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From the Prez

Thank you to all who helped in making Rainier's 40th Anniversary Fall Hunt Test such a success. It was your energy in coming together which made our event such a success. In parallel with the recent Summer Olympic games, I believe we had a "team of G.O.A.T.'s" "executing flawlessly with commemorative raffle prizes, ribbons and bird bands. The excellent BBQ lunch was a hit with many as well.

There are a few more local tests, (both AKC and HRC) in the area. PSLRA is holding their Fall Test the weekend of August 24 & 25th in Carnation, followed by an HRC Test the following weekend at Burlington Ranch in Eastern Washington. Other AKC Clubs will also be holding events in September in Oregon and Washington.

September heralds the beginning of the 2024 AKC Master National event September 21 – October 2, in Kevil, Kentucky. Several Club members have qualified for the event and will be headed to Kentucky in the coming weeks. Congratulations to all those attending the event. To follow the event online visit 2024 Master National - Master National Retriever Club.

<https://masternational.org/events/2024-master-national/>

If you have any requests or ideas for Club activities for the 2025 year, please contact any board member so we can begin planning. Thank you for your continued Club participation, and on-going support.

Best, Betsy
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RHRC Celebrates the 40th Anniversary

The Rainier Hunting Retriever Club celebrated its 40th Anniversary in fine style. In addition to a successful give-away and raffle, the club fed lunch to everyone at the event on Saturday! Special thanks to the following clubs (both AKC and HRC) who helped us celebrate with free entries to their 2025 events!

- Cascade Hunting Retriever Club
- Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
- North Idaho Retriever Club
- Oregon Hunting Retriever Club
- Oregon Retriever Trial Club
- Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Club
- Rainier Hunting Retriever Club
- Sand and Sage Retriever Club
- Whistling Wings Hunting Retriever Club
- Greater Pacific North West Retriever Club
- Newaukum Hunting Retriever Club

We also extend a heart felt “Thank You” to our Corporate Sponsors who donated:

Purina—4 full size bags of dog food and Avery who donated a variety of caps, lanyards, dog towels and an Avery Training Bird.

Several RHRC members contributed to our Anniversary Raffle. The coveted Pheasant Hunt in Eastern Washington (thanks Kevin Medved) went to Doug Shade. Winners also took home a beautiful dog print, slightly used winger, wine, dog toys and many other items.

RHRC is grateful to all our donors, sponsors and guests.



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RHRC Member News



August was a busy month for our boys! Very proud of our youngest “Telopea’s Big Wheel Rollin’ on the River” (McCormick), passed his first junior hunt test and the youngest dog (9 months old) running at the Duluth Retriever Club, MN. The next weekend, “Telopea’s Tough Rollin Oliver at Centerfield” (Oliver) and Liz passed a Masters test at the Island Lake Retriever Club, he’ll go on to the Master National in Kentucky next month.”

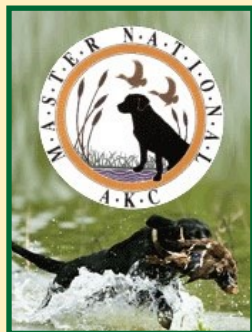


Whiskey Medved received his Master Hunter Title in the mail a few days ago and also qualified for the Master National in Kentucky this year. Many thanks to Bucko and Kylie Van De Brake for all his success.



Tipsy and Shotsy Braswell qualified for the 2024 Master National and the 2025 Master Amateur Invitational. Now they are enjoying some R & R on the boat and on the couch.





Master National Retriever Club

2024 Master National
 September 21–October 2
 West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area
 Kevil, Kentucky

Congratulations to the following Dogs and Handlers who
 Qualified for the 2024 Master National

Harlee Qwin Worth The Wait MH
Misalyn Armstrong

Obsidian Corinna Corinna MH
Katie and Bob Mearns

Island Acres Bronco Betty MH
Susan Bell

J And J's Wild Irish Rose MH
Joanie Belcher & Kevin Medved

Brassfire's Its5oclocksomewhere MH CCA
Chris Braswell

Maestro's Double Shot Of Irish Whiskey MH
Michelle Medved

Brassfire's Alcohol You Later MH
Brian Braswell

Boogie Jean's Happy Here And Now MH
Sue Meyring

Rattlin Ridge's Willin O Ranmar MH MNH4
Randy and Dianne Clark

Autumn's Don'T Look Down MH
Katie Quarles

Lorenzo Il Magnifico De Falammi MH SWN
Scott Corley

Autumn's Klondike Kate MH
Tom Quarles

Autumn's Ruffcut Diamond At Fernhaven MH
Jean and Chuck Fowler

To Kansas And Back - Ozzie MH
Nick Pezzillo

Telopea's Tough Rollin Oliver At Centerfield MH
Liz Gibson & Mark Keen

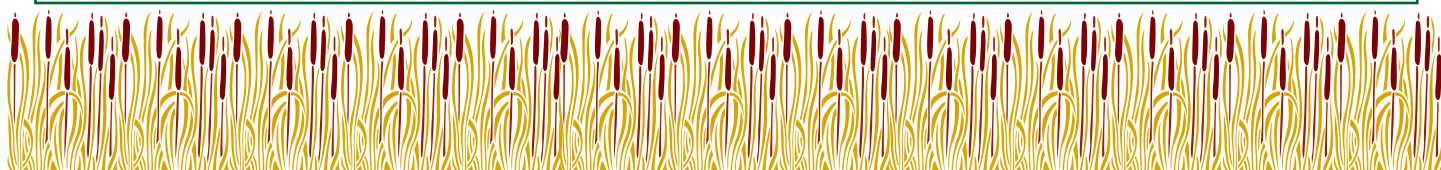
Grouse Creek's Lightning Fast Eva MH24
Betsy Reali

Hathaway's Duck Filled Marsh MH
Brian Hawley

Topgun Have A Little Faith MH MNH
Bill Woll

Hawley's Change In Fortune MH
Brian Hawley

Topgun Sweet Little Madness MH
Bill Woll



How to Walk A Human—A Dog’s Guide

**Humans need exercise. If they don’t get it they become “chubby”.
It’s up to you to save them.**

*1. Allow your human to tether themselves to you.
This keeps them from wandering off or running away.*

*2. You human will probably need breaks.
Be considerate and stop and sniff often.*

3. Bark frequently. Humans have short attention spans.

*4. When you go to the bathroom, walk away.
If you have trained your human correctly, they will pick it up.*

*5. Periodically drag your human as fast as you can.
This is called interval training.*

*6. Do not allow your human to shorten the walk. They are being lazy.
Sit in protest if you must.*

*7. Once back home, allow your human to remove their tether, then lick their face
many times. This is positive reinforcement for a job well done.*



Welcome

*We extend a warm RHRC welcome to
our Newest Members: Trinity Douglas
and Cody Fitch*



RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2024



Attendance: Betsy Reali, Doug Gallucci, Bill Woll, Lee Redd, Jean Fowler, Kevin Medved, Sue Meyering, Misalyn Armstrong

Welcome: President Betsy opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and welcomed Board Members. The minutes from the June 4, 2024, meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Minimal Activity

Old/New Business

AKC Mandatory Training

“Stewards of the Children” – see Page 7

Dixie Humble

Dixie's son contacted Misalyn on behalf of his family - “thanking the club for the contribution to Chase Away K9 Cancer in Memory of their Mother (Dixie Humble)”.

There will not be a public memorial service.

August Hunt Test – 40th Anniversary Celebration

AKC has approved RHRC August 10 & 11 hunt test and judges' panel.

White flat ribbons have been ordered to attach to existing orange rosettes.

The Board approved raising the entry fee in the Master Stakes to \$115 per entry.

Junior Stakes will remain \$90 per entry - Senior Stakes will remain \$95 per entry.

Judges: Ted DeLooze & Laura Weinman – Master
Betsy Reali & Doug Gallucci – Senior
Betsy Reali & Scott Corley – Junior

The Board agreed to change hotel accommodations for the judges to the Evergreen Inn & Suites.

Hunt Test Committee Members:

Misalyn Armstrong – Event Secretary
Susan Bell – Event Chairman
Bill Woll – Gun Captain

Jean Fowler – Chief Marshall
Katie Mearns – Master Stake Chairperson
Senior and Junior Stake Chairperson - TBD
Chris Brasswell - Member
Lee Redd - Member
Betsy Reali – Member will be replaced with

Liz Skyllingstad.

Lee is recruiting workers – six paid workers would be ideal.

Raffle tickets—1 free raffle ticket per dog entry. Sell raffle tickets \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets.

Playing cards will be sold for \$5 and \$10 for larger items.

“SQUARE” will be available to purchase tickets. Need a member to sell raffle tickets.

Judges' Dinner – Jean & Misalyn will make arrangements for the dinner.

The Club will be serving a complimentary lunch of hot dogs and other snacks to all participants.

Will Hart (land owner) granted permission for the Club to use their BBQ grill to cook the hot dogs. After entries close on EE Jean, Misalyn & Lee will figure out about how many participants we will need to serve.

Trailer Storage

The Board voted to maintain storing the Tri Club trailer at the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds.

EGRC & PSLRA will be contacted to see if this is agreeable with their clubs.

Judge's Committee

After the August hunt test the Board will form a Judge's Committee to select judges for the 2025 Hunt Tests.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Submitted by:

Misalyn Armstrong, RHRC Secretary



The Holding Blind

May 2024—AKC Update to Clubs Stewards of Children

In April 2024, the AKC Board of Directors adopted the AKC Educational Requirements Policy and Recommendations as an additional step in creating a safe and respectful sports environment for all. This policy requires AKC Board of Directors, Inspectors, Field Staff across all sports, AKC Registered Handlers, AKC staff that regularly attend events, Club Junior Coordinators, and all AKC-approved judges to successfully complete the Stewards of Children® training from the non-profit organization Darkness to Light once every three years. In addition, the policy strongly recommends all superintendents, AKC approved Show Secretaries and all AKC approved Agility Trial Secretaries complete the course.

Furthermore, we strongly advise all clubs and individuals engaged in dog sports or activities involving children to explore child safety and prevention training by enrolling in the Stewards of Children® program. This award-winning abuse prevention training is a vital component in our shared endeavor to enhance awareness and foster behavioral change. The certification through Darkness To Light is available at a cost of \$16 per person via the Stewards of Children® training on the Darkness To Light website.

Complementary SafeSport® Training

Junior Participants and their parents are encouraged to complete the complementary course available through SafeSport. They have the following courses available:

- SafeSport® for Youth Athletes (ages 13-17)
- SafeSport® for Kids (5-12)
- SafeSport® Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sports Core.

Optional Premium list verbiage

In response to inquiries related to the publication of information in premium lists, clubs may elect to include the following verbiage in the premium list for their events:

“Anyone in violation of a restriction pursuant to AKC rules or policies, or the law can be asked to leave the grounds. If the person fails to leave, the local authorities will be contacted. In addition, if the club believes laws, restrictions, or conditions of release are being violated by an individual’s attendance or participation in AKC events, the local authorities will be contacted immediately as they have the authority of enforcement.”



Fun Dog Fact

Just like human fingerprints,
no two dogs’ nose prints are alike.



Tips to Become a Better Handler While Training by Dennis Voigt (excerpted)

Published Nov/Dec 2012 in Golden Retriever News

Working hard at becoming a better handler during training sessions has two major benefits: 1. better performance from your dog/progress in training and 2. create good handling habits.

Visualize the perfect performance

Practice seeing in your mind the perfectly handled test every time you go to the line.

Do not just run a test just to see if you can do it. Run it to see if you can teach your dog something. Even with very simple marks, you can work hard on perfect habits at the line. Be conscious of getting a perfect sit, watch of the birds, send, return, realignment for the next delivery and focus for the next retrieve.

Develop Consistent Commands

My primary commands on line are sit, here, heel, watch (or mark), dead, back, and my dog's name. Sit means to sit, of course (and right now, please), but it also means to keep looking where you are. In this context it acts like "there" or "that's it" which I will also add. "Here" to a dog at your side means to move his front legs towards you. For example, if a dog is sitting on your left side and looking too far left, "here" would be used to pull the dog to the right. If the dog is on your right side, "here" would also pull him towards you, thus looking more to the left. "Here" is assisted with a tap-tap on your thigh closest to the dog. "Heel" to a dog at your side means the opposite of "here." It



"Back" cast

moves the hindquarters closer so that the dog is effectively pushed away from you in front. "Heel" is assisted with a snap of the fingers with your dog-side hand while over his rump. "Here" and "heel," when consistently used in this way, are powerful tools. They allow both very fine and subtle adjustments as well as major ones. A snap of the

fingers may get you that perfect alignment and a quiet "here" may get the dog looking just right at one of the two tight gunner stations. The biggest mistake that I see handlers in training make while trying to get their dog lined up is moving themselves instead of requiring the dog to move.

Watch your dog not the bird

To be a good handler, it is critical to learn to watch your dog from before you signal until the bird is down. The only birds that you really must watch are the flyer and that only where it lands. This takes a lot of practice.

Work hard on your marking routines and sends

Most good handlers have specific rules for how they prepare for marks and how they send their dog. These will go a long way to enhance teamwork with your dog on marks.

My Marking Routine Rules

Put your hand down on the last bird down, that is, the first bird sent for (this is for steadiness). Be sure that your hand is in front and directly above your dog's eyes. Dogs are sent on their name for marks

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with a louder voice for longer marks and a quieter voice for shorter. Long punch birds, especially if retired, are sent with a loud voice and hand down. When a bird is being delivered, line the dog up and allow him to focus on the next bird before taking the bird. Then refocus and send appropriately. Dogs are lined up straight at the bird before being sent. “Heel” and “Here” are used to adjust the dog’s body and or head. “Sit,” “There,” thigh pats, finger snaps and outside leg movement is used to focus the dog at the correct destination.

Become a more accurate caster

Again, this can only happen with daily practice and perhaps the occasional “mirror” session. You will need to study how to cast at the right time, with the right cast, the right way. The first step is to think more about when you decide to cast, think about which cast you give and then think about how you execute it. Study your dog’s reaction and you will learn faster than by reading about it. Watch others – both good and bad. Some questions to ask: Was the cast silent or vocal, how much angle, was the hand also used, was there a step to the side first, how much movement sideways occurred? Did the dog overcast or undercast, did he hold the cast direction; did it look like the dog clearly saw?

Handling with Force vs. Attrition to Teach Him a Lesson



“Over” cast



“Angle Back” cast

Actually, I hate the phrase “Teach him a Lesson.” That usually means, “Lessen the Teach.” You should always have in your mind whether force (and how much) is the best way. One of the best questions that you can ask is, “What will be memorable here, the pressure or the lesson?” Too often force begins when knowledge ends. When I intervene, the response I like to see is one of “Eureka – I get it!” from the dog. In other words you should be trying to get the light bulb turned on, not just the e-collar. If you see a great response then or next time – congratulations. Repeated failures suggest that you are over your dog’s head on the handling or, with a more experienced dog, it is a signal that force may be needed for lack of effort. Put five stars in your book when you command, use force and get a super response. However, if you always use force or that is your first choice, then beware. I’m convinced that most e-collar trainers have no idea how little force is used with some of the best dogs in the country when run by some of the best trainers. Attrition and clean setups remain very powerful tools to the savvy handler.

~~~Dennis Voigt



## National (and International) Dog Day

Monday, August 26, 2024

National Dog Day celebrates dogs of all kinds and encourages fostering love and kindness through ownership and adoption, regardless of breed. It was founded and created by Colleen Paige, an animal behaviorist and rescue advocate who is also nicknamed the “Animal Oracle”.

When Colleen was 10, her family adopted her first pet dog from a local animal shelter...on August 26, 2004. Her mission was and is to encourage the adoption of dogs from rescue centers. She learned how to train dogs at the National Institute of Dog Training in Los Angeles and she has trained dogs all over the world: Ireland, England, Belgium, and the Philippines.

### National Dog Day Foundation

This foundation plays a crucial role in promoting dog adoption, rescue and overall welfare. Its mission is to rescue 10,000 animals annually. Through their initiatives, they raise awareness about the plight of dogs in rescue centers and shelters and encourage adoption. Their efforts have led to increased adoption rates, reduced euthanasia rates in shelters, and a greater understanding of the importance of treating dogs with compassion and respect.

There are many shelters in the Puget Sound Region. One near my home in Woodinville is Homeward Pet Adoption Center. Founded in 1990 and originally named Hooterville Pet Safehouse, Homeward Pet is one of the leading non-profit, no-kill animal shelters in Washington State. They find new homes for over 1800 cats, dogs, puppies and kittens every year. They welcome volunteers and donations of food, toys or money. Of course, they welcome any prospective adopters.

As a privately funded 501(c)3 charity, they rely completely on donor support to help provide food, shelter, vet care and more to each homeless cat or dog in our care. Over 75% of every dollar donated goes to the care of their animals.

To find a shelter near you, Google “Animal Shelters Near Me” or click [here](#).

~~~Jean Fowler, Editor

Monday, August 26 is National Dog Day. Dogs help us in many ways: Therapy and Emotional Support, Service, Law Enforcement, Sled Dogs, Hunting Companions and Family Members. Be your Dog's Hero remember to give your pups their monthly "Pup Check" to Chase Away Cancer. Early detection may affect prognosis and treatment!

Canine Cancer Awareness

Take Action when you find a lump!

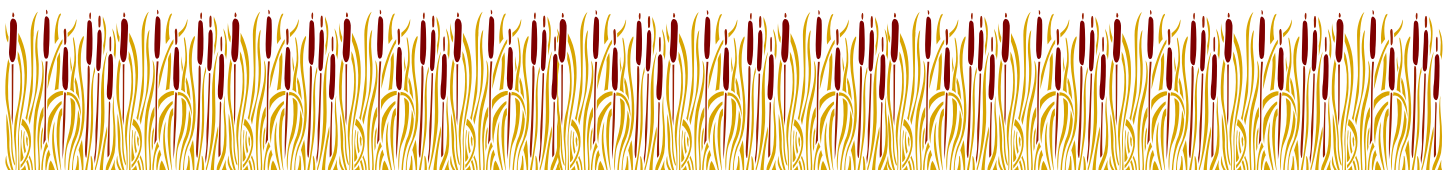
Most tumors are benign but to be safe have your vet take a look at it.

Any lump that is one centimeter should be watched and aspirated

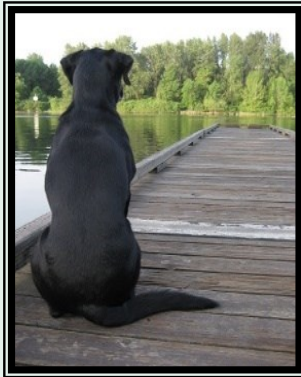


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Chase Away K9 Cancer



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.

RHRC donated \$500 to Chase Away in 2023.

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

Write A Check Payable To: Chase Away K9 Cancer

Mail to : Chase Away K9 Cancer C/O Cera Reusser,
PO Box 65456, Port Ludlow, WA 98365

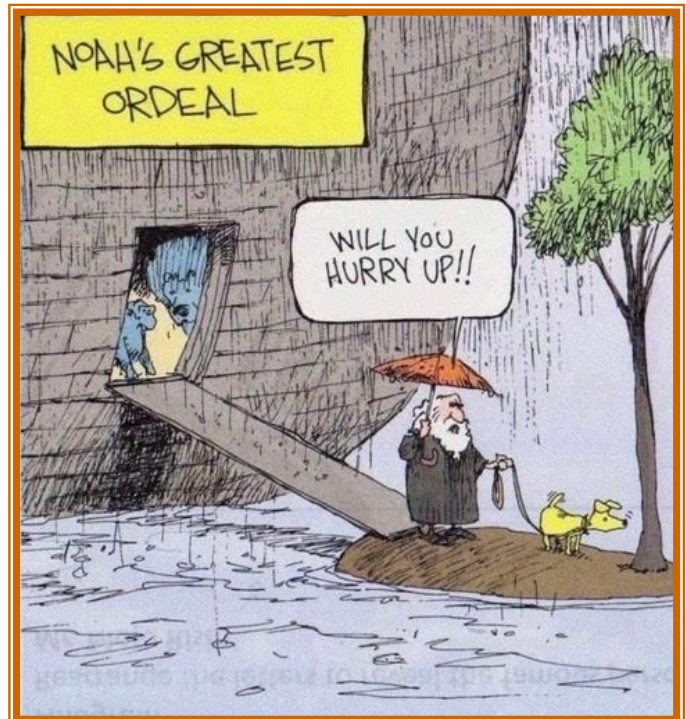
You will receive a tax deductible donation card as your receipt.



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 Katie Mearns (sonkinas.mearns@gmail.com) if you, or someone you know, could use a helping hand, phone call or other support.



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Bringing the BBQ down from the barn to the raffle tent to cook the hot dogs for our Saturday Hot Dog Feast. Leighton Harder and Misalyn Armstrong roasted 112 hot dogs for hungry judges, workers, handlers and guests for Saturday's lunch. YUM!

