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President's Message

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Hello everyone!

The February 2nd, Ground Hog Day prediction of six more weeks of winter is proving to be accurate as we experience record cold temperatures across the state as February comes to a close. Mid-February also brought a cool pleasant evening to this year's Annual Banquet held at the Blue Heron in Carnation. Kudos to all that helped organize the event and those members that were able to attend.

The Banquet and General Meeting included a catered dinner, raffle, and silent auction in addition to both Club Awards and 2022 Dog Achievements. Club Officers and Members at Large were also elected by ballot. Thank you to Dianne Clark and Cat Martini-Rashid for their time serving as Members at Large in 2022. Welcome Kevin Medved to the Member at Large position for 2023 and to all our new Club members.

Our Spring Hunt Test is scheduled for May 13 & 14 at the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds in Carnation. Additional details can be found in the Club Newsletter and/or on Entry Express. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring Training on April 8 and/or at the Test, whether you are running your dog, volunteering or just stopping by to watch and to say hello.

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 email me directly @ bnb_reali@msn.com. Thank you for your continued participation and support, we could not host these events without you!

Best regards, *Betsy*



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- A—To encourage and promote quality in purebred dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection
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~~Rainier Constitution, Article I, Section 2

On behalf of RHRC I would like to thank the following donors to the RHRC raffle and silent auction: Susan Bell, Chuck and Jean Fowler, Betsy and Ben Reali, Lee and Tracey Redd, Bill and Nancy Woll, Colin Ching, and Liz Skyllingstad.

Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

A special thanks to Jean Fowler for coordinating the banquet. You all made it a great success!

Katie Mearns (Auction/Raffle Coordinator)



FOR SALE

Used Hunt Test Wingers



These serviceable wingers will get you started for a minimal donation to the Tri-Club

Available at the May RHRC and PSLRA Hunt Tests

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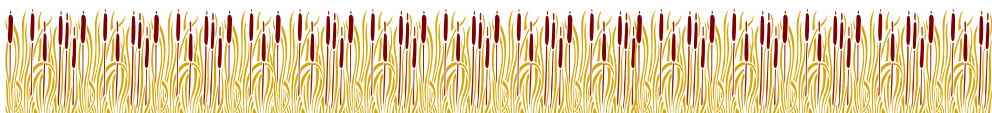
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Welcome

We extend a warm RHRC welcome to our
New Members:

- Ryan and Shannon Betham (Golden Retrievers)
- Julie Chaykin (Labrador Retriever)
- Shane Dohoney (Labrador Retrievers)
- Steven and Elissa Farmer
- Stephanie Hansen (Chesapeake Bay Retrievers)
- Stephen and Sidney Kreyenbuhl (Labrador Retrievers)
- Holly Krohn (Golden Retrievers)
- Julius Strid (Labrador Retrievers)

Congratulations!

2023 RHRC Board

Officers

- President Betsy Reali
- Vice President Doug Gallucci
- Secretary Jean Fowler
- Treasurer Lee Redd

- Past President Jim Olson

Members At Large:

- Susan Bell
- Liz Gibson
- Kevin Medved
- Sue Meyring
- Bill Woll

Election of officers took place at the Annual RHRC Awards Banquet, February 11, 2023

Meet Kevin—RHRC Member at Large



[Editor’s Note: Kevin Medved was elected to the 2023 RHRC Board at the Annual Banquet, as a Member at Large. I asked him to share a little about himself for this newsletter article.]

Hi, thank you for the nomination, I am Kevin Medved, I have been involved in the world of hunting dogs for over two decades. As an owner and trainer of several hunting dogs, I have taken part in various hunt tests and trials throughout the years. Moreover, I have used my expertise to guide other hunters who are in need of a guide and a dog at Hidden Ranch Outfitters.

My knowledge and experience cover a wide range of subjects. I am a PUD Lineman by trade, (this funds my hobbies) but my passion is my family and my dogs. I have had the opportunity to work with one of the best trainers, Brooke Vanderbrake Jr., as well as share the last 10 years introducing my grandkids to the sport of dog trials and hunting. Truly, the best of both worlds.

I’m looking forward to retiring next year and living out my dreams on the training fields where I will continue to learn and grow as a trainer/owner. I am familiar with the regulations and rules that govern our hunt tests and I also understands the importance of safety and the need for hunters to respect the land and wildlife. As part of this appreciation for wildlife, I am a very active committee member of our local Chelan Ducks Unlimited chapter.



Again, I would like to say thank you for the opportunity, looking forward to a great year with this club.

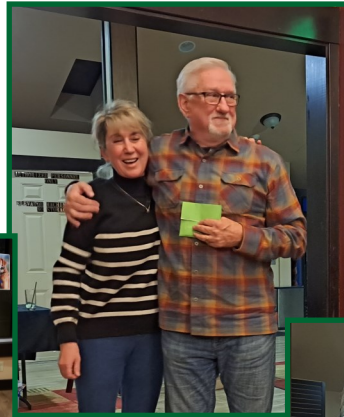
Kevin



Three generations of hunt testers enjoying the sport together
(My granddaughter, Rylee, my Mom, Joani, and myself.)



RHRC 2023 Annual Awards Banquet Candidids!



RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023



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

President Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM after a quorum had been reached.

Minutes: Minutes from the December 6 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Treasurer Report(s): Lee Redd reported the RHRC Bank Balance - \$13,831.98. \$140 has been submitted so far for membership in RHRC. Tri-Club account Balance - \$0.00

Lee will be setting up a Year End Reconciliation and Audit of the Books. Representatives from both PSLRA and EGRC will be asked to participate in the Tri-Club Audit. Sue Meyring volunteered to assist in the audit.

Old/New Business

Banquet – Banquet will be held at the Blue Heron Restaurant in Carnation, WA. The board agreed on a cost of \$30/RHRC members and \$35/non-RHRC members. Jean reminded the Board that Award Requests must be made by January 16. Sue Meyring and Bill Woll volunteered to assist in set up and collection of money at the banquet as Lee Redd will not be able to attend. Time to gather was set at 6 PM with dinner beginning at 6:30 PM and Awards at 8 PM. Many raffle items have been donated and include Dogtra hats, pocket knives, folding chair, bumpers, handler's gun and a GunnersUp winger. Katie Mearns has volunteered to head up the raffle.

Awards – Member of the year: Jean will send out an email to the membership for nominations.

President's Award of Merit will be selected by Betsy Reali.

Nomination Committee Update – Liz Gibson, chair, has asked Liz Skyllingstad to be on the committee and will also ask Christine Robertson. Only one position needs to be filled: Member At Large. Liz will send the nominee's name to Jean.

Judges Committee – Susan Bell will send out confirmation letters to our spring judges when we get closer to the test date.

AED rental – Betsy has investigated the cost of renting the AED for 5 months. It will be approximately \$600 and includes a machine that has been cleaned and fitted with all new materials. Betsy proposes that we share the cost with several clubs including PSLRA, EGRC, Whistling Wings and Cascade. This will not be a Tri-Club cost. Costs will be apportioned according to the number of tests that the respective club used the machine.

2023 Interest Survey Sent out to membership – Approximately 50% of membership responded to the survey and high on the list were RHRC supported training days. The board set April 8 as the date for the first training day. It was proposed to hold the event at Cherry Valley Wildlife Area. Bill Woll will ask Cascade HRC if we can borrow 25 ducks that would be paid back after our May HRT.

Future Events – The Board will discuss setting the date for the Mark Wickham Memorial 10 Series as well as future training dates at the March Board meeting.

Bird Update – Ducks for both RHRC and PSLRA May tests have been ordered from Bob Hunt. We can house birds between the tests at Carlson's.

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RHRC May HRT – Date of Event, May 13 – 14, is posted on Entry Express. Cost for Master Stake will be \$95. Jean and Susan are working on the Job Description for the Hunt Test Secretary position. 2024 Amateur Master National – the update for this event is tabled to the next meeting as Dianne Clark was not in attendance. Bill Woll reported that Will Hart (Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds) is confused about what is proposed and how long the MARC wants to reserve the grounds. He needs additional information before agreeing to reserve the grounds for 2 weeks. Susan Bell and Dianne Clark will follow up with Will.

Archived Old Business – Equipment Trailer – The decision for storing the trailer at Green-Leitch property in Monroe is still pending. Betsy will contact Colin Ching to see if any decision has been made regarding storing the equipment trailer in Monroe. The Trailer tabs must be paid in May.

Next meeting will be held on Feb 11, 2023 at the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary

RHRC Annual Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2023



Location: Blue Heron Golf Course, 1810 W Snoqualmie River Rd.NE, Carnation, WA 98014

Invitees: RHRC Board and General Membership

Welcome: President Betsy Reali called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM and welcomed everyone to the gathering. Twenty-two members of the club were able to attend. President Betsy led a moment of silence in memory of Scott Jenson, long time member of the dog community, who recently died in an automobile accident.

Treasurer's Report: Lee Redd reported that the club has \$14,711.74 in the bank. A detailed statement is attached to this email. Lee also provided information regarding the cost of our hunt tests which are becoming increasing expensive for clubs to

hold. The Spring 2022 HRT profit was \$738 and the Fall 2022 HRT profit was \$1,989. Expenses will continue to increase because we now need to bring birds from either California or Montana for our events.

Annual Club Report: President Betsy provided a review of the 2022 RHRC Accomplishments:

- Two AKC Licensed Hunt Tests (Spring/Fall)
- Automatic External Defibrillator available at all events
- RHRC/Tri-Club equipment inventory
- Purchase of new equipment for the Tri-Club to include 3 new wingers and a large umbrella canopy that was donated by Avery
- RHRC website maintenance
- Membership surveys
- Updated volunteer job descriptions.

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President Betsy also announced the 2023 Club Goals which included:

- Spring Dog & Equipment Training Day scheduled April 8
- Two AKC Licensed Hunt Tests (Spring/Fall)
- Mark Wickman 10 Series in July
- AED on site for RHRC 2023 events

In closing her report, President Betsy thanked the Hunt-test Judge Selection Committee (Susan Bell, Liz Gibson, Katie Mearns, and Bill Woll) for securing judges for our hunt test to be held on Mother's Day weekend in May.

Nomination and Election of RHRC 2023

RHRC Officers: Liz Gibson

The nomination committee (Liz Gibson, chair, Liz Skyllingsad and Christine Robertson) introduced the proposed slate of 2023 RHRC Officers to be:

- President: Betsy Reali
- Vice President: Doug Gallucci
- Secretary: Jean Fowler
- Treasurer: Lee Redd
- Past President: Jim Olson

Members at Large:

- Liz Gibson
- Kevin Medved
- Sue Meyring
- Bill Woll

Officers and Members at Large were elected unanimously by ballot. (21 ballots cast)

Raffle: Katie Mearns, Chair of the Raffle, led the ticket draw for the much-anticipated raffle items and silent bid items. Club members went home with many great items.

Member Awards and 2022 Dog Recognitions:

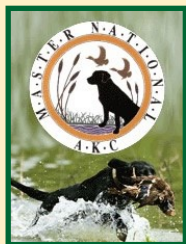
President Betsy announced two honorary awards for continued support of RHRC. The first was to Sheila Leitch, for her support of all local dog organizations by making her beautiful grounds in Monroe, WA available for both training and testing. The second went to Brian Hawley for his tireless work during our events beginning with set-up the day before and take down after the events.

RHRC Member of the Year recognition went to Lee Redd, club treasurer. Lee, a long time supporter of the club, managed our finances throughout the year as well as assisted at each event in many ways. Lee's name has been engraved on the RHRC Perpetual Trophy.

RHRC President's Award went to Randy and Dianne Clark for their many years of unflagging service to RHRC from storing the equipment trailer on their property and transporting equipment to and from many events, to judging, gunning, marshaling, board membership, hunt test secretary and much much more.

Dog Recognitions: Jean Fowler passed out the many bars and trophies earned at events during the 2022 Hunt Test Calendar. Twenty two dogs received recognition.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM
Submitted, *Jean Fowler*, RHRC Secretary



Master National Retriever Club

The 2023 Judges Panel for the Master National is complete. The event will be held October 26 – November 5 in Thomasville, Georgia. Below are the judges selected by the Board of Directors at the Winter Board Meeting in January. The 2023 MNRC President is Keith Maready (Region 1) and the 2023 Chief Marshal will be Chuck Strange (Region 3).

Region 1

Barry R. Fry – Delaware
Tom McKenzie – South Carolina
Karl Blackwell – North Carolina
Sally Koepke – Ohio

Region 2

Lin Gelbmann – Minnesota
Mark Edwards – Mississippi
Laura Foster – Iowa
Wilson Lejeune Jr- Louisiana

Region 3

Kevin Buchman – Texas
Lee Whittaker – Utah
Dorothy Ruehman – Texas
Robert McDow – Oklahoma

Region 4

John Kinnard – Washington
Janet Wood – California
Terrie Sato -Washington
Dave McPherson – Washington



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

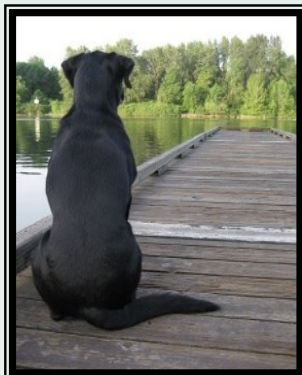
Judges: Fred Collins (Eastern Region)
Richard Gravely (Central Region)
Mike Collson (Western Region)
Patty Polish (Western Region)

<https://www.masteramateur.com/23judgebios.html>

Qualifying period ends on February 28. Entries open March 1 and close March 13. Enter via Entry Express



Chase Away K9 Cancer



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

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

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

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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

You know, I only returned to that old fall because you didn't line me correctly. Remember all the lining drills we did JOHN??!














March 13 is National K9 Veterans Day. Since 4000 B.C. dogs have accompanied soldiers in war. In 1942 the War Dog Program was started in the US Army and they have served our country ever since.

Do A Pup Check to Chase Away K9 Cancer.

Early detection may affect prognosis and treatment!



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



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Information and demonstrations provided by
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*Never let your memories be greater
than your dreams.*

