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## President's Message

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Hello everyone!

Another month is racing by, as the month of March finishes with a mix of scattered showers, hail, isolated snow flurries and some welcomed sunbursts. We are expecting a warmer drier April which will be favorable as we host an everyone welcome RHRC training day on the Cherry Valley wildlife grounds.

Our Spring Training Day will be held on April 8, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Whether you have time to spend the day training your dog and visiting with friends, or you are stopping by to watch the set-ups, everyone is welcome. Additional details regarding the training day are in the newsletter.

Note, our Spring Hunt Test is scheduled for May 13 & 14, at the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds in Carnation. The test is posted on Entry Express, amateur set aside entries open on April 18. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Test, whether you are running your dog, volunteering or just stopping by to watch and to say hello.

We wish everyone success with their dog as we begin another season of events and training opportunities.

To share your ideas, visit our Facebook Page, Rainier Hunting Retriever Club, or email me directly @ [bnb\\_reali@msn.com](mailto:bnb_reali@msn.com).

Thank you for your continued participation and support.

Best regards,

*Betsy*



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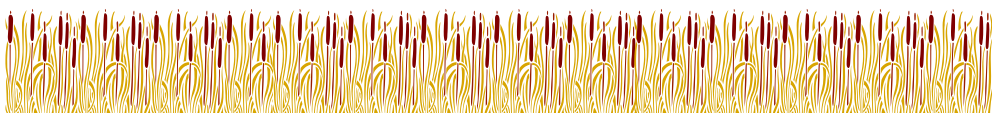
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RHRC Spring Training Day  
 April 8, 2023  
 Cherry Valley Wildlife Area  
 Duvall, Washington  
 9 AM–3 PM

Come on out and Join RHRC for a fun training day with your dog. We will have setups using dead birds for Junior, Senior and Master Dogs. Participants will work with their dogs and Hunt Test Equipment. Please bring your own snacks/lunch as RHRC will not provide food at the event.

Cost will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members  
 Note: there will be an additional \$ 10 fee for multiple dogs.

Because this is a Wildlife area, Discover Passes are required to park on the property. If you don't already have a pass, obtain a 1 day pass for \$11.50 at <https://store.discoverpass.wa.gov/shop/daypass>



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“See You at Cherry Valley on April 8”



## Olive and Mabel—You Tube Celebrities

Have you heard of Olive and Mabel? They became YouTube superstars during the Covid pandemic when their owner, Andrew Cotter, realized that he just had to do something creative as his “day” job had been “cancelled”. Andrew is one of the leading commentators for the BBC’s golf, rugby, tennis and other athletics events. With Covid, Andrew became unemployed.



In addition to YouTube productions, Andrew has written two books: Dog Days: A year with Olive and Mabel and Olive, Mabel & Me. Both are highly rated by Goodreads.

You may wish to watch a few hilarious episodes about Olive and Mabel on YouTube. Here are a couple of links. Enjoy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vPhpJuraz14>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFVHhaus\\_pjI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nFVHhaus_pjI)



*Welcome*

*We extend a warm RHRC welcome to our  
New Member:  
Leighton Harder*

## RHRC Board Meeting Minutes

### March 7, 2023



Attendance: President, Betsy Reali, Doug Gullucci, Jean Fowler, Lee Redd, Susan Bell, Liz Gibson, Bill Woll, Kevin Medved. Absent: Jim Olson, Sue Meyring

President Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and gave a special welcome to new Member at Large, Kevin Medved. Minutes from the February meeting were approved as written.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer, Lee Redd, reviewed the January budget report. Our Annual Banquet cost the club approximately \$250. Expenses included banquet costs and the awards. Income included banquet tickets and the raffle. Members discussed holding a raffle during our field events as they are a good source of income for the club. Kevin Medved offered some great suggestions for raffle ideas (e.g. buy a raffle ticket and get a bottle of wine as well).

#### Old/New Business

**Training Day, April 8, Cherry Valley** – Subcommittee of Liz Gibson, Bill Woll, Betsy Reali, Jean Fowler will plan the event. We will need approximately 25 Ducks (frozen). Kevin Medved will investigate procurement of pheasants. An event announcement will be sent to local clubs.

**AED Cost Sharing across Clubs** – Betsy led a discussion regarding the rental of the AED during the summer. We will use the RHRC credit card and ask for prorated reimbursement from clubs who borrow the AED. Lee Redd reminded the board that it was imperative that clubs sign a reimbursement agreement before using the AED. We will rent the AED from April through August. The monthly AED rental will be approximately \$110. Once we figure out how many times the AED will be

rented, we will divide the total cost over the summer and charge renting clubs the appropriate amount. Clubs that may like to use the AED include: PSLRA, EGRC, Whistling Wings, & Cascade Retrievers. Kevin informed the board that his employer was surplusng several AED and asked if RHRC might be interested in obtaining any of them. There was a short review of the AED history/cost and the decision to rent rather than buy.

**Ducks for Spring Test** – Betsy contacted Bob Hunt (Montana) on March 2 and left a message on his answering machine confirming that we were planning to buy the ducks for our spring test from him. There was a discussion regarding where the ducks were to be held and what will be needed for their care and transport between PSLRA and RHRC tests. Items addressed were: duck care and feeding while they are at Carlson's in Carnation, crates to transport the ducks, stewarding at the test. We still need to locate sufficient crates (15).

**Trailer Equipment Loan**—Mt Rainier Labrador Retriever Club (a new club) has inquired about borrowing the Tri-Club Equipment Trailer. If this were to be done, the Tri-Club Agreement would need to be amended. After discussion regarding the difficulty of getting this done and debate over the safety of hauling the trailer on the freeway to Centralia, WA, it was decided that RHRC board would not support loaning out the equipment trailer. However, we want to support the new club and will offer to give some equipment to that new club – especially any of the old wingers, pop and throw guns and anything else that we no longer use or need. There will need to be an “in-person” meeting of Tri-Club representatives to discuss loan of equipment from the trailer and possible amendment

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## January 10, 2023



to the Agreement. The Board suggests the new club see if they can borrow equipment from Andy Fontenot (where they will be holding their event).

**Additional:** Clarification is needed on the trailer registration and where the paperwork is being kept. If the paperwork cannot be located, we will need to file for a duplicate registration. Use of the trailer by EGRC and PSLRA is covered through their insurance.

**Avian Flu Study** - Dr Adam Black (dogsandavianflu@gmail.com/360-348-5199) has requested access to hunting/retrieving dogs at our spring HRT. He is offering the option for owners/dogs to participate, voluntarily, in a study of what, if any, impact there might be on dogs from exposure to Avian Flu. Dr. Black will be at the Whistling Wings event on March 11 to collect blood samples. EGRC Board voted to give Dr. Black access to dogs at their

summer hunt test. It was Moved/Seconded/Passed to invite Dr. Black to our May test. Betsy will extend the invitation. Participation is voluntary. May HRT – Members agreed to hold a separate meeting to discuss logistics of the May test.

### Other

Jean shared that our RHRC website no longer supports a direct email option for contacting our club. It has been discontinued by GoDaddy who sold the feature to Microsoft 365. The Board asked Jean to investigate how the option might be restored on our website.

Next RHRC Board meeting will be held on April 4, 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Submitted by *Jean Fowler*, RHRC Secretary

## FOR SALE

### Used Hunt Test Wingers

These serviceable wingers will get you started for a minimal donation to the Tri-Club

Available at the May RHRC and PSLRA Hunt Tests



# National Puppy Day—March 23, 2023



Dusty Bell



Billingsley's Yellow Brush Buster

LOVE



Lucy Fowler - 2 months



Dinnertime yet? Corinne Mearns—5 months



Alice Clark



Honey Reali—12 weeks



Duke Hansen



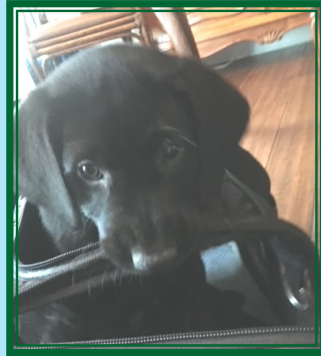
Tripp Clark



## National Puppy Day—March 23, 2023



Dash Krohn—2022



Kyleen Gould—8 weeks



Kalen Gould—7 weeks



Flyer Krohn—2015



Aero Chaykin—2020



Winter Krohn—2009



Corinne' Mearn's pup—1 month



Rosie Belcher—2 months



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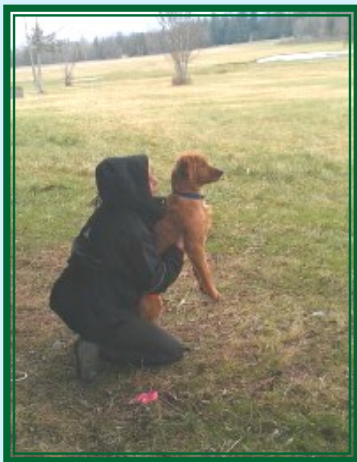
Magic Olson



Shadow Olson—Jan 2, 20216



Baby Bravo Sato—2011



Tipsy Braswell—3 months



HELLO



Vincent Gibson At Work



Oliver Gibson—Going Home



*Where I Go.....Dog follows*  
*Where I Stop.....Dog Settles*  
*When I Am Lost.....Dog Finds Me*  
*When I Am Joyful.....Dog Joins me*  
*Who I Am.....Dog Knows*  
*What I Need.....Dog becomes*





**2023 Master Amateur Invitational  
April 23—30, 2023 \*\* Giddings, Texas**

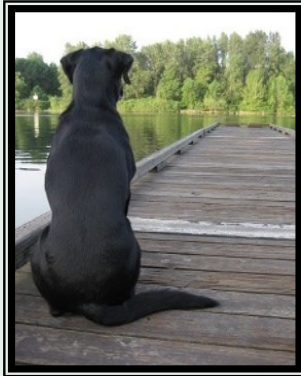
**Congratulations to RHRC members and their dogs who  
qualified to compete in Giddings**

- Tipsy—Chris Braswell**
- Tripp and Alice—Dianne and Randy Clark**
- Lucy—Chuck and Jean Fowler**
- Corinne—Bob and Katie Mearns**
- Eva—Betsy Reali**
- Maddie and Faith—Bill Woll**



*Good Luck to Alice and Tripp Clark and Tipsy Braswell  
at the MAI Texas Ho-Down  
April 23-30*

### 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)

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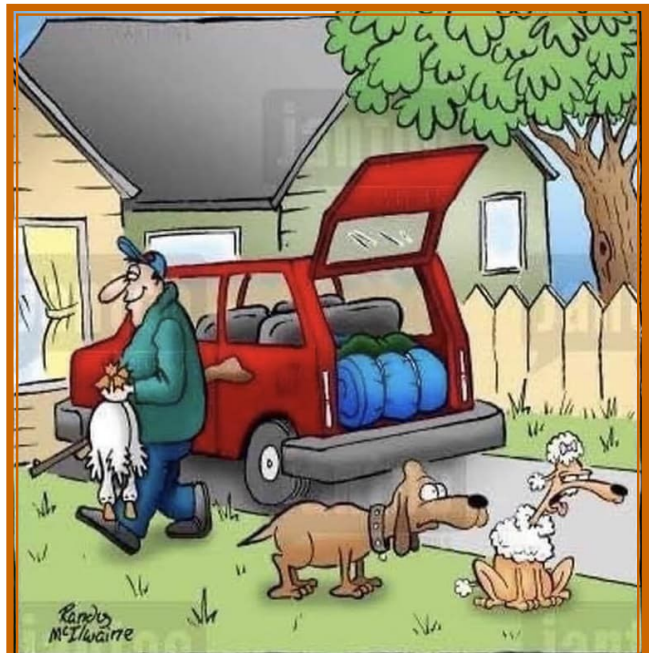
You will receive a tax deductible donation card as your receipt.



### 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)














Randy McIlwaine

"Blah! You have duck breath!"

*March 30 is Take A Walk in a Park Day. Enjoy the day with your four-footed companion and remember to Do A Pup Check to Chase Away K9 Cancer. 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>	



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Information and demonstrations provided by  
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“Let’s take a walk.”

“The dogs in our lives, the dogs we come to love and who (we fervently believe) love us in return, offer more than fidelity, consolation, and companionship. They offer comedy, irony, wit, and a wealth of anecdotes, the "shaggy dog stories" and "stupid pet tricks" that are commonplace pleasures of life. They offer, if we are wise enough or simple enough to take it, a model for what it means to give your heart with little thought of return. Both powerfully imaginary and

comfortingly real, dogs act as mirrors for our own beliefs about what would constitute a truly humane society. Perhaps it is not too late for them to teach us some new tricks.”

*Marjorie Garber*