

## Rainier Hunting Retriever Club Newsletter



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### Message from the Prez.....

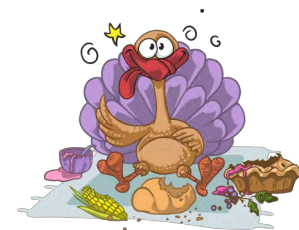
November is here bringing rainy days and cooler temperatures. With Thanksgiving around the corner, this is an enjoyable time to bundle up with boots and rain gear, grab your pup and meet a friend for a walk or a fun bumper.

Last month, members enjoyed a Fall Fun Day at Cascade Retriever Grounds. The day included training set-ups, a yummy hot lunch with homemade chili, cornbread, and pie, along with good company, and your great dogs.

2025 is around the corner, we welcome your ideas and thoughts for the Club. Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Rainier Hunting Club. There are many opportunities for you to be involved. We have open Board positions (President, Treasurer), need help planning our Annual Meeting in January, and have some committees to fill (Audit, By-Law, and May Hunt Test). We need YOU! Consider volunteering—contact me, my information is below.

As usual, Club member accomplishments/recognition, Fun Day photos and more, can be found in the body of this month's newsletter. If you have any or ideas or requests for Club activities for the 2025 year, please contact any board member. Thank you for your continued Club participation and support.

Betsy (425-503-5323 or [bnb\\_reali@msn.com](mailto:bnb_reali@msn.com))



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# WANTED!

## LOOKING FOR

### Annual Banquet Planning Committee

This committee finds a great location for our January event as well as plans the program. The RHRC Annual Banquet highlights member/dog accomplishments for the past year as well as elects 2025 Officers.

### Audit Committee Members

The Annual Audit of Rainier’s books is conducted in January. We need 3 club members to perform this task. It is a one time meeting to inspect the financial records of the club.

### Hunt Test Committee Members/Event Volunteers

Each May the club hosts an American Kennel Club event designed to test retrievers at all levels: Junior, Senior, Master. We need volunteers to help set up the tests on the day before the event, others to assist with the test itself (Saturday and/or Sunday), help with hospitality on Friday night and on the weekend, etc.

To volunteer for any of these positions, contact:  
Betsy Reali <bnb\_reali@msn.com>

**If you have one friend who would sit and wait for you without knowing whether you would come back it's your dog. Cherish that love.**



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# Rainier Hunting Retriever Club 2025 Membership Application



Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Membership type \_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$30)

This is a \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ New Member

Kennel Name \_\_\_\_\_ Breed of Dogs \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate how you will help at our club activities with an X next to the following opportunities.**

<b>May Hunt Test</b>	Event Chair _____	Stake Chair _____	Marshall _____
	Live Gunner _____	Pop & Throw _____	Blind Planter _____
	Set Up _____	Hospitality _____	

<b>August Hunt Test</b>	Event Chair _____	Stake Chair _____	Marshall _____
	Live Gunner _____	Pop & Throw _____	Blind Planter _____
	Set Up _____	Hospitality _____	

<b>Judge at Hunt Tests</b>	Master _____	Senior _____	Junior _____
	Apprentice _____	Apprentice _____	Apprentice _____

**Please return your dues and this form to:**

**Lee Redd, RHRC Treasurer, (by mail - 19742 170<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Woodinville, WA 98072),  
Zelle: [RHRCwash@gmail.com](mailto:RHRCwash@gmail.com), or Rainier website paypal: <https://rainierhrc.com>)**

**Form only can be sent to Jean Fowler – 16300 164<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Woodinville, WA 98072, or  
email to: [<fernhaven@comcast.net>](mailto:fernhaven@comcast.net)**

# Rainier Hunting Retriever Club 2024 Awards



Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Name of Dog (Titles may be included)

\_\_\_\_\_

**Hunting/Field titles earned in 2024**

(including qualifying for/at the Master National and/or Master Amateur)

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Has this dog received an award plaque in previous years? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit by mail **One clearly printed form per dog.**

Award submissions may be submitted by email (with this form) or snail mail.

**Deadline is Saturday, January 4, 2025**

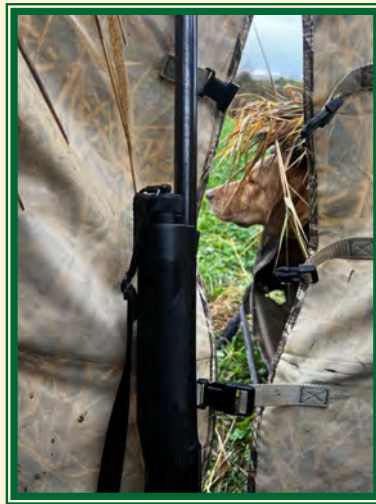
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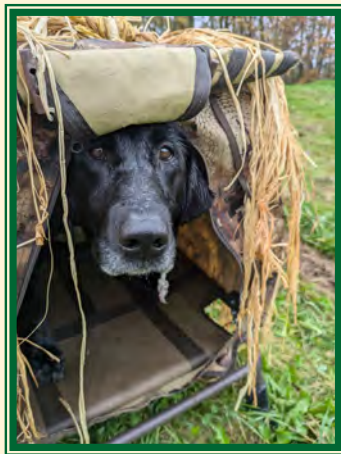
Questions/Concerns??? Contact Jean at 206-713-1233 or email: [fernhaven@comcast.net](mailto:fernhaven@comcast.net)



# RHRC Member News

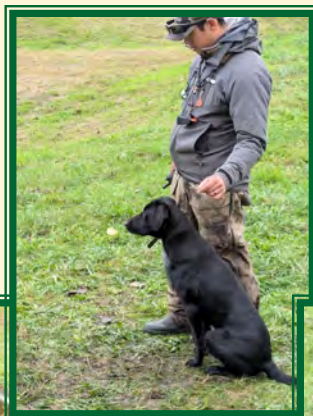


Brisket Townley having fun while hunting. Submitted by Brian Townley.



Corinne

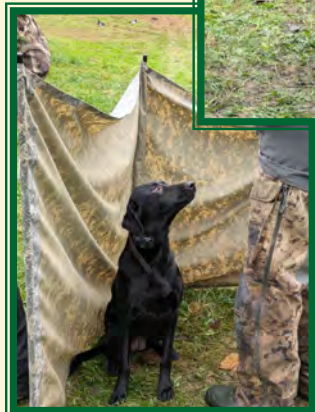
It's a Family Affair! Corinne Mearns and her kids.



Blue



Layla



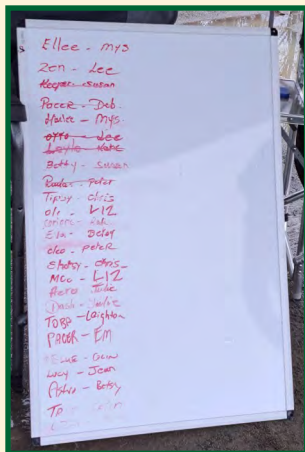
Trip



Astro



# RHRC Member News ~~ Fall Fun Day ~~

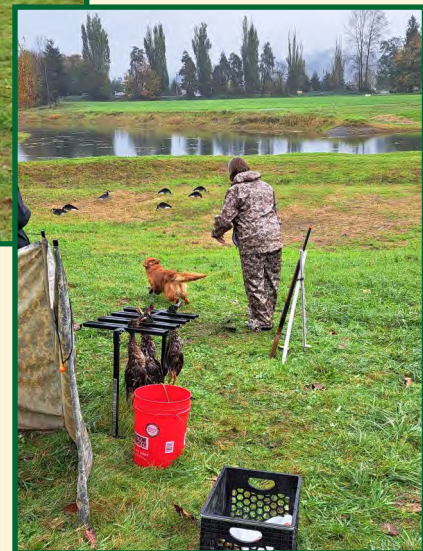
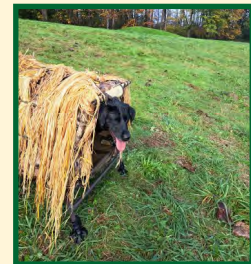


The day turned out to be a bit rainy in the morning but it cleared up nicely. Great time with RHRC members and their dogs.





# *RHRC Member News* *~~ Fall Fun Day ~~*



Everyone took a turn running their dogs, working in the gun stations and planting blinds. It was a group effort and we (people and dogs) enjoyed the day.



# RHRC Member News Fall Fun Day



Our delicious hot lunch was greatly appreciated. The food was really tasty and there were folks scraping the bottom of the pot to get the last of the Chili!



That's All Folks!



### *The Tail of Dolly Dokken*

One spring morning Dolly found herself snug in a basket. Suddenly she was flying, high and fast. She could look around and see lovely green fields, trees budded with spring leaves and beautiful blue water.

What a wonderful feeling it was!

Suddenly her flight was cut short—Aarrggg! She looked around to see that she was perched high on a branch in a tree with no way to get down. The humans below tried all manner of tricks to get Dolly out of the tree—to no avail.

Spring turned to summer and Dolly’s tree grew beautiful green leaves, hiding her from view. Dolly watched many strange things from her vantage point. She saw geese and ducks fly in

and land in the water, four-footed furry creatures running around below her, two-footed creatures carrying strange structures around and even others of her kind. It rained,

the wind blew, the sun shined, clouds drifted above her, birds called. Dolly was a spectator all through the summer.

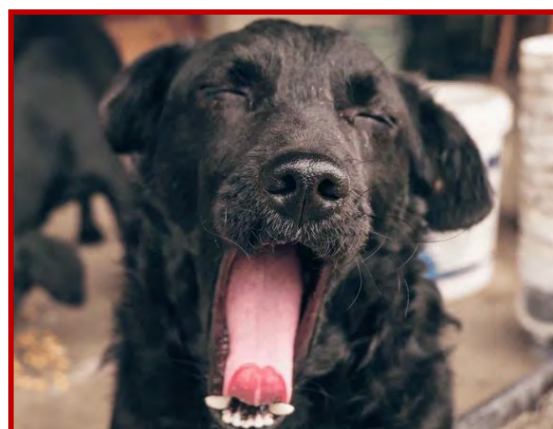
Then, one day, a special person appeared below her. He had a long hook and, after many tries, was able to free Dolly from her branch. Ker-thud! She landed in the grass. Dolly’s

person was oh so grateful to have her returned to join her other companions. It was a happy ending. Quack...quack...quack!



### Fun Dog Fact

*Yawning is contagious – even for dogs. Research shows that the sound of a human yawn can trigger one from your dog. And it’s four times as likely to happen when it’s the yawn of a person your pet knows.*



## RHRC Board Meeting Minutes November 5, 2024



**Attendance:** Betsy Reali, Bill Woll, Lee Redd, Jean Fowler, Katie Mearns, Chris Braswell, Liz Gibson, Misalyn Armstrong

**Welcome:** President Betsy opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed Board Members. The minutes from the October 8, 2024, minutes were approved with no corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Cash \$13,800.34, October expenses: Boom guns \$485, Ammo \$363, Ribbons \$325, AKC fees \$35

### Old/New Business

#### **2024 Business:**

**Equipment Manager:** Peter Gortner will be putting together a job description for the Equipment Manager position. Peter will also participate in managing the equipment trailer for the Tri Club.

#### **Committee Updates:**

**Board Recruitment** – Nominating Committee: Katie Mearns and Betsy Reali.

Open positions President and Treasurer

**2025 Judges Committee** – Misalyn Armstrong, Bill Woll, Jean Fowler and Scott Corley.

Meeting in November to select judges for the Fall and Spring Hunt Tests.

**Banquet Committee**—Liz Gibson will get information on venues south of Everett. Misalyn will get information for venues north of Everett.

Will have information for the next Board meeting.

#### **Follow-up on Hunt Test Dates**

**(NEW DATE):** Spring Hunt Test –  
May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Fall Hunt Test – August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Betsy will secure the Snoqualmie Valley Retriever Grounds.

Waiting to see if PSLRA will offer hunt test (s) in 2025 – if they decide NOT to hold a hunt test (s) RHRC will look into offering a “Master Only” test on their assigned date

#### **2025 Business:**

**Ammo Report** – Ammo has been purchased for RHRC use

**Thunder Guns**—Two thunder guns have been purchased for RHRC use

#### **Other:**

**AKC Recommended Training** – “Stewarts of the Children” training for all Judges and Board Members

Next Meeting Tuesday, December 3, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm

Submitted by:

*Misalyn Armstrong*, RHRC Secretary

**Fun Fact:** *Did you know that ducks have superb vision? These feathered targets can see more colors than humans, which means camo isn't just for style—it's a hunting necessity!*





### Chase Away Cancer

*November brings Thanksgiving. How thankful we are to have our four-footed companions. Be your Dog's Hero remember to give your pups their monthly "Pup Check" to Chase Away Cancer.*

# Canine Cancer Awareness

## Melanoma

Melanoma tumors come from pigment cells. They occur mostly on the skin, mouth and toes.

Skin melanoma is usually benign

Oral and Digital Melanoma are malignant and possibly aggressive

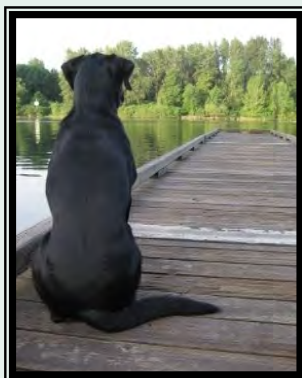
Radiation therapy is usually the most effective therapy



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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) if you, or someone you know, could use a helping hand, phone call or other support.





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Rikki—Photo by Cera Reusser

“If you have a good dog, I hope you enjoy them when they are little,  
If you have a good dog, I hope they don’t chew up anything too important,  
If you have a good dog, I hope you always take them with you,  
If you have a good dog, I hope you are proud as Hell!

In a world full of technological upgrades and breaking news...a world of divisiveness and political noise...  
man’s best friend remains unchanged.”

~ Joe Weimer