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President's Message

Hello everybody!

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer and is ready for the Fall days ahead. The month of August had a record number of warm temperatures over 80 degrees to include several days with excessive heat warnings. Despite the August heat, Rainier's Fall Hunt Test hosted 119 dogs at the event. A big **THANK YOU** to all that were able to attend, volunteer, donate a raffle item, or fill in where needed due to unexpected absences. Both Club and Non- Club members pitched in to help make this event a success.



The month of September is around the corner with National Specialty Events coming up and a few more close-by Hunt Tests; note there is still time to qualify for the Master Amateur Event coming to SVRG, in June 2024. Many Club members may be starting training exercises to prepare for the Master Nationals in the month of October. Good luck to all on your pursuits and endeavors with your dogs in the upcoming events.

Check out page 10 in this newsletter for voting results regarding the three Master National Qualification Guidelines Proposals.

As always, if you have any ideas that would help to make the club more successful, we would love to hear from you. Note, a new Club logo idea is displayed above. Stay tuned for details.

Thank you for your continued participation and club support, we could not host an event without you!

Cheers, *Betsy*



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~~Rainier Constitution, Article I, Section 2

**RHRC Fall Hunt Test and Raffle/Silent Auction
August 12 & 13, 2023
Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds**

**Thank you for supporting our August Hunt Test
We have many volunteers who helped make our test go smoothly in spite of last minute illness by some of our club stalwarts. We had a successful Fall Raffle/Silent Auction and with terrific prizes, we raised about \$1400 for the RHRC treasury to help off-set the loss we experienced in May.**

THANK YOU to our DONORS

The “Premier Pheasant Hunt”
donated by Rusty Hunt of Hidden Ranch Outfitters in Coulee, WA was won by RHRC member, Fred Drennan!



Free Hunt Test Vouchers for local 2024 Hunt Tests (Greater Pacific, RHRC and EGRC) were won by RHRC member Misalyn Armstrong and Tracy Redd won the soft folding **Dog Crate**. We had one other big winner—the **Training Launcher** was won by a non RHRC member who was competing in the Junior test.

A huge thank you to **Avery** for Raffle items and **Purina** who sent dog food for all HRT contestants

AND

“THANK YOU” Rainier Members
for the many great items you donated to help make our Raffle both inviting and successful.

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Jim Morris
May 21, 1947 – August 23, 2023

Former Local Hunt Test Judge, Master National judge and longtime retriever handler, Jim Morris died in Gresham, Oregon on August 23, 2023. Jim was 76 years old.

Jim started running, judging, and training dogs at NAHRA events in 1985. He had a big male lab named Barney and the two were described as two peas in a pod. In addition to being a handler, Jim often worked at any event he attended. He judged all levels at the weekend tests as well. Jim served as a Master National judge in 1997 and 2003.



In 2014, Jim was honored by the Pacific Northwest Retriever Clubs (Greater Pacific, Redwood Empire, Marin, Salem, PSLRA, Oregon HRC, Oregon RTC, Lassen, RHRC, Rose City, Rogue Valley, Umpquah Valley, Sierra Nevada and Tallahassee HRC) for his service to our Hunt Test Sport.

Jim served in the U.S. Army in Viet Nam and while there was exposed to Agent Orange. He was a painter by trade.



Jim often got talked into playing Santa at the local clubs while taking photos of handlers and their dogs.

He is famous for his wooden bench that went everywhere with him and was made by his daughter Jenny. He never failed to have a kind word for anyone, a love for the dogs and the sport, and a devoted following of friends who will miss him terribly.

His daughter has asked that in lieu of flowers, they are requesting that Donations be sent to the Mt Hood Hospice, PO BOX 1269, Sandy, Oregon 97055.

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 waived 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 than catching his breath — later this fall.



RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

August 1, 2023



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

President Betsy convened the meeting at 6:36 PM. The July minutes were approved as written with a date correction for this meeting.

Treasurer Report (Lee Redd): Lee was not available for this meeting.

Old/New Business

Master National Voting: Voting on the first proposal (Qualifier Model) is due August 10. As determined at the last meeting, RHRC will be voting as follows: Qualifier Model – No; Regional Nationals – No; 6 of 8 Model – Yes. These votes reflect feedback the board has received from RHRC members.

Hunt Test Job Descriptions: This is a work in progress. Several people are collaborating on the development of these job descriptions. On August 18 the Tri-Club members will be meeting to work on the documents. We will have accurate and clear job descriptions to begin the 2024 Hunt Test Season.

Hunt Test – August 12/13, 2023

Equipment Trailer: We will need someone to move the Equipment Trailer closer to Headquarters on Friday, August 11. It will be moved by someone on site who has the appropriate trailer hitch.

Burlap Bags: Still need confirmation on the procurement of the Burlap Bags for the Hunt Test.

Bird order: Lee will be confirming the arrival of the birds on August 2.

Workers: Still short. We must meet the age requirement (16 y/o) for those who work a Pop and Throw station. This is an issue of liability with our insurance (Equisure).

Gunners: Bill Woll reports that there are plenty of gunners available. (Boyd Ulsh/Pete Szilare; Don West/Scott Corley/Bill Woll)

Marshal: Still need test dogs for Junior and Master. Susan will run Keeper as junior TD.

Stake Chair: Misalyn is Stake Chair for Master. Workers are still needed.

Lunches: Prepared by Holly Krohn and Julie Chakin

Judges Gifts/Dinner: Gifts by Lee Redd are done; dinner will consist of pizza and salad, dessert, drinks

Event Catalogs: 70 have been ordered from Hunt Test Secretary.

Event Sign: We need a new Event sign to be displayed at the entrance to the test site. Betsy will get letters to put on the folding board.

Sanitary Facilities: Provided by Will Hart

Food Truck/Raffle

Bill has arranged for the food truck to be on the grounds on Saturday at 3 PM. We have many desirable items for the Raffle. High value items will be a Pheasant Hunt, entries to 3 Hunt Tests, a Dummy Launcher and more. These items will be given away with the sale of playing cards. \$20/card for the pheasant hunt; \$10/card for the other expensive items. The rest will be raffled off with raffle tickets drawn on Saturday evening. It is hoped that Tracy Redd will host the raffle tent.

Purina Dog Food: Dianne Clark has contacted Purina and we will be receiving a lot of “give-away” dog food.

There were no additional agenda items, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM

The next meeting will be held by Zoom at 6:30 PM on September 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, *Jean Fowler*, RHRC Secretary

RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2023



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

President Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. The August 2, 2023 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report, Lee Redd: Lee provided an overview of the finances from our spring and fall hunt tests. The spring test cost nearly \$12,000 while the fall test was a little over \$9,000. The expensive spring item was the birds (last minute pheasants vs ducks). Major differences were reflected in cost of the judges. We paid a lot for our spring judges (nearly \$2,000 for travel/food) vs \$500 for the fall judges. Overall, we only lost \$562 between the two tests. The fall raffle raised \$1450 so that helped a lot. The cash balance for RHRC is \$14,606. Lee urged everyone to set up Zelle for easier money transfer.

Old/New Business –

Fall Hunt Test Debrief – Board members discussed the August 12/13 hunt test. Kudos were given to Chris Braswell for her ATV assistance. She made everything much easier. Birds were at all stakes appropriately and she also assisted with equipment when it was needed. Lee recommends an “Equipment Czar” who will be at the equipment trailer and make sure that sufficient and appropriate equipment is out at all stakes. We also realized that when a club member is judging, they should not be responsible for any of the mechanics of the overall event. Brad Henman was an excellent supplier for our ducks. He was very helpful and conscientious. The Food Truck was not as popular as we had hoped. In addition to the late arrival of the food

truck, hunt test participants had brought their own food, so they did not patronize the food truck. We will reevaluate it for our next event.

Equipment Trailer – Betsy asked for volunteers to move the trailer to Nancy Light's property. A discussion was held regarding leaving the trailer at SVRG over the winter. Lee is going to ask Will Hart if he would store the trailer for \$300/year. This would be a Tri-Club expense. The security of the trailer at SVRG over the winter was discussed. No decision was made.

Training Days – the Board decided to hold training days on the third Saturday of the month beginning February 2024. Location TBD but probably Cherry Valley. We will need birds for the training days. Nancy Light has the Tri Club freezer at her place for storing the birds.

Shotgun Buy Back – Betsy has all the shotguns stored in a gun safe at her home. There are 8 good ones and 13 that no longer are usable. She will take them to a Buy Back location as soon as one comes up in Snohomish County.

Holding Blinds – There are 2 blinds that need repair. Susan Bell will repair them.

Master Amateur Invitational (June 9-16) – Will be held at SVRG and perhaps Cherry Valley. Several people are helping with logistics including Colin Ching, Gary Abbot and Bill Woll. Colin and Gary are helping locate private grounds for pre national training. A discussion was held regarding food for judges/workers. All of this is still in the planning stage. Jean assisted Julie Cairns in locating a place for the Handlers Banquet. It will be at the Snohomish County Fairgrounds in Monroe.

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RHRC Board Meeting Minutes September 5, 2023



Scratch Policy – a discussion was held regarding our hunt test scratch policy. No changes were made to the current policy.

Chase Away Cancer – The board discussed how to acknowledge member's dogs that had crossed the rainbow bridge. Lee proposed one large donation at the end of the year in memory of all the dogs who had died. No decision was made.

New Members – the Board welcomed Brian and Tricia Townley who live in Carnation and have Chessies.

Master National 6 of 8 Proposal – This proposal failed to garner enough support by member clubs.

All three proposals have failed.

Judge Seminar – Doug Gallucci reported on the information he secured from AKC for RHRC to hold a Judge Seminar in the spring. It will cost \$500 for the first 20 participants and then \$25 for each additional participant. RHRC needs to give AKC 3 proposed dates, 3 months in advance of the seminar. There may be grants available to help defray the cost of the seminar.

Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:54 PM

Respectfully submitted, *Jean Fowler*, RHRC Secretary

If a dog were your teacher, you would learn stuff like:

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not.

On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.

No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout...run right back and make friends.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.

Stop when you've had enough

Run, romp, and play daily.

Stretch before rising.

Take naps.

And finally, never trust anyone until you sniff their butt!



***** **GIVE AWAY** *****

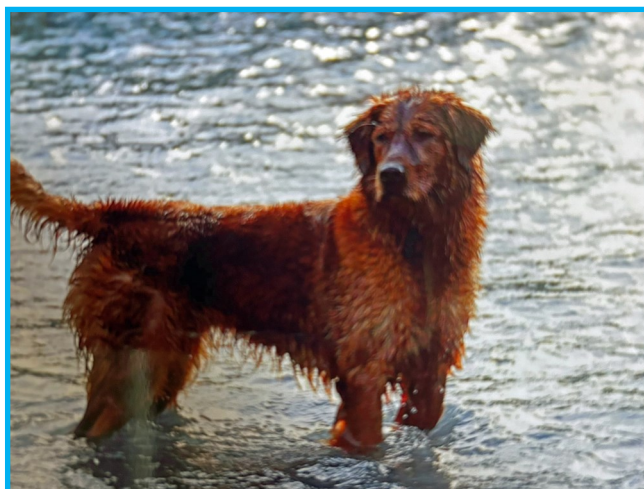
Large PetMate Pet Porter
32.5" L x 22.25" W x 26" H
Lightly used.

Interested: contact Jean
<fernhaven@comcast.net>





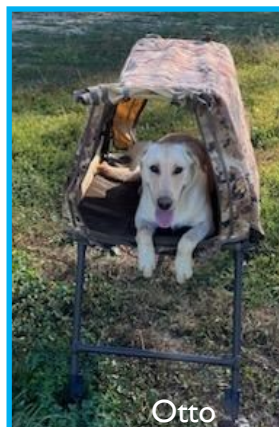
Tipsy Braswell was recently recognized with the Certificate of Conformation Assessment to add to her title collection. The CCA indicates that she meets the Golden Retriever breed standard. Tipsy is one of fewer than 22 Golden Retrievers that has earned both an advanced field title and CCA this year. This year Tipsy earned her Hunt Test Hall of Fame title with the Golden Retriever Club of America. To earn this title she had to have 50 weekend passes, and a MNH or MNR title. Chris quips that she (Chris) did it without a walker or wheelchair! As many know, Tipsy is bred, owned, trained and handled by Chris.



The Redd Family is proud of Otto who earned his Senior title and Zen who is now qualified for the Master Amateur Invitational here in June 2023. Here are Otto and Zen trying out their new “hides” for this fall’s hunting season.



Zen



Otto



Congratulations to Corinne Mearns who had a banner year! She had puppies and also qualified for the 2023 Master National, the 2024 Master Amateur Invitational! Corinne has passed 28 of 30 Master Hunter tests entered!



Holly Krohn reports that Flyer is now qualified for the MARC and Dash passed his Senior test at the Golden Retriever Specialty event.



And of course, "Congratulations" to all dogs and handlers who are unnamed in this issue. The time, treasure and training that everyone puts in to keep their dogs in shape, ready to compete and earn those ribbons is unmeasurable.

We enjoy our friends and being out in the field (either training, competing or hunting) with our 4-footed and 2-footed companions.

Every year we come together to put on events where all contribute to making each event a success. Together, as friends, we appreciate great dogs and what they can do. And we know—that they love the sport also!

There's No Place Like
HOME
5K RESCUE RUN
Saturday, September 16
Wilmot Gateway Park
10:30am

Homeward Pet needs volunteers for the "There's No Place Like Home 5K Rescue Run" on September 16 at Wilmot Gateway Park in Woodinville. Volunteers are needed to help work stands, pass out water, etc., on the day of the event. Anyone can participate.

For more information click this link: <https://www.homewardpet.org/events/5k/>



AKC Regulations Change

We have received the following communication from AKC:

“This is to inform your club of a change to the Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers. This change is effective August 1, 2023. This change allows handlers in the junior test level to speak quietly to their dog and pet their dog for reassurance anytime during the junior test level. This is intended to be encouraging to new handlers and new dogs and to help them gain confidence at this beginner level. This will only be allowed at the junior level.

The exact wording of this change is underlined and in bold and will appear in the next printing of the regulations as follows:

Chapter 4. Standards for Junior, Senior and Master Hunting Tests, Section 6. (3rd paragraph)

The handler of the working dog shall remain silent from the time handler signals for the first bird to be thrown until the Judges release the dog. **Except handlers in the junior test level at anytime may speak quietly to their dog and be allowed to touch their dog for reassurance or positioning.**



Welcome

We extend a warm RHRC welcome
to our Newest Members:
Brian and Tricia Townley

The Townleys own Chessies and
live in Carnation.



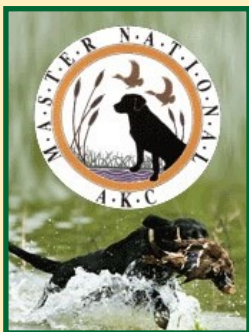
MORE Rainier Dogs and Members who Qualified for the
2023 Master National

Deepest Apologies to these dogs/RHRC Members
who were not included in the list published last month. *Mea culpa...*JF, Editor

**Island Acres Bronco Betty MH
Boogie Jean’s Happy Here and Now MH**

**Susan Bell
Sue Meyring**

**2023 Master National
October 26—November 5
Thomasville and Boston, Georgia
Hosted by
Tallahassee Hunting Retriever Club and
Wiregrass Hunting Retriever Club of Georgia**



Master National Retriever Club

The voting on proposals to restructure the Master National Hunt Test Event is in:

Proposal #1: Adding a Master National Qualifier

*Voted on August 10th **FAILED***

Proposal #2: Split Site Proposal

*Voted on August 20th **FAILED***

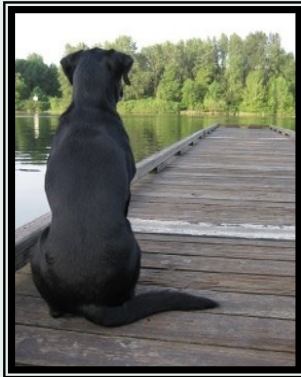
Proposal #3: Restructuring the Event

*Voted on August 31st **FAILED***

Complete details and vote tallies for all proposals can be found on the MN website.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact any Master National Board Member (contact information can be found on the MNRC website) or Annette Pacheco <chpette@comcast.net> .

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 have raised a total of \$1,6 million dollars so far!!

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 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 6th was National "Fight Procrastination Day! Take the time to Do A Pup Check to Chase Away K9 Cancer,. Don't Procrastinate! Early detection may affect prognosis and treatment!

Warning Signs of Cancer in Dogs:

It is important to check your dog once a month and take action if you find anything!

- Sores that don't heal
- Abnormal swellings that stay or grow
- Weight loss
- Offensive odor
- Bleeding or discharge
- Loss of appetite
- Difficulty eating
- Lameness/stiffness
- Hesitation to exercise
- Difficulty breathing



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"I am prepared for the worst but hope for the best."

Benjamin Disraeli (1833)