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## President's Message

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Hello everybody!

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer sunshine! As the month of July ends, August is right on its heels, and Rainier's Fall Hunt Test will be here before you know it.

We are anticipating that many of you are planning to attend. Everyone is welcome whether you are running a dog or not, we will have some fun prizes, a raffle, a photographer, and a food truck on site on Saturday August 12th, at the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds, (SVRG).

We are still receiving raffle items for our August test. If you have any items you would like to donate to the raffle or would like to help with the raffle tables, please contact either myself or Jean Fowler.

As a reminder, please take a moment to review the proposed Master National qualification guideline changes. Multiple emails have been sent to the Club membership requesting feedback; the Club response is due back to the Master National Organization by August 10th.

As always, if you have any ideas that would help to make the club even more successful, we would love to hear from you.

Please continue to visit the RHRC website at [www.rainierhrc.com](http://www.rainierhrc.com) or our Facebook Page, Rainier Hunting Retriever Club.

Thank you for your continued participation and club support, we couldn't host an event without you!

Cheers, *Betsy*



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**RHRC Fall Hunt Test and Raffle/Silent Auction  
 August 13 & 14, 2023  
 Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds**

**Master—Saturday and Sunday  
 Junior—Saturday  
 Senior—Sunday**

Join us for our annual Fall Hunt Test. On Saturday the **Tacos El Guero** Food Truck will be on our grounds from 3 to 7:30 PM. They will have authentic and delicious Mexican cuisine to tempt you. Plan to stay for dinner.

The Fall Raffle/Silent Auction will also tempt you with many great items.

Don't miss a chance to win a...

**"Premier Pheasant Hunt"**  
 donated by Rusty Hunt of  
 Hidden Ranch Outfitters in  
 Coulee, WA.



- Other Great Items include:**
- A GEAR Cargo Cart**
  - Free Hunt Test Voucher for Greater Pacific, RHRC and EGRC 2023/24 events**
  - Dummy Launcher—complete kit**
  - A Labrador Garden Sculpture**
  - Shotgun Shell Thermos**
  - 6 Custom Logo Dog Bowls**
  - Wine (Red/White/Rose)**
  - Sportsman Warehouse Gift Certificate**
  - Custom Engraved Knife**
  - Surprise Avery Gift**
  - Custom Logo His/Hers Mugs**
  - Gift Baskets.....And MORE!**

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## More information about the upcoming RHRC Fall Hunt Test

### **Entries close on Monday July 31.**

We have filled our Master Entry but there is still plenty of room for more Junior and Senior Dogs. Judges for Junior/Senior are John Gammon and

Darlene Pado. With the new AKC rules in place (see page 6) you will be able to talk softly to your Junior dog as well as give reassuring pats.

**RAFFLE:** We can still use additional items for our stupendous raffle! Please feel free to bring something and add it to the swag as it will greatly assist the club's finances plus you will have the opportunity to get some super items for yourselves. If you know what you plan to contribute, please contact Jean Fowler <fernhaven@comcast.net> or Katie Mearns <sonkinas.mearns@gmail.com>

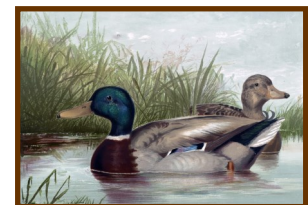
We are always looking for helpers during the event. If you are available, please contact either Liz Gibson <liz@telopealabs.com> or Betsy Reali <bnb\_reali@msn.com>

**A special note:** As many of you know, the Woodinville-Duvall Road will be closed to traffic during our event. That means if you are coming to the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds, you will need to plan a little extra time (about 10 min or so) for the detour. Traffic should be very light on Saturday and Sunday. The detour is as follows:

*Coming East on the Woodinville-Duvall Road from the West, the Detour will take you South on Avondale Road NE and then East on NE Novelty Hill Road. Turn right onto the W. Snoqualmie Valley Road NE to get to the Hunt Test Site.*

We are looking forward to seeing you! We'll have a great weekend with our dogs and friends.

RHRC Board



## ODE TO THE BIRD BOY

He comes to the test site, brown bag in his fist,  
 He isn't a handler, just a name on a list.  
 He sits on a bucket from dawn until dark,  
 Hearing few human voices, and an occasional bark.  
 He is standing in waters in waders that leak,  
 His only companions are dead ducks that reek!  
 The mosquitoes are biting, the humidity is high,  
 His body is sweating, but his throat is bone dry.

"Here comes one!" he hollers for the  
 two hundredth time,  
 As he gropes for the poppers  
 he dropped in the slime.  
 "Throw it higher!" the judge yells,  
 "And more to the right!"  
 As two of the handlers are spoiling for a fight.

"The falls aren't consistent", the handlers whine,  
 "Is this the best thrower your club could find?"  
 "We can't hear his duck call, he's waiting too long,  
 Gosh darn it, that guy's doing everything wrong!"

The next series is starting, this time on land,  
 He runs to his station, sandwich in hand.  
 He sits in the bushes, swatting at flies,  
 Hearing the handlers tell each other lies.

"My dog really nailed it." "He stepped on that bird."  
 "She lined it, no whistles", are stories he heard.  
 But he knows the truth, for he sees every blind,  
 And always keeps silent, for by nature he's kind.  
 He won't tell how the dogs came and peed on his  
 shoe,  
 While ignoring every whistle that his handler blew.

And he'll never complain, a fuss never make,  
 When every dog comes next to him just to shake.  
 He's wet and he's tired, his feet really hurt,  
 He wouldn't mind laying down right in the dirt.  
 But when they give out the ribbons, he claps, gives a yell,  
 For he is honestly happy for the dogs that did well.

This is the Bird Boy — the man with no name,  
 We need him, for without him, there would be no game.  
 So next time say, "Thank you" and give him a cheer,  
 Award him a ribbon, and buy him a beer.

\*\*\*Author unknown (but probably a bird boy)



## RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023



Rainier Hunting Retriever Club  
Meeting Minutes  
July 11, 2023, 6:30

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

President Betsy convened the meeting at 6:34 PM. The minutes from the June meeting were approved with changes to reflect the fact that the 70 birds provided to both PSLRA and RHRC by the Cascade HRC, for the May tests, will be replaced. President Betsy requested that our August Board meeting be held in person with the option for folks to Zoom if they cannot attend in person.

**Treasurer's Report – Lee Redd:** RHRC has \$12,821.61 in the checking account. No changes to the Tri-club account. Additional expenses for our May test will include \$875 to cover the cost of replacing the Cascade HRC ducks (35 for RHRC). This will bring our loss at the May test to \$2,786.48.

Two withdrawals will be made to Chase Away Canine Cancer. One is in memory of Barb Hawley's dog, Cinder and the other in memory of Holly Krohn's dog, Winter.

Lee reminded the board that he needs names and addresses for all workers at our August test for him to process their compensation.

### **Old/New Business –**

**Master National:** It was M/S/P to appoint Jean Fowler as both the contact and delegate to the Master National. Considerable discussion was held regarding the current Qualifier model that the MNRC has proposed for the format to qualify to

participate in the Master National. There was interest in a different model that would use the percentage of local tests passed and eliminating a "Qualifying Event".

The Board has only heard from 2 RHRC members regarding the current MN proposal. Jean and Bill will work on an email asking RHRC members (those who habitually compete at the MH level) for their feedback on the MN Qualifier Model. Vote is due to the MN by August 10th.

**Policy on Scratch Refunds:** Tabled to the next meeting.

**HRT Job Descriptions:** In process.

**Trailer Update:** A location on Nancy Light's property has been identified and may need some TLC before the trailer is moved there at the end of August.

**Burlap Bird Bags:** These are needed before the August test. Liz Gibson presented information on the purchase of either 100 or 350 bags. The cost of 100 bags will be \$218 plus \$60 shipping. While it is more cost effective to purchase the larger quantity, storage is a problem. M/S/P to purchase 100 that should cover the next 4 tests (2 PSLRA and 2 RHRC). This is a Tri-Club expense. Susan will let Cindy Olson know of the decision. A Tri-Club vote is not needed as the cost will be under \$75/club.

**Ducks for August RHRC HRT:** Lee Redd is handling this item. The birds will be transported to Peppers for the August test.

**Advanced Seminar for 2024 and Grant Funding:** Doug Gallucci is taking the lead on this project. He was not in attendance at the meeting and will report in August. Continued on page 6

## RHRC Board Meeting Minutes - July 11, 2023—continued

**Hunt Test Planning for August Test:** Due to the late hour, final assignments will be reviewed at the August Board meeting. All judges have been secured. It was decided to purchase catalogs for the participants of the test. The quantity will be determined after the close of entries. Lee will again do the judges' gifts.

**--Purina Dog Food:** Dianne Clark has secured a pallet of dog food from Purina for distribution at the event.

**--Food Truck:** Bill Woll has secured a Food Truck to be on the grounds on Saturday for contestants to purchase lunches/dinner.

**--Raffle:** President Betsy reviewed the raffle

items we currently have. Jean has been working with Misalyn Armstrong for the raffle set up and other ideas for raffle items. Kevin Medved has secured a Pheasant Hunt as a raffle item and the premium on Entry Express advertises the raffle. Betsy made a list of raffle items we have to date.

**Club apparel, MAI Swag:** Jean and Misalyn Armstrong are working on this item. Lee indicated that he has contacts that can help as well.

The next meeting—August 2, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted, *Jean Fowler*, RHRC Secretary



### 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:

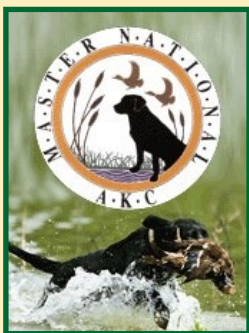
#### **Chapter 4. Standards for Junior, Senior and Master Hunting Tests, Section 6. (3rd paragraph)**

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.**

Judges for our August Hunt Test are aware of this change and will judge accordingly.

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

J and J's Wild Irish Rose MH	Joanie Belcher/Kevin Medved
Brassfire's Its5oclocksomewhere MH CCA	Chris Braswell
Ranmar's North Bound Train MH	Dianne Clark/Randy Clark/A. Pelan
Rattlin Ridge's Willin O Ranmar MH	Randy Clark/Dianne Clark
Lorenzo Il Magnifico De Falammi MH SWN	Scott Corley
Autumn's Ruffcut Diamond At Fernhaven MH	Jean Fowler/Chuck Fowler
Telopea's Tough Rollin Oliver at Centerfield MH	Liz Gibson/Mark Keen
The Captain's Vincent Rolls Like Lightnin' MH	Liz Gibson/Mark Keen
Hathaway's Duck Filled Marsh MH	Brian Hawley
Hawley's Change in Fortune MH	Brian Hawley
Onedrdogs Wings Over Water CD MH	Holly Krohn/C Peterson
Obsidian Corinna Corinna MH	Katie Mearns/Robert Mearns
Ireland Farms Dutchess of Stormy Mtn MH	Kevin Medved
Autumn's Don't Look Down MH	Katie Quarles
Autumn's Klondike Kate MH	Tom Quarles
Grouse Creek's Lightning Fast Eva MH	Betsy Reali
Lr3 Ebonstar's Mighty Zen MH	Lee Redd
CH Fynder Never Cry Wolf MH SHU NJP TKN	Christine Robertson
GCH CH Can. CH Manitou's Keller Redux MH	Christine Robertson
Topgun Have A Little Faith MH	Bill Woll
Topgun Sweet Little Madness MH	Bill Woll



### Master National Retriever Club

To date 3 proposals have been submitted to the Master National BOD for member club consideration regarding restructuring of the Master National. **Rainier gets one club vote for each proposal. Please send your thoughts to anyone on the RHRC Board.** The three proposals are as follows:

*Proposal #1: Adding a Master National Qualifier  
Vote by August 10th*

*Proposal #2: Split Site Proposal  
Vote by August 20th*

*Proposal #3: Restructuring the Event  
Vote by August 31st*

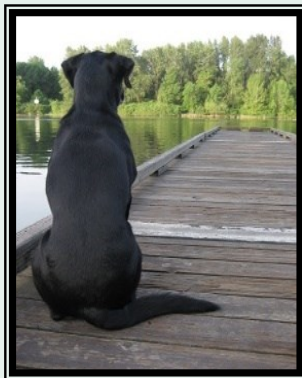
*Complete details for all proposals can be found on the MN website.*

*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](mailto:chpette@comcast.net)> .*

*Additionally, this link will take you to a video summary of Proposal #1.*

*<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RAZlccPmgfA>*

### 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**

Make your donation today: Donate On-line at [www.chaseawayk9cancer.org](http://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](mailto:dianneclark@comcast.net)








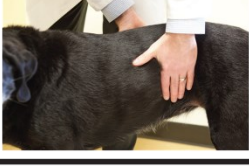

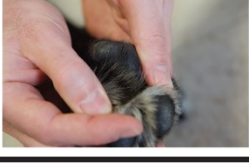



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*August 27th is National "Just Because" Day! Take the time to Do A Pup Check to Chase Away K9 Cancer, "Just Because!"  
Early detection may affect prognosis and treatment!*



<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>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>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>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>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>EARS:</b> Check the ears for any abnormal swellings, debris, and odor.</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>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>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>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  
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### In Memorium

Brassfire's Golikeajetta MH WCX OD "Jetta"

7/12/2007—7/24/2023

Dearly Beloved by the Braswell Family.

Jetta was a once in a lifetime companion, and family member



*"Dogs come into our lives to teach us about love. They depart to teach us about loss. A new dog never replaces an old dog, it merely expands the heart."*

*~~Erica Jong*