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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

RHRC is 40!

1984—2024

Come Celebrate With Us

RHRC Awards Banquet

January 27

Pizza Coop, Woodinville

6:30—8:30 PM

RSVP to Lee Redd

leeredd3@gmail.com

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

**AWARDS BANQUET
JANUARY 27, 2024**

**Pizza Coop
13317 NE 175th St., Woodinville WA 98077
6:30—8:30 PM
\$35/person**

*RHRC was founded in 1984. That's 40 years ago!
Come and Celebrate our Friendships, our Club,
and, of course, our Dogs*

*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 Epidemic.*

See You There!



Important Dates

**RHRC Club 2024 Dues Payable—NOW
Form sent separately
January 27—RHRC Awards Banquet**



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RHRC President's Message

Hello everybody!

I hope the new year is treating everyone well! January has brought brisk weather along with some exciting events and news for 2024.

Rainier's Year End Banquet will be held January 27 at the Pizza Coop in Woodinville, WA. This venue will highlight you and your dog's accomplishments in 2023 as well as serve as our general annual meeting and club voting. RHRC club awards will be announced at the banquet as well. This year will include a short presentation on the Avian Flu and Canine Influenza presented by Dr. Adam Black.

2024 promises to be filled with fun events. Spring will be very busy starting with our **Training Day** at Cherry Valley on February 24, then an **Advanced Judging and Handler's Seminar** on April 6 & 7 in Monroe, WA and, on May 11/12, we will hold our first **AKC Hunt Test** of the year, Bring your Mom and have a great weekend. Both the Judge Seminar and our Hunt Test are currently posted on Entry Express. We hope to see you at these events.

And coming to our area, The **2024 Amateur Master National!** The event will be held in Carnation on the SVRG grounds. Several of our RHRC members' dogs are qualified and will be participating. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters.

Thank you all for a successful 2023 Hunt Test Season and allowing us all to enjoy your company and your dog's performance.



Best, *Betsy*

Welcome

*We extend a warm RHRC welcome
to our Newest Members:*

Jim Pederson

Mary Hallowell/Lynn Jordan

**.RHRC to HOST
AKC Advanced Judge Seminar**

April 6 & 7, 2024

Cost: \$104.85 (for 2 days)

Register NOW on Entry Express (seminars)

**([https://www.entryexpress.net/loggedIn/events.aspx?
tab=true&eventTypeName=Seminars](https://www.entryexpress.net/loggedIn/events.aspx?tab=true&eventTypeName=Seminars))**

**Event is suitable for both Judges and Handlers
It will satisfy the 4-year renewal requirement for judges to maintain
current AKC judge status.**

**The Seminar, held over 2 days, will focus on test design, time management and
judging of performance. Both classroom and field instruction/practice will be
offered. It is hoped that the seminar will provide an interesting opportunity for both
judges and handlers to bridge the gap between the normal classroom seminar and
actual hunt test situations.**

**Saturday (Classroom): Evergreen Inn and Suites,
19103 Highway 2, Monroe, WA**

**Sunday(Field Experience): Cascade Retrievers (formerly Green-Leitch)
This venue is appropriate for both land and water tests at all levels.**

Don't wait—Sign up now!



2020 AKC Judge Seminar—Field Practice

Have You Ever Wondered.....

...what is the history of the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club: In 2016 I contacted Julie Kirk who lives in Benton City and is one of the founders of RHRC.

Here is what I learned: JF, Editor

The original spark for the hunt test program came from Jane Paton (previous owner of Cascade Kennels in Woodinville). In the spring 1984, Jane held a meeting at her home, inviting representatives from each of the retriever breeds who were interested in both hunt tests and bench programs. George Doty for Goldens, Kathy Tucker for Curlies, Dom Szechenyi for Chessies, Libby Baarstad for Flat-coats, Mik Anderson for IWS and Steve Kirk for Labs. She then put on a demo-day at Greenleaf's for the NAHRA program. At this time, the American Kennel Club (AKC) and North American Hunting Retriever Association (NAHRA) were collaborating rather than being separate programs.

The charter meeting for the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club, was held at Cascade Kennels August 11, 1984. The original group had expanded to include Marv Kvamme, Sue Nelson and Deb/Boyd Ulsh, Julie Kirk and Nina Man. The first president of RHRC was Steve Kirk with Barbara Primeau, Treasurer and Libby Baarstad, Secretary. Julie Kirk was the newsletter editor. The name of the newsletter was: The Rainier Re-Marker.



Jigg's Pond—May 2018



Greenleaf's Barn—2019

The impetus for forming a new club centered around wanting to give folks an opportunity to develop their dog's working abilities during the "off" season. Something that would be in between field trials and the WC/WCX events already being offered. In addition to "events", RHRC offered an extensive training agenda each Saturday starting in February and continuing to the Fall with different people in charge each weekend. There was generally a specific plan for dogs at each level of training and a couple of days devoted to gunning clinics.

The first field day was held on September 8, 1984 at Pepper's in conjunction with PSLRA's WC and WCX. Quoting from the newsletter article, "Three NAHRA test exercises were set up – a water single from a duck blind, a tracking

test in moderately heavy cover, and a quartering exercise with a pigeon released from a bird launcher. Each exercise cost \$2 and could be re-run for an additional fee. All three events were well attended. Over 50 water singles were run and the marshals tailored the difficulty to the handler's specifications, which was much appreciated. The tracking and quartering exercises each drew over 20 participants, from young dogs to those with hunting experience."

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On September 28-9, 1985, RHRC held the first NAHRA licensed test at Pepper's. It was chaired by Mik Anderson and Marv Kvamme. The entries were limited to 50 started dogs (\$25 entry fee), 20 intermediate dogs (\$30) and 5 senior dogs (\$40). By this time, AKC had split from NAHRA and RHRC had a committee studying the differences between the two programs. There was quite a bit of time spent on trying to decide which program to support (or both).

In May of 1985, the first AKC B match had been held at Greenleaf's and was limited to junior dogs. There were 29 entries and 7 passes. There was also an A match held at Cherry Valley in May 1986. The first AKC licensed test was held at Cherry Valley in May 1987.

Past presidents of RHRC in the 80's and early 90's included Steve Kirk, Mik Anderson, Marv Kvamme, Boyd Ulsh, Deb Ulsh and George Dody.

Julie writes: "We thought that the hunt test program would appeal to Joe Hunter and Suzie Showbreeder and it did."

The RHRC Nominating Committee proposes the following for the 2024 RHRC Board:

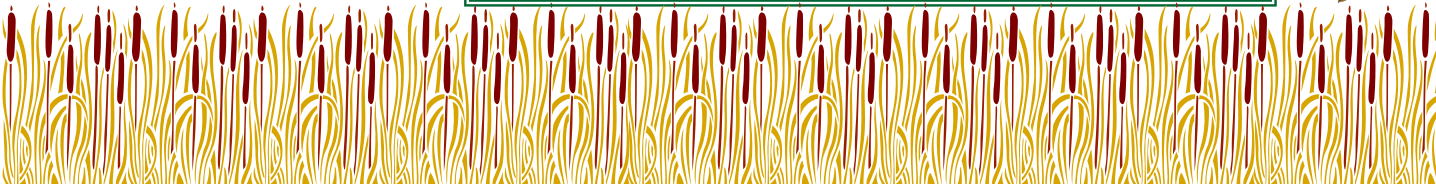
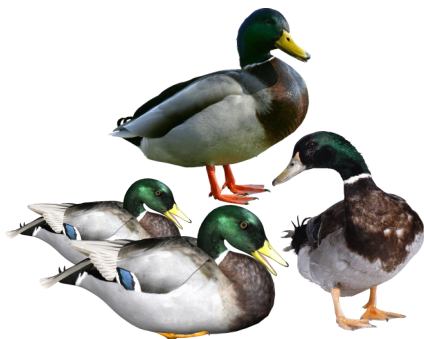
President (temp) Betsy Reali
Vice President Liz Gibson
Secretary Misalyn Armstrong
Treasurer Lee Redd

Past President Jim Olson

Members At Large:
Susan Bell
Chris Braswell
Doug Gallucci
Kevin Medved
Sue Meyring
Bill Woll

Voting will take place at the RHRC Annual Meeting on January 27, 2024

Submitted by RHRC Nominating Committee,
Betsy Reali, Chair
Misalyn Armstrong
Scott Corley
Kevin Medved



RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024



Attendance: Reali, Jean Fowler, Lee Redd, Susan Bell, Liz Gibson, Bill Woll, Jim Olson, Sue Meyring.

Absent: Doug Gallucci, Kevin Medved

President Betsy opened the meeting at 7:03 PM and welcomed everyone. The December minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report (Lee Redd): Lee provided a year-end report that is included with these minutes. Bank balance is: \$15,899. The full report will be available at the Banquet. Jean asked about the \$500 donation to Chase Away Cancer in memory of the many RHRC members' dogs who died during 2023. Lee will send the donation this week.

Lee suggested that the board reach out to previous members who have not sent in their membership money. Jean will send a list to the Board for individual calling.

Old/New Business

Legislative Update: Betsy reviewed RHRC position on the legislative restrictions proposed regarding the auctioning of firearms restrictions and proposed changes to WAC 230-06-025. RHRC Board members had voted by email to support a letter written by Cascade Retriever Club objecting to removing firearms as an eligible auction item for nonprofit and/or charitable events. If passed by the legislature, this would greatly impact the fundraising ability of many clubs.

Club Popper Guns: Betsy notified the board that the popper guns being stored at her home must be moved. She and her husband will donate a gun safe to go with the guns. Lee Redd volunteered to store the guns in his garage. We are still waiting for a "buy-back" program to materialize. Betsy may just dismantle the guns we need to retire. A task force that will include tri-club members, will be formed to determine the final fate of the shotguns.

2024 Hunt Test Judges Committee: Committee members, Bill Woll, Susan Bell and Liz Gibson are inviting judges for both spring and fall hunt tests for both PSLRA and RHRC. The reason that they are

recruiting for both clubs is that they often run into the situation where they query one judge and find out they are only available to judge on the weekend of the other club's test. So far, they have master judges: Eric Fryer (Fall, PSLRA), Ron Rhodes (Spring, PSLRA), Laura Wineman (Spring, RHRC), Chris Davies (Fall, RHRC). Cindy Meyer has volunteered to judge Junior/Senior stakes if needed. Liz Skyllingstad will be attending the AKC Judge Seminar in April and will be qualified to judge Junior/Senior stakes.

Entry Express: Susan will post RHRC Spring and Fall dates on Entry Express. Local Test Dates are: Spring: PSLRA-May 4/5, RHRC-May 11/12. Summer: EGRC-June 22/23, Fall: RHRC-August 10/11, PSLRA-August-24/25. After discussion, the RHRC board voted to charge the following registration fees: Jr/ \$90; Sr/\$95; M/\$105.

Duck Order: Lee Redd has been in contact with Brad and he is watching EE for the number of entries so that he knows how many birds to bring to us. He is also supplying birds to the Master Amateur Invitational.

Nominating Committee Update (Betsy): Open positions being filled are: Vice President: Liz Gibson, Secretary: Misalyn Armstrong, President: interim Betsy Reali (the committee has not found someone willing to hold this position). Chris Braswell will serve as Member at Large. All other positions will continue to be held by current board members. Sunshine committee chair is still open.

Banquet Committee: 18 people have RSVP'd. Time is 6:30 – 8:30 at Pizza Coop. Jean will send out a reminder flyer on Friday and Sunday.

Advanced Judge Seminar: April 6/7, Monroe, WA. Posted on Entry Express-15 people (minimum) have to sign up for the class. We will need a set-up committee. The classroom portion will be held in Evergreen Suites Hotel (Monroe). The field portion will be held at Cascade Kennels. Information will be posted on our Website and Facebook pages.

Training Day: February 24th. Additional dates will be determined monthly. A Training Day Committee will be formed in February.

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RHRC January Minutes—continued



New Members: Welcome to Mary Hallowell and Jim Pederson.

For the Good of the Order

Betsy recommended the following individuals be recognized as Honorary Members: Sheila Leitch, Brian/Elsa Hawley, Gary Abbott. All three have supported RHRC activities. Gary Abbott is the newest addition.

Request: Bryant Meyer (Mt Rainier Labrador Retriever Club) has requested that we share our job description documents. The board agreed that this was OK. HT Secretary and HT Event Chair job descriptions have not been finalized. The board also requested that the Job Descriptions be posted on the Website.

Next Board meeting will be 7 PM, February 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Fowler



2024 MASTER AMATEUR INVITATIONAL

A scenic photograph of a golf course at dawn or dusk, featuring a large body of water in the foreground reflecting the sky and trees, with rolling green hills in the background.

CARNATION, WASHINGTON
 OPENING CEREMONY JUNE 8TH
 RUNNING DOGS JUNE 9TH-16TH

This has been a tough year of loss for many Rainier members.
The Board sends its heartfelt condolence.

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Sue and Perry Meyring | Neila and Macey |
| Susan Bell | Gamay |
| Dianne and Randy Clark | Rita and Leo |
| Holly Krohn | Winter |
| Lee and Tracy Redd | Koda |
| Chris Braswell | Jetta |
| Terrie Sato | Chip |



Donations to Pasado Safe Haven and Chase Away K9 Cancer have been made in memory of these companions.

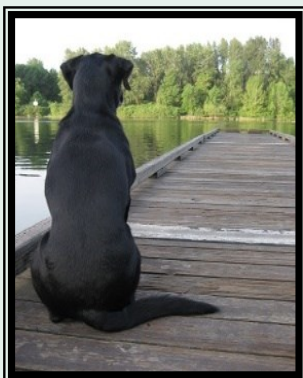


"Thanks for the beautiful card sent to me for the loss of Chip and the thoughtful donation to Chase away Canine Cancer. It is a cause near and dear to all of our hearts and I so appreciate Chip's memory being honored in this way."

Terrie

Terrie Sato requested her note be published in the newsletter.

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

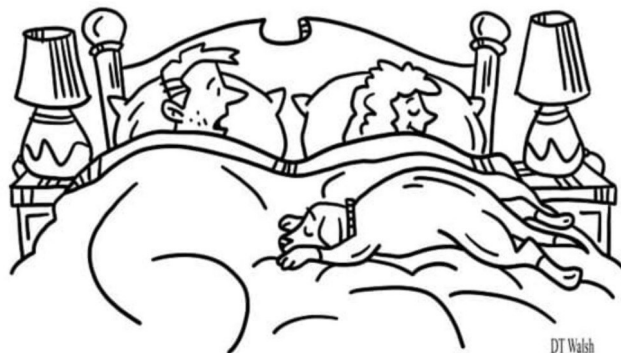
You will receive a tax deductible donation card as your receipt.



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



“I’m cold... let me have the dog for a while.”

DT Walsh

January 21 is National "Hug your Puppy" Day and January 24 is National "Just Do It!" Day. So get out there and give your companions their monthly "Pup Check" to Chase Away Cancer. Early detection may affect prognosis and treatment!



#EARLYDETECTIONISKEY

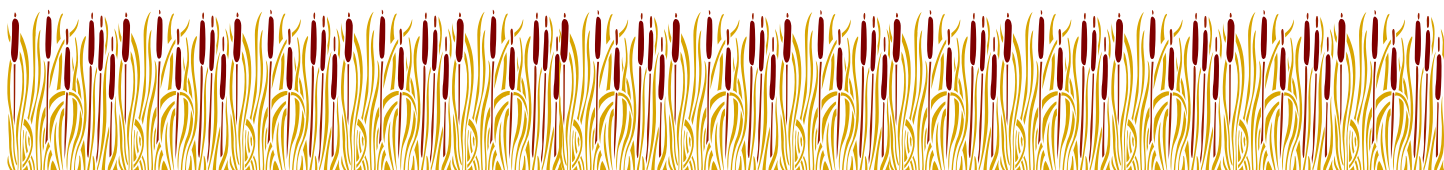
It is easier to clean a puppy before his coat matches his nose

JUST LIKE

Finding cancer early is the best way to beat it.



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“If I had a dollar for every time my dog made me smile, I would be a millionaire.”