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**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 2006 TEJAS HUNTING RETRIVER CLUB MONTHLY MEETING AT GANDER MOUNTAIN (HWY 290 AND HWY 6 (SE CORNER)) 832-237-7900, 7:00 P.M. – THE LODGE -MEETING ROOM – James Davis (Limestone Kennels) well known trainer and long time TEJAS member will discuss training methods and techniques.**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**MARCH 2006**

Greetings!

Congratulations to all of those that received recent passes and or titles as the Hunt Test season has begun! Be sure to let us know who got passes and titles among us so we can further recognize you in the newsletter. Send all those trophy photographs to Greg so he can post them on our website for all to see.

TEJAS members should be proud of themselves for putting on another well organized and successful test. Garrett Bigelow surrounded himself with qualified hard working members that banded together to showcase TEJAS for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary hunt test!

The Hunt Test committee not only organized a great weekend of test but also made the club a little money with a great raffle and tailgate party! On behalf of the TEJAS membership I would like to thank the following persons or businesses for DONATING raffle items or money to purchase raffle items: Gander Mountain, Dogs A Field, Zinger Winger, K and W Outfitters, Paradise Hunting Club, Gun Dog Supply, Wildrose Trading Company, Briley, Field Tech, Zinger Winger, Vision Photography, Dave and Vicki Christianson, Garrett and Cynthia Bigelow, Scotty and Phil Maddox, and Dave Brannon.

I am proud that TEJAS took timeout during the hunt test to recognize the continued efforts of our UKC Regional Representative Janet Kimbrough by presenting her with an honorary membership to TEJAS. Janet is not only a tireless promoter of UKC but a qualified representative who constantly keeps the interest of our region in mind.

Now that our spring UKC test is behind there is no time to rest. James Davis and his committee members now need your assistance with the spring AKC test in Giddings. Remember, this will be the first test wherein we will be slowly winging ourselves from paid bird boys in order to save/make money. Your club needs more than your annual membership dues. TEJAS needs your active participation in club events to help make this club a continued success.

On the morning of March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006 TEJAS members are going to meet with the land owner in Giddings and perform a little maintenance on the property. This will include picking up dead limbs and perhaps some mowing. Once we are done the event will turn into a day of training. We need as many folks as possible to make this a fun and productive day. Don't wait to be called upon! Contact Chet Beaty today and volunteer your time.

If you were unable to attend the February meeting you missed a real treat. Larry Feland of FELANDS GUNSMITHING lectured to the club on the proper fitting of a shotgun. We all found Larry to be an engaging dynamic speaker that deserves an encore invitation to return in the near future. I was impressed to the point that I quickly dropped off my Benelli Super 90 to be fitted by Larry. I encourage you all to attend the monthly meetings. You will see the upcoming meetings will all have equally promising guest speakers.

Finally, I want to express my heart felt thanks for a job well done to our club secretary, Bryce Bezant. Bryce recently announced his employment has required him and his family to relocate. Bryce took the job of club secretary to a new level. I am the second club president to work with Bryce and I am sure Dennis McKibbin will echo that Bryce's leadership, organizational and communication skills will be hard to replace. However, Bryce has promised me he is only an email or telephone call away and he will continue to support TEJAS from a long distance. Good luck my friend. You will be missed.

Good Luck This Spring,

John

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### **MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD 1/4/06**

**Treasure Report:** Deborah Story - Current Balance of \$4,638

### **MOTIONS:**

- Election of Club Secretary to replace Bryce Bezant – Karl Dahm nominated by Garrett Bigelow and Greg Lohse nominated by John Moreman. Greg Lohse declined nomination. Karl Dahm voted in by majority vote.
- HRC Rule book changes– approved by TEJAS members. Refer to Tejas Website Discussion Forum where 2006/2007 Rule Book Change Proposals are posted.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Paul Beckley has volunteered to be Club Historian.
- Todd Buffaloe has volunteered as Equipment Manager.

### **Minutes (meeting 2/1/06):**

The meeting was called to order by President John Moreman.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

UKC HUNT TEST – February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.- Garrett Bigelow provided a report on the HRC/UKC Hunt Test which will be the Tejas' 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary HRC/UKC Hunt Test. Garrett reported that most of the details have been finalized and things are on track. Garrett made a request from club members to get more raffle items. Garrett had an example of the judge's gifts (golf towels and ornamented tin).

Garret also mentioned that he was taking orders for shirts. John M. mentioned that all orders for the shirts will go through Garret and will not be included in the club cash accounting. Discussion was had about the club logo and whether a dog of a certain color should be shown. Discussion was tabled.

AKC HUNT TEST April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.- James Davis commented that the Hunt Test was in good shape. All of the judges had been approved and birds were ordered. It was noted by James and John M that since the test will be held at the Giddings grounds, we will need club members to volunteer for bird throwers. The fact that we will be using Zinger Wings will simplify matters and minimize the number of throwers need.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

RULE BOOK CHANGE PROPOSAL – HRC – John Moreman moved that the proposed HRC/UKC rule book changes for 2006/2007 be approved by club members. The motion was seconded and passed by a majority. These proposals are posted on the Tejas website - discussion forum.

CLUB SECRETARY – Nominations for Club Secretary were opened to the floor. This was necessitated by the resignation of Bryce Bezzant from that position because he will move from the area for a job opportunity. John Moreman nominated Greg Lohse. Greg Lohse respectfully declined the nomination citing that he had all he could handle with the website. Garrett Bigelow nominated Karl Dahm. Karl was voted in as the Club Secretary to pick up the duties starting in March.

TREASURES REPORT - Deborah Story gave the Treasure's report stating the club current balance is \$4,638.31 as of 2/10/06. Deborah also announced that Zinger Winger was offering club members a discount of \$100 off each winger for orders of 6 or better. Club members are to notify Deborah if interested. An order will soon be placed for Zinger Wingers for the club.

APPOINTED POSITIONS – John Moreman announced that Paul Beckley has agreed to be the club's Historian and Todd Buffaloe has agreed to be the club's Equipment Manager. The club would like to express its appreciation to these two gentlemen for taking on these duties.

GUEST SPEAKER – Larry Feland gave a talk on custom fitting of shot guns. This was a very interesting talk to everyone that attended. Thanks to Marty Thompson for bringing this topic to the club. Larry Feland own's Feland's Gunsmithing located in Katy Texas. You may contact Larry at 281-550-3553.

Meeting was adjourned.

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## **NEW MEMBER – PLEASE WELCOME**

**Clint Zentic 713-269-7164 – Katy Texas- Chocolate Lab - Remington.**

New members, if you want to have a club member mentor you (guide you on training and hunt test, keep you abreast of club activities, develop a training partner etc) please let us know. Call any of the club officers and they will get you hooked up.

Old members, think about giving new members a call and seeing if they have questions. And, if they live close, going out and training with them.

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## **CALENDAR -**

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup> , Tejas HRC Executive Meeting – 7:00 PM – Gander Mountain – The Lodge Meeting Room**

**MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> 2006 – Tejas HRC Club Meeing- James Davis speaker.**

### **AKC – Events**

**Mar 4-5** Bryan-College Station Retriever Club (Somerville TX)

**Mar 10 - 12** Port Arthur Retriever Club (Field Trial)

**Mar 10 - 12** Wichita Falls Retriever Club (Field trial)

**Mar 11 & 12** Brazosport Retriever Club

**Mar 17 - 19** Lonestar Retriever Club (Field trial)

**Mar 18 & 19** Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club (Round Rock)

**Mar 31 - Apr 2** Rose Country Retriever Club of East Texas (field trial) (Tyler Area)

**Apr 1-2** Heart of Texas Retriever Club (Temple)

**Apr 8- 9** Greater Houston Golden Retriever Club

**Apr 14 - 16** North Texas RC (field trial) (Sanger TX)

**Apr 15 & 16** Alamo Retriever Club (San Antonio TX)

**Apr 21 - 23** Piney Woods Retriever Club

- Apr 22-23 Port Arthur Retriever Club
- Apr 28- 30 Metro Alliance Retriever Club (field trial) (McKinney TX)
- Apr 30 Port Arthur Retriever Club (Field Trial DQ)
- Apr 29-30 DFW Metro Golden Retriever Club
- **Apr 29 & 30 Tejas HRC (El Campo, TX)**
- May 7-8 BigD HRC (Tioga, TX)

#### **UKC- HRC Events**

- **Feb 25-26 Tejas HRC (El Campo, TX)**
    - Mar 4-5 Four States HRC (Maud, TX)
    - Mar 11-12 Central Louisiana Retriever Club (Pineville LA)
    - March 18-19 Lone Star HRC (Dallas, TX)
  - **March 25 Tejas Work and Training Day – Giddings Hunt Test Grounds**
    - April 1 & 2 Northeast Texas HRC (Tyler Area)
    - April 1& 2 Cajun Retriever Club (Crowley LA)
    - Apr 8 & 9 Bryan/College Station Retriever Club
    - Apr 22 - 25 **HRC International Grand (Baton Rouge, LA)**
    - Apr 29-30 Texas Panhandle HRC (Lubbock)
    - May 6 & 7 Deep East Texas HRC (Lufkin, TX)
    - May 20 & 21 Alamo Retriever RC (Mountain Home)
    - Jun 3- 4 Colorado River HRC (Freeport, TX)
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## **BRAGS AND WAGS**

From Doug and Shelia Nelson in Tennessee, Their dog Foxx (Grousemoor Phoenix Fawkes) received a qualifying pass on HRC Upland test today. The sponsoring club was Music City HRC. Congratulations Doug and Shelia.

Attention Tejas club members – we want to know !! – Please let us know about your titles and accomplishments throughout the year.

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**Signing off** – It has been a pleasure being the club’s Secretary for the last 14 months and through that time I have met some really good people who have mentored me and my dog. I have truly enjoyed the experience. Karl Dahm will take over the position as Secretary. If you have articles you would like to submit call him at 713-224-2047.

Thanks for everything,

Bryce Bezant and Major