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From the Prez.....

Summertime sunshine has been the theme of the 2021 Hunt test season. We reached unprecedented temperatures in the 100's the last week of June, where RHRC and Tri Club members assisted the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club's successful event. Again, the club's supporters and membership's participation, working together continue to give us the opportunity to hold AKC sanctioned Hunt Tests in the Puget Sound Region.

The next scheduled Rainier Hunting Retriever Club event is just a few weeks away - scheduled for August 14 & 15, at the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds, (SVRG) in Carnation, WA. We are planning to include a raffle and some fun games on the grounds on Saturday, August 14. The premium is now up on Entry Express and accepting entries. We look forward to seeing you in August.

As a reminder, the qualification period for Master National eligibility is August 1 through July 31 of the following year. The 2022 Master Nationals will be held in the Tri Cities area of Washington. Optimistically, those running the Master stakes can start earning passes toward the Master Nationals at our August test.

RHRC is partnering with other local clubs and will be co-hosting Cascade Retrievers' First Aid Seminar for Dogs at the Green-Leitch Retriever Grounds in Monroe, WA. The date of the Seminar is September 11th. More information to follow.

Remember to visit the RHRC website at [www.rainierhrc.com](http://www.rainierhrc.com) for information or to offer any comments or suggestions for seminars or other related events.

I hope this message continues to find you and your families well.

Betsy, RHRC President



RHRC August Hunt Test  
 August 14/15, 2021  
 Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds

Master Judges: Master A—Susan Bell/John Gammon  
 Master B—Neil Henke/Steve Souder  
 Senior/Junior Judges: Betsy Reali/David McPherson  
 Free camping and lunch provided to all volunteers  
 Raffle Drawing for a winger, holding blind and other great  
 stuff on Saturday.



The test is posted on Entry Express.  
 Entries Close on Monday, August 2.

To Volunteer contact Dianne Clark  
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## Jerry Leich—Celebration of Life

Saturday, July 17th, dawned bright and sunny. Weather was perfect for the gathering of over 125 friends of Sheila and Jerry Leich to remember the late Jerry Leich. Jerry passed away from cancer on February 19, 2021.

After everyone had gathered on the ridge overlooking the ponds, Sheila spoke a short welcome and then Colin Ching shared some of Jerry's life and aspirations. RHRC dedicated their Spring Hunt Test to Jerry's memory and the gifts he has given to the retriever sport.

*"Jerry worked for the EPA for many years, he was a skier and ski instructor, an avid cyclist, and also co-owned a Bicycle Shop on Capitol Hill. He was not just a regular avid cyclist; one day as I helped move some bicycles around the barn, he told the history behind a few of the bikes. This one, he would say, I rode across the US, and this one I rode across Europe, this one I trained with the US Postal cycle team. Two years ago, I*

*was out training and along comes Jerry riding a bike out to me. I asked where he had ridden to... he told me Bothell. The Bothell-Monroe round trip is like 35 miles.*

*"Jerry's dream with this property we now call Green-Leitch Training Grounds, or Jerry's Place, was to provide a place for people to come play with their dogs at no cost so no barriers to being able to enjoy it. The generosity that Jerry has shown is a legacy that will be remembered and celebrated for many years. Once when two visiting Pro's*

*came up to the property to train prior to a test, they spent the day training on the property and spoke with Jerry a few times. Being considerate folks they wanted to thank Jerry by paying him a small fee for use of the grounds. Jerry politely declined, multiple times. Before leaving the property the two Pro's offered again and Jerry, with a straight face, jokingly replied that they weren't welcome*

*back if they tried to pay him again! It was a common theme to hear Jerry tell people that his payment was the pleasure of watching people enjoy the property with their dogs!*

*"While Jerry was an avid lover of Golden Retrievers he didn't discriminate against any dog. All the dog sports are welcomed on the property, starting with the hunter retrievers that Jerry was so involved in, he got excited about having Jack Russell Terriers doing Earth Dog work, Belgian Malinois doing bite and scent work, Pointers, and he always encouraged people he had just met to bring their dog out to run around and play. The Police K9 certification has been hosted at the property several times and*

*was one of Jerry's personal favorites every year!*

*"A life well-lived can only be truly measured by those whose lives were touched by its wealth. A wealth shared amongst so many whose collective weight surpasses accounting.*

*We remember Jerry well and will think of him often when we spend time on the Green-Leitch Training Grounds.*





## RHRC Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2021

Zoom Meeting@6–7 PM

Attendance: Betsy Reali, Doug Gallucci, Sue Meyring, Jean Fowler, Liz Gibson, Susan Bell, Jim Olson, Eric Marek, Dianne Clark, Bill Woll.  
Absent: Cat Martini-Rashid

President Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Minutes from the June meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report– Sue Meyring:** Elsa Hawley is repairing a holding blind for us. Sue will send a check from the Tri-Club account to Elsa for the repair.

Bank Balances: RHRC: \$10,032.73/Tri-Club: \$412.50. (This does not include \$100 owed by EGRC). Income from Spring HRT: \$3,309.77. Sue requests the membership list and Jean will email it to her.

### **Open Issues**

Fall Hunt Test – August 14/15 – Logistics Committee Reports Updates– Open Assignments

✓Event Chair – Still need an Event Chair. Doug will ask Cat Martini-Rashid. This person must be on the grounds from Friday through Sunday.

✓Stake Chairs – Liz Gibson will shoulder this responsibility.

✓Judges – Susan Bell, Bill Woll, Liz Gibson: Judges who have agreed to judge: Susan Bell/John Gammon, Neil Henke/Steve Souder for Master A and B; Betsy Reali/David McPherson for Junior/Senior Stakes.

✓Test Logistics Update:

Worker update: We will pay a flat rate of \$150/day for pop and throw/blind planters. Judges helpers will be paid \$10/hour and will be assigned as needed.

Dumpster – Arranged by Liz Gibson. Honey Buckets arranged by Liz Skillingstad. Betsy will call Liz S. to remind her.

✓Chief Marshall – Jean Fowler – Marshals will be selected after entries are opened.

✓Gun Captain & Ammo – Bill Woll – We have enough ammunition for the Fall test. Eric has purchased 2 cases of #7 steel 12 gauge. Jim Olson has case of 20 gauge. Doug Gallucci's wife, Patty, will gun at senior. She needs 20 gauge shells. Doug will also ask his son to help at Senior.

✓Judges Gift Idea – After discussion it was decided to give Costco First Aid Kits to the judges plus a \$50 gift card. Gifts will be presented to the judges at the Judges' Dinner on Friday night at SVRG.

✓Fund Raising and/or Raffle Items Ideas – Dianne Clark – After discussion it was M/S/P to purchase Gunners Up Raffle Special: 1 SOG Winger with Carry Case for \$220 (\$380 value).

✓Raffle tickets will be sold at \$10.00 each and the drawing will be on Sunday afternoon. üThere will not be a BBQ on Saturday.

✓Meals – Sue Meyring and her Mom will provide Sack Lunches for volunteers/judges. üJudges Dinner will be held on the grounds on Friday evening after set-up.

✓Birds – Bird order will be confirmed closer to the test date. Dianne will confirm with Wendy after entries have been secured. Birds will be ordered in sufficient numbers to comply with AKC rules.

✓Help – Several people will be contacted regarding volunteer help at the test. This includes: Andy Fonteneau, Doug Shade, Brooklyn, Kim St. Louis, Colin Ching (Ron Mason?), Emma Murphy and her friend Megan. Brian Hawley and Kevin Medved will help as well.

### **New Business**

AED Purchase: A long discussion was held regarding the purchase or rental of AED equipment for our tests. Questions to be researched: Will Tri-Club share in the purchase? Will local fire departments rent AEDs? In any case, we should alert local fire departments that

# RHRC July 6th Meeting Minutes—continued



we are holding an event. Doug will do some research on the cost of AEDs.

Stake First Aid Kits: Katie Quarles is assembling these kits.

A Condolence Card for Steve Colley, Steve Raney’s Assistant, who died of heart failure at a hunt test on 6/29/21, will be sent from RHRC.

Jerry Leitch Celebration of Life, July 17: The memorial will begin at 2:00 pm at Green-Leitch Grounds. Jean will send information out to the club membership list.

First Aid Seminar for Dogs: Green-Leitch Grounds September 11, 2021. – RHRC will support.

10 Series: It was M/S/P to postpone 10 series to 2022.

Tax Exempt Status: Doug asks for clarification – Are we a 501-C3 charitable organization. Sue will see how we are listed.

### Old Business

Should we have a PO Box for the club? After discussion it was decided that due to the wide distance covered by RHRC members, a central post office box was not feasible.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary



Bob and Katie Mearns proudly report that Obsidian Corinna Corinna MH Qualified for both the 2021 MNRC and the 2022 MARC

## Master National Retriever Club News



**GUNS UP**  
Master National News  
2021 Master National  
September 30—October 10, 2021  
Valley County, Idaho



## RETRIEVER ADDICTS ANONYMOUS

By Shelly Blom, Sterre Golden Retrievers, Ontario, Canada

It all started off so innocently. All I wanted to do was put a WC or maybe even a JH on my show dog so that he could get a VC. Some of you may be reading this and recognizing your own plans for that adorable ball of fluff sitting at your feet. Other are reading with a wry and knowing grin – you are likely fellow members of RAA: Retriever Addicts Anonymous.

I blame it all on a guy with a Labrador. There I was at my obedience class, minding my own business, teaching my puppy how to do a nice tuck sit, when up came my Labrador owning friend and his partner. “So, he says with a pointed pause, “ya gonna get this one on birds?”

It was at this point that I crossed that fateful line. “yeah,” I replied, “I’d like to try. I think it might be kind of fun.”

So two weeks later off I went to a picnic trial on a fine sunny autumn morning. It was a beautiful day; perfect for hooking another poor sucker.

I stood on the sidelines in my nice little windbreaker, and co-coordinating cap with a Golden emblazoned upon the front and watched as the handlers brought their dogs to the line and took their turns at the marks. Everyone seemed to be having so much fun.

A club member took me aside, got a bird for my pup to try and off we went to the parking lot.

I should have noticed then that I was the “one of these things is not like the others.” The dog handlers were all wearing camo or earth tone clothing, and mine was the only little station wagon in the lot. There were warning signs everywhere of the presence of many members of the RAA and I was

completely oblivious!! My pup liked the bird, and did a couple of little marks. So the club member introduced me to another person who had a line on some classes.



Within weeks I was getting up at 6:00 a.m. attending a beginner’s class every Sunday morning. Then I was asking my mother to buy me some camouflage clothing for Christmas. Then it was bumpers. And then a remote collar. And then a freezer for the training birds, along with the birds to fill it. Imagine that – a freezer full of whole dead ducks in my house. Imagine my mother’s reaction when she opened the wrong freezer in search of the mixed vegetables! These were all signs that I was slowly and insidiously becoming one of “them” one of the RAA.

Summer came; the pup got his WC and even his JH. A hard core RAA member suggested that I should take my firearms and hunter ed course so that I could start putting the (no longer) pup’s newly acquired skills to use in the field.

And then it all goes kind of blurry. The next thing I knew I owned head-to-toe waterproof camo, a 4x4 truck, two shotguns and a hunting license, and was standing up to my hips in water, pass-shooting suicidal div-bombing wood ducks. Fluffy the show dog meanwhile had found a nice peat pond and dove into it to add a little camouflage of his own.

But seriously, don’t let me discourage you. Membership in the RAA lets you relieve stress, put dinner on the table, and hang out with your favorite canine friend, all at once, and even go to the occasional test and earn a title or two ..... or three or four .....

Now if you’ll excuse me, I think I left my Max-4 hat over in those tules somewhere.



### Chase Away K9 Cancer



Many of us have lost our four legged companions to canine cancer and many are currently fighting this disease.

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.

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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](mailto:dianneclark@comcast.net)

## DOG TEXTING CODES

**BOL – Bark Out Loud**

**OMDT – Over My Dead Toy**

**HAW – Humans Are Watching**

**OMD – Oh My Dog**

**TTTP – Talk To The Paw**

**ROFB – Rolling On Floor Barking**

**SMB – Smell My Butt**

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<p><b>CANINE CANCER CHECK</b> 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. <b>*Please be sure to do a K9 cancer check of your dog once a month.</b></p>	
<p><b>NOSE/MUZZLE:</b> 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><b>MOUTH:</b> 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><b>SKIN:</b> 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><b>LEGS:</b> 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><b>UNDERBELLY:</b> 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><b>EYES:</b> 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><b>JAWLINE:</b> 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><b>EARS:</b> Check the ears for any abnormal swellings, debris, and odor.</p>	
<p><b>TORSO:</b> 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><b>FEET:</b> 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><b>ANUS:</b> Also examine your pet's anus for cleanliness, uniformity and a consistent color.</p>	



Chase Away K9 Cancer is a proud partner of the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine

Information and demonstrations provided by  
Dr. Shay Bracha, Clinical Oncologist at the OSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital



*July 10th was National Piña Colada Day. So mix one up and enjoy a cold one while you Do A Check to Chase Away K9 Cancer. Early detection may affect prognosis and treatment!*

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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



*Do not stand at my grave and weep.  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am in a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the softy falling snow.  
I am the gentle showers of rain,  
I am the fields of ripening grain.  
I am in the morning hush,  
I am in the graceful rush  
Of beautiful birds in circling flight,*

*I am the starshine of the night.  
I am in the flowers that bloom,  
I am in a quiet room.  
I am in the birds that sing,  
I am in each lovely thing.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there. I do not die.*

*~~Mary Elizabeth Clark Frye*

