

Brandon Retriever Club

2025 NEW MEMBER

Membership Application

The Brandon Retriever Club (BRC) is dedicated to the betterment of the hunting retriever and educating hunters in the training and use of purebred hunting retrievers as a tool of conservation and as all-around hunting companions.

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____
Mobile Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please share some information about your dog(s) below:

Name: _____ Breed: _____ Age: ____ Sex: ____

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ALL NEW MEMBERS join as Associate Members in their first year. New Members can qualify for Full Membership upon demonstration of club support by working at 2 club sponsored events, 2 full work parties or a combination of the two.

Associate Membership

Annual Cost: \$100.00

- Associate members are limited to the use of the club grounds only.
- Associates do not have voting rights nor are they eligible to serve on the Board or as a Club Officer.
- Associate members are welcome to volunteer at NDRC-sponsored events but are not required to do so.

Regular Membership

Annual Cost: \$30.00

- Regular members have access to the club's building and grounds may vote at member meetings and are eligible to serve as a Board Member or Officer of the club.
- Regular members can use the campsites at the grounds for \$150.00/year
- Regular members are required to work a **minimum of two days** during the year at any of the NDRC-sponsored events (hunt tests, field trials, etc).

There's a spot for everyone to volunteer at BRC events! Learn more about the various volunteer opportunities by visiting our website or Facebook page. Volunteers will be coached as needed on what each role includes the morning of each event.

By signing below, I agree to abide by the BRC By-laws and Policies as shown below. BRC assumes no liability for any injuries that may occur to dogs, handlers, and members during training or events. Owners, handlers, and members train their dog(s) and enter/participate in all events at their own risk.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this Membership Form and Dues Payable to the Brandon Retriever Club

By cheque mail to:
Dawne McKenzie (Treasurer)
Box 72
Hartney MB R0M 0X0

By e-Transfer:
bdnretclub@gmail.com

Grounds Use

The Brandon Retriever Club owns and maintains 3 parcels of land totalling more than 200 acres. Club Members have the privilege to use the grounds for dog training, testing, and exercise. This privilege comes with some responsibilities. In order to keep the grounds in good condition and prevent conflicts among members the BRC Board has developed the following general Guidelines for use of the club grounds.

The Brandon Retriever Club grounds are primarily for training retrievers.

- 1) Respect for dogs and respect for fellow Club Members is the basis for all activities on the BRC grounds.
- 2) Grounds are to be used on a first come first serve basis with the understanding that **retriever training** takes precedence over all other activities. (The one exemption is work parties, in the event of a work party you will need to train in another area, contact the members of the grounds committee to keep informed about work party dates)
- 3) Training in groups is encouraged. Asking a fellow member to join your training group or requesting to join a training group is an accepted practice and members are encouraged to do so.
- 4) Be courteous of fellow club members. Members doing advanced work may set up training scenarios in excess of 300 yards. **Before** entering a property or setting up in an adjacent area look for signs indicating where fellow club members are working; vehicles parked in the area, gun shots, persons working the area in hunting like manner, blind stakes or ribbons, stickmen, chairs, wingers, or similar items. Wait to be waived through if you must pass by a training set up.
- 5) Check with fellow club members working in an adjacent area to make sure you know where their dogs are running to minimize the potential for conflicting training to occur. Remember when approaching them do so slowly and avoid driving through their set up while a dog is running. Keep in mind while in some instances a trainer will welcome fellow members working nearby as a useful distraction, at other times it may interfere with the teaching/training process. The only way to know is to ask.

- 6) Respect the grounds. Do not create ruts on the roads or grounds; be especially vigilant during wet conditions. Fill in any ruts you make and note any other unsafe or potentially dangerous conditions you encounter.
- 7) Pick up all training aids when you are finished with your training session including birds, stakes, ribbons, stickmen, mats and other training items. Birds which are no longer useful for training should be disposed offsite and not on club grounds.
- 8) Registered Pros may be using the grounds on a seasonal or temporary basis. Amateur Members may request to join the Pros while they are training.

Club Rules

AIRING AREA Please air dogs in the designated area(s)

CKC Rules of Conduct Apply to everyone on the grounds

Firearms Practice Firearms Safety. Ensure Gunners & Participants are safety conscious. BLANKS ARE AS DANGEROUS AS LIVE AMMUNITION. Dispose of spent shells properly, do not leave on the grounds or in the water. DO NOT SHOOT TARGETS

Fires Be safety conscious. If in doubt, DON'T START ONE. Be wary of high winds and hot dry conditions. ONLY in FIREPITS or BARBEQUES. NEVER UNATTENDED. DROWN FIRES BEFORE LEAVING.

Garbage Pick it up when you see it. Be especially conscious of glass. Dispose of by taking it home. Dispose of training birds properly. DO NOT leave in water, bush, ditches or the garbage dump.

Grounds LEAVE THE GROUNDS CLEANER THAN YOU FOUND THEM. Ensure OUTHOUSES ARE KEPT CLEAN Add active lime before leaving. DON'T DIG. or CUT VEGITATION, especially trees and shrubs. DON'T LEAVE RUTS, keep vehicles on roads when conditions are wet. LEAVE ONLY YOUR FOOT PRINTS

Neighbours RESPECT THEM, Please ensure that our excellent relationships continue. Do not BLOCK ROADS. Do Not LITTER. Do Not TRESPASS

Roads

GO SLOW. There are off-leash dogs everywhere. Be careful not to leave ruts.

Training

Respect each other's training space, do not encroach. Do not enter a training area if someone is there until signaled to do so. Ensure that all of your training equipment is picked up, check thoroughly prior to leaving. Park so that other vehicles can pass. Maintain control over your dog(s) at all times.

Water

Practice water & boating safety. USE LIFE JACKETS. Leave boats high, dry & upside down.

Wildlife

DO NOT HARASS IN ANY MANNER. BE CONCIIOUS OF NESTS AND YOUNG BIRDS in the spring and early summer.