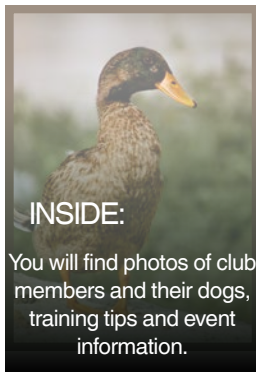


RAINIER HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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A New Look

Microsoft is no longer supporting MS Publisher, the program that has historically been used to create the RHRC Newsletter. We will be crafting future editions using Canva. Please provide any constructive feedback so that we can continue to meet your needs in Club communication. We appreciate your patience as we learn a new system.

Thanks, Jean (editor)

FROM THE PRES –

I hope everyone had a great 4th of July Holiday celebrating our nation's 250th year of independence! Now is also a great time to run your dog in some hunt tests and enjoy the great summer weather.

With summer now in full swing, it's the perfect time for doing lots of water work/training with your dog. Since the water temps are cooler than the air, it's refreshing for the dogs and helps avoid heat stress on hot days. Getting your dog or a young puppy to love the water will be a significant benefit over the long term for running any hunt tests or field trials. Use caution during the late summer months (no rain and hot

temps) to avoid any water that is stagnant and could contain blue green algae, which is highly toxic to dogs. If your dog accidentally is exposed to toxic algae, and shows signs of being lethargic, it is critical that you visit a veterinarian as quickly as possible to save your dog's life! If the water looks questionable, trust your instincts, it's better to be safe than sorry and not put your dog at risk!

I just returned from the Master Amateur Invitational (MAI) which was in Stoughton, Wisconsin this year. We had pleasant weather temps with low humidity and the atmosphere at the event was GREAT! I was able to pass

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President's Message cont.

(Maddie) one of my two dogs (Faith went out in the 4th series). Next year's MAI will be in Kearney, Nebraska, which is even closer, so I encourage you to make the trip!

Our Summer Hunt Test is right around the corner at SVRG on August 8th and 9th. Details about the test are on the Entry Express website. We always need help with putting on these Hunt Tests so if you're willing to volunteer to help, we greatly appreciate your support for the club. You can contact me or any of the board members.

There is still plenty of time to qualify for this year's Master National in Roseburg, Oregon or the MAI in 2027 so get out there and run your dog! Make it fun for the dogs and you will both grow as a team!

All the best, hope to see you out training!!!

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**AUG
8 & 9**

AKC Hunt Test

Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds
Carnation, WA

Entries Open: Wednesday July 15

Worker/Amateur Set Aside Open:

Tuesday, July 14

Entries Close: Monday, July 27

Master Judges:

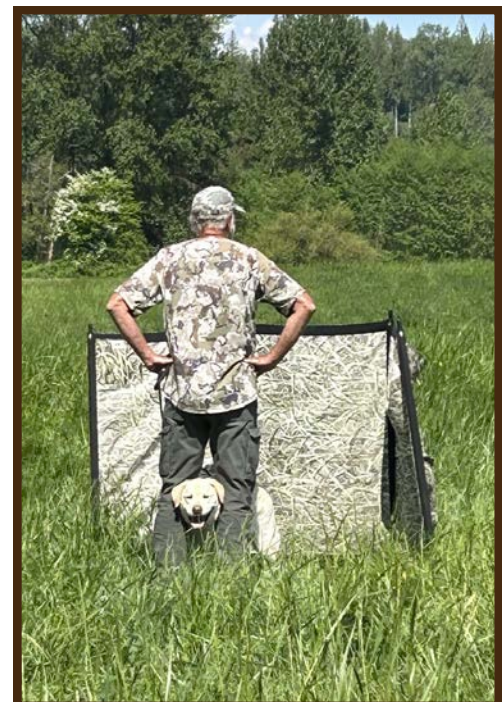
Betsy Reali/Liz Gibson

Junior/Senior Judges:

Susan Bell/Scott Corley

Junior and Senior Stakes will run on Saturday, July 8 with Senior commencing at the conclusion of the Junior Stake.

Master Stake will run both days - Saturday and Sunday.



From the Editor to You

Well, folks – It is time to reach out to the Rainier membership to advise you of some fairly recent changes in my life and my volunteer jobs with RHRC.

As you may know – it is difficult to teach an old dog new tricks. And here, before you, are two old dogs! I retired my dog, Lucy, from competition this year due to health problems and I turned 82. I think it prudent to begin to assess the future of both the RHRC Newsletter and Website. Both activities I have enjoyed doing for Rainier.

The major incentive for this note is the fact that, as of October, MS Publisher (the software I use to produce the newsletter) is no longer going to be supported by Microsoft. This means an entirely new graphic platform will need to be implemented. I'm that old dog who is struggling with new tricks and why I'm reaching out to you.

I believe that this is an opportune time for a **new editor** to begin the next chapter in our communications with the club. Currently I am attempting to compile a newsletter every 2 months – 6 editions/year. It is our main communication tool with club members.

I would also like to recruit a Webmaster for RHRC. They would have the freedom to redesign the website. I can think of several upgrades that would be helpful but, having no training in websites, I am limited in what I can do. I have looked at websites posted by other clubs and see room for improvement in ours.

Currently I try to post the Board minutes and newsletters as well as announce upcoming events on the RHRC Website. I also report on our Annual Banquet. I think the site could be more user friendly. A new Webmaster can use their creativity to make the site shine!

I would love for anyone to contact me for either position: Newsletter Editor and/or Webmaster. We can discuss how a transition might take place and when.

The clock is ticking and I don't want RHRC to face the situation where I cannot perform either function. We need to plan for the future.

All my best,
Jean



Master Amateur Invitational



Several Rainier Members attended the Master Amateur Invitational held June 21 - 28 in Stoughton, Wisconsin.

"Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly."

~~Robert F. Kennedy.

Whether or not Qualified at the event, just qualifying to run and participate in the event is testament to the time, effort and treasure to make the team.

Bill Woll & Maddie - Qualified
Bill Woll & Faith - NQ
Kevin Medved & Whiskey - Qualified
Keven Medved & Winston - Qualified
Misalyn Armstrong & Harlee - Qualified
Mike Haistings & Caper - NQ
Mike Haistings & Ember - NQ
Chris Braswell & Shotsy - NQ
Liz Gibson & Oliver - NQ
Cheri Levine & Lou - NQ



2026 Master Amateur Invitational Recap

This year's Master Amateur Invitational (MAI) was held in Stoughton, Wisconsin from June 20th through June 28th. To attend the event, you must be a member of MARC (Master Amateur Retriever Club) and have passed four Master Hunt tests during the qualifying year, and your dog must have its Master title.

This year was the MARC's 10th Anniversary and the 10th MAI event to be held. It was the largest MAI so far with 241 dogs registered to participate and required adding a 3rd flight (originally only 2 Flights were planned) to accommodate the large entry. Each Flight had approximately 80 dogs, which made for a great atmosphere among the handlers and the Judges. Since the event is limited to only Amateurs, most people are only running 1 dog (241 dogs handled by approx. 170-180 handlers)! The test grounds were donated by the Madison Retriever Club which owns the four beautiful properties available for the event. The grounds were fantastic, with excellent water features and lush grass on challenging terrain.

The Opening Ceremony, Auction and Dinner were held on Saturday, June 20 with "Dog to the Line" starting Sunday morning. The MAI event runs for 6 series/tests (2 land, 2 land/water, 2 water) with live flyers used in four of the six series. The testing concluded on Friday, June 26 and the Awards/Closing ceremony took place Saturday morning. There was a strong contingent of participants from the PNW at the event this year, which was great to see! Rainier Club Members Misalyn Armstrong, Kevin Medved and Bill Woll passed their dogs at the event and are bringing home that awesome crystal plate and special ribbon! CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Next year's (2027) MAI will be held in Kearney, Nebraska from May 29th through June 6th. There's still plenty of time to qualify for the event, so if you're considering going, the qualification period ends on Feb. 28, 2027. I know you would have a GREAT time, so I strongly encourage you to attend! **Mark it on your Calendar right now!**

Submitted by *Bill Woll*



Misalyn and Harlee



Bill and Maddie



Kevin with Winston and Whiskey. They are also qualified for the MN in Oregon



Chris and Shotsy



MAI Candid

Mike & Ember - 2nd Series



Mike and Caper - 2nd Series



Ember Turtle Hunting



Misalyn and Harlee - 3rd Series

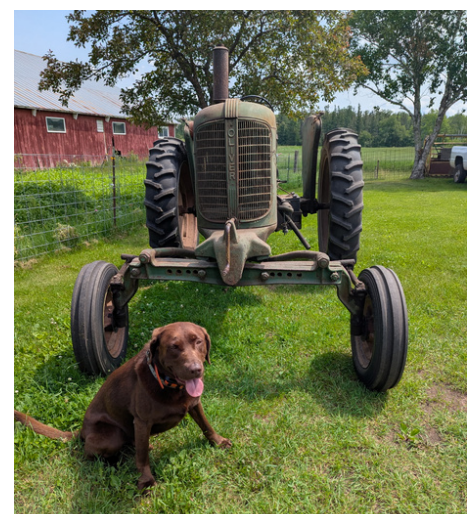


Cheri and Lou - 5th Series



Flight C - DJ and
Announcer

Oliver Gibson with his
namesake, R&R after the MAI

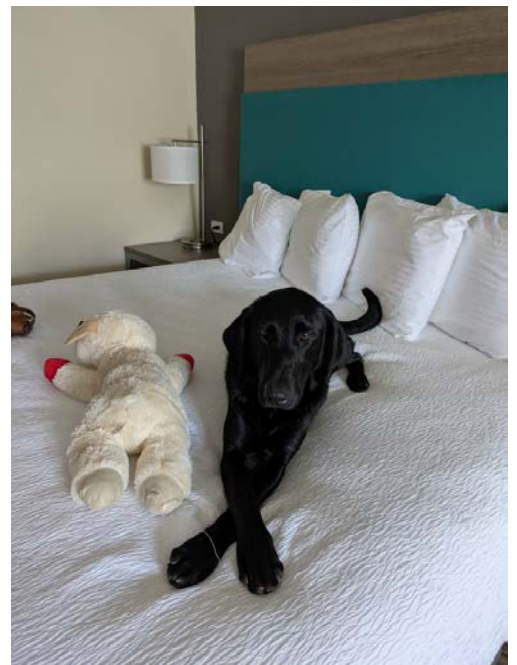




It's a family affair at PSLRA HRT. Mamma Corinne Mearns with Layla and Astro (Realii) as well as Eva Realii



Jake Chow's Buzzy feeling patriotic



Layla Mearns has earned her MH title and qualified for the MNRC



Captain Ember Hastings at the Helm



Quincy Akiona celebrating his first birthday with his bumper



Eider Jordan
"Just Horsing Around!"



What would we do without
DUCK WRANGLERS?



Future Hunt-Tester!



What would we do without
the HT Committee???

This Job drives
one to drink!



Ye 'ole Judges

*"Dogs are not our Whole lives but
they make our lives
Whole."*

HABITS

Points from James Clear's newsletter -
condensed by Kevin Cheff.

"Habits travel with you.
If you have a chance to practice your craft, you
want to do it as well as you can."

As retriever handlers, it is SO easy to get caught
up in results. That ribbon. That placement. That
qualifying score. But those results don't affect
next week's test or next month's trial.

What "DOES affect next week's test?

- Your habits
- Your mindset
- Your focus
- Your discipline
- Your knowledge

Develop the HABIT of reading the factors and
understanding the danger zones.

- Take your time on line
- Know exactly where you dog is looking
- Have confidence that your dog
understands 'rules' around water
- Cast with clarity, consistency

Develop the habit of quality, consistent
teamwork and communication. Every single
training session is a chance to build good habits - or
reinforce bad habits.

When you let your dog creep on the line "just
this once" because you're tired?

Habit reinforced.

When you blow a whistle and watch you dog
loop 8 yards to the right

Habit reinforced

When you dog makes noise and you send them
anyway?

Habit reinforced

Your dog doesn't know it's "just training." They
are learning what you will accept. They are building
habits - good or bad - based on what you do
consistently.

Ask yourself. What habits am I building right now?
What am I practicing when no one is watching.

Train like it matters. Because it does.



RHRC Board Meeting Minutes May 5, 2026

Attendance: Bill Woll, Leighton Harder, Susan Bell, Betsy Real, Scott Corley, Katie Mearns, Jean Fowler, Lee Redd, Chris Braswell, Ana Guerra, Misalyn Armstrong

Welcome: President Bill opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and welcomed Board Members. The minutes from April 7, meeting were approved with two corrections – Liz Gibson was in attendance & AED Lease \$650

Treasurer's Report:

AED Lease \$650 per year for four years
Insurance renewal coming up \$750 (estimated)

Spring Hunt Test (May 16 & 17):

Judges: Masters – Jeff Bundy & Charles;
Jr/Sr – Liz Gibson & John Gammon

Hunt Test Secretary - Misalyn Armstrong

Event Chair – Lee Redd

Hunt Test Committee: Bill Woll, Betsy Real, Susan Bell, Katie Mearns, Chris Braswell, Leighton Harder, Ana Guerra, Lee Redd, Misalyn Armstrong, Scott Corley

Gunners: Bill Woll, Dan Logan, Mark Keen, Don West

Workers: Lee Redd

Birds: Lee Redd, Bill Woll, Betsy Real and Katie Mearns

Hospitality: Leighton, Misalyn, Jean and Patricia

New Business:

Umpqua Valley Retriever Club received our free entry to a RHRC Test from RHRC

RHRC has received the AED that will be available at our tests. Bill Woll will have the AED with him. We are willing to allow other Clubs to use the AED for \$80 donation (must have a Board member at test & collect fee)

Next Meeting Tuesday, June 2 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm
Submitted by: *Misalyn Armstrong*, RHRC Secretary

RHRC Board Meeting Minutes June 2, 2026

Attendance: Bill Woll, Leighton Harder, Susan Bell, Betsy Real, Katie Mearns, Chris Braswell, Misalyn Armstrong

Welcome: President Bill opened the meeting at 7:03 pm and welcomed Board Members. The minutes from May 5, meeting were approved without corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account: \$13,590.85
Entry refunds & TC Fee \$567.50
Net profit from HT \$893.68
AED Lease paid \$650
Insurance renewal \$600
YTD net income \$43.93

Trailer Update: New, reorganized, custom racks will be installed in the equipment trailer. Labels will be made and location of items will be mapped.

It was proposed to sell old "fast grass" after the Fall PSLRA Hunt Test. It was also proposed to purchase one more Boom gun. Currently we have 5 (3 for master, 2 for Jr/Sr) with no back up. This is a Tri-Club purchase and needs to be approved by all clubs.

Debrief of Spring Hunt Test:

Hunt Test Committee needs to be more proactive with time management on set-up day. This would include running a set-up dog.

Planning for Fall Hunt Test:

Judges: Master – Betsy Real & Liz Gibson
Jr/Sr – Scott Corley & Susan Bell
Hunt Test Secretary – Misalyn Armstrong
Event Chair – Lee Redd Birds - Lee Redd
Chief Marshal – TBA Judges Gifts - Lee Redd
Gunners – Bill Woll Hospitality - Leighton Harder
Workers – Lee Redd

MNRC Nomination for Region 4 Director due June 19th

Annual Banquet Guest Speaker:

Bill will contact an Animal Chiropractor.

New Business:

Discussion regarding running the Jr/Sr Stakes on same day. Final decision will be made at the July meeting
Next Meeting Tuesday, July 7 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm
Submitted by: *Misalyn Armstrong*, RHRC Secretary

RHRC Board Meeting Minutes July 7, 2026

Attendance: Bill Woll, Leighton Harder, Susan Bell, Betsy Reali, Jean Fowler, Scott Corley, Lee Redd, Liz Gibson, Misalyn Armstrong

Welcome: President Bill opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and welcomed Board Members. The minutes from June 2, meeting were approved without corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account: \$13,211
Pending entry refunds: \$120
Tri-Club: \$1,161
AED donations: \$240

Master Amateur Invitational Recap:

Participants shared positive experiences
Challenging series
Supportive judges
Camaraderie among PNW members
Amateur friendly environment

August Hunt Test: (August 8 & 9)

Set-up Friday, August 7th @ 2:00 pm
All judges secured:

Betsy Reali & Liz Gibson – Master
Scott Corley & Susan Bell – Junior &

Senior

Junior & Senior tests will be run back-to-back on Saturday, August 8th

Hunt Test Committee:

Hunt Test Secretary – Misalyn Armstrong
Event Chairman – Lee Redd
Chief Marshal – Heather Glenwood
Gun Captain – Bill Woll
Master Stake Chairperson – Chris

Braswell

Hospitality – Leighton Harder & Misalyn

Armstrong

Committee Member – Katie Mearns

Equipment Trailer:

Trailer reorganization praised, with improved safety and usability.

Plans to offload fast grass at upcoming Hunt Tests.

Tri Club will be approached about the purchase of a sixth Boom Gun (approx. \$250).

MNRC Nomination for Region 4 Director:

RHRC nominated Liz Gibson. Her nomination is supported by PSLRA & EGRC.

Annual Banquet Guest Speaker:

Stephanie Meyers will discuss canine chiropractic and acupuncture procedures.

Fall Fun Day/Training Day:

Difficult to schedule due to upcoming hunt tests and Master National. Discussion was tabled – but birds from August test will be put aside for the event.

Next Meeting Tuesday, August 4 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Submitted by: *Misalyn Armstrong*, RHRC Secretary



Interesting Dog Facts



Yawning is contagious — even for dogs.

According to research, the sound of a human yawn can trigger a responding yawn in dogs. And it's four times more likely to happen when it's the yawn of someone they know.

Canine Cancer Awareness

Hemangiosarcoma

HSA can be in the spleen,
heart or dermal
HSA is an aggressive, hard to
find cancer

Signs of HSA:

- short of breath
- funny/strange breathing
- tired/not wanting to play
- pale gums
- bloated stomach



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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.

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



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