests who attended their first training day with us. Jon Ninnemann, Guy Buttaro and Patrick Messner are all hunters and have dogs who are used to field work. They were paired with a club member to work in the field and ran their dogs. We hope that they had a good experience and will consider joining the club.

I. Secretary's Report (Linda Apuzzo)

We currently have 64 members, 40 people have individual memberships and 24 people are in family memberships. Linda asked that if your email address or telephone number changes you send her a message so that she can update your information and make sure you don't miss out on any notices that are sent out or the monthly newsletter. She also reminded people to send any brags, litter announcements or items for sale to her so that they can be included in the Newsletter

II. Treasurer's Report (April Senseney) April was not at the meeting so Warren presented the Treasurer's report.

April prepared a YTD Financial Report –

Club expenses in 2024 have been \$24,900

Club income- hunt tests, dues, training days was \$26,529

Our current checking acct balance is \$37,080

We purchased some new equipment this year and are in the process of selling off equipment that we no longer use. We have made a little over \$300 from sales of obsolete equipment, and there are still some items for sale.

April had an accountant perform an audit of our books earlier in the year and everything was found to be in order.

III. Training Report (Warren)

The club held 4 training Days since January 1st; two were canceled due to weather, 1 due to scheduling conflict. We have tentatively scheduled training days for August and October at Mt Ararat Farm, but this will have to be verified. The location of our November training day is tbd; in December we will be at Blue Marsh outside of Reading

IV. Baby Report - Johnny and Taylor Gainer **had a baby boy** - Rhett Wayne Gainer

V. Election of Officers and Board Members for 2025 - (Warren)

Warren informed the members that we have Board members whose terms will end 12/31 and that we would like people to consider whether they might be able to help the club out by volunteering.

VI. Acknowledgements

Warren asked all people who have run a test and passed in 2024 to stand up and be acknowledged, then he asked all who had titled this year to stand.

He mentioned the things that the Club has done this year and thanked those who organized/participated in those activities including:

Banquet last January – April & Roberta B.

Farm Show Demonstration in January - Bill B., Joe L, Eliz R, April S, Chris Patterson, Tony Tezak, Shane & Lisa Leonard

Audit of Club Books - April

Avery Orders - Randy Kauffman

Bought 3 Wingers - Megan & Tom

Selling Old Equip - Margaret & Alan

Carol Cassity Seminar coming this August - Linda

VI. Status Of Goals for 2024 - (Warren)

1. Implement Orientation Plan for New Members
 - a. *-initiated at March training earlier this year. We also updated the membership application.*
2. Update Website to make it more informative and useful for members
 - a. *We are looking for members with an IT or Web Design background to help with this*
3. Offer at least one Seminar for Members
 - a. *Carol Cassity will be here at Gaby's in August thanks to Linda A*
 - b. *Eileen is working on a second seminar re: canine preventative medicine*
 - c. *We will be planning an advanced workshop by Carol Cassity for next spring*
 - d. *We would like to hold a seminar on Understanding HT's and Judging next year*
4. Update first aid kit – *Jacob M will be looking at the first aid kit we have in the trailer and making recommendations for updating it.*
5. Continue to offer group discount equipment and clothing opportunities to members to purchase - *Thanks to Randy Kauffman we ran another Avery order. Randy also helped the club acquire poppers and ammo.*
6. Purchase new wingers,- *bought 3 new Train-Rite wingers and used them for the June HT. Thank you to Megan & Tom for their recommendations & connections to make this happen*
7. Update outdated hardware and software for Club business and finances – *April purchased new software*

VII. Upcoming Events

- September Hunt Test - **9/21, 9/22 Port Deposit- we will need everyone**
- Nominations for Board and Officer Positions - to serve 2025 & 2026 two year terms
- January Member Banquet - **Sat Jan 18, 2025**

VIII. Warren's Comments -

We need to explore options for training sites - please share possible sites with me. Speaking personally, not from the Board, I feel that we are at a crossroads right now as a Club. The core group of members who have been taking responsibility for leadership roles like Officer positions, HT Chairs, banquet chairs, training committee, seminar coordinators, etc are aging out, & burning out. They have done a super job at keeping the Club running. It is time for a new generation to step up with renewed energy, & fresh ideas. It needs to be now while the experienced people are here and willing to provide support & guidance while new faces learn the ropes.

Please don't misunderstand. When have events, our members show up to help - training days, HT's, demonstrations, etc. That is one thing I have always loved about this Club. But What I am talking about is taking responsibility to coordinate, organize, lead, take over the reins. We won't let anyone hang out there on their own, we will support them and even let them overlap with a current Officer or Chair person. We would like to pair up someone with an experienced Chairperson/Officer/Coordinator to "learn the ropes". The worst thing would be for us to have some of these leaders step aside & we have no one to take over. We could use a hospitality Chair; someone with financial and/accounting background; someone with IT / social media background.

V. Comments/Suggestions/Questions from members

Ann Law stated that they have a mentorship at one of the other clubs that she belongs to and said that the formal pairing of a new and experienced person works well. Ann also said that there is a property in Seven Valleys owned by Aaron Grebe which the Piedmont NAHRA Club uses for training and she will get his contact information for Warren.

Joe L. stated that if someone knows of a property of 20-30 acres where the crops are cut early the Training Committee will check it out. He reminded us that the site must be able to accommodate parking of at least 15 trucks.

Margaret U. said that in the past the club has gone out of state to train and had "training weekends" and that might be something we consider again, perhaps going to Remington, VA or Joe Johnson's property in DE. Other sites that were mentioned were Quill Feather Farms, DeCoverly Kennels and Mason Dixon Game Outfitters, all of these being properties that the club would have to rent.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Treasures Report
Jan 1, 2024 to July 16, 2024
Submitted by April Senseney

Expenses

Spring Hunt Test	13507.36
Equipment	1753.99
Ribbons	0
Banquet	1513.28
Fall Hunt Test	2197.9
Training Day	1073.21
Merchandise	2344.26
Web site	407
Insurance	1006.02
Gifts	164.24
Master National	100
Trailer	60
Mis.	296.23
ammo	476.59

total **24900.08**

Income

Spring Hunt Test	13204.61
Equipment	340
Membership	1540.31
Banquet	935
Seminar	6225
Training Day	696.62
Merchandise	3429.9
Mis.	158.17

total **26529.61**

$26529.60 - 24900.10 = 1629.50$ club profit

Current Check Bc 37080.85

Things to Note:

Ribbon cost shared between the Spring and Fall Hunt test (1534.18)
 Training income down do to several cancellations, but expenses also down for same
 Old equipment sold 340.00, new equipment, 3 new winger purchased
 Future expenses: Continue to replace older equipment



Presents a 3 day seminar with Dakota Ridge's

Carol Cassity

August 23-25 2024 at Mt Ararat Farm, Frank Brown Lane, Port Deposit, MD

This seminar is designed for dogs who are working towards their Senior Hunter title. The dogs who participate should deliver to hand, sit on a whistle & have reliable recall. They should be doing pile work & basic handling.

The course will be 2 full days and one half day (Sunday) with a talk by Carol on Saturday evening with dinner provided by the club.

Dogs and handlers will work on building doubles on land and water, running blinds on land and water, drills, de-cheating, and land and water set ups. Handlers will learn key training factors such as how to created set ups of marks and blinds that contain suction and how to work their dog past the suction. Each handler should leave the course with a greater understanding of their dog's current training needs a good idea of how to create effective training set ups for it.

Registration information for Auditors:

Auditor's name : _____

Address:

Cell phone: _____

email address:

\$200 All three days **\$ 75** per day* Worker/auditor* Fri Sat Sun
* Please indicate which days

Please mail this form and a check made out to **Keystone Retriever Club** to:

April Senseney 277 Bluff View Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601

For questions about the seminar please contact **Linda Apuzzo** at (410) 948-1257 lapuzzo1@icloud.com

KRC EQUIPMENT TRAILER INVENTORY (July 24, 2024)

ITEM	NUMBER For sale	COMMENTS	Recommendation for disposal
Goose Decoy shells	1	Goose Shells with no head	\$2.00
Goose Decoy silhouettes	5	silhouettes	\$5.00 ea
Kick wingers & stands	2		\$50.00ea
Popper Gun stands/holders	2		\$10.00ea
Popper guns	4		\$75.00ea
Coolers	1	small red one	\$5.00
Chairs	1	one judges chair which is too high to put in a gun station	\$25.00
.22 starter pistols	2	1 useable, 1 faulty should not be used as is. limited ammo	1 that works- \$35.00 1 that is not working \$10.00

Please email Warren if you are interested in purchasing any of these items: Wrisk2@comcast.net

Early Wingers

@retrievermemes

OK, BOY, ONE MORE TIME,
THEN I'D BETTER GET
THIS THING BACK TO
THE BATTLEFIELD.

