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KCRC NEWS

THE KANSAS CITY RETRIEVER CLUB
invites you to join us, February 2nd and 3rd, 2008
at James A. Reed Wildlife Area for the first "Fun" Trial of the year.

Sign-up for all stakes (except puppy) will be held at:
James A. Reed Headquarters Building from 8:30-9:00 both days.

Puppy sign-up will take place from 11:30am-Noon on Saturday, February 2nd.
The puppy stake will begin immediately upon conclusion of sign-ups.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Listing of events each day and entry fees:

Saturday, February 2nd, 2008

OPEN All-Age \$12.00 per dog
DERBY: (open to dogs under the age of 2) \$10.00 per dog
PUPPY: (Junior pups 0-6 months and Senior pups 6-12 months) \$5 per pup

Sunday, February 3rd, 2008

AMATEUR: \$12.00 per dog
QUALIFYING: \$10.00 per dog
NOVICE: \$10.00 per dog

Following completion of the last stake on Saturday, February 2nd,
please stay and join us for the
**KCRC Winter General Membership meeting and our annual POT-LUCK
DINNER**

We ask that you bring a Main Dish, Side Dish or Dessert to share at the
Saturday POTLUCK.

Please contact **Stephanie Batman** at 913-757-2575
or email afchomer@peoplestelecom.net
with a list of what you plan on bringing to the dinner.

Please note J.A.R. headquarters prohibits the consumption of alcohol on its
premises.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE YEAR'S FIRST
BIG EVENT.**

2008 K.C.R.C. Officers, Directors, & Committee Members

Officers

President: Becky Eckett

Vice President: Sandra Anderson

Secretary: Susan Lagergren

Treasurer: Joanne Wilbanks

Board of Directors:

2 Year Directors: Loren Morehouse, Kip Anderson
Phil Carson, Carol Morehouse

1 Year Directors: Jim Carlisle, Mark Lagergren, Eli
Reichman

Committees:

Field Trial Steward: Will Wilbanks

Field Trial Secretary: Joanne Wilbanks

Field Trial Committee: *Stephanie Batman

**Field Trial Judges
Committee:** *Loren Morehouse

**Field Trial Grounds
Committee:**

Hunt Test Steward: David Wolfe

Hunt Test Secretary: Janice Johnson

Hunt Test Committee: *Sue George

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**Hunt Test Judges
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Captain of the Guns: Field Trials – Loren Morehouse
Hunt Tests – Phillip Medford

Membership Committee:

Budget & Finance:

Trophies:

Social Ways & Means:

Historian / Newsletter: Susan Lagergren, Mark Lagergren,
contributing article(s) Eli Reichman

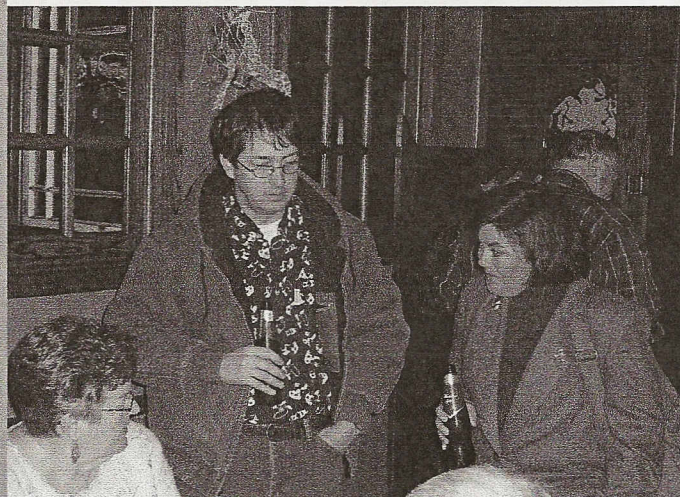
**Sanctioned Trial
Judges Committee:** Kip Anderson*, Mike Brigman, Greg
Bell

KCRC Webmaster: Joanne Wilbanks

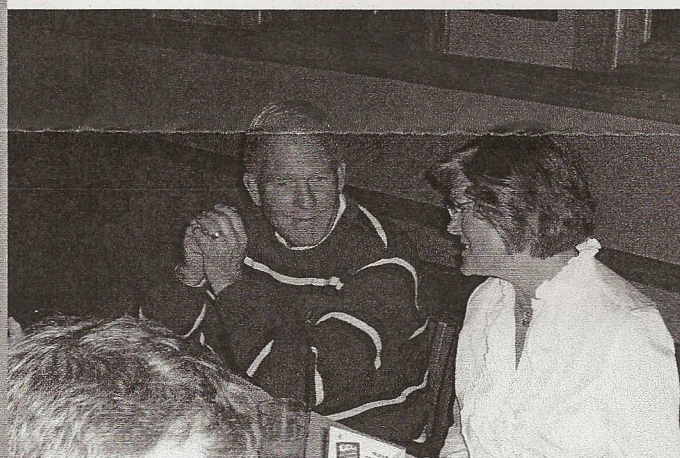
* Denotes Chairperson

Christmas Party Pictures 2008

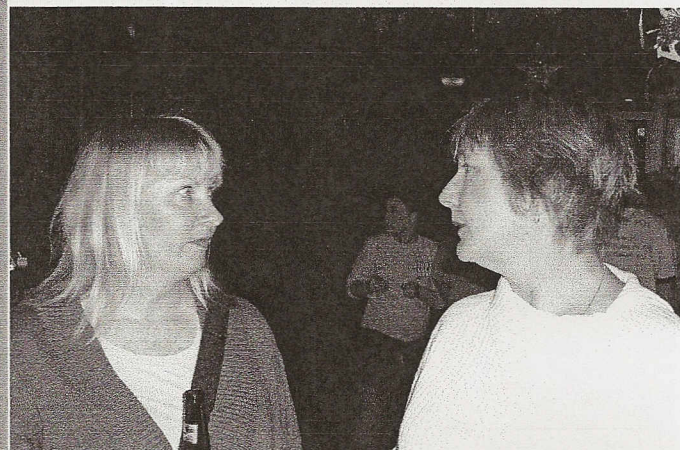
Sandy Rohr, Kip and Sandra Anderson



Jim and Sally Carlisle



Carol Seymour & 2008 President Becky Eckett



KCRC Membership Form

Application for Membership

*Name: _____

Spouse: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____

*State: _____ *Zip Code: _____

*Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

*Email Address: _____

KCRC Sponsor: _____

Please complete the following info as thoroughly as possible. This will help us to make your membership more meaningful. Interests or goals for joining KCRC: (i.e.: dog training, judging knowledge, running trials or hunt test etc.) _____

* Signature _____

*Date _____

*All information is necessary.

Mail to: Joanne Wilbanks
111 E 114th Terr.
Kansas City, MO 64114
Home: 816-442-7376
Email: jo_wilbanks@msn.com

Please complete the form and either mail to Joanne at the above address or bring to the February fun trial and pay your dues at that time. Thank you for bringing your membership current promptly.

K.C.R.C. Upcoming Events

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

Feb 2nd & 3rd
General Membership Meeting and Fun Trial @ James A Reed Wildlife Area

March 1st & 2nd
Fun Trial at James A Reed Wildlife Area

April 11, 12 & 13th
Licensed Field Trial
Pittsburg, Ks

May 16, 17 & 18th
Licensed Hunt Test
Sedalia, Mo

Congratulations

2007 Trophies were awarded to

David Wolfe & Gunner
Open Trophy

Kip Anderson & Chaos
Best of Open - Opposite Sex

David Wolfe & Willow
Mesker Amateur Handler

Stan Bukaty & Stoney
Dr Marvin Roberts High-Point Derby

Eli's Daniel

As a kid, our family pet was Annie the cat, but secretly I pined away for a dog.

It was the fall of 1981 when I returned to KU from yet another newspaper internship and I was determined to find a good "working dog." After conducting a massive in-depth study I concluded that everyone had a labrador... after all it was the only dog I kept seeing on campus. Golden retrievers, known for their style, great nose and even temperament, seemed to be the next logical choice, plus I surmised a golden puppy might aid in my search to find a good woman, too. I mean, how can a gal turn down a fluffy teddy bear? Turns out there was some merit in that thought...

So, like any good investigative journalist, I began pouring through the local newspaper classifieds- I believe the internet was only a dream in Al Gore's state of mind at the time. I soon found a litter in Baldwin City, KS. The breeder was an avid upland hunter, a minister in the community, and he owned both the sire and the dam. How could I go wrong? The only problem was the pup who showed the most interest in retrieving, and the only one who kept coming to me - had this white patch on his chest. I'd read this wasn't a desirable trait, but the little guy just wouldn't leave me alone. After a lengthy deliberation, I took him home.

I named him Daniel and he was my constant companion going everywhere with me, except class, which I rarely attended anyway, so it worked out just fine. Together we traveled across much of the country... the classic boy and his dog story seeking out new adventures, always returning home with a handful of fanciful tales.

Daniel was, I can safely say- much smarter than me. We had some spectacular hunting experiences. One day, while pheasant hunting in McPherson, KS., a group of hunters asked if I'd block for them as they made a push through a shelter belt. Before I knew it, birds of every imaginable type were hightailing it past me. Suddenly, I could hear the zing of bb's whizzing past my head. I quickly dropped two roosters and looked for Daniel to retrieve them, but he was nowhere to be found. After scanning the horizon, I finally caught sight of him peering around the back end of my truck, parked some 100 yards away - as if to say, "is it safe to come out yet?" I joined him in short order.

Eventually Daniel willingly gave up the number one place in my life for a more desirable bed mate and my two young children, whom he would dote on and faithfully watch over. Every fall, after the first frost would arrive, he would wait patiently for our annual pilgrimage to central Kansas, for surely this was meant to be our time together.

Daniel was all that one could hope for in a companion - stylish, playful, loyal, loving and always carried himself as if he descended directly from nobility. I was blessed to have him in my life for 14 1/2 years. In May 1996, Daniel, Sam, and I drove out to McPherson, and together the three of us began to walk the fields... soon Daniel turned to me; in him I saw an appreciation of this moment and place. It was then when I understood he was at peace. Eight days later, I returned with Daniel and buried him in my hunting jacket near the shelter belt where he had so aptly proved his wisdom many years before.

I think of Daniel often and the manner in which he guided me through life that portion of my life. I know there'll never be another spirit like him.

And all is well...

By: Eli Reichman

Our Deepest Condolences to
Aleen Zwiener

Her husband and long time
KCRC member
Royal Zwiener passed November 9, 2007

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for all
the fun gifts and good times at the
KCRC trial. I was touched by the
personal attention. It meant a lot to
me.

Hope to see you all down the road.

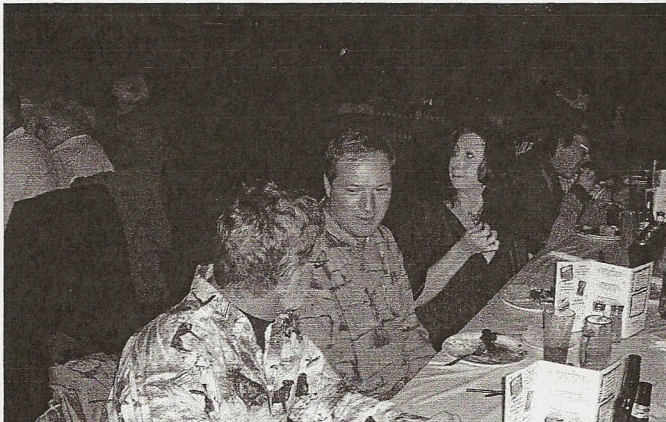
Jay Stine

New Members:

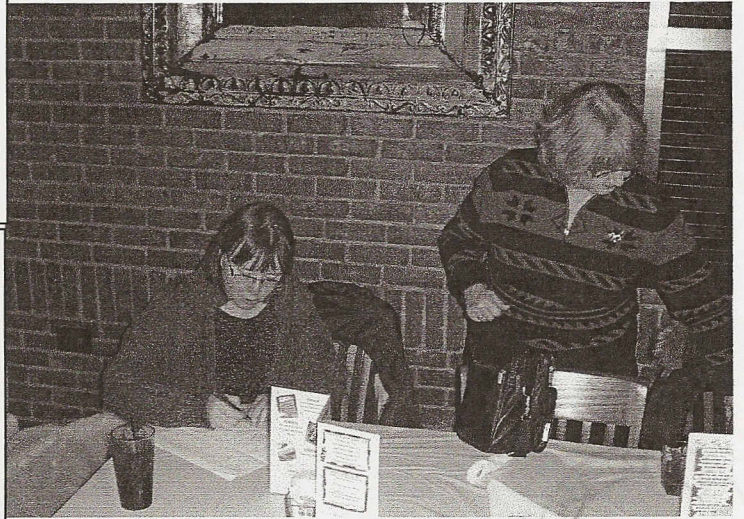
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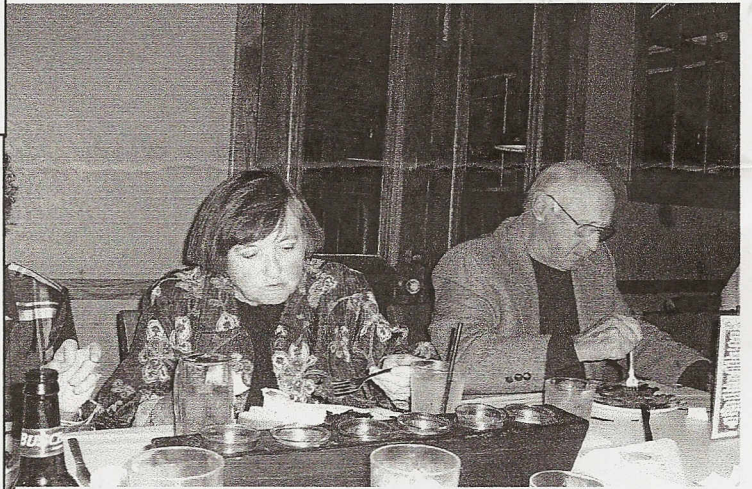
Scott Smith, Dave and Deana Wolfe



More Christmas pictures continued from page 2
Joanne Wilbanks and Carol Kapral



Shirley and Fred Brown



The Bachelors, Eli Reichman & Will Wilbanks and
Becky Eckett

