

GUN CAPTAIN – JOB DESCRIPTION

The Gun Captain appoints/selects official Gunners for the Hunt Test and ensures that the direction of live gun fire is in a safe direction relative to any people areas (i.e., Pop/Throw stations, Judges, Gallery), parked vehicles, roads and traffic paths, and any adjacent property structures.

Expected qualities and abilities for hunt test Gunners are:

- Safety Conscious
- Good Marksmanship
- Diligent and timely
- Willing to “pop” (fire blank ammunition)
- Experienced in gunning for field events.
- Catching and loading live birds into a winger or hand throw the live bird

Hunt Test gunners should carry liability insurance.

The Gun Captain ensures that Gunners arrive at the test with the following:

- Shotgun (preferably break-open models) with an open choke (IC or Skeet)
- Dark or customary hunting attire
- Chair
- Clothing appropriate to the weather (boots/rain gear/etc.)
- Hearing protection is highly recommended

The Gun Captain arranges for appropriate ammunition to be available at the test site (live and blank, gas canisters) and assigns Gunners appropriately (2 live Gunners for each live bird to be shot, 1 popper gun or Thunder gun for each simulated shot at each Pop/Throw station). The Gun Captain also coordinates relief assignments and rotation of Gunners with both the Marshals and Bird Steward.

In coordination with the Stake Chair, the Gun Captain will advise the Judges during the test set-up of safe shooting lanes/directions during the test (direction of the shot for live birds) and give instructions to Bird Throwers/Gunners if needed.

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Please pass this information along to your apprentice or the next person who will fill this position. Current Job Descriptions are posted on the Rainier Hunting Retriever Website: <https://rainierhrc.com/>

