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Its All Over But the Shouting



The local Hunt Test Season concluded on Sunday, August 28 with the finishing of the PSLRA Hunt Test. Many members of RHRC helped in May, June and August with tests put on by PSLRA, EGRC and RHRC. Soon many RHRC members will be heading to Oregon for the Master National—Best of Luck to All

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At Rainier's August 13/14 Hunt test we held a raffle and thanks to generous donations—our club added \$1,440 to our bank account.

Special Thanks to Raffle Donors

**Holding Blind and 2 Blind Stakes—RHRC
Thunder Gun and Cooling Fans—Clark Family in memory of Jax
and Beannie**

**Handler's Gun—Katie Mearns
12 Flocked Goose Silhouettes—Fowler Family**

**And 700 pounds of Purina Dog Food donated by
Ray Voight/Purina.**

**Lucky Raffle winner was Sue Meyring, RHRC member who keeps
our equipment trailer organized and creates those tasty lunches
(with her Mom) at all our events. Congratulations, Sue**

The Rainier Hunting Retriever Club seeks

- A—To encourage and promote quality in purebred dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection
- B—To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breeds by encouraging sportsmanlike competition at hunting retriever tests
- C—To conduct licensed hunting retriever tests under the rules of the AKC, NAHRA or any other associations or clubs that may sponsor these tests.

~~Rainier Constitution, Article I, Section 2

From the Prez.....

Sizzling temperatures will bring August to a close and will continue into September. A huge “thank you” to everyone who has stepped up this year to help with hosting our two AKC Hunt Tests. Aside from RHRC club members, many test participants from other clubs helped with working a winger station or moving equipment with and without the aid of an ATV. Impressive sportsmanship and professionalism were noted by all.

As we close out RHRC scheduled events for 2022, we are looking ahead to 2023. It is our hope to add two training days to the calendar and bring back the 10-Series which is a fun event for all. More information to follow on these topics.

Additionally, the spring and summer event season has been busy for Club members who compete in both AKC and HRC Hunt Tests in the Pacific Northwest area as well as many agility trials, obedience, showmanship and other AKC sanctioned competitions. Congratulations to all those who have taken part in these events and to those who have qualified for the upcoming 2022 Master National Event, September 29 through October 9, in Roseburg, Oregon.

Please continue to share your accomplishments and interests with your dog(s). We continue to welcome your ideas and recommendations to improve your hunt test experience. To share your ideas, visit our Facebook Page, “Rainier Hunting Retriever Club” or contact a Board Member.

Thank you for your continued participation and support, we could not do it without you!

Betsy



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Mock Hunt Event

Sunday, Sept. 11th, 2022
Green-Leitch Training Grounds
17126 SR-203
Monroe, WA 98272

There will be two mock hunts, replicating a field and pond hunt. You may bring your own shotgun if you like but we will have some available. All equipment, ammo and birds are included with your ticket purchase!!!

Field Hunt: Replicating a field hunt out of layout blinds. We will be setting up a mixed spread of snow geese and dark geese with two live shot pigeons and two duck retrieves.

Pond Hunt: Replicating a pond hunt for puddle ducks from a panel blind with two water retrieves utilizing ducks as well as a blind retrieve.

Additional: Bonus we will have live ducks available to expose dogs to shackled birds so that their first encounter or just a refresher is in a controlled environment setting your dog up for success during the season!!!

Fundraiser Event:
In memory of Chris Benner, WSBC
HRC President. All proceeds to be
donated to the family.

Raffle Items:
NEW 20g Charles Day O/U Shotgun
TangleFree Panel Blind



Purchase your tickets at:
[https://www.cascaderetrievers.com/
mock-hunt-fundraiser](https://www.cascaderetrievers.com/mock-hunt-fundraiser)
Or use the QR Code above

Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds—History

Many RHRC members have used these grounds for dog training over the years and the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club has used the property (along with other clubs) for their AKC Hunting Retriever events. The grounds, originally referred to as “Peppers”, was developed by the original owner, Bob Pepper. His field trial champion, Jiggs, is buried on the property. In January 1992, the Seattle Times Pacific Magazine featured an extensive article about Bob Pepper. I recently found out that Chris Braswell had a copy of the magazine and she generously loaned me the article so that I could copy it and share it with you. Thank you so very much, Chris.

~~JF

Here is the third chapter in the History of the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds. For the first and second chapters—see the April/May and June/July RHRC Newsletters.



Bob Pepper



Bob Pepper wanted to use the land for farming, but he had another mission in mind. Pepper trained hunting dogs and, with typical passion, wanted to create one of the most challenging water courses in the nation. He was emboldened by his own dog's prominence in the sport; "Pepper's Jig" won the amateur

national championship in 1963. "He was one of the greatest water dogs of all times in the annals of retrieverdom ... whatever that means," says Pepper.

The project commenced. Months would become years, the years a decade, and Pepper was still sculpting his land. Lagoons emerged and the ducks arrived and so did something ominous and unexpected. A powerful rumble. "It all started in 1978," he says. "It rumbled and roared and sounded like the Battle of Bull Run." Sure enough, it was a stampede - of rocks, mud and forest debris. The first of many ponds and natural swimming holes on his land were wiped out.

It has become a fact of life in the Puget Sound region that ponds are going to disappear. Wetlands, too. And hillsides. Pastures. Wooded groves. Plateaus. It is a fact of life, because life here is expanding in leaps and bounds. In the past 40 years the population of King County has doubled, and something in nature must give in that equation. And really, you can't argue with that if you're going to let people stay.

But you can question what happened to Bob Pepper. When development began above him on Novelty Hill, it transformed a plateau that is uniquely sensitive, and that's not just environmental rhetoric. "I hate to use that term, because it's overused, but if by 'sensitive' we mean a little bit of development causes a lot of changes and those changes make a lot of impacts, then this area definitely qualifies," says Derek Booth, a King County geologist.

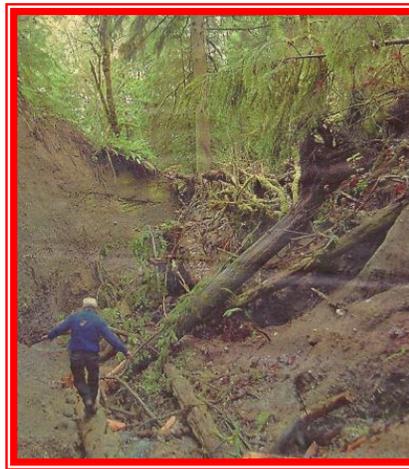
Here's why: Much of the Novelty Hill plateau above Pepper's farm is wetlands or slope and all of it sits atop hardpan that was formed 15,000 years ago, when everything was crushed under 3,000 feet of ice. When the glaciers retreated, the hardpan remained, covered by about 10 feet of glacial till and 3 feet of soil. Once the soil and till were stripped for development, the water hit hardpan and raced downhill. It was like a toboggan run for rain.

Where small creeks once trickled from the top edges to the valley, giant crevices now split the earth. And that is no exaggeration. In the mid-1980s, Booth said he could walk across one such creek on Novelty Hill; today you would need a trapeze. Locals have dubbed it "The Little Grand Canyon," and it's easy to see why. Under the tangle of ferns and maple boughs that drape down like shawls, the 'canyon' is deeper than a house and almost as wide. The sides are caving in and the trees with it. "The sheer volume of material that has moved down that system is as severe as any we've seen around the county in the last five years," says Booth.

Pepper argues that the Novelty Hill developers, which include the J.J. Welcome Co. and Quadrant Corp., a Weyerhaeuser subsidiary, secretly drained the wetlands with ditches and culverts to divert the water downhill. The smoking gun in this argument is a damning letter, written by a Quadrant consultant in 1979, and unearthed during Pepper's lawsuit years later. It says: "If development begins on the eastern portion, then even more citizens are going to object to doing any work in the central portion of the site. ... I would recommend that we perform nearly the entire drainage work at once so that this winter we can evaluate what we have achieved Besides, one bulldozer and a two-man crew do not stick out on 1,600 acres of property, especially if we hide the dozer in the woods at night and on weekends."

Hide the dozer? Quadrant President Jim Fitzgerald says no such thing ever happened: "There was no bulldozer work up there. The memo came out and we didn't agree with it, obviously. We don't do business that way. In fact, we are aware there are some unique wetlands and we are taking great strides to protect them with buffers twice as wide as required by King County."

But word of the memo roared through the valley and lodged itself in local lore. It reinforced resentment about Quadrant's plans to build 5,000 units on the hill, beginning sometime next year.



"I'm looking out my back window at a stream that used to flow year around, and it's dry right now," says Jerry Black, who has lived on the plateau 17 years. "There's been a tremendous change in the ecosystem. Water is draining into his (Pepper's) side of things and it's dry over here."

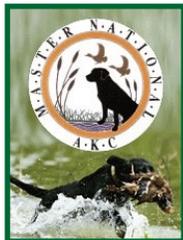
That drainage became a "Niagara," in Pepper's terms. His driveway was washed out three times and the ponds beyond it buried. His wife was dying of cancer and spent the last years of her life surrounded by rubble from runoff. After she died, Pepper turned his wrath outward.

During public hearings in 1988 on the proposed development of Novelty Hill and a larger region called Bear Creek, Pepper squirmed as developers outlined their plans to build planned communities on the plateau. They argued that high-density development would prevent sprawl and would be built without significant environmental damage. Pepper protested. He stepped forward and relayed his ordeal, while rousing other residents with his rage.

"His hands were going, his eyes were closed, and he was saying, 'From sea to shining sea, this system stinks!' And he got a standing ovation," recalls Black. "I came home and told my family, 'I swear I just saw Abraham Lincoln reincarnated ...!' I'm sure the development interests in the valley consider him a pest, but he's a folk hero to me. He's really dedicated to protecting the valley." That sentiment grew in the valley as residents began to realize the impact of Pepper's tireless crusade. With direct reference to the damage on his land, the King County Council adopted a dramatic overhaul of drainage regulations in 1990, requiring buffers, setbacks and enlarged drainage fields.

"If it wasn't for Bob Pepper, this county, in terms of drainage and sensitive areas, would be much worse off, and I'm talking about night-and-day difference," says County Councilman Ron Sims. "He moved this county light years from where it was. He raised his fist and I admire him for that."

To be continued in the next RHRC Newsletter



Master National Retriever Club News

As you may be aware, the Master National Retriever Club is considering some dramatic changes to the Master National Hunt Test. RHRC has 1 (one) vote regarding these proposals. The votes will be tallied and results reported at the Annual Meeting to be held in September.

Your RHRC BOD is interested in your perspective so that you can be represented at the meeting. We have heard from a few RHRC members on these proposals but want input from all if possible. Please email your thoughts/concerns to Jean Fowler, RHRC secretary for discussion by the RHRC BOD.

MASTER NATIONAL RETRIEVER CLUB
MNRC Club Members,

The Master National Board of Directors (BOD) would like to provide some clarity to the ballots that have been sent to your club. As you recall, previous correspondence was sent out the latter part of July explaining the reasons the board proposed changes to the MNRC by-laws.

Some changes are due to the substantial increasing number of dog entries and the issues surrounding the tremendous growth of our event, while others are needed to update administrative content. Since that correspondence was sent out, the MNRC BOD received two more by-laws amendment proposals.

We will try and provide some clarification to these proposals along with other by-law amendments proposed by the MNRC BOD.

In Summary there 3 different submission of bylaw changes for your review and vote on how the

event is to be conducted in the future. Vote yes or no on each proposal.

Proposal 1 from the MNRC BOD

The MNRC BOD proposed changes in Article I, Section 2b and Article IX Section 2 to provide flexibility to split the current annual event into multiple smaller annual events as necessary to conduct a quality national event for the contestants. Initially we are proposing two events that balances the number of dogs allowing for improved quality event. However, this proposal does allow the BOD to have as many events as necessary depending on the number of dogs to ensure we maintain testing quality and consistency.

In this proposal the handler can only compete at one site and is dependent on the “handler” location.

Proposal 2 from the North Alabama Retriever Club

The Regional Events Model proposal is somewhat similar in nature of proposal 1. This proposal allows the BOD flexibility to choose the number of test sites and locations to balance the number of dogs. The different example scenarios show the flexibility the BOD would have in how states are aligned to manage the number of dogs. It allows flexibility for the BOD to manage the size of the events to fit the location as well as balance the number of dogs to ensure a quality event. Local clubs will lead most of the event details with oversight from the MNRC BOD.

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RHRC Member Response to MNRC Bylaw changes: continued

In this proposal the handler can only compete at one site and is dependent on the “handler” location. process for capping that was sent previously which explained the capping process.

Proposal 3 from the Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club

The Preserve the Integrity proposal and model would utilize a single test site with entries split into two separate groups with staggered start and finish times. This allows the BOD the flexibility to determine the number of flights per group and test over as many days as needed to achieve the expected level. In this example each group should be complete the event in an estimated 6 days of testing based with 4 flights of 125 dogs each. Judges for group 2 would begin setup the day after group 1 test are completed. BOD members and Hunt Test Committee may split responsibilities and time over the course of the event.

Capped entry system –

Changes to Article IX, Section 3, 4c would allow the MNRC BOD to implement a system to cap entries to an event. Capping would be used as a last resort if potential entries are larger than an event site can support. MNRC BOD has not established what that number may be, but do not support capping entries unless absolutely necessary. While not specified, the BOD would utilize the

Administrative By-law Changes

Administrative changes to run the MNRC club are in the following locations of the by-laws: Article 1, Section 2a, Article 2 Section 3, Article VII Section 1, Article VII Section 3, Article VII Section 4, Article VII Section 6, Article VIII Section 1, Article VIII Section 5, Article VIII Section 6, Article IX Section 1, Article IX Section 3 4a & 4c, Article IX Section 4 c1 & c2, Article IX Section 5b, Article XI Section 1.

The significant changes are:

Expansion of the Master National Board by the addition of two First Vice Presidents.

Revision of the Annual Meeting format, detaching the meeting from the event. Annual Meetings would be held virtually at a time designated by the President.

Each member club (RHRC) may cast a vote for ONE of the 3 proposals or a no vote of all proposals..

For additional explanation of these proposals go to: <https://masternational.org/bylaws-changes-proposed/>



Five Ways to Prepare your Duck Dog for Fall



Delta Waterfowl—Feb 2019

Kyle Wintersteen, Managing Editor

One of my favorite professional dog trainers is fond of the expression, “Champions are made in July.” Although he’s referring to field trial dogs, the sentiment speaks to the impact that summertime training and exercise can have on a retriever’s performance in the fall. The time to prepare is now. Here are five ways to ensure your duck dog is ready to retrieve on opening day.

Tune Up Obedience

The three most basic commands — sit, stay and come — lay the groundwork for all obedience to come. A steady dog must first learn to stay, a Lab has to sit to accept hand signals, and the “come” command is prerequisite to retrieving. Revisit these commands frequently this summer, as allowing fundamentals to slip will almost certainly degrade more advanced training. Retriever-specific basics such as steadiness and the “place” command should also be reviewed, particularly if your dog’s obedience wavered mid-season. Command refusals won’t resolve themselves.

“Winterize” Your Dog’s Coat

Retrievers repel water, wind and icy temperatures by employing a double-coat and natural oils. Therefore it’s wise to avoid bathing your duck dog as summer winds down, lest you remove its protective oils. And, if your dog lives in the house, try to limit your use of artificial light starting in mid-August. Your retriever’s thick, winter coat grows in response to shortening days, not cooler temperatures. Indoor lighting can

impede this process.

Drill, Drill, Drill

Summer is a challenging time to train, but train you must, at least if you want your retriever to improve or even simply avoid regressing. First, honestly assess your retriever’s progress. Is he ready to mark multiple falls, or has he gotten sloppy with singles? Is it time for full-fledged blind retrieves, or do you need to further iron out his casts and lining? Plan a consistent summer regimen, allowing the dog’s progression to dictate the pace of adding new drills, and you’ll be a happy guy in October. Keep the sessions short and have plenty of water available.

Maintain a Healthy Weight



If you do nothing else this summer, don’t commit the sin of allowing your duck dog to get fat. In addition to long-term health risks, an overweight retriever won’t fare well the next time a winged mallard settles mid-river. It’s an easy trap to fall into, but in the off-season, your dog’s activity level is likely much lower. He isn’t burning calories just to stay warm, so reduce his food accordingly, by 25 or even 50 percent. Be sure to

monitor the dog’s weight and body composition for signs you need to further adjust food intake.

Keep Him Fit

You can also help maintain your dog’s weight while achieving cardiovascular fitness through safe summer exercise. Water work is the preferred choice, as it provides a fun, efficient, full-body workout for the heart, lungs and muscles. It’s regarded as the safest form of summer exercise, too. But be careful: Dogs can still overheat in water, particularly shallower water on hot days. By tossing bumpers into a pond or lake for your retriever this summer, you’ll enable him to focus on the next volley of birds — rather

RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2022



Attendance: Betsy Reali, Doug Gallucci, Jean Fowler, Susan Bell, Dianne Clark, Liz Gibson, Jim Olson, Sue Meyring, Cat Martini-Rashid, Bill Woll.
Absent: Lee Redd

President Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM. The July minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Report(s): Lee Redd was absent from this meeting.

Old Business

August Hunt Test Update

**A review of preparations for the upcoming August hunt test indicated that almost everything is in place to provide a great experience for contestants. Confirmed that workers will be paid \$100/weekend or \$50/day. Complimentary water/ Gatorade will be provided for contestants at each stake. Betsy has rented the AED and it will be housed at the Master Stake. We will have pizza for the Judges' Dinner on Friday night.

**Needs: Senior marshal and test dog are still needed. Cat M-R volunteered to marshal Senior Stake. Chris Braswell has volunteered to be the Senior Stake Chair. We are short on workers so some contestants will need to help out over the weekend especially at the Master Stake.

**Portapotties: Will Hart will provide @\$100 for the weekend.

**We will have a raffle to raise money for the club. There will be a thunder gun, holding blind, goose decoys, handler's gun plus other items.

Tri Club Agreement

**Doug has given the proposed language to Susan (EGRC) and Jim (PSLRA) with no response to date. He will resend the documents.

—Items to be considered a Tri-Club expense: ThunderGuns (we have 3), Blind Repair?

—Still waiting to see if agreement language changes are accepted by PSLRA and EGRC.

New Business

RHRC Training Day

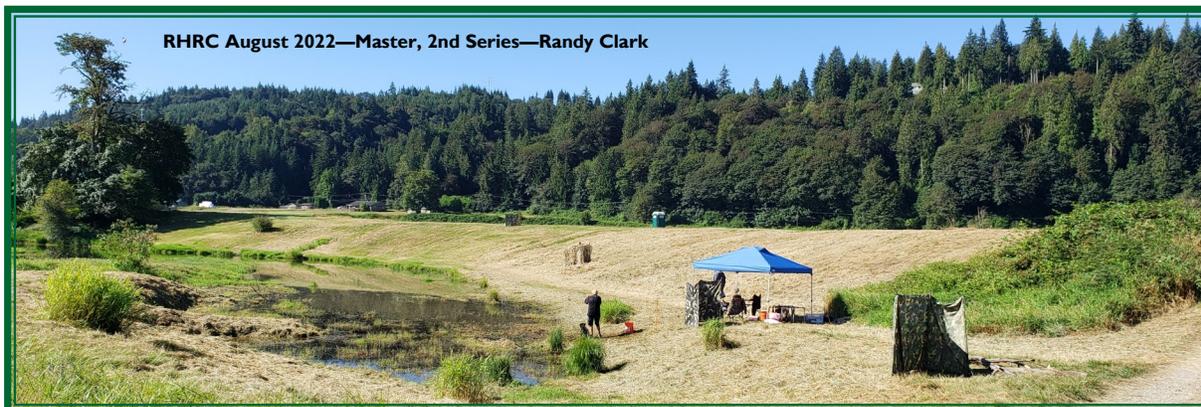
Should we try to hold a training day in September (2022) or Spring of 2023? After discussion it was decided to continue this discussion next month.

New Equipment Needs - 2 canopies/4 umbrellas - \$540 tax = \$600. After discussion it was decided that the clubs need to make this investment before our August HRT. Betsy with contact both EGRC and PSLRA via email for approval. Purchases will be made by RHRC after approval by Tri-Clubs.

Next meeting: September 6th

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, *Jean Fowler*



Congratulations

Chris Braswell and Tipsy coming off the line after the 4th series of the 2022 MAI.



Brassfire's
Its5oclocksomewhere:

- 2022 Master Amateur Invitational Finalist
- 2022 Master National Qualifier
- 2023 Master Amateur Invitational Qualifier



Congratulations to Randy Clark and Tripp (RanMar's North Bound Train JH SH MH) who earned her Master Title going 5 for 6!



Jean Fowler and Lucy will be competing in the 2022 Master National. Lucy is also qualified for the 2023 Master Amateur Invitational.



Chris Braswell's Brassfire's Alcohol You Later earned her Senior Title at the August PSLRA HRT. Shotsy earned her title in five straight Senior tests!

Congratulations



Faith



Maddie



Here's what happens when you title at a HRC test! Lucky Bill Woll! His young dog "Maddie" received her Master Title in April, her HRCH Title in August, qualified for the 2022 Master National and qualified for the 2023 Master Amateur Invitational. WHEW!! Go Maddie!

Meanwhile, Faith qualified for the 2022 Master National and the 2023 Master Amateur Invitational!



Cindy Olson is thrilled with Magic's first Master Pass at PSLRA in August!

Katie Mearns' Obsidian Corinna Corinna MH is going to the 2022 Master National as well as the 2023 Master Amateur Invitational.





Many RHRC Members have participated in August Hunt Tests here and in Oregon.

Rose City Labrador Retriever Club

July 30/31

Master

Tipsy—Chris Braswell

Lucky—Brian Hawley

Senior

Shotsy—Chris Braswell

Oregon Hunting Retriever Club

August 19/21

Master

Alice-Randy Clark

Tripp—Randy Clark

Senior

Shotsy-Chris Braswell

Oregon Retrieve Trial Club

August 6/7

Master

Tripp—Randy Clark

Alice—Randy Clark

Faith—Bill Woll

Maddie—Bill Woll

Eva—Betsy Reali

Corinne-Katie Mearns

Senior

Shotsy—Chris Braswell

Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association

August 27/28

Master

Lucy-Jean Fowler

Squee Dunk-Brian Hawley

Maddie-Bill Woll

Magic-Cindy Olson

Eva-Betsy Reali

Faith-Bill Woll

Vincent-Liz Gibson

Corinne—Katie Mearns

Zen-Lee Redd

Senior

Shotsy-Chris Braswell

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club

August 13,14

Master

Lucky—Brian Hawley

Alice—Randy Clark

Faith-Bill Woll

Corinne-Katie Mearns

Lucy-Jean Fowler

Zen- Lee Redd

Cade-Colin Ching

Tripp-Dianne Clark

Maddie—Bill Woll

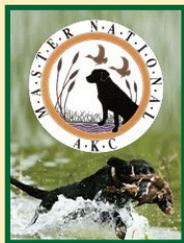
Senior

Shotsy-Chris Braswell



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The following dogs Qualified for the 2022 Master National that will be held in Roseburg, Oregon September 29—October 9, 2022
Bold Indicates Dogs who have been Entered



Autumn’s Don’t Look Down—Katie Quarles
Autumn’s Klondike Kate—Tom Quarles
Autumn’s Ruffcut Diamond at Fernhaven—Jean Fowler
 Birddog’s Golden Compass—Fred Drennan
Boogie Jean’s Happy Here and Now—Sue Meyring
Brassfire’s Its5oclocksomewhere—Chris Braswell
Cascade Ranges High Hunts Low—Colin Ching
Fynder Never Cry Wolf—Christine Robertson
Grouse Creek’s Lightning Fast Eva—Betsy Reali
Hathaway’s Duck Filled Marsh—Brian Hawley
Hawley’s Change in Fortune—Brian Hawley
Ireland Farms Dutchess of Stormy Mtn—Kevin Medved

Island Acres Bronco Betty—Susan Bell
J and J’s Wild Irish Rose—Joanie Belcher/Kevin Medved
Justin Time Salty Margarita—Dianne/Randy Clark
Obsidian Corinna Corinna—Katie and Robert Mearns
Rattlin Ridge’s Willin O Ranmar—Randy/Dianne Clark
Skyriver’s Mr Winston Goes the Distance—Kevin Medved
Telopea’s Tough Rollin Oliver at Centerfiel—Liz Gibson, Mark Keen
The Captain’s Vincent Rolls Like Lightnin—Liz Gibson, Mark Keen
Topgun Have a little Faith—Bill Woll
Topgun Sweet Little Madness—Bill Woll



RHRC Members and their Dogs who have Qualified to Enter and Compete in the 2023 Master Amateur Invitational:
 (As of August 22, 2022)

Autumn’s Ruffcut Diamond at Fernhaven—Jean Fowler
Birddogs’s Golden Compass—Fred Drennan
Brassfire Its5oclocksomewhere—Chris Braswell
Grouse Creek’s Lightning Fast Eva—Betsy Reali
Hathaway’s Duck Filled Marsh—Brian Hawley
Hawley’s Change in Fortune—Brian Hawley
Obsidian Corinna Corinna—Katie Mearns
Rattlin Ridge’s Willin o Ranmar—Randy Clark
Topgun Have a Little Faith—Bill Woll
Topgun Sweet Little Madness—Bill Woll



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 2021

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*Better than all of the gold in the world
Better than diamonds
Better than pearls
Better than any material thing
Is the love of a dog,
and the joy that it brings.*

- Laura Jaworski -



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

*September is Responsible Dog Ownership Month—Celebrate your dog and
Check your pup Monthly.*

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>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>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>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>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>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>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>EARS: Check the ears for any abnormal swellings, debris, and odor.</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>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>	



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