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As the month of April ends, we are hoping all the April showers bring May flowers and lots of sunshine!

Noted in our previous newsletter the Spring Hunt test opened on April 18th. The Master stake is filled, and both the Senior and Junior stakes have nice size entries. The test dates for this event are May 13 & 14, and the event will be held at the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds in Carnation. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Test, whether you are running your dog, volunteering or just stopping by to watch and to say hello.

We had a small turnout on the first training day of the year held in Cherry Valley which allowed an opportunity for one-on-one training interactions. We welcomed some new members and their dogs and watched some veteran members run their dogs on some great set-ups.

The month of April has brought another season of events and training opportunities. Hunt Tests have kicked off for both AKC and HRC as well as the Amateur Master National Invitational held in Giddings, Texas. We wish everyone good luck in their pursuits with their dogs.

To learn more about RHRC, visit our website at www.rainierhrc.com or to share ideas, either go to our Facebook Page, Rainier Hunting Retriever Club, or email me directly @ bnb_reali@msn.com. Thank you for your continued participation and support.

Cheers, *Betsy*



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RHRC Mother's Day May Hunt Test
 May 13 & 14, 2023
 Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds
 Carnation, Washington

Saturday

Master Judges: Michelle Love / John Kinnard—8 AM
 Senior Judges: Jan Holshevnikoff / Lillian Logan—9 AM

Sunday

Junior Judges: Jan Holshevnikoff / Lillian Logan—8:30 AM

Entries close on May 1—Entry Express

<https://www.entryexpress.net/>

The grounds are looking beautiful this year. We are looking forward to a fun weekend with you and your dog(s).

Volunteer help is always appreciated. If you can volunteer, please contact either Betsy Reali <bnb_reali@msn.com> or

Susan Bell <srbell@comcast.net>



2022 Master
 Handler Hopefuls.
 Still smiling in spite
 of the cold, rain
 and mud!



May 2022—Muddy Memories!
 This year will be much better!

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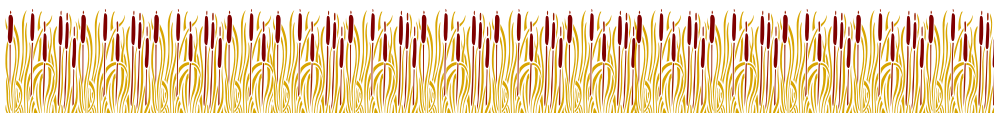
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Training Day Wrap-Up

A small but intrepid group of RHRC members and friends showed up in Cherry Valley on April 8 to attend our Spring Dog Training event. Many thanks to Bill Woll and Betsy Reali who set up interesting tests for Master, Senior and Junior dogs. Although the weather was predicted to be rainy, we were lucky because it only sprinkled on us and we were able to run both land and water series for Master dogs. We had an abundance of fully mature mallard training ducks generously provided by Cascade HRC and the grounds were spectacular. At the end of the day the training ducks were shared with the participants and were headed to their respective freezers for another day.



Spring in Cherry Valley

Unfortunately, no Junior dogs and only one Senior dog attended and that dog ran the Senior land test then singles in the Master water set up. We were disappointed that we didn't have a large turn-out but perhaps, being Easter weekend and competing with other events made the schedule unworkable for our members. For future reference, please send feedback to let us know how we could have scheduled the event better to meet your needs.

Betsy, President RHRC

Welcome

*We extend a warm RHRC welcome to our
New Members:
Robert and Kaylee Bowen
Scott Corley*



What Should I expect to see at a Hunt Test?

You may be new to the hunt test game or an old hand. What ever your level of expertise, perhaps you will find these videos helpful in your understanding of AKC hunt tests. I found them very interesting and worthwhile. These videos were produced by Clean Run Films— Know the Game.

The Junior Hunt Test—

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cFnZ8Gjy4qA>

The Senior Hunt Test—

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsbRD6WK84E>

The Master Hunt Test—

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aaPB1xBqfE>



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Rules for Non-pet Owners Who Visit and Like to Complain About Our Pets.

1. The dog lives here. You don't.
2. If you don't want dog hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
3. I like my dog a lot better than I like most people.
4. To you, she's a dog. To me, she's an adopted daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.
5. Dogs are better than kids. They eat less, don't ask for money all the time, are easier to train, usually come when called, never drive your car, don't hang out with drug-using friends, don't smoke or drink, don't worry about buying the latest fashions, don't wear your clothes, don't need a gazillion dollars for college, and if they get pregnant, you can sell the pups.



RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2023



Attendance: Betsy Reali, Doug Gallucci, Jean Fowler, Lee Redd, Susan Bell, Liz Gibson, Bill Woll, Jim Olson, Sue Meyring. Absent: Kevin Medved

President Betsy convened the meeting at 6:32 PM. The minutes from the March meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report (Lee Redd): Bank Balance \$14,006.29. One outstanding check has not been cashed. Lee will attempt to contact the check holder and issue another if needed. The grounds deposit is needed to reserve the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds for our hunt tests. Lee will mail a check. Lee will also renew our liability insurance. We are covered for the spring HRT.

Old/New Business

May Hunt Test Planning and Worker Assignments. Event is on May 13/14

Test Chair: Betsy Reali

Test Secretary: Susan Bell

Gun Captain: Bill Woll – Gunners have been secured.

Chief Marshal: Jean Fowler – In process

Workers: Liz Gibson – Recruitment underway

Judges: Master: Michele Love/Eric Fryer. Jr/Sr: Jan Holshevnikoff/Lillian Logan

Judge Gifts: Lee will secure the judges' gifts.

Judge Dinner: Armadillo BBQ in Duvall

Susan will purchase additional waterproof paper for the judges' books.

Awards: We will order a special design for title ribbons. Susan will place the order.

Marshal: Mary Jane Sarbough will marshal for Junior Stake

Equipment Update: Sufficient ammo and gas for thunder guns on hand. More will be needed for our

next test. There was a discussion about retiring the old popper guns that was tabled to the next meeting as this is a Tri-Club issue.

Catalogs: It was decided not to order catalogs for this test.

Ducks: We are purchasing ducks from Bob Hunt in Montana. They will arrive the week beforefor the PSLRA test and be housed at Carlson's. Andy Fontenot will loan us crates to hold the birds during the tests. Susan has a large tent where we can store the dead ducks on Saturday night.

Plans will be finalized at the May meeting.

Trailer/Equipment Loan

A discussion regarding loaning the Tri-Club Trailer and Equipment revealed the need to amend the Tri-Club agreement. There continues to be concern about the roadworthiness of the trailer for freeway travel as the loan request involved taking the trailer to Centralia for the Labrador Specialty. A Tri-Club meeting has been scheduled for April 14, 10 AM - 12:30 PM in the Carnation library to review the Tri-Club Agreement and other items surrounding the use of equipment, purchase of new equipment, and retiring old equipment. The Equipment Trailer is currently on Clark's property in Snohomish. Alternate sites are being sought but have not been located yet.

Trailer Maintenance: Brakes, bearing and seals are needed prior to the May test. New tires are also recommended as the ones on the trailer are over 10 years old. Doug Galluci will research tire costs and get estimates for 5 new tires. This is a Tri-Club expense and will be addressed at the meeting on April 14.

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Avian Flu Study

Dr Adam Black (dogsandavianflu@gmail.com 360-348-5199) has been invited to our spring test to provide participants with the opportunity to participate with their dogs in a study to determine what, if any, impacts dogs exposed to wild/domestic birds may have from the Avian Flu. The test is voluntary and involves taking a small blood sample from each dog. Dr. Black has not responded to our invitation yet.

year’s Master Amateur Raffle. It was moved/ seconded/passed to donate one RHRC Hunt Test entry for either a May or August Hunt test in Fall 2023 or Spring/Fall 2024. The winner will receive a certificate and we will reimburse their entry fee. Idea: We also could consider free test entry as a raffle item for our fund-raising.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM
Next meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on May 2.

April 8 Training Day at Cherry Valley

Hope to see many of you there! Plans for the event are being finalized by Bill Woll, Betsy Reali, and Jean Fowler.

Submitted by *Jean Fowler*, RHRC Secretary



Additional Items

Rhonda Reed (Master Amateur Representative) has requested donation of one test entry for this



Astro Reali

“There are always a couple of puppies at the dog park teaching their humans how to be good dog owners. Its always a little hard to watch as the puppies are so poorly understood by their nervous and giddy humans. Mila loves puppies and tries to show these people that bowing is just a way to show that you want to play and playing can look a little bit wild and rough but that’s nothing to worry about.”

– Marc-Christophe



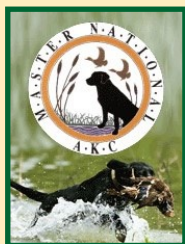
2023 Master Amateur Invitational April 23—30, 2023 ** Giddings, Texas

Congratulations to RHRC members and their dogs who qualified to compete in Giddings

Forgot to include the fact that our one of our newest members also qualified her dog to compete in this year's MAI! Holly Krohn and Flyer. They are also qualified for the 2023 Master National.



The week of April 23-30, 4 of our members and their dogs competed in this years event. **All Qualified!** Congratulations to Chris Braswell with Tipsy, Dianne and Randy Clark with Alice and Tripp, and Bill Woll with Maddie and Faith



Master National Retriever Club

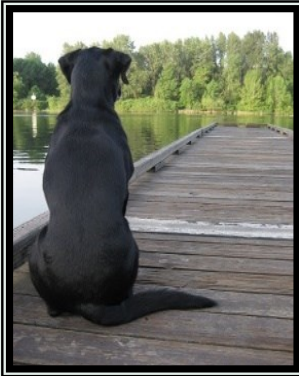
2023 Master National
October 26—November 5
Thomasville and Boston, GA

For more information on the 2023 Master National, visit the master National Retriever Club website:
<https://masternational.org/>

"It's all about the dogs"



Chase Away K9 Cancer



Many of us have lost our four legged companions to canine cancer and many are currently fighting this disease. One in Three Dogs will get Cancer!

ChaseAway K9 Cancer has partnered with The National Canine Cancer Foundation (NCCF). ChaseAway is a designated fund within the NCCF, a nationwide, contribution funded, 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to eliminating Cancer as a major health issue in dogs by funding grants directly to Cancer researchers who are working to save lives, find cures, better treatments and accurate, cost effective diagnostic methods in dealing with canine Cancer.

We raised \$1,474,518.37 by the end of 2022

Make your donation today: Donate On-line at www.chaseawayk9cancer.org

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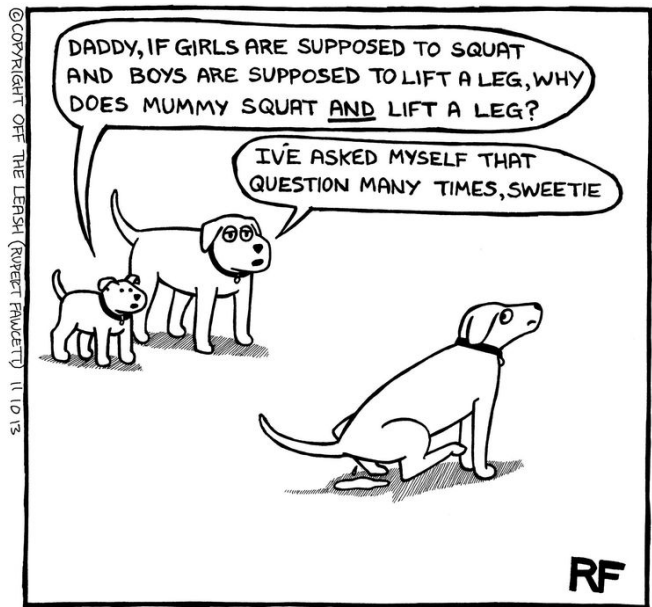
You will receive a tax deductible donation card as your receipt.



A Ray of Sunshine In Times of Need

The Rainier Hunting Retriever Club is a community of support and love for anyone who is ill, who may have lost a beloved relative, pet, or is in need in any other way.

Please contact Dianne Clark if you, or someone you know, could use a helping hand, phone call or other support. You can reach Dianne at: 360-568-3368 (home), 425-299-4252 (cell) or dianneclark@comcast.net








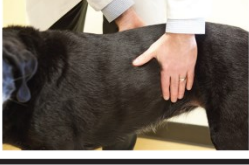





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FACEBOOK.COM/OFF THE LEASH DAILY DOG CARTOONS

April 30 is National Pet Parents Day. Be a great pet parent to your-footed companion and remember to Do A Pup Check to Chase Away K9 Cancer. Early detection may affect prognosis and treatment!



<p>CANINE CANCER CHECK Use these pictures to help you check every area. Start with the tip of their nose, and work your way to the tip of their tail. For the greatest potential for success, conduct the exam in a familiar environment where your pet is not easily distracted. For example, avoid the time of day the UPS gal makes deliveries, or at dinner time. It might be a good idea to make a body chart: Using a simple outline, note any points of concern in each area. This will help identify when something changes. *Please be sure to do a K9 cancer check of your dog once a month.</p>	
<p>NOSE/MUZZLE: Check the nose for lesions, debris or excessive drainage and take note of whether it is wet or dry. (Your pet's nose will not always be wet, it will typically vary from moist to dry throughout the day.) Check for symmetry of the nose and note any differences from one side to the other.</p>	
<p>EYES: Take a look to see whether there is abnormal eye discharge (each pet has different eye weeping. Pay attention to what is normal for your pet and make note when it increases or decreases.) Check the symmetry between both eyes - consider shape, color, discharge, and active movement. Observe all parts of the eye including the whites of their eyes. Note any change in color including increased redness or graying.</p>	
<p>MOUTH: Check inside the pet's mouth for lesions, swelling, and bad breath. Their gums should be pink, their teeth free of tartar and plaque. Check the tongue and underneath it. Pay special attention to the gums and the roof of the mouth for symmetry or any obvious masses. Pay attention to the normal ridges and ensure that there is no difference from one side from the other. Not all animals are comfortable with checking their mouth. Take it slow if this is the first time working in their mouth (and while you are there, go ahead and give their teeth their weekly brushing - a healthy mouth ensures a healthy pet!)</p>	
<p>JAWLINE: checking outside the mouth, the jaw line should maintains a consistent texture along the entire length of the jaw with no sensitivity to touch and is the same on both sides of the mouth.</p>	
<p>SKIN: Brush back the hair and look at the skin and coat. Check for excessive flakiness, lumps and bumps. Pay special attention to either side of the spinal cord. Make note of the normal color of the skin. Note any changes in skin color including darker or red spots.</p>	
<p>EARS: Check the ears for any abnormal swellings, debris, and odor.</p>	
<p>LEGS: Check for heat, bumps and swelling and test the range of motion of the joints. All joints should move freely with no discomfort to the pet.</p>	
<p>TORSO: Evaluate muscle tone and weight. Note any changes. If your animal is overweight, work to address the issue. Carrying excessive weight can be very harmful to their overall health.</p>	
<p>UNDERBELLY: Gently palpate the belly to look for lumps and notice if your pet seems to experience discomfort or pain. Note any bumps, lumps and sensitive areas over the skin. Examine your pet regularly to determine what is normal so you can determine when there are changes.</p>	
<p>FEET: Look at the claws and the pads of their feet, there should be no debris between their toes and should be fairly symmetrical to the alternate side. Examine the nail bed for any abnormal masses or discoloration. Note excessive heat in the paws. Take note to determine what is normal for your pet.</p>	
<p>ANUS: Also examine your pet's anus for cleanliness, uniformity and a consistent color.</p>	



Chase Away K9 Cancer is a proud partner of the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine

Information and demonstrations provided by
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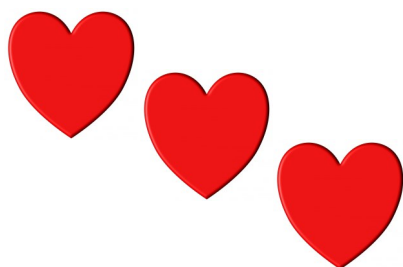
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*“My little dog –
a heartbeat at my feet.”
– Edith Wharton*



Shotsy Brasswell at 3 months old