

St. Clair Flats Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.

"ON THE LINE NEWS"

June, 2007

"Conceived by Hunters for Hunters"

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Important Club Dates

June 16, 2007: Membership Meeting 10AM &
Club Fun Hunt at Omega Farms

July 14, 2007: 1st SCFHRC Invitational Fun Hunt
10AM at Omega Farms

July 28 & 29, 2007: Hunter's Marsh Retriever Challenge

August 11 & 12, 2007: Andy Attar Seminar at Hunter's Ridge

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Friends,

Well, the heat of Summer has landed upon us, and I for one am not happy about that. Never taken to kindly to the heat, and don't care to much for what it can do to the dogs if they over do it while training. Guess I am just asking everyone to be careful when out in the heat with your dogs.

Another thing that has got me going is the price of gas. I am not so much concerned about the actual cost, but I am concerned that the big push for ethanol as a cost cutter is going to have a major effect on the enrollment numbers for 2007 Farm Bill. With corn selling at a record high, farmers may find it more beneficial to plow and plant instead of enrolling those acres in one of the many conservation programs available through the Farm Bill. Can't blame the farmers, they have bills to pay and families to support just like the rest of us. Re-enrollments of farmable grasslands in the Pot Hole region are way down already, and many acres of the once profitable rice fields in the south are now being filled and planted with corn.

Ok, just feel off my soap box. Stay cool if you can, and try to cut down on the corn flakes, and the Doritos, and the popcorn when you go to the show, doing so just may save a duck or two.

Rick

ACHIEVEMENTS

Rick Horn & "Maggie" Finished Pass at Great Lakes
Rick Horn & "Maggie" Finished Pass at Michigan
Mike Boufford & "Tess" Finished Pass at Great Lakes
Mike Boufford & "Tess" Finished Pass at Michigan
Mike Boufford & "Tess" Finished Pass at Central
Mike Boufford & "Jake" Finished Pass at Great Lakes
Mike Boufford & "Jake" Finished Pass at Michigan
Mike Boufford & "Jake" Finished Pass at Central
Bill Ferrans & "Deek" Finished Pass at Great Lakes
Bill Ferrans & "Deek" Finished Pass at Michigan
Bill Ferrans & "Deek" Finished Pass at Central
Bill Ferrans & "Bear" Finished Pass at Great Lakes
Bill Ferrans & "Bear" Finished Pass at Michigan

Jeff Bryson & "Cub" Finished Pass at Great Lakes
Jeff Bryson & "Bear" Finished Pass at Great Lakes
Jim Thompson & "Code" Finished Pass at Great Lakes
Jim Thompson & "Code" Finished Pass at Central
Jack Helzerman & "Buzz" Finished Pass at Great Lakes
Kurt Martz & "Argo" Finished Pass at Lake Erie
Kurt Martz & "Argo" 2 Finished Passes at Old Hatchie
Kurt Martz & "Chloe" 2 Finished Passes at Old Hatchie
Bill Forster & "Rosie" Finished Pass at Michigan
Cary Archer & "Maggie" Seasoned Pass at Michigan
Jay Picklo & "Gunner" Seasoned Pass at Central

Cary Archer & "HR Maggie" earned their Seasoned Title at Michigan

Dennis Pode & "Mandee" Seasoned Pass at Michigan

Denis Pode & "HR Mandee" earned their Seasoned Title at Michigan

Matt Dalton & "Murphy" Started Pass at Michigan

Matt Dalton & "SHR Murphy" earned their Started Title at Michigan

Make sure you inform me of your passes. I need that information to include them in this section of the Newsletter.

2007 Club Passes to date: Upland 53; Finished 37; Seasoned 10; Started 10

2007 Club Titles to date: 5 Upland; 2 Finished; 2 Seasoned; 4 Started

2007 Total Club Passes to date: 110; 2007 Total Titles to date: 13

TOTAL RETRIEVER FLOW CHART

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SOCIALIZATION AND INTRODUCTION TO FIELD

Introduction to Crate
House Breaking Casting
Playing with Kids and Adults
Traveling in a Vehicle
Learning Limits
Nature Walks

Simple Obedience with Treats
Games with Treats
Walking on Leash (2 sides)
Introduction to Retrieving
Introduction to Birds
Introduction to Water Retrieves

Introduction to Gunner-thrown marks
Introduction to Gunfire (at a distance)
Introduction to Upland Hunting
Introduction to Lead Steady
Walking Singles
Yard Multiples

BASICS

YARD SEQUENCE

Formal Obedience

Heel (2 sides), Here, Side and Front Sit,
Sit to Whistle

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Force Fetch

Hold
Ear Pinch
Walking Fetch
Stick Fetch

Simple Casting

Right, Left, and Back from Remote Sit

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E-Collar Conditioning

Obedience
De-bolt
Collar Fetch

Introduction to Indirect Pressure

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Pile Work

Lining and Casting to Pile
Stick to Pile
Force to Pile
Sit to Pile
Come-in from Pile

Double T

Teaching the Line
Forcing
Stopping
Mini T
Full T
Double T
Disciplined Casting

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Ψ

Swim-by

Teaching the Line
Forcing
Stopping
Overs and Exits

FIELD PROGRESSION

Singles off Multiple Guns

Lead Steady (taut lead with use of hand on release)

Introduction to Simple Retired or Hidden Guns

Require Delivery to Hand

Bird in Mouth Procedure with singles off multiple guns

Teach Land Doubles

Steady with limp Lead or no Lead

Occasional E-collar Use Permitted for obedience going to/from line or for steadiness

Long Non-Cheating Water Marks

Simple Conventional De-cheating

Simple Water Doubles

TRANSITION

LAND SEQUENCE

Pattern Blinds
Blind Drills
Pattern Blinds
with Diversions
Elementary Cold
Land Blinds

WATER SEQUENCE

Simple Cheating Singles
Taught Channel Blinds
Cold Channel Blinds
Complex Cheating Singles
Chinese Blinds
Memory Cheating Marks
Simple Tune-Ups

DRILLS

Wagon Wheel
8-handed Casting
No-No Drills

GENERAL TRAINING

Continue Therapy Marks
Land Marking Progression:
Simple Retired Memory marks
Increasing Complexity of Multiples
Building Marking Concepts
Handling for marking errors such as switching, going to old falls, & fading with factors

ADVANCED

FIELD TRIAL

Building Marking and Blind Concepts:

long retired guns, secondary selection, quads, advanced tune-up drills, multiple blinds to master factors such as poison birds and other diversions, obstacles, crosswind, terrain, and other factors; emphasis on technical water concepts

HUNT TEST/HUNTING

Building Marking and Blind Concepts:

emphasis on steadiness and willingness to handle on marks; multiple blinds to master factors such as dry shots, old falls, and other diversions; emphasis on hunting settings such as game calls, decoys, hidden guns, duck blinds, boats, handler with gun, quartering, etc.

CLUB TRAINING

Club Fun Hunts/Training at Omega Farms: June 16, 2007
1st St. Clair Flats Invitational Fun Hunt Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Omega Farms

This is a Great Deal

20-gauge shotgun shells #8, \$35 for a flat (10 boxes) contact Don Williams(586) 792-2141

April 29, 2007 Meeting Minutes

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

Roll call:

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

New Members: Ron Tuski

Guests: Kevin Hayes

April 2007 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Dwayne Miles, to accept the April 2007 Meeting minutes as published, 2nd by Cary Archer, motion passed.

Officers' Reports

President: Not planning to attend the National meeting in June.

Vice-President: Nothing at this time.

Recording Secretary: Members having trouble opening or not receiving email contact Cliff.

Treasurer: Report presented by Debbie Horn.

Motion by Shirley Julin, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, 2nd by Dwayne Miles, motion passed.

Membership Secretary: Nothing at this time.

Board Members:

Steve Pittiglio: Nothing at this time.

Bill Ferrans: Nothing at this time.

Denis Pode: Nothing at this time.

Don Williams: We have a Club Membership at Hunters Ridge that members should take advantage of. Will get information to the membership on the hunting, shooting and training activities available through this membership.

Old Business

2008 Banquet: Chairperson Dwayne Miles –Tentative date is March 1, 2008. To meet with the Perch Point Board to finalize all details related to the banquet. Rick Horn requested an itemized report of any costs to our club be presented at the May 20th meeting.

2007 Fall Hunt Test: Co-Chairpersons Steve Pittiglio & Dwayne Miles –Bill Forster to check on status of permit. Bill Forster to get Ferry tickets.

Saginaw Bay Duck Hunt: Chairperson Steve Pittiglio – This event is full. If you have not already done so, please send in your deposit. The hunt is a Saturday & Sunday in September, four boats each day. The dates will be forthcoming after the Waterfowl Season is published.

Andy Attar Seminar: Chairperson Don Williams – August 11 & 12, requested people get their deposit in, \$200 per person, meals included. There are a few openings and after May 1st the event will be opened up to non-members.

Hunter's Marsh Water Challenge: Chairperson Rick Horn – The event is full, a request was made for everyone to get his or her deposit in ASAP. Not enough interest expressed to arrange a 2nd date.

2007 Grand Hunt: Cliff Venticinque– Will be held at Omega Farms in September. Although many of our members are working this event, St. Clair Flats is not hosting the event.

Omega Farms Club Membership: An explanation of the procedure to follow when training at Omega Farms and a map detailing the training areas has been emailed to all members and will also be published in the May Newsletter.

New Business

Heritage Day: August 26, 2007 at Huron Point. Our club will be putting on a dog demonstration and this is one of our favorite activities. Members interested in attending call Rick Horn.

Club Apparel: Don Williams has club logo apparel for purchase.

SCFHRC 1st Invitational Fun Hunt: July membership meeting is canceled. We will be inviting all of the Michigan HRC clubs to a Fun Hunt Saturday, July 14, 2007, 10:00 AM, at Omega Farms.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Mike Boufford to adjourn, 2nd by Bill Ferrans, meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Upcoming Membership Meetings:

Saturday, June 16, 2007, 10:00 AM, at Omega Farms, Training after the meeting if weather permits.
