

Michigan Flyways Retriever Club Membership For Retriever Training at Jorgensen Farms April 1 – September 30, 2019 Training Season

MFWRC is offering to its club members the opportunity for retriever training on the beautiful grounds at Jorgensen Farms. In past years, MFWRC paid a land-use fee from its treasury for training along with monies collected from hunt tests, trials and seminars to Jorgensen Farms. **New for 2019:** All proceeds from training memberships, land use fees and 'per dog access' for tests, trials and seminars will be delivered directly to Jorgensen Farms in order to boost revenue and cover costs. This agreement is on a year-by-year basis and will be at the pleasure of the property owner.

TRAINING MEMBERSHIP COSTS

For 2019, the reduced-rate training membership will be \$250 individual/family (payable to MFWRC) at Jorgensen Farms is available only to current MFWRC Regular/Household club members as of **February 10, 2019** and **if the member worked in a qualifying job in 2018**. Members must be in good standing with renewed current year club dues paid in full by **March 1, 2019**. **New for 2019: Training Membership dues are due no later than March 31, 2019. A \$50 late fee will be assessed if received after March 31.**

New club members as of February 11, 2019 and thereafter will be charged \$450 (payable to MFWRC) for a training membership for the season. This cost will be reduced to the current member rate for 2020 if the new member works in a qualifying job (described below) at either a hunt test or other club function during 2019. The cost for current MFWRC members will be increased to \$450 for the 2020 training season if the member does not work in a qualifying job at either a hunt test or other club function during 2019. Training membership fees are for the season and will not be pro-rated.

QUALIFYING JOBS

Michigan Flyways Retriever Club will be hosting three hunt tests in 2019. All three hunt tests will have two 60-dog Master stakes (A & B), two Senior and two Junior stakes (Sat. & Sun.). As a Michigan Flyways member, working is a requirement. The MFWRC Board of Directors strongly encourages all members to take on a job at a test or other responsibility in 2019. Training to do the jobs will be provided! **Working the equivalent of a full day (8-10 hours) at one hunt test will qualify a member for the reduced training membership at Jorgensen Farms for the following year.** If you are not on the official worker sheet, it is your responsibility to notify the Marshal at your stake if you are working. The Hunt Test Chairman and Marshals will work with you so you can also run your dog if you work at a test.

Hunt Test jobs:

- Hunt Test Secretary
- Stake Coordinator
- Stake Coordinator assistant/crew
- Bird Steward
- Bird Steward Assistant
- Worker/Judge Lunches
- Raffle coordinator
- Raffle coordinator assistant
- Marshal
- Shooter
- Hunt Test Chairman
- Hunt Test Co-Chairman
- Equipment Manager
- Judge
- Beverages & ice for workers/judges
- Tail-gate dinner coordinator
- Gun Captain
- Hall Cleanup Crew
- Blind planter (Master or Senior)
- Gun station/winger

Other club jobs:

- Officer or Board Member (must be elected)
- Grounds Chairman
- Equipment & Gun Manager
- Club Training Day Coordinator
- Club awards at Annual meeting
- Grounds Committee
- Logo wear/club merchandise Manager
- Website/Facebook page Manager
- Seminar organizer

Please contact Kim Bridgewater (989-284-2924 or email at bridgewaterkim@live.com) or Heidi Wszolek (248-755-2688 or email at hwszolek@yahoo.com)to volunteer.

Rules for Retriever Training at Jorgensen Farms (2019)

1. MFWRC members who are renewing their training membership can do so by mailing their application, signed waiver and check to Kimberlee Bridgewater, 2133 Sandhill Farm Ln., Lapeer, MI 48446. **Remember, all training membership dues are due by March 31, 2019. A \$50 late fee will be assessed if received after March 31st.** .

All current MFWRC members who **have never had** a training membership at Jorgensen Farms must attend an orientation meeting on before using the grounds. **The meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2019 at 10:00 am** and will be in the parking lot of the white cinder block building east of the Locke Township Hall at 3805 Bell Oak Rd., Williamston, MI.

A training membership application, liability waiver/hold harmless agreement and these rules will be emailed in advance to all MFWRC members and will also be available at the orientation meeting. These documents are also available on the MFWRC website www.miflyways.com .

Checks are to be made payable to Michigan Flyways Retrievers Club. Donations will also be accepted to provide for the porta-potty located on Bell Oak Rd. and weekly service for the training season.

If you have other questions or concerns, please contact Kim Bridgewater at 989-284-2924 or email bridgewaterkim@live.com .

2. Jorgensen Farms is private property and a working farm. Abuse of the property, abuse of dogs and/or disrespect towards other members will not be tolerated.
3. Dog training, events and seminars will be limited to the training season of April 1 – September 30. The property is off limits outside of this time

period.

4. Check Jorgensen Farms Retriever Training Facebook page for any announcements prior to arriving on the property. Grounds activity such as crop cutting or September goose hunting will be announced here. New members will be granted access to this closed group page.
5. **Please sign-in using the logbook located in mailbox next to porta-potty when you arrive on the property.** Sign out when you leave so others will know if an area is available.
6. Training Members will receive one guest pass along with their vehicle sticker and membership card. The guest pass may be used on a one-time basis and must be signed by the guest and member. **The member must be present with the guest while on the property.** Please mail the guest pass and \$10 dog fee using envelopes provided in the mailbox. Non-member(s) and their dog(s) **will not** be allowed on the property unless they are a guest as already described. Non-members are welcome on club training days, typically the Sunday before the hunt test.
7. Training members will be allowed access to all training areas, 7 days/week, sunrise to sundown, with the following exceptions:
 - a. No camping allowed on grounds.
 - b. No training on hunt test weekends (May 17-19, July 19-21, August 16-18, August 23-25, 2019 (Marshbanks hunt test))
8. **Do Not Drive personal vehicles on planted fields.** ATVs/UTVs may be used but must limit the amount of driving on planted areas to minimize damage.
9. Everyone must practice safety first if shooting live ammo. Steel shot must be used.

10. Please pick up any trash, cans or bottles and take it with you after training. Please do not put trash or poop bags in the porta-potty!
11. Notify the Grounds Committee Chairman of any potential hazards or of grounds improvement suggestions.
12. MFWRC has site priority on club training days on May 12, June 9, July 14 and August 11. The APLA has site priority on June 22-23 for their hunt test. Marshbanks GRC has site priority on club training days TBD1 and TBD2.
13. MFWRC members must sign an individual release waiver required by MFWRC and Jorgensen Farms PRIOR TO ANY TRAINING ON THE PROPERTY and must abide by all requirements stated in these rules. Members will receive individual membership cards and vehicle stickers to be displayed on the back or inside rearview mirror or other visible location on the exterior of the member's vehicle.