



HUNTING & RETRIEVER
CLUB

2015

April

NEWSLETTER

Message from the



Hello Everybody! Not sure if our April weather will be winter, spring or summer – strange extremes going on this year.

Thanks to Mike and Shannon Burgess for hosting the March event. While the weather started out great it progressively went downhill during the day.

The retriever group had one of its strongest showings in years. Steve Arms had a good class of intermediate dogs and handlers. The pointer group managed 14 braces. Weather turned the score cards soggy but not the spirit of the group.

Our next event moves to Jim and Mindy's on the 12th. Mike is taking care of moving the trailer and a big special thanks to Ivan Mombert for picking up the birds.

I will not be in attendance for the April event as I am headed up to Kennewick, Washington for potentially my only shot at a NASTRA trial this year.

Hope everyone has fun at the April event!

Your fellow Member,
Randy Oswald

August Event Date Change:

The August Event date has been changed to the 9th due to a conflict with our hosting property owner.

Current Topic of discussion by the Board

Due to safety concerns; when running braces the handler only will flush the bird. The gunners job is to gun only and they should not flush the bird for the handler OR the gunner will flush the bird while the owner continues training the dog to be steady to flush.

April Training Event

Jim and Mindy Shank

Date

April 12th

8:00 AM Start

7:30 AM Set Up

Location

92939 Prairie Road
Junction City, Oregon 97448

I think retriever training will move to a nearby secondary location after the morning meeting.

Bryan Lake (Vice President) 541-636-7799

(in case you get lost or have questions)

Directions

I-5 to Beltline West (Exit 195B) travel Beltline to the Airport/Junction City Exit
Turn left on Hwy 99N go about 5.6 miles to Milliron Road turn right on Milliron Rd
follow it until it intersects with Prairie Road where you will turn left. Precede
another 9/10th of a mile look for the GVHRC sign on the right.

Watch for GVHRC Dog Sign

What to Bring: Lunch, Chair, Boots (wet, muddy fields), Rain Gear, Gloves, Hunter
Orange to wear in the field, Safety glasses, Gun (#8 shot), Hunting License, Stakeout Chain
or Kennel, Water, Whistle, Pinch Collar, Leash, Check Cord, Clicker, Dog Treats.

EVENT DATES FOR 2015 4/12, 5/3, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9

2015 Training Event Rates

Pointers (Amateur/Open Braces)	\$30.00	First Dog
	\$25.00	each additional dog
Pointers (Intermediate)	\$25.00	per dog
Retrievers (Intermediate and Advanced)	\$25.00	per dog
Puppies (All breeds)	\$20.00	per dog

Our cost of birds increased this year from \$6.75 to \$6.85

This is before fuel costs to pick them up.

UNUSED QUAIL AT THE END OF THE EVENT WILL BE FOR SALE

You must bring your own cage, box or carrier for transport.

Left over birds will be \$7.50

Don't forget your training permit!



ODFW 2014 Permit for Hunting Dog Training

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/dog_training/docs/Game_Bird_Training_Permit.pdf

Intermediate Pointer Training is back for its 2nd year

This training level will NOT be a competition event but will offer individualized attention according to your dog's training level. This area will be for dogs that have completed the puppy division and know their Come, Whoa, Place, and Heel but are not yet ready to run in braces or if you are new, placement would be determined by club trainers. The emphasis will be on holding point until the bird is flushed, backing another dogs point, and retrieving to hand. For those who would like to train to a higher level, steadiness to wing, shot, and fall can be addressed.

Steve Arms will be providing this instruction. His email is jarms007@aol.com.

BREED PROFILE

BRITTANY



The **Brittany** is often referred to as a Spaniel, although the breed's working characteristics are more akin to those of a pointer or setter. Brittany's were developed in the Brittany province of France between the 17th and 19th centuries, becoming officially recognized early in the 20th.

A Brittany is typically quite athletic, compact, energetic, and solidly built without being heavy. Their heads are of average size with floppy ears, expressions usually of intelligence, alertness, and gait elastic, long, and free.

The breed's coat color is varied: orange and white coat or liver and white are most common in the American Brittany; other colors include orange roan and liver roan, all of which are acceptable in the show ring. The American Brittany Standard specifies an acceptable tri-color of liver, orange, and white with very specific color placement.

Brittany's are medium-sized dogs. A properly constructed and healthy Brittany maintains a weight between 36–43 pounds (16–20 kg), depending upon height. North American field lines tend to be larger.

The Brittany was originally bred as a hunting dog and noted for being easy to train and sweet-natured. The breed is generally more sensitive to correction than other hunters, and harsh corrections are often unnecessary. Brittany's can become very shy if not thoroughly socialized at a young age, and even among well-socialized dogs there is significant variation in levels of friendliness.

When well socialized, Brittany's are all around sound dogs, excelling as companions, family pets, field dogs. Eager to please and friendly, they generally learn quickly and are **VERY** loyal and attached to their owners. They also get along with other breeds quite well/ they are energetic and need at least an hour of vigorous exercise every day, with many needing more than this. Some animals will be over-active or hyper-sensitive, but these problems are almost invariably due to lack of exercise and training, and are not characteristics of well cared-for dogs.¹With more American dual champions (dogs with titles in both conformation shows and field trials) than any other breed,^{1a} the Brittany maintains strong hunting instincts in all bloodlines.

Brittany's are generally healthy and hardy dogs. The median lifespan for Brittany's is 12.6 years. Brittany's have no undercoat and need minimal grooming or bathing. However, their floppy ears tend to trap moisture in the ear canal and should be cleaned regularly.

DO WE HAVE INTEREST IN A RETRIEVER HUNT TEST?

Retriever and Duck Hunters

Looking for a way to keep your dog ready for the upcoming duck season? The Hunting Retriever Club offers a way to keep your buddy tuned throughout the year. With regular training days and the opportunity to run against 5 different levels or types of testing. These hunt tests are a pass or fail against a standard, not against other dogs in the test. "Conceived by Hunters for Hunters" is the philosophy of HRC. The tests are structured to represent an actual duck hunt. Something you could expect to see during duck hunting season. This of course varies depending on what part of the country you are hunting in. As an example in the Southeast you may be running a test in waders in a flooded timber area. Except for Started level you will be required to handle and shoot a shotgun with blanks or poppers. Safety with a firearm is covered at the beginning of each test. There are currently; 1 club in Oregon, 4 in Washington, 1 in British Columbia (Vancouver Island), 2 in California (1 north and 1 southern), 4 in Montana. There are quite a number of clubs east of Montana.

The levels of testing are Started; pickup single ducks, 2 on land and 2 on water and return to the area of the handler. Seasoned; pickup double thrown ducks and a blind on land and water and return to hand of the handler. Finished; Triple with a blind on land and water, one of the marks will be a walkup mark, diversion bird on the return from a mark or blind and an honor, all birds returned to hand of the handler. Upland; quartering, flush, steady to shot, retrieve and honor. the Grand is the pinnacle of the HRC testing. This is the top few percent of the retrieving dogs. It has 4 series and an Upland test. It is held twice a year, spring and fall.

All this being said, running a hunt test is a challenge. It requires a group of dedicated people to organize and pull off a weekend test. Weekend test involves running 2 full tests (one each day) of each of the 3 levels. The Upland is a separate test that can be optional and does not have to be part of the weekend. Some of the things involved to run a hunt test are birds, judges, field help to run the wingers and plant blinds, paperwork for dogs and handlers, ribbons, property to run a hunt test, running a raffle, food and a few more things and paperwork.

Is there enough interest within the club to make this happen? That is the question that must be answered. This was discussed at the last board meeting and this is the follow-up looking for interest and volunteers. Realistically a hunt test will not happen this year, but would be in the works for next year. For more information on HRC go to [Welcome to Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.](#) HRC is affiliated with United Kennel Club, but is run separately. UKC is the registry for HRC. You can dual register dogs with UKC and AKC.

If you have any questions for me or wish to express your opinion yay or nay on this or want to volunteer, you can contact me by email at dcbsbi@yahoo.com Put HRC in the subject so I can look for mail that may end up in my spam. Let me finish by saying this is really a great program and a really great bunch of people that participate here in the Northwest as well as the rest of the United States and Canada. They will support the club with help running the hunt tests and participating in the hunt tests.

Thanks in advance for your support. Dave Carey

March Training Results



POINTERS

Pointer Puppies:

1 st	Josh	Shae	
2 nd	Kai Lindland	Oakley	GSP
3 rd	Jessica Soll & Dee Dee Phillips	Oakley	WPG

Pointer Amateur:

1st	Mindy Shank	Heidi	GSP
2 nd	Mike Burgess	Holly	GSP
3rd	Mark Newell	Rogue	GSP
4th	John McIrvin	Baylee	Brit

Pointer Open:

1st	Josh Jolicouer	Spencer	Fr Brit.
2nd	Randy Oswald	Reena	ES
3rd	Crystal Laing	Piper	GSP
4th	Randy Oswald	Rosie	ES



RETRIEVERS

Retriever Puppies:

1 st	Eric Schroeder	Samson	Lab
2 nd	Ryan	Bullett	Lab
3 rd	Lilly	Sophia	

Retriever Intermediate:

1 st	Steve Ackers	Zoe	Lab
2 nd	Steve Akehurst	Ghillie	ESS
3 rd	Amanda Mishler	Emma	Lab

Retriever Advanced:

1 st	Jim Wiota	Molly	ESS
2 nd	Bryan Lake	Lucy	ESS
3 rd	David Carey	Rio	Lab



Your ribbons will be awarded at the next event!
Put your first and last name on the competition cards, please!

ITEMS THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST FROM AROUND THE WEB

How to Build a Remote Pigeon Launcher

<http://birddoginfo.homestead.com/remotepage1.html>

(Cost of about \$70.00)

How to Build a Manual Bird Launcher

<http://birddoginfo.homestead.com/launcher.html>

(Cost of about \$10.00)

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

Planned German Shorthair Pointer breeding for spring 2015:

Cash X Maggie

Int CH, VC Sharp Shooters Man in Black MH UT I 204 NA I 112

Both of Cash's parents are Int CHs and NAVHDA VCs and Cash has sired 19 VCs and four Invitational Breeder Award Litters.

Mochas Magnolia Lightning SH

Maggie was the GVHRC 1st Place Amateur Pointing Dog in 2013.

Puppies are expected to whelp in late April and be ready to go home in late June.

For more information please contact Todd Wheeler at 541-520-5843 or
mountainlion@gmail.com.

ELECTRONIC COLLAR USAGE

As a training club electronic collars will be allowed. If you choose to use an electronic collar 5 points will be deducted from your total score at the end of the day. Improper or abusive use will be addressed on a case by case basis as determined by the board. If you are new to electronic collars, instruction will be provided on proper use.

YEAR END POINTS

The board has voted if at the end of the competition year there is a tie in points the August Superbowl and 10 Singles scores will be used to break the tie!

Award Divisions 1st - 3rd place; Puppy Pointer, Puppy Retriever, Pointer Amateur, Pointer Open, Retriever Started, Retriever Advanced, NASTRA, Outstanding in the Field, Most Improved Pointer, Most Improved Retriever, Super Bowl 1-4th Place, 10 Singles 1-4th Place.

Link to NASTRA Rules: <http://www.nstra.org/rules-formats-bylaws.htm>

Braces are based on NASTRA rules and guidelines.

GVHRC CLUB PHOTOS

MARCH TRAINING EVENT



BRAGS AND WINS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN OTHER EVENTS

Julie Mahoney and Susan Arms attended another show in Albany and the Sampico boys did well. Charlie was Winners Dog and Todd Finished right behind him as Reserve. This is with Sara and Julie's expertize and skills. Betty, Lance and Margaret were there also so GVHRC was well represented with the Brittany's corner of folks yet again!

Sara took Chip her GSP and won Reserve Winners Dog (both days I think).

Carmen Spencer and Quinn earned a NAVHDA Utility Prize 1 (202 out of 204 points)

Let me know if your competing outside the club and how you did or any other club member you know about so those who don't like to toot their own horn can be acknowledged.

Board Meeting Thursday April 16th

Oakway Golf Course

2000 Cal Young Road, Eugene Oregon
6:30 PM

Bring your own meal, snacks or drink.

Don't diminish the sparkle of your dog by over training!



NOTICE FOR THE LADY SHOOTERS

Stop apologizing to the dog because you can't hit the bird.

The PINK TEAM is inviting the ladies who would like to shoot with other female shooters to join us. We hold a monthly Sunday morning practice/training session on a private shooting range that culminates in a group lunch outing. Ladies learn about gun safety and how to improve shotgunning techniques.

Join us and learn in a fun and supportive environment. Our instructor is a hunter education instructor, an NRA Certified Range Officer, and an accomplished shooter herself. If you have an interest, send an email to, bipellham@aol.com or call Betty Pelham at 541-929-8493 or 541-609-8430. Be sure to put Ladies Day in the Subject Line. See you on the range.

GUN SAFETY CLUB POLICY

Any member, who is found to be handling a gun in an unsafe manner, or shooting into a safety zone, will be immediately disqualified from competition and will lose their gunning privileges for any other club events.

No live gun ammunition is permitted after club events.

Once revoked, gunning privileges may be reinstated

- 1) After the member provides the Board with proof of completion of an approved Hunter Safety Course
- 2) At the Board's discretion.

**ANYONE WHO WANTS TO GUN OR BE A GUNNER FOR SOMEONE ELSE
MUST HAVE A VALID HUNTING LICENSE.**

NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE

If you have anything for the Newsletter OR Website call Susan @ 541-747-0935 or email: BBQSFarm@live.com

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Business Card- \$50.00 Half-Page-\$140.00

GVHRC Members- FREE

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TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

(Available at each event from the Equipment Trailer)

6' Slip Lead & Snap	\$10.00
Prong Collars	\$20.00
Bumpers Sm	\$5.00
30' Yellow Check Cord	\$20.00
Whistle Lanyard- dble	\$10.00
Other Whistles Styles	\$ 3-9.00
Denim Button-up	\$20.00
Hats	\$15.00
Safety Glasses	\$ 1.00
Place Boards	\$20.00
Camo T-Shirts	\$15.00



8' Training Leash	\$ 15.00
Large Wide Flat Collars	\$ 2.00
Bumpers Large	\$ 10.00
Orange Check Cord	\$ 15.00
Roy Gonia Whistle	\$ 5.00
Red Clickers	\$ 2.00
T-Shirts (XL, 2XL)	\$10.00
Mugs	\$ 5.00
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