

St. Clair Flats Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.

"ON THE LINE NEWS"

February, 2007

"Conceived by Hunters for Hunters"

2007 Officers

President: Rick Horn	(810) 794-0350	Board: Don William	(586) 792-2141
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Treasurer: Debbie Horn	(810) 794-0350	Board: Denis Pode	(810) 794-7671
Membership: Cary Archer	(517) 545-2017		

Important Club Dates

Saturday, March 17, 2007: Membership Meeting 10AM, at Perch Point.

Sunday, April 29, 2007: Membership Meeting 10AM, at Perch Point.

March 10, 2007: Southern Michigan HRC Preliminary and Regular Upland Hunts (2)

March 17, 2007: Essex HRC Upland Hunts (2)

March 17 & 18, 2007: Badger State HRC Upland Hunts (4)

March 24 & 25, 2007: Great Lakes HRC Upland Hunts (4)

Presidents Corner

Dear Members,

First off I would like to thank the membership for the trust and support they have shown for me. I fully understand the responsibility you have granted me, and will do my very best to represent the club and it's many members in a positive and responsible manner.

Exciting times are upon us. Hunt Test season is here, with many Upland and Regular Tests scheduled for our region and those of our neighbors in the next few months. If you can make it out to a few, a good time is almost guaranteed. In addition, we have many other popular and fun opportunities coming our way this year. Events like our Annual Hunt Test, our first ever Annual Duck Hunt Trip to Saginaw Bay this fall, the Hunters Marsh Weekend later this summer, the Andy Attar Handler's Seminar that Don has arranged, and the Heritage Days Event, just to mention a few. We will also be having our Club Picnic again this summer.

Whew,... that is a lot, and all with a bunch of dog training events mixed in for good measure. Oh ya, and let's not forget the "Grand" adventure that Cliff is investigating on behalf of the club. For those so inclined, I am sure being involved in something like that would make for some life long memories.

I am very much looking forward to seeing many of you this summer. Hopefully some of our training "circles" will expand, and perhaps even overlap a bit. Lets make an effort to get together whenever we can.

Thank you again, be safe, and give your dogs a good scratch'n from me.

Rick

ACHIEVEMENTS

The Hunt Test season has begun. Make sure you inform me of your passes. I need that information to include them in this section of the Newsletter. Remember our goal is to top last year's success.

Club Passes to date: Upland 7

Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your Club Membership. Memberships expired December 31, 2005.

A renewal form is included in this newsletter.

You need to get your renewal form and dues to:

Cary Arch 4931 Jewell, Howell, MI 48843

Application for membership to the

ST. CLAIR FLATS H.R.C. & the HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

Renewal of membership to the

ST. CLAIR FLATS H.R.C.

DATE: _____

NAME: _____ SPOUSE: _____

CHILDREN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: Home (_____) _____ Work (_____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Breed of Dog(s): _____ Name of Dog(s): _____

MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS AVAILABLE

New Member Option (Includes Required National HRC Membership dues)

Membership in the National H.R.C. is required of all Associate Hunting Retriever Club members.

<u>Individual (USA)</u>	<u>Family (USA)</u>	<u>Individual (Foreign)</u>	<u>Family (Foreign)</u>
Total \$45.00	Total \$55.00	Total \$55.00	Total \$65.00

Fees include both Chapter and National dues. The first year your National dues are paid with this fee. Subsequent National dues renewal will be your responsibility when you receive your renewal card.

Existing Member Renewal Option

The fees listed below are for your chapter dues to the St. Clair Flats HRC only. Please ensure you have renewed your dues with the National HRC. They can be contacted at 100 East Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI, 49001-5592 or (616) 343-9020

<u>Individual (USA)</u>	<u>Family (USA)</u>	<u>Individual(Foreign)</u>	<u>Family(Foreign)</u>
Total \$20.00	Total \$25.00	Total \$25.00	Total \$30.00

St. Clair Flats HRC dues run from January 1 thru December 31.
The National HRC dues run from the date you join until one year later.

Please make checks payable to the St. Clair Flats H.R.C.

**Please circle the applicable membership and
send this application and check to :**

**St. Clair Flats H.R.C.
c/o Cary Archer Membership Secretary
4931 Jewell
Howell, MI 48843**

Any questions, please call Membership Secretary Cary Archer (517) 545-2017

February 18, 2007 Meeting Minutes

President: Rick Horn called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m., welcome to those in attendance.

Roll call:

√	President: Rick Horn	√	Board: Steve Pittiglio
√	Vice President: Dwayne Miles	√	Board: Bill Ferrans
√	Recording Secretary: Cliff Venticinque	√	Board: Denis Pode
√	Treasurer: Debbie Horn	√	Board: Don Williams
√	Membership Secretary: Cary Archer		Alternate:

Number of members present: 26 **New Members:** None

January 28, 2007 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Dwayne Miles, to accept the January 28, 2007 Meeting Minutes as published, 2nd by Laurie Miles, motion passed.

Officers' Reports

President: Thanks to everyone in attendance today.

Vice-President: Report under Old Business-Fund Raiser

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes taken by Cliff Venticinque.

Treasurer: Report presented by Debbie Horn. Motion by Don Williams, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, 2nd by John Nowakowski, motion passed.

Membership Secretary: 107 members to date. Members need to pay their 2007 club dues.

Board Members:

Steve Pittiglio: John Schafer holding a Wood Duck Box placement event, for those who are interested in helping.

Don Williams: Club jackets are in for those who ordered them.

Old Business

Fund Raisers: Dwayne Miles will chair the 2008 Banquet Committee.

2007 Fall Hunt Test: Co-Chairpersons Steve Pittiglio & Dwayne Miles—September 8 & 9 on Harsen's Island. Working on getting a Land Use/Field Trial permit and Safety Plan that are new requirements for getting the use permit for Harsen's Island. The Lions Club has been reserved and the Banquet menu catered by Angie Kosek will be the same as last year. Test fees will remain at \$35 Started, \$45 Seasoned and \$55 Finished. Judges have been procured. Dwayne Miles is in charge of getting raffle items. If you have something to donate or have a donor that you would like Dwayne to contact, call him at (586) 292-9748.

Audit Committee: Nancy Venticinque, Steve Pittiglio, and Debbie Horn will review the 2006 books.

Saginaw Bay Duck Hunt: Steve Pittiglio- has reserved 4 rental pontoon boats are for a Club Duck Hunt on a Saturday & Sunday in October. Bill Ferrans, Mike Bufford, Dwayne Miles and Steve Pittiglio will be bringing their boats to also accommodate a few people. Contact Steve (586) 268-0543 if you want to take part in this activity. There is also room for non-shooting/observers only on the pontoon boats. Members will make their own arrangements for lodging. The dates of the hunt have not been finalized but will be in October.

Andy Attar Seminar: Don Williams - has arranged for pro trainer Andy Attar to present a Seminar on August 11th & 12th, 2007, at Hunters' Ridge. Cost is \$200.00 for the weekend, 20 people, 20 dogs, breakfast and lunch included. Spouses allowed as observers only and would pay for meals. Don Williams to forward current list of participants and deposits as received to Debbie Horn.

Hunter's Marsh Water Challenge: Rick Horn has set-up this activity. Cost for this weekend is \$100 per dog. This does NOT include food or lodging. This activity is full but if enough members are interested and contact Rick, he could possibly set up another one.

New Business

Land Acquisition: Ron Aniel will chair a committee to investigating obtaining land for lease or purchase with the possibility of obtaining a Wetland Reclamation Grant under the Federal Government Farm Bill. Bill Ferrans will serve on the committee. Contact Ron Aniel (586) 781-0021 if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Omega Farms Membership: Bill Ferrans will check with Jim Trotter on the feasibility of getting a Club membership at Omega Farms to facilitate training and fun hunts.

The Grand Hunt: Cliff Venticinque will chair a committee to investigate possible club interest in supporting/hosting the Grand in Michigan. Will be checking with other clubs in Michigan to see if there is interest and manpower to host this event. Please contact Cliff if interested in supporting this event.

Camo Donation: Any members that have camo clothing/rain gear that you can donate to the club bring it to the next meeting. The clothing/rain gear will be used to camouflage the birdboys at our tests.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Dwayne Miles to adjourn, 2nd by Denis Pode, meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Upcoming Membership Meetings:

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