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From the Prez

Hello everybody!

Summer has arrived! June was a busy month with both local area AKC and HRC Hunt tests in addition to the Master Amateur Invitational event that was held in Carnation.

July is bringing sizzling record high temperatures. Heat advisories are in place for all, as temperatures approach 100 degrees in areas. These advisories are in effect for humans and our beloved dogs and any other pets.

As a reminder, Rainier's 40th Anniversary Fall Hunt Test is posted on Entry Express; the test dates are August 10th and 11th. Every test entry will automatically be entered into a drawing for a free hunt test entry. There are many different clubs participating, (both AKC & HRC) in this prize drawing. Other prizes include a Pheasant Hunt in Eastern Washington and a watercolor of your dog. We will be serving a picnic style lunch to all participants on Saturday, August 10th.

If you have any interest in helping with the upcoming Anniversary Hunt Test, we have volunteer opportunities available. Many opportunities do not require prior experience. We will train you as needed. If you are interested in helping make the event spectacular, please reach out to anyone on the Hunt Test Committee.

Thank you for your continued Club participation, and on-going support.

Best, Betsy

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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

RHRC Celebrates the 40th Anniversary



RHRC Fall Hunt Test August 10 & 11, 2024 Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds

**Master (Sat/Sun): Ted DeLooze/Laura Weinman (Judges
Junior(Sat): Scott Corley/Betsy Reali
Senior (Sun): Doug Gallucci/Betsy Reali**

Anniversary Raffle

Every Entry in our test will receive 1 free raffle ticket, along with a memorial duck band commemorating the event.

Rainier is grateful to the following Retriever Clubs that have donated one free entry (Junior, Senior or Master) to their 2025 tests.

- Cascade Hunting Retriever Club
- Evergreen Golden Retriever Club
- North Idaho Retriever Club
- Oregon Hunting Retriever Club
- Oregon Retriever Trial Club
- Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Club
- Rainier Hunting Retriever Club
- Sand and Sage Retriever Club
- Whistling Wings Hunting Retriever Club

Participants will have the opportunity to purchase additional raffle tickets if they wish. In addition to the hunt test raffle, RHRC will also raffle a Pheasant Hunt in Eastern Washington as well as a watercolor of your dog by artist, Susan Bell. We will also offer a Picnic-style Lunch on Saturday to Workers and Contestants alike.

Join us as we look forward to another 40 years participating in this great sport with our four-footed companions.

Come One—Come All!!

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RHRC Member News



From Tom and Katie Quarles ...”Kitty” (Autumn’s Klondike Kate, MH MNR) is now qualified for this year’s Master National in Paducah KY!”



Lee Redd and Otto “gettin’ er done!” at the Evergreen Golden Retriever Hunt Test in June.



MH TITLE!!
All the hard work paid off at the Mt. Rainier LRC!



“Lucy” (Autumn’s Ruffcut Diamond at Fernhaven MH MNR) qualified for 2024 Master National at the EGRC June HRT.



RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2024



Attendance: Betsy Reali, Jean Fowler, Susan Bell, Liz Gibson, Jim Olson, Bill Woll, Katie Mearns, Doug Gallucci, Kevin Medved, Misalyn Armstrong

Welcome: President Betsy opened the meeting at 7:01 pm and welcomed Board Members. The minutes from the April 30, 2024, meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Report – May 2024
Cash balance as of 5/31/2024 \$13,732.73 TriClub owes RHRC: Mayonnaise packets – Sue to collect \$ 23.63 Trailer tabs \$ 48.67 RHRC owes: Dixie Humble Estate \$ 105.00 Sue \$ 21.92 May Hunt Test net revenue \$10,503.37 May Hunt Test net direct expenses \$10,580.92 Net (loss) for the 5 months ended (\$ 1,082.29)

Old/New Business

AKC Mandatory Training

Board Member will have mandatory training when personally contacted by AKC

5 Series -vs- Training Day

Board voted to postpone the 5 Series. Want to put all the Club’s energy in the 40th Anniversary Celebration Hunt Test in August.

Remembering Dixie Humble

Misalyn will contact family about the Club making a donation in Dixie’s name to Chase Away K9 Cancer or a program of their choice

Clark send off gift or card

In the planning stage

June 18 Sub Meeting

Board will meet again Tuesday, June 18 to further plan for the August Hunt Test

40th Anniversary Celebration

Will work with Susan to add information about the Celebration to Entry Express Premium

Special qualifying bands have been ordered as well as participation bands

Local Clubs have donated certificates for a free entry. Will be raffled off at August Hunt Test. Each exhibitor will receive 1 raffle ticket per dog entry.

Sell additional raffle tickets to enter more opportunities to win

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

Submitted by:

Misalyn Armstrong, RHRC Secretary



“A Dog Is The Only Thing That Can Mend A Broken Heart”

~~Judy Desmond



RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2024



Attendance: Betsy Reali, Susan Bell, Liz Gibson, Bill Woll, Chris Brasswell, Lee Redd, Misalyn Armstrong

Welcome: President Betsy opened the meeting at 7:06 pm and welcomed Board Members. The minutes from the June 4, 2024, meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Report – May 2024 in Cash balance as of 5/31/2024 \$13,732.73 TriClub owes RHRC: Mayonnaise packets – Sue to collect \$ 23.63 Trailer tabs \$ 48.67 RHRC owes: Dixie Humble Estate \$ 105.00 Sue \$ 21.92 May Hunt Test net revenue \$10,503.37 May Hunt Test net direct expenses \$10,580.92 Net (loss) for the 5 months ended (\$ 1,082.29)

Old/New Business

AKC Mandatory Training

Betsy recommended that the Board Members complete the mandatory AKC training “Stewards of the Children”. No charge for the initial training \$16 renewal fee every three years.

Dixie Humble

Board voted to donate \$50 to Chase Away K9 Cancer in long time member, Dixie Humble’s name Donation will be made now instead of the end of the year since she is a member

Clark’s send off

Betsy and Jean will take care of the card for the Clarks

40th Anniversary Celebration

AKC has approved the test
Lee is taking care of the bird order
Judges: Ted DeLooze & Laura Weinman – Master Junior and Senior judges to be confirmed
Liz is still recruiting workers – six paid workers would be ideal
Gold Qualifying and Orange Participant bands are Still waiting for quote on the flat ribbons – Misalyn will reach out again to Kimberly Dotson
Raffle tickets
1 free raffle ticket per dog entry
Sell additional raffle tickets \$5 per ticket or \$20 for 5 tickets
“SQUARE” will be available to purchase tickets
Need a member to sell raffle tickets
Possibility of serving hot dog lunch on Saturday, August 10th
100 lunches is a suggestion - feed workers, judges and participants
Lee & Misalyn will put together the cost and bring it to the Board

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

Submitted by:

Misalyn Armstrong, RHRC Secretary



Before you get a dog, you can’t quite imagine what living with one might be like; Afterward you can’t imagine living any other way.

~~~ Caroline Knapp

## Farewell to Joan Fetty

*This beautiful tribute to Joan Fetty was written by the Whistling Wings HRC. As you will read, Joan was an icon here in the Pacific Northwest and instrumental in founding Whistling Wings. Additionally, she supported the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club, the Evergreen Golden Retriever Club, Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association, and the Washington State Obedience Training Club. We owe much to Joan and her vision.*

### **Joan Hyldegaard Fetty**

**April 25, 1936 – March 11, 2024**

We are deeply saddened to share news of the passing of Whistling Wings Founding and Life Member Joan Fetty. Her passing leaves a gigantic hole in our hearts. If you knew Joan, no explanation of the voluminous superlatives that describe her is necessary. And if not, no explanation could possibly be sufficient.

#### Whistling Wings HRC Founding Member

Together with her husband Bob, Joan played a pivotal role in Founding Whistling Wings HRC. They were joined by Founding Members Katie & Robert Mearns (Robert “Bob” served as our first VP), Boyd & Deb Ulsh, Dale Worthington, and Kate & Pete Szilard.

Whistling Wings was the very first UKC Hunting Retriever Club in the Pacific Northwest, and also the first HRC club west of the Rocky Mountains. This important beginning led, in-turn, to the eventual creation of numerous HRC clubs in the Western United States and Western Canada, including 13 currently active HRC clubs: 6 in Washington state, 5 in Montana, 1 in Oregon, 1 in California, and 1 in British Columbia, Canada.

Even with the challenges that accompany such extraordinary growth, HRC continues to be the fastest growing retriever organization west of the Rocky Mountains.

#### Joan and Bob

Joan and Bob’s first dog together was a Golden Retriever puppy they trained, and then embarked on a competitive campaign that led to numerous obedience and tracking titles. They also raised, trained, and competed two additional Golden Retrievers before discovering simulated hunting competitions, which led to a whole new interest. Upon observing that a more realistic type of hunt test

existed on the East Coast, and in Southern States, Joan and Bob worked successfully to convince the UKC’s Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. to allow them to introduce HRC Hunt Tests on the West Coast. Their dream was that these new HRC clubs would grow in number. They have, and Bob enjoyed serving as the first president of Whistling Wings HRC.



Joan and Bob Fetty receiving  
Lifetime Membership in  
Whistling Wings HRC.

Joan and Bob added a Chesapeake Bay Retriever to the family so that they could learn about working another breed of field dog. Earning many test and conformation titles with the dogs, they then trained, and help to judge AKC, CKC, NAHRA and finally UKC-HRC events.

#### Positive Dog Training school

Joan’s love of working with dogs led her open her own canine training facility - Positive Dog Training - 34 years ago, on February 8, 1990. The new school for canines was located adjacent to her home in Woodinville, WA on the Woodinville-Duvall Road.

## Farewell to Joan Fetty—continued

Joan strongly encouraged her clients who had Retrievers to expand their activities and interests to fieldwork. She had a tiny little pond on her property, and even though it was small she was able to provide clients with a “tiny taste” of new kinds of fun and experiences that were possible with fieldwork. As a result, she was an important and prolific source of new participants in hunt tests, as well as new members in Whistling Wings HRC.

### The Dog Training Community Icon

Joan was an Icon and Titan in the dog training community of the Pacific Northwest. Both experienced and newer trainers sought-out the opportunity to learn from her - especially in obedience, agility, and rally - and in many cases to work with, or for, her.

Joan developed deep and wide roots in the dog training community in the western United States: Any time she learned of a new dog trainer opening a business, she would visit them to get acquainted, learn more about them and their dogs, and offer encouragement. She was available and open in sharing her approaches to training, and her love of dogs and the business.

When Joan’s health began to significantly limit her abilities, she shuttered the Positive Dog Training School until it was reopened in 2019 by Shea Hughes-Gorman and Rosemary “Mitzi” Jorgensen who had trained with her. Shea estimates more than 20,000 dogs and their owners have been the beneficiaries of training at the Positive Dog Training School.

### Generous Beyond Measure

Joan and Bob Fetty were extraordinarily generous in their support of local non-profit dog clubs, not just

Whistling Wings HRC, but also Evergreen Golden Retriever Club, Puget Sound Labrador Retriever Association, and Rainier Hunting Retriever Club.

If Joan saw a need, or an opportunity to help, she always stepped-up and volunteered to make whatever difference was within her capabilities. She not only opened her dog training facility for club meetings and special events, she also arranged for Whistling Wings HRC to store the club trailer on her grounds between training days and events. Additionally, she donated guns, pop boxes and electronics to Whistling Wings HRC. Joan Fetty lived-out the axiom that “We make a ‘Living’ by what we get, but we make a ‘Life’ by what we give.”

Joan, who died on March 11th - and Bob, who passed in 2014 - are survived by their son Rob, and their grandchildren Bridget, Isabel, and Vin.

The magnitude of the immense sense of loss from Joan’s passing is also the precise measure of the blessing she was – and the memories of Joan and Bob continue to be – in the lives of those who were privileged to know them, or blessed to have the opportunity to “go to the line” at an HRC Hunt Test West of the Rockies.

- Whistling Wings HRC





The 2024 Master Amateur Invitational was held on the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds from June 9—16. Of the 99 dogs who entered, 29 passed all 6 series. Seventeen RHRC members ran 19 dogs in the event. RHRC Qualifiers included: Bill Woll with Faith, Betsy Reali with Eva, Brian Hawley with Squee Dunk and Lucky, Scott Corley with Enzo, Don West with Evie, and Kevin Medved's Rosie (run by Chad Gullickson). Congratulations!!!!

Of course the west coast (WA, OR, & CA) was heavily represented. In addition, contestants from Nebraska, Florida, North Dakota, Arizona, Delaware, Montana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Colorado, Texas, Missouri, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Massachusetts had the opportunity to enjoy perfect NW weather and hospitality.

After the opening ceremonies held at the Monroe Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 9, handlers met at the SVRG Sunday morning for the first series. Prior to running the test, 4 retiring dogs were honored with a flyer duck that they retrieved. I don't believe there was a dry eye amongst the gallery as these gallant dogs made one last run through the buttercups. Among them were Onedrdogs Wings Over Water (Flyer) owned by Holly Krohn and The Captain's Vincent Rolls Like Lightnin' (Vinnie) owned by Liz Gibson and Mark Keen.

Six different tests were presented to the dogs and their handlers. You can get a great perspective of the tests by visiting the MARC website where there are diagrams and videos of the tests <https://2024mai.blogspot.com/>. One of the most thrilling events during the tests was when the resident Eagle swooped down to snatch a duck. Several ducks went for a good Eagle Meal!

The tests were challenging and those of us who didn't make it through all 6 series will surely be out at SVRG recreating the set-ups. Next year's event will be held in Maine....a long way away!







National Anthem every morning



Eagle I – Dog 0



“Just before we bombed” (Chris B.)



Retiring Dogs



Live Camera Action



Betsy/Eva—6th Series



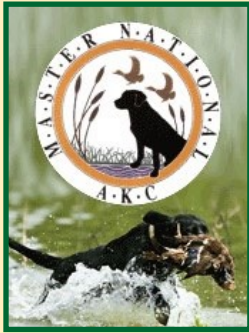
Early Morning Fog



Bill gets Faith's Plate

Photos by Chris Braswell, Diane Glassmeyer, Jean Fowler, Dave Christianson, Jeff Bundy





## Master National Retriever Club

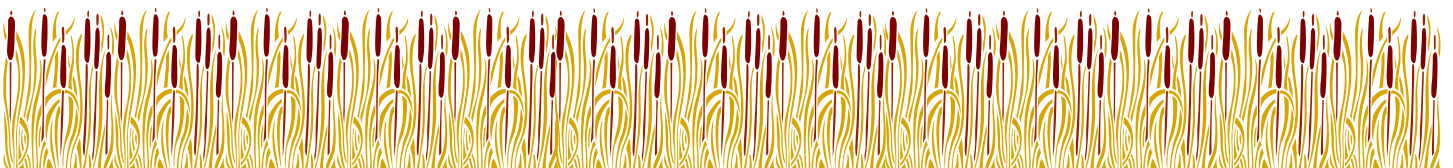
2024 Master National  
 September 21–October 2  
 West Kentucky Wildlife Management Area  
 Kevil, Kentucky

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Congratulations to the many RHRC members who have qualified their dogs for this event. A comprehensive list will appear in the August Newsletter.



### New Club Banner



*Sunday, July 21 is National Ice Cream Day. As you drive through your nearest Dairy Queen, be your Dog's Hero and, after a doggy cone, remember to give your pups their monthly "Pup Check" to Chase Away Cancer when you get home. 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.



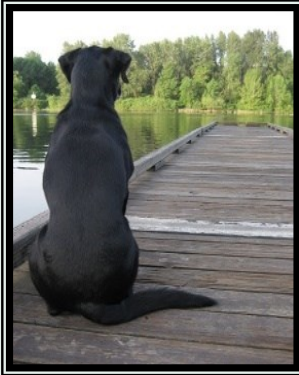
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## Chase Away K9 Cancer



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.

**RHRC donated \$500 to Chase Away in 2023.**

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

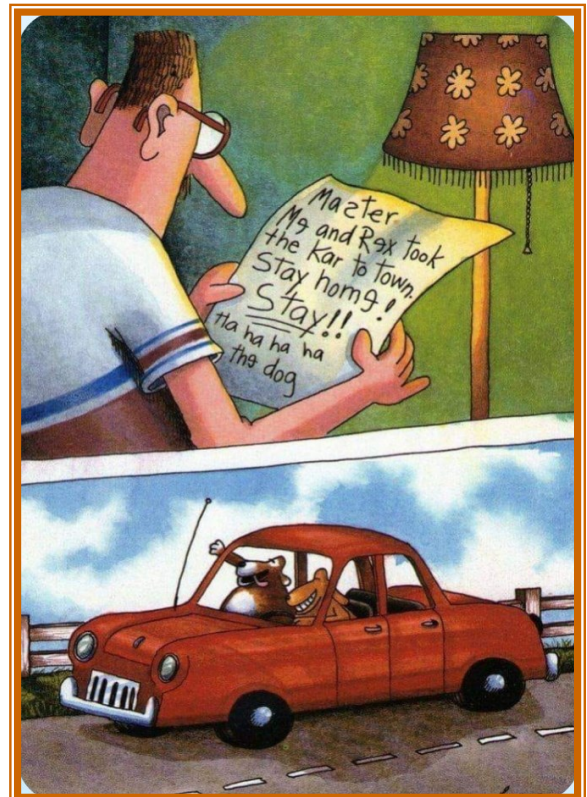
You will receive a tax deductible donation card as your receipt.



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





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*Cherry Valley Sunset during the  
Master Amateur Invitational*

*Photo Credit: Rhonda Reed*