

# BIRDS & BUMPERS

## NEWSLETTER OF THE KEYSTONE RETRIEVER CLUB

### KRC OFFICERS & BOARD

**PRESIDENT** Megan Baker

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#### BOARD MEMBERS

Tom Lehr

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Lynn Hostetter

**Training Coordinator** Joe Lescisko

### Club Meeting Dates

#### Membership

July 18, 2020

#### Board

March 19, 2020

May 20, 2020

July 19, 2020

Oct 15 7:00pm



## 2020 Club Training Schedule

January 19 Muddy Run

February 16 Franklinton SGL

March 15 Heidlersburg SGL Lake Meade Rd **CANCELLED**

April 19 TBD **CANCELLED**

May 17 Fenstermacher's, Hughesville, Pa **CANCELLED**

June 6, 7 KRC HUNT TEST, Rebel Ridge **POSTPONED**

June Tim Fenstermacher Property 2980 Deer Lake Rd  
Hughesville, Pa

July 19 Franklinton SGL

August 8, 9. KRC HUNT TEST, Franklinton SGL

September 20 Cross Creek Kennels, Benton, Pa



Club training days, renew membership on-line, get membership application, get directions to training day locations, view by-laws, order merchandise, and much more.

**Go to:**

[Keystoneretrieverclub.org](http://Keystoneretrieverclub.org)

**KRC ON FACEBOOK**

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October 18 TBD

November 15 Zeigler's Game Farm, Annville, Pa

December 20 Blue Marsh- Sheidy Rd Access, Bernville, Pa

- *Message from Our President, Megan Baker*

Aloha everyone – Hope all are safe and healthy.

The June HT event would have been this weekend. I am missing it ;(....

We continue to focus on getting kickstarted with the club events (Both Hunt Test and / Club events). We would like to hear from you



about a couple of ideas. Those will be addressed later in the newsletter. I know training groups are happening and that is great news. Know that we are in an area of the country that is applying some of the most regimented rules regarding CoVid. If you are like me you are watching EE (Entry Express) for tests up and running. I will suggest to start using the AKC web site to also review the entry lists as some clubs are not utilizing EE at this time. Some of you have heard of Hunt Test Secretary – clubs are also using that service. One option we are talking about is also not using EE. Entry Express is charging everyone on the waiting list a fee and you are not getting a refund for that fee. Also all tests (except 1) we have seen to date have had waiting lists. So getting in the event is very difficult.

We will need **EVERYONES** help if and when we have a hunt test as well as every contestant.

Looking for some exciting news around the July training day.

Enjoy your day and train your partner.  
Megan

Thanks  
Megan Baker  
President

## *News and Highlights*

### **Board Meeting Report 5/20/20**

- Much discussion centered around offering Hunt Tests for the remainder of this year - When? Where? for What Levels? You will be receiving a survey to complete regarding options for offering Hunt Tests. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN AS WE NEED YOUR INPUT!**
- KRC Hunt August Test 8/8/20 & 8/9/20 - still scheduled however it is tentative due to the current coronavirus situation and the results of our member survey.

- KRC June Training Day - since we had to postpone our June Hunt Test at Rebel Ridge due to the Coronavirus, we are scheduling a training day on June 28, 2020 at Tim Fenstermacher Property 2980 Deer Lake Rd Hughesville Pa. Much of Pa is beginning to open-up a bit now. Go to KRC website to register.
- Update Equipment Purchases - we have purchased & received 2 new .209 starter pistols to be used for training sessions. Joe has them ready for our next session. The 2 Slinger Wingers have been received and we expect them to be in our trailer soon. ***(Note: I had the opportunity to use a similar one a few weeks ago and they are very nice - light, easy to set up and safe)***
- Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2020, the day before our July training day, July 19. We are discussing the possibly of having a picnic in the York Springs area. More information will be forthcoming. **YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A SECOND SURVEY REGARDING A PICNIC. MEMBER MEETING ON JULY 18 AND OFFERING A "FRIENDLY TRIAL" ON JULY 19. *PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN SO WE CAN PLAN EVENTS THAT YOU WANT.***
- The next Board meeting will be on (TBD) via phone conference.

**Board and Officer Positions** - at the Annual Membership Meeting in July we will be discussing upcoming vacancies on the Board. ***If you have any interest in serving your Club in a Board or Officer capacity please talk to one of the current Board members.***

**Safe Water Training** - as many of us hit the area waters to train our dogs please be aware of the dangers of blue-green algae to our precious canine companions.

***(The following article appeared in the AKC Communicates Newsletter -)***

### **AKC Communicates**

**Date:** May 29, 2020 at 11:30:47 AM EDT

While many dog owners are getting outdoors to beat COVID-19 cabin fever, there are safety precautions to be aware of before allowing



your dog to swim. Blue-green algae, bacteria often found in non-flowing freshwater during hot seasons, are toxic and deadly when consumed in high concentrations. Dogs are more vulnerable to blue-green algae poisoning because of their likelihood to play in the water. Learn more about the symptoms and prevention in this article.

[READ MORE](#)

### **AKC/Covid/ Field Trials and Hunt Tests Guidelines**

There is a Suggested COVID Best Practices document for every AKC sport.

Hunt Tests - Clubs will find the appropriate document for their sports on the [AKC COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates website](#) or the [Retriever Hunt Test page on akc.org](#).

Field Trials - Clubs will find the appropriate document for their sports on the [AKC COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates website](#) or the [Retriever Field Trial page on akc.org](#).

### **Wags, Brags and Rainbows**

- Megan Baker and Tom Lehr both passed the AKC Judges exam with flying colors! (They claim they had different tests too! 😊) Big congrats to both!

- Our thoughts and prayers go out to April Senseney whose spunky little Sheltie, Stormy, recently crossed the rainbow bridge.

*When you and/or your dogs reach milestones and accomplishments, let us know! We'd like to post it here and share with the Club*

*members. Send photo and description to Warren Risk - wrisk2@comcast.net.*

### *Equipment for Sale, and Otherwise*

- The Board has decided to auction-off our existing .22 cal starting pistols. We'll keep you informed of the process to do so.
- If you have training equipment that you would like to sell or purchase you can list it here. Contact Warren Risk to have it listed wrisk2@comcast.net

### *Training Resources and Suggestions*

Ideas to continue working with your dogs during "stay at home" restrictions:

#### 1) Internet training resources to check out:

- YouTube - Bill Hillman - he has many videos that show training techniques, drills, philosophy, basics, etc that are free to view.
- Facebook - Pat Burns - Elite Retriever Training - videos and discussions with other experts

2) Maryland Sporting Dog Association - Annual pool party and light training - weekend of July 25. Pool Party is for MSDA club members, their families, and their guests. Dogs, too, of course! It is hosted by Alex & Steve Roth at their property in Dickerson MD. There's usually lots of time in and around the pool, some opportunities for informal field training, and a potluck lunch buffet.

- If you have any training resources you would like to recommend to your colleagues contact Warren Risk to have them listed here. wrisk2@comcast.net

## *Newsletter Topics*

If you have any suggestions for other topics you feel should be in the Newsletter please contact Warren Risk - [wrisk2@comcast.net](mailto:wrisk2@comcast.net)

STAY SAFE AND WELL!! SEE YOU ON THE FIELDS AND PONDS!