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KCRC NEWS



Puppy Stake Winners Matt Huff & Jazz – Sr. Puppy Sara Beddingfield & Haley – Jr. Puppy

He was nervous, he wasn't really sure that he wanted to do it but finally his dad convinced him to try. She usually only threw birds, so when she was asked, she jumped at the chance. Two very different outlooks with the same end result.

Both teams, Matt Huff, age 8 and Jazz, owned by his dad Chad Huff and Sara Beddingfield, age 10 and Haley, owned by Mike Castilli had nearly perfect series to handily win the Senior and Junior Puppy Stakes respectively.

Eli Reichman and his darling puppy girl, Bella, finished second in the [junior puppy](#).

Sue George and her golden puppy boy, Aenghus finished second in the senior puppy with Anthony Piranio and his Big Al (Dusty on Stilts) a close third. The placements were rounded out by Max Carr who came all the way from Branson, MO to run his golden puppy girl, Mellow [and](#) in fourth place [the Reserve Jam](#) went to Rick Gumino and his brother's dog Allee.

Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time and enjoyed watching these youngsters who all appear to hold real promise for the future. Hopefully we will see everyone again in March!

Sue George – KCRC Reporter

2006 K.C.R.C. Officers, Directors, & Committee Members

Officers

President:	Eli Reichman
Vice President:	Loren Morehouse
Secretary:	Danette Doolittle
Treasurer:	Carol Morehouse

Board of Directors:

2 Year Directors: Kip Anderson, Stephanie Batman
Sandra Anderson, Mike Westfall

1 Year Directors: Becky Eckett, Sue George, Dex
Doolittle

Committees:

Field Trial Steward:	Will Wilbanks
Field Trial Secretary:	Joanne Wilbanks
Field Trial Committee:	Stephanie Batman*, Will Wilbanks, Loren Morehouse, Carol Morehouse, Ron Batman, Joanne Wilbanks
Field Trial Judges Committee:	Loren Morehouse*, Wil Wilbanks, Stephanie Batman, Mark Lagergren
Hunt Test Steward:	Phillip Mefford
Hunt Test Secretary:	Joanne Wilbanks
Hunt Test Committee:	Sue George*, Becky Eckett (Spring 06), Dannette Doolittle, David Wolfe (Spring 06), Dex Doolittle (Fall 06), Joanne Wilbanks, Phillip Mefford
Hunt Test Judges Committee:	Sue George*, Joanne Wilbanks, Dannette Doolittle, Phillip Mefford
Captain of the Guns:	Field Trials – Loren Morehouse Hunt Tests – David Wolfe (Spring) Dex Doolittle (Fall)
Membership Committee:	Debbie Newton*, Sandra Anderson, Janice Johnson
Budget & Finance:	Carol Morehouse*, Sandra Anderson, Susan Lagergren
Trophies:	Carol Morehouse*, Stephanie Batman, Susan Lagergren
Social Ways & Means:	Stephanie Batman*, Susan Lagergren, Sandra Anderson
Historian / Newsletter:	Susan Lagergren, Mark Lagergren (Co-Editors), Debbie Newton (Story Editor), Bobby & Sue George, Eli Reichman (Reporters)
Sanctioned Trial Judges Committee:	Kip Anderson*, Stan Bukaty, Janice Johnson
KCRC Webmaster	Joanne Wilbanks

* Denotes Chairperson



2005 Member of the Year David Wolfe

February 2006 Sanctioned Trial Results

Junior Puppy

- 1st – Sara Beddingfield – Haley
2nd – Eli Reichman – Isabelle

Senior Puppy

- 1st – Matthew Huff – Jazz
2nd – Sue George – Aenghus
3rd – Anthony Piranio – Big Al
4th – Max Carr – Mellow
R Jam – Karl Gumina

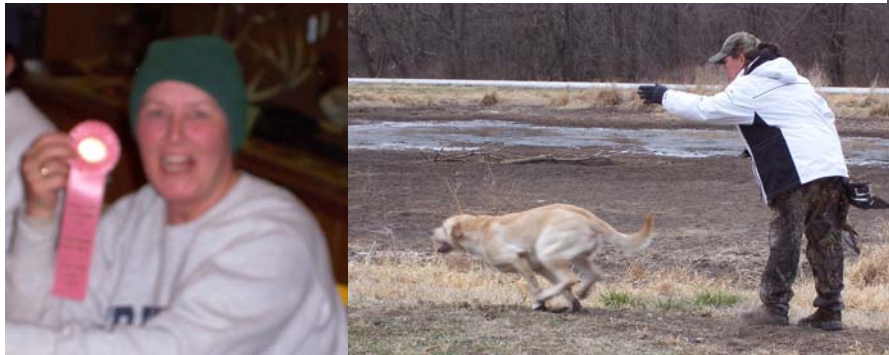
Novice

- 1st – Debbie Newton – Misty
2nd – Bob Lamm – Rocky
3rd – Bob Lamm – Jefferson
4th – Ron Bradshaw – Buster
R Jam – Bob Lamm – Lucy

JAMS

- Stan Bukaty – Stoney
Bob Lamm – Eddie
Debbie Newton – Maxie
Greg Bell – Bailey
Anthony Piranio – Big Al
Elena McMurray – Aries
Debbie Newton – Meg
John Gassner – Lucy
Ron Bradshaw – Ollie

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**QUALIFYING WINNER – Sue George and TUG
and
Second Place - Debbie Newton and J.B.**

Sanctioned Trial Results – Continued

OPEN

1st – Fred Brown – Ruby
2nd – Fred Brown – Hannah
3rd – Jay Stine – Tooeey
4th – Jerry Kapral – Holly
R JAM – Vince Benedetto – C.J.

JAMS

Ed Schulenberg – Luke
David Payne – Dirty
Jay Stine – Chance
Ed Schulenberg – Gus
Kip Anderson – Chaos
David Payne – Forrest
Phil Carson – Bart
Debbie Newton – J.B.
Jay Stine – Try
Stan Bukaty – Gus
Greg Bell – Woody

DERBY

1st – Kip Anderson – Ash
2nd – Dave Wolfe – Willow
3rd – Ron Johnson – Rebel
4th – Ed Schulenberg – Bub
R JAM – Vince Benedetto – Toots

JAMS

Jay Stine – Otter

DERBY, Continued

JAM
Greg Bell – Twister
Ed Schulenberg - Wib
Jay Stine - Search

AMATEUR

1st – John Gassner - Jake
2nd – Fred Brown – Ruby
3rd – Anthony Piranio – Maggie
4th – Fred Brown – Hannah
R JAM – Jerry Kapral – Holly

JAM

Eli Reichman – Jake
Ron Bradshaw – Hank
Stan Bukaty – Gus

QUALIFYING

1st – Sue George – Tug
2nd – Debbie Newton – J.B.
3rd – David Wolfe – Gunner
4th – Anthony Piranio - Rocky
R JAM – Greg Bell – Dixie

JAMS

Bob Lamm – Jefferson
Joanne Wilbanks – Dolly

**K.C.R.C.
Upcoming Events**

March 4,5, 2006
James A. Reed Wildlife Area
K.C.R.C. Sanctioned Field Trial

March 18, 19, 2006
B. Hayden’s Farm, Sedalia, Mo.
K.C.R.C. Licensed Hunt Test

April 14, 15, & 16, 2006
Pittsburg, Kansas
K.C.R.C. Licensed Field Trial

June 3,4, 2006
James A. Reed Wildlife Area
K.C.R.C. Sanctioned Field Trial

**LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED
July 8, 2006**
K.C.R.C. General Membership
Meeting

September 9, 10, 2006
TBA
K.C.R.C. Sanctioned Field Trial

October 20,21, & 22, 2006
TBA
K.C.R.C. Licensed Field Trial

December 2, 2006
TBA
K.C.R.C. Christmas Party

(All Sanctioned trials begin at
9:00 A.M. Sign up begins at
8:30 A.M. at the Headquarters)

With the exception of the Puppy
Stakes; Signup is 11:30 Saturday,
event begins at 12:00 Noon

Scenes From the February, 2006 KCRC Sanctioned Field Trial



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Fred Rohr

***Rohrs's
Game
Farm***

***Troy,
Kansas***

***In The Spotlight
Members: Fred and Sandy Rohrer.
Moniker: "The Schwan Man of Ducks",
bestowed on Fred by Sandy
...since Fred always delivers!***

According to Sandy his wife of 22 years, Fred Rohrer is a "unique" man. That's an appropriate description for a man who raises and sells game birds for a living.

Since 1976, Fred has been supplying ducks and pheasants to KCRC for the club's AKC licensed events. It all began rather innocently in 1967, when Fred began raising a few quail at his home in Elwood, Kansas while working full time at Armour and Company. Raised on a working farm in Wathena, Kansas, Fred was always raising animals and loved the farm life. But, he never envisioned anything like the operation that he runs today, "I had the instinct of being a farmer, but I never did have it in my mind that I'd do this," Fred said recently.

A simple sign posted on the highway caught the eye of Loren Morehouse after KCRC lost its bird supplier in 1976. Recalling the chance meeting with fondness, Fred recalls Loren asking, "how'd you like to raise birds for a retriever club?" Well, I had no idea what he was talking about

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At the time, Fred estimates he raised about 1,200 birds a year. Today, Rohrer's Game Farm raises approximately 75,000 ducks, pheasants, quail, chukar and a few turkeys as well. And he's become a well traveled man too, averaging some 55,000 miles of driving a year servicing field trials, hunt tests and dog trainers across the country.

When at home a typical work day begins around 8am with transferring eggs in the hatchery, putting out fresh feed, water, dry bedding and then working the birds. Repairs to the bird pens fence and netting keep Fred and his help busy and trapping predators like Opossums and Raccoons are a major concern. This past year a Bobcat and her cubs were trapped and disposed of, but not before killing roughly \$3,000 worth of pheasants.

Fred's greatest pleasure comes from the hatching process, "they're so cute and fluffy when the chicks hatch - they're almost like tiny teddy bears". Ultimately the best part of his job are the friendships Fred's made from his years with the club, beginning with the original "Four Musketeers", Loren Morehouse, Ron Batman, Bob Motzel and Ron Hackett.

"I've made a lot of friends in this game. Since 1976, a lot of people have come and gone, but coming to a club event is always like a family reunion. People are always glad to see me and I honestly like being around you guys," Fred said. It is Sandy who best describes Fred Rohrer, "I've never met anyone who is as content with his lot in life as Fred. When he's out there doing his thing - he absolutely loves it! And it's been quite a ride."

Story and Photograph by Eli Reichman.

Musings

by Richard Biby, Contributing Editor

Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or, "that's a lot of money for just a dog." They don't understand the distance traveled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog." Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog." Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted. Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gentle touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you, too, think it's "just a dog," then you will probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise," or "just a promise." "Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. "Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person. Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future. So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. "Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man." So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."

KCRC Membership Drive!!

*Any Existing K.C.R.C.
member who recruits*

“Three”

*New Members in a 12 month period
will win A*

Cabelas’s Gift Certificate

in the amount of

\$25.00