

# Nebraska Dog and Hunt Club

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## Annual Meeting

Saturday, January 17, the Annual Dinner was held for the Nebraska Dog and Hunt Club. It was held at Misty's Steakhouse in Lincoln, Nebraska. There was a cocktail hour that began at 5:30 with dinner beginning served at 6:15 p.m. It was nice to see not only old but a few new faces as well! Our business meeting followed.

Highlights of the meeting included:

- Treasurer Report
- Lease on Lincoln grounds
- A discussion of the Lake Wahoo project.
- Club Activities
- Election of new Board Members.

New board members elected were: **Jason Brion and Elbert Traylor.**

It was decided that the Board Officers will remain the same for the 2009 year. The officers for this year will be:

**President - Gary Kavan**

**Vice President - Elbert Traylor**

**Treasurer - Larry Heil**

**Secretary - Heidi Henningson**

**Board Members:**

**Doug Bloom**

**Jason Brion**

**Brian Markes**

## Membership Renewals

Attached is your 2009 membership form. Please fill it out and return it with a check made out to the Nebraska Dog and Hunt Club. Mail the completed form to Heidi Henningson 12525 Main Street, Springfield, NE 68059. We would like to get a current membership roster out to everyone along with the March Newsletter. Dues for the 2009 year have been set at \$100.00 for participating members and \$200.00 for non-participating members. Participating members are required to work at least 2 days at one of the licensed events. A participating family membership is \$150.00. Non-participating family membership is \$250.00. Dues should be paid on or before March 1, 2008 when the locks will be changed. Keys will be mailed out to members as soon as your membership application is completed. Members are our club's life line and your membership is important! Members who signed up for the participating membership and who did not fulfill their obligation to work, will need to reimburse the club the additional \$100.00 from last year. They will also have to join at the non-participating level this year and will be reimbursed at the end of the year once they have completed their 2 days of participation. This is ensure that everyone's participation is equitable!

# Judges Committee

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The chairman for our Hunt Tests and Field Trial committees are as follows:

## Hunt Test Committee

Larry Heil who can be contacted at 308-384-1517 or [larry@rainwaterkennels.com](mailto:larry@rainwaterkennels.com)

## Field Trial Committee

Gary Kavan at 402-253-2798 or [buroak@inebraska.com](mailto:buroak@inebraska.com)

If you are actively participating in either or both of these AKC events please contact the chairman of either of these commit-

tees if you would like to have input into the up coming selection of judges. It is always nice to have member input!

## Hunt Test Judging Seminar

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The **Missouri Valley Hunt Club** will be hosting an AKC Hunt Test Seminar on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. It will be held at the Nebraska Human Society located at 8929 Fort Street, Omaha, Nebraska. The Seminar will from 8:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. The cost for the seminar is \$50.00 which include lunch.

**Who should attend:** If you are a current AKC Hunt Test Judge and are in need of a 2nd seminar or if you are currently or will in the near future be running AKC Hunt Test this seminar is for you.

This seminar will include:

- The required AKC Hunt Test course for judges.
- A lesson on becoming an AKC Hunt Test Judge
- A look at how tests are designed and what a judge is looking for in the performance of running dogs
- The AKC Hunt Test Program and how it has evolved since it was conceived.

You can register on-line at <http://www.entryexpress.net>

Or contact Bill Blake at 402-339-9487.

## Retriever Hunting Tests – Judges' Eligibility

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### Current Requirements

- Minimum Age: 21
- Seminar: Not required
- Handling Experience: 1 qualifying leg at level to be judged

### Prior to Judging

- Seminar: Yes (good for 3 years). Written test in conjunction with seminar is a training aid.
- Apprenticeship: Once at level to be judged or higher.
- Handling Experience: On an individual basis, there is no additional han-

dling experience required, however see Judges Panel Qualifications below.

### To Maintain Ability to Judge

- Seminar: Must attend a 2nd Seminar (good for 3 years) after having judged at least 3 times at any level within a 3-year period. However, if you have earned 6 judging points at Master level, you don't need to take the 2nd seminar. Can not attend another seminar or take the test until 6 months prior to your judge's eligibility expiring
- Written Test: After 2nd seminar, must take and pass a test every 4 years – score 90%+. Can not take a test until 6 months prior to your judge's eligibility expiring.

- Frequency of Judging: At least once every 4 years to maintain eligibility.

### Judges Panel Qualifications

Previous Judging Experience: Combined number of points required for the 2 Judges for all levels is 6 at the level to be judged or higher.

**Handling Experience:** At least one of the judges shall have met the following qualifications –

- Master: Handled a dog (s) to 5 or more legs in Master.
- Senior: Handled a dog (s) to 4 or more legs in Senior or Master.
- Junior: Handled a dog (s) to 4 or more legs in JH or SH or MH.

# Nebraska Dog and Hunt Club 2008 Financial Summary

The Nebraska Dog and Hunt Club began the 2008 fiscal year with \$19566.76 as our beginning balance in all accounts. The following are the notable income balances:

- Spring Field Trial \$2,556.39
- Spring Hunt Test \$2635.94
- Fall Hunt Test \$2000.52
- Fall Field Trial \$2045.39
- CRP Income \$1822.00
- Membership \$3255.00

The notable expenses were as follows:

- Land Rental \$3900.00
- Liability Insurance \$1250.00
- Shells \$1066.36
- Ribbons-Hunt Test \$ 465.90
- Grounds maintenance \$ 801.19

We had a total income of \$14384.79 and a total of expenses as \$9715.80, which left the club with a net gain of \$4668.99!

This was a very good year for the club financially! We currently have a certificate of deposit in the amount of \$12208.63 and a checking account balance of \$13124.70.

This successful year is due to the support and handwork of our members and board.

We strive to put on the best possible licensed event that we can as a club, but to do so in a financially responsible manner!

## Gate Keys

We will be changing the locks on the gate effective March 1, 2009. Upon receipt of your membership renewal, you will receive a new key to the gate. This is your key and your key only! Last year we had an issue with the duplication of keys and keys being given out to non-

members! This is unacceptable nor is it fair to dues paying members

The Board has decided that if this should happen again this year, any member who knowingly duplicates a key, or loans their key to non-members will have their membership revoked, regardless of the type

of membership that they hold. Members do have the right to ask non-members to leave the grounds or simply call 911 and report that there is a trespasser on the grounds!

## Grounds Update

We are currently working to negotiate a two year lease for the main grounds with the NRD. The grounds are being acquired by the NRD from the School District as part of a wetlands restoration project. This is only a temporary lease and so we are still in search of permanent grounds for the Nebraska Dog and Hunt Club. We are carefully watching and working with the Lower Platte North NRD on the establishment of a private use area (about 73 acres) for retriever training and competition as part of the Lake Wanahoo Development, near Wahoo, Nebraska. Elbert Traylor has been working over the past several years on making this vision come to a realization.

As a club it has been a goal and will continue to be a goal to purchase new grounds or lease grounds in the Lancaster County area. If you as a club member are aware or should become aware of grounds that might be available to the club, please contact a board member to share your information with us!

## Event Sites

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The following has a list of up coming events: <http://www.dogsafield.com/eventlist.asp>

<http://www.entryexpress.net>

<https://www.rftentry.com>

<http://www.huntingretrieverclub.org><http://www.huntingretrieverclub.org>

## Calendar of Events

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February 22	Club Trial	10:00 a.m.
March 22	Club Trial	9:00 a.m.
April 24 - 26	AKC Licensed Field Trial	8:00 a.m.
May 25	Club Hunt Test	9:00 a.m.
June 20-21	AKC Licensed Hunt Test	8:00 a.m.
July 27	Club Picnic Trial	9:00 a.m.
August 22-23	AKC Licensed Hunt Test	8:00 a.m.
September 25-27	AKC Licensed Field Trial	8:00 a.m.
January 2009	Annual Dinner	To Be Announced

## Board Meeting

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On January 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. a teleconference was held between board members. All seven of the board members were present. We have used the teleconference this last year and found it to be beneficial in saving time and money for Board Members. Items that were addressed included membership dues, the situation on the current grounds and a discussion of new grounds by Wahoo. A discussion followed about a continued search for alternative grounds to be leased or purchased. Members are encouraged to continue to look for alternative grounds for the club to lease or purchase for our club grounds. This spring there will be an Open All Age and a regular qualifying with an owner/handler qualifying held in the fall in conjunction with the licensed field trial. The board also discussed membership concerns and the fact that last year we saw an increase in member participation with in implementation of the working/non working membership. We are in the process of ordering shells, both live and poppers in a large order with will save the club a considerable amount of money . We discussed the concern over the distribution of keys to non-members. As always, if you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact President Gary Kavan at 402-253-2798 or email him at [bu-roak@inebraska.com](mailto:bu-roak@inebraska.com)