

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club Newsletter



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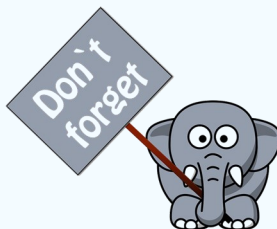
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Important Calendar Dates

- December 31—RHRC Club Dues Payable
- January 6—RHRC Awards Form Due
- January 27—RHRC Awards Banquet



Forms in this newsletter and sent separately by email.

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR RHRC 2024 Club President

Duties include presiding at all Board meetings (held monthly), appoint special committees, maintain current Policies/ Procedures of RHRC. All in cooperation and assistance of Board Members. Board meetings are currently held by Zoom so attending Board Meetings is not the problem it has been in the past. Term for the President is 1 year (12 months).

Contact Nominating Committee: Betsy Reali <BnB_Reali@msn.com>, Kevin Medved <Kev_sr63@hotmail.com>, Misalyn Armstrong <sngdog9@msn.com>, or Scott Corley <Whidbeyscott@gmail.com>

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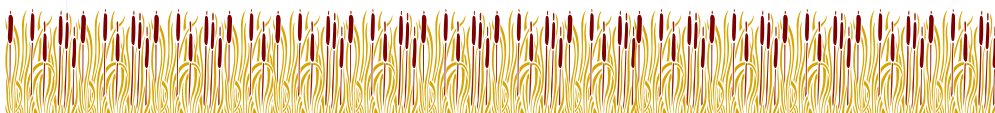
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AWARDS BANQUET—JANUARY 27, 2024

Pizza Coop

6:30 PM

\$35/person

Our Annual Meeting will be held on January 27th at the Pizza Coop in Woodinville. You will have your choice of menu items.

This is the one meeting a year when we can all get together and not worry about setting up blinds, gun stations, hauling live and dead ducks, getting wet and muddy in the May rain or sweating and getting sun-burned by the August sun. We can just enjoy each other's company while we celebrate our dogs, friendship and the season.

This year, in addition to Awards and officer Elections, we are pleased that Dr. Adam Black will be joining us as our Featured Speaker. Dr. Black will report on his Avian Flu Study as well as providing updated information on the Canine Flu that dogs across the country are contracting.

Be sure to turn in your Awards Requests by January 6.

Forms are in this newsletter and sent as attachments.



Some of the guests at the 2023 Banquet.

A Christmas Poem for Duck Hunters

“Stolen” from the Kentucky Hunting Forum—Waterfowl Hunting
www.kentuckyhunting.net

'Twas The Night Before Duck Season and all through
the land,
not a waterfowler is sleeping, nobody can.

The decoys are washed and the shotguns are ready,
but most folks just hope that their dogs will be
steady.

And I in my Gore-Tex thinsulate cap
had just settled down for I hoped a short nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter
the dog sprang from my lap (UGH!) so see what was
the matter.

Away to the kitchen she flew like a flash.
Tore a hole through the screen and barked through
the gash.

The moonlight glistening off the freshly fallen dew
allowed me to tell it was some one I knew.

It was my hunting partner who drove my dog so in-
sane
and he whistled, he shouted, he called her by name.

From the door of the truck to the walk up the steps
and with a great clunk into the kitchen they crept.

He was a great big camouflaged neoprene elf
and I laughed when I saw him in spite of myself.

We spoke not a word but went straight to our work.
Loaded dogs, decoys and big-wheeled garden carts.

As he cinched the last strap he turned with a jerk and
thrusting an arm
down deep in his pants
he said, "thought I'd forgotten my stamps"

As dry leaves before the hurricane fly,
well that describes our early morning ride.

We arrived at the marsh long before it was light
and a lone whistle from above let me know things
would be right.

We stood at the tailgate and talked for a while.
About dogs, decoy patterns and calling styles

But then it was time to go our separate ways
as he was hunting the long blind, about a half mile
away.

But I heard him exclaim as he walked out of sight
"Good luck one and all, hunt safe and hunt right".



RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2023



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

President Betsy convened the meeting at 7:03 PM. This meeting was held on December 12 as we did not reach a quorum on December 5, 2023. The time was also moved from the usual scheduled meeting time of 6:30 to 7 PM in hopes that more Board members would be able to join the meeting.

The minutes from the November 7th meeting were approved as printed. Discussion was held regarding the Club Training Days. At the last meeting, it was proposed to hold the training days monthly on the 3rd weekend of the month. Bill Woll questioned the viability of this plan given the number of AKC sanctioned hunt tests that will be held on days that would conflict with this schedule. The Board agreed that training days would be held as often as possible in 2024 but not specifically on the 3rd weekend of every month.

Treasurer Report (Lee Redd): Bank Balance: \$15,625. Lee reported that a few 2024 membership applications had come in (totaling \$165) and suggested that a reminder email should go out soon. After discussion it was M/S/P that new members who had joined after the August Hunt Test would be marked as a paid 2024 member. Jean will email those individuals to let them know.

Lee also reviewed the rental agreement for storing the equipment trailer on the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds. The total for the year will amount to \$600 and when broken down by the TriClub would amount to \$240 for RHRC and PSLRA and \$120 for EGRC. The complication that may arise relates to whether or not PSLRA holds hunt tests in 2024. Jean will notify members of the TriClub.

Old/New Business –

John O. Blackbird Memorial Award – The Master Amateur Retriever Club is seeking

nominations for the John O. Blackbird Memorial Award. After discussion, it was decided that Rainier would not submit a nomination.

Committee Updates –

2024 Judges Committee: Bill Woll reported that so far there has been difficulty in reaching individuals. The committee will continue its work after the first of the year. The Master Amateur will not be able to support the transportation of judges who may be interested in exploring the grounds to our test.

Nominating Committee: Betsy Reali reported that no one has agreed to fill the position of President for 2024. The committee will continue to search for candidates. Several names were given to Betsy. This is a 1-year position and it is hoped that someone will agree to be the RHRC President for 2024.

Sunshine Committee: Several names were suggested. Betsy will contact them.

Banquet Committee: Committee (Lee and Tracey Redd, Katie Mearns) are busy securing a venue. Several suggestions were offered by Board Members. Criteria included space for at least 30 people and availability of AV equipment. Additional information will be provided to the membership as it becomes available.

Advanced Judges Seminar: April 6/7 dates are pending with the AKC. Classroom space at the Monroe Fairgrounds is available at \$300 for Saturday, April 6 and an additional \$50 if we need it on April 7. Colin Ching will charge \$250 for April 7 use of GreenLeitch Training Grounds for the field work. Susan indicated that other clubs are charging \$104 Registration Fee for the Advanced Judge Seminar and it was decided that will be our fee as well.

Training Days: RHRC will offer as many training days as possible during 2024. It will depend on site availability and scheduling around licensed hunt tests being held locally and near-by.

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RHRC December Minutes—continued



For the Good of the Order –

Jean let the Board know that 2024 is the 40th Anniversary of the Founding of the Ranier Hunting Retriever Club. Special acknowledgement will be made during the January Awards Banquet. RHRC.

Philanthropic Donation: In line with our customary annual donation, Jean suggested that Chase Away Cancer receive \$500 donation from RHRC in memory of the many 4-footed companions who have died this year. Earlier this year \$100 was made to Pasado’s Safe Haven.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM
Next meeting: January 9th/7 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary



How Not to Decorate Your Tree (A true story)

The Christmas tree was always in the living room. It was a room in the house that had three doors that could be closed. They remained closed until Christmas so decorations and presents could be arranged without curious eyes peeping.

Once the doors opened on Christmas Eve, the excitement and anticipation would have been building for some time. There was one additional family member that was waiting and sniffing with anticipation, the family dog Jiggs. There was always a present for him as well under the Christmas tree.

Visiting and general goodwill took place as gifts were shared, and to cap off the day, everyone would attend Midnight Mass. Once back home, they would have a light meal and go to bed.

That is how the family celebrated Christmas each year except for this one particular year, which has everything to do with this story.

One year grandfather had the bright idea to hang a



hot dog on the tree for Jiggs. He thought that it would be fun to see him discover it, and of course, it would have provided an edible treat for him that year in addition to whatever might have been under the tree.

Since Jiggs always got a present, he would run into the room just like the children and start nosing around under the tree, trying to sniff his gift from the others.

The doors to the living room were opened just before any company arrived. It took Jiggs a few seconds to discover that tasty treat, and in grabbing for it, the entire Christmas tree fell to the ground with ornaments shattering and skidding all across the room. It was a mad scramble to get the tree back up and somewhat rearranged before all the relatives had arrived that year.

Needless-to-say, a hot dog or other edible never again graced that Christmas tree or any other! While you smile thinking about this story, remember...no hot dog ornaments on your tree.

Adapted from a true story written by Peggy Woods 2023

Winter Training with friends at Snoqualmie Valley Training Grounds.

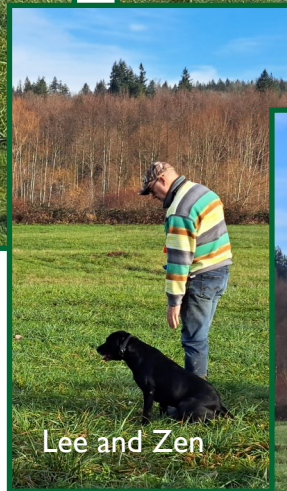
Hunting or training photos to share with our readers are welcome.



Lee Redd, Bill Woll, Katie Mearns, Holly Krohn, Betsy Realie and Otto Redd (in the Dog Blind).



Bill calling for the birds



Lee and Zen



Holly lines Dash for the long bird



Bill's Maddie takes off for the mark

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Betsy and Faith get ready while Bill and Faith Honor



Katie takes aim while Corinne gets ready

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club 2024 Membership Application



Name _____

E-Mail _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Membership type Individual (\$25) Family (\$30)

This is a Renewal New Member

Kennel Name _____ Breed of Dogs _____

Please indicate how you will help at our club activities with an X next to the following opportunities.

May Hunt Test Event Chair _____ Stake Chair _____ Marshall _____
 Live Gunner _____ Pop & Throw _____ Blind Planter _____

August Hunt Test Event Chair _____ Stake Chair _____ Marshall _____
 Live Gunner _____ Pop & Throw _____ Blind Planter _____

June 10 Series Event Chair _____ Stake Chair _____ Marshall _____
 Live Gunner _____ Pop & Throw _____ Blind Planter _____

Judge at Hunt Tests Master _____ Senior _____ Junior _____
 Apprentice _____ Apprentice _____ Apprentice _____

**Please return your dues and this form to:
Lee Redd, RHRC Treasurer, 19742 170th Ave NE, Woodinville, WA 98072**

If you submit this form by e-mail, you can pay your dues using the PayPal link on the RHRC website. Go to Join RHRC and follow the prompts. www.rainierhrc.com

Rainier Hunting Retriever Club 2023 Awards



Owner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Registered Name of Dog (Titles may be included)

Hunting/Field titles earned in 2023

(including qualifying for/at the Master National and/or Master Amateur)

Has this dog received an award plaque in previous years? Yes _____ No _____

Please submit by mail **One clearly printed form per dog.**

Award submissions may be submitted by email (with this form) or snail mail.

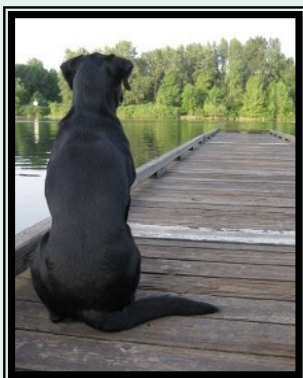
Deadline is Saturday, January 6, 2024

Please return this form to:

Jean Fowler, 16300 164th Ave NE, Woodinville, WA 98072 or fernhaven@comcast.net

Questions/Concerns??? Contact Jean at 206-713-1233 or fernhaven@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



December is Operation Santa Paws month. It was organized by Justin Rudd in 2001. One way to support Santa Paws is to volunteer or donate to your local animal shelter. We give thanks for our four-footed companions. Protect them and remember to give them their monthly "Pup Check" to Chase Away Cancer. Early detection may affect prognosis and treatment!

Canine Cancer Awareness

Melanoma

Melanoma tumors come from pigment cells. They occur mostly on the skin, mouth and toes.

Skin melanoma is usually benign

Oral and Digital Melanoma are malignant and possibly aggressive

Radiation therapy is usually the most effective therapy



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Photo by Cera Reusser

A Dog's jolly bark is a reminder to find joy in every moment of the Season.

