

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
Vice Pres.: Dwayne Miles	(586) 752-0037	Board: Steve Pittiglio	(586) 268-0543
Secretary: Cliff Venticinque	(586) 739-0423	Board: Bill Ferrans	(586) 739-1663
Treasurer: Debbie Horn	(810) 794-0350	Board: Denis Pode	(810) 794-7671
Membership: Cary Archer	(517) 545-2017		

Important Club Dates

February 18, 2007: Membership Meeting 10AM, at Perch Point.

THANK YOU OUTGOING OFFICERS

It requires special people with tremendous dedication and foresight to establish an organization. The time and effort these people put in to guide it from it's infancy to it's maturity is immeasurable. Our outgoing President Don Williams and Lee Koss are two such people. Thank you Don and Lee for all you have done for our St. Clair Flats Hunting Retriever Club.

There are also those that enter an organization and become import contributors to it's continued success. As I recall our outgoing Treasurer Matt Lahr took on the Treasures duties the first year he became a club member and has served us well for 6 years. In that light, I would be remiss not to recognize Randy Jezewski for his effort last year as a Board member. Thank you Matt and Randy.

Last, but not least, I personally would like to thank Don and Lee. You both share with me, through your knowledge and help, any success my dogs and I have had or will have.

Thank you,
Cliff, Abbey, and Rose

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.

Cliff Venticinque & "Abbey" 3 Upland passes at Kankakee HRC

Cliff Venticinque & "Rose" 4 Upland passes at Kankakee HRC

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

January Meeting Minutes

President Don Williams: Meeting called to order at 10 p.m., welcome to those in attendance.

Roll call:

√	President: Don Williams	√	Board: Debbie Horn
a	Vice President: Lee Koss	√	Board: Dwayne Miles
√	Recording Secretary: Cliff Venticinque	√	Board: Denis Pode
√	Treasurer: Matt Lahr	√	Board: Randy Jezewski
√	Membership Secretary: Rick Horn		Alternate:

Number of members present: 33

New Members: Jim Grabinski, Ed Archer, Chris Miller, Jeff & Amy Zvanciuk, Jeff Bryson

January 28th Meeting Minutes: *Motion b y Cary Archer, to accept the January Meeting Minutes as published, 2nd by Matt Lahr, motion passed.*

Officers' Reports

President: Thanks to everyone in attendance today and for supporting the many club activities. Hunt Chairman Steve Pittiglio, with the help of many cub members, put on our best Hunt Test ever. Also, our success at Hunt Tests and the numerous titles earned in 2006 was outstanding. Hope that our club members and their dogs can be as successful in 2007.

Vice-President: absent

Recording Secretary: Meeting minutes taken by Cliff Venticinque

Treasurer: *Motion by Dwayne Miles, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, 2nd by Rick Horn, motion passed.*

Membership Secretary: 105 members to date.

Board Members: nothing to report

Old Business

Fund Raisers: Matt Lahr looking into a banquet for 2007.

2007 Fall Hunt Test: Steve Pittiglio–September 8 & 9 on Harsens' Island. Many volunteers needed.

New Business

Audit Committee: Nancy Venticinque, Steve Pittiglio, and Debbie Horn appointed. They need to make arrangements to review the 2006 books after the Annual Meeting in January.

Land Acquisition: Rick Horn investigating obtaining a Wetland Reclamation Grant under the Farm Bill from the Federal Government. Club will form an ad hoc committee to research this topic.

2007 Club Election: All candidates for office gave a synopsis of their qualifications and goals. Election Chairperson Debbie Horn passed out ballots to all in attendance. Nancy Venticinque, Gordon Welsandt, and Suanne Forster tabulated the votes. The election results were as follows:

President-Rick Horn; Vice President-Dwayne Miles; Treasurer-Debbie Horn;

Board Members- Steve Pittiglio-will finish the 2 years remaining from the vacated 3yr. term, Bill Ferrans-2 yr. term, & Denis Pode-1 yr. term.

2006 Awards Presentation:

Started: Randy Jezewski & Levi & Diva, Shirley Julin & Cooper, Denis Pode & Mayhem, Jay Picklo & Gunner, Chris Wellsandt & Flicka, Matt Dillon & Murphy, Mary Lynn Metras & Blackie

HR Titles: Jeff Bryson & Drake, Bill Ferrans & Bear, Alan Mackie & Owen, Kurt Martz & Cleo

HRCH Titles: Rick Horn & Maggie, Mike Bufford & Tess, Dwayne Miles & Dusty, Dave Fisher & Goose

UH Titles: Don Williams & Smoke, Rick Horn & Maggie, Steve Pittiglio & Patton, Bill Ferrans & Deek, Cliff Venticinque & Abbey, Cliff Venticinque & Rose

President Elect Rick Horn: Appreciates being elected and will support and carry on the work of outgoing President Don Williams and the clubs other founding members. Is looking forward to working with the new officers and will strive diligently to keep St. Clair Flats HRC one of the top clubs in the HRC.

Meeting Adjourned:

Motion by Don Williams to adjourn, 2nd by Dwayne Miles, meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Membership Meeting:

Sunday, February 18, 2007, 10:00 AM, at Perch Point, Training after meeting.
