



HUNTING & RETRIEVER
CLUB

2016

March

NEWSLETTER

Message from the



Hello Everyone! I hope we all had an enjoyable hunting season. We are about to start a new year of training and couldn't be more excited! Hopefully by the end of summer, everyone will be well on our way to yet another enjoyable hunting season. However as we all know training never really stops right.

Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped out at the sportsman show! Another special thanks to everyone behind the scenes helping to make every club event possible! Last but not least thanks to Mike and Shannon Burgess for hosting this year's first official event!

Our first event is quickly approaching for March on the 13th. We can look for some nice but subtle changes this year, as the board has mapped out a really exciting year focused around training.

Hope everyone has a fun and rewarding event.

Your fellow Member,
Bryan Lake

March Training Event

Date

March 13, 2016

8:00 AM Start

7:30 AM Set Up

Location

92560 Alvadore Road

Junction City, Oregon 97448

If you get lost call

Mike Burgess phone (541) 968-2030

Or (541) 998-1839

Directions

I-5 to Beltline West proceed 5.7 Miles and take the exit for Hwy99 to the Airport and Junction City. Turn left at the light traveling north. Drive 7.1 miles and turn left on Hwy 36 go another 1.9 miles and take a left on Alvadore Road. Drive 1.2 Miles to Mike's place on the right hand side of the road.

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, Dog Treats, Place Boards if you have them.

Future Events

April 17th Jim and Mindy Shank
May 15th Boyd Engelcke
June 17th through 19th Queener Ridge
July 10th Coyote Creek Kennels
August 14th Jerry Patopea

Don't forget Pump and Auto Shotguns are no longer allowed. The club has break open guns for use or you can ask for a gunner.

Brace Rule Change:

When you reach the line for your brace you must declare to the Judge & Gunner if you are following AKC (Senior/Master), NSTRA rules or if not competing, who will be flushing the bird, gunner or handler.

AKC: Please familiarize yourself with AKC standards if you plan on doing hunt tests as your GVHRC gunner may be a NSTRA person. I have attached a few notes that apply to AKC that were provided for clarification.

Senior Dogs:

Handler flushes the bird and can handle on a back. Gunner may NOT help, cautioned stop to flush on wild flush.

Master Dogs:

No handling of the dog on back or point dog must be study to wing, shot and fall. Handler flushes the bird. Gunner may not help. Stop to a wild flush.

Gunner:

Gunner is to be positioned by handler and return to behind the handler after shot.

Both Stakes:

In either Senior or Master the handler must have a blank gun to be fired on Safety's.

If you have any doubt or questions be sure to ask at the morning safety meeting before competition starts.

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

Link to AKC Pointer Rules: <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/rulebooks/RHTPNT.pdf>

Link to AKC Retriever Rules: <http://www.akc.org/pdfs/rulebooks/RHTRET.pdf>

Link to AKC Pointing Trial rules: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RFTRET.pdf>

Link to AKC Retriever Field Trial rules: <http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/RFTRET.pdf>

2016 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 2016 Permit for Hunting Dog Training

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

Intermediate Pointer Training

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.

BRAGS AND WINS!

Congratulations to the members who have been active in other events

Let me know if you are 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.

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 NSTRA Rules: <http://www.nstra.org/rules-formats-bylaws.htm>

Braces are based on NSTRA rules and guidelines.

Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 15th
6:00 PM

North Bank Restaurant
22 Club Road
Eugene



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, bjpellham@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 Stan @ 541-683-5885 or email: GVHRCNewsletter@yahoo.com

RONNIE SMITH KENNELS

A TRADITION OF FINE BIRD DOGS

Foundation Seminar - Scio, OR

Price: \$395.00/Person

June 11-12, 2016

8 am - 4 pm

Location:

Queener Ridge Pheasants
41030 Kingston Jordan Rd , Scio, Or



Hosted By:

Calvert Kennels
Lebanon, OR

Contact: Kathy Steele

Email: info@calvertkennels.com

Phone: 541-259-3488

During the seminar Ronnie will go over the Foundation Level of training in depth and get you going through the steps with your dog. We will work on bird introductions, checkcording to birds, pointing, honoring, recalling, heeling, and general behavior issues. Ronnie will teach you to start reading your dog's behavior and help you to understand what your dog is truly feeling. If you have any questions regarding this seminar, don't hesitate to contact us at Ronnie Smith Kennels.

Instructor : Ronnie Smith

office@ronniesmithkennels.com 918-783-5400

Register online: www.ronniesmithkennels.com

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Advertisement rates are per year as follows:

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

GVHRC Members- FREE

BINGO

They were both too fat. He had a big safety pin, the kind used for a horse blanket, holding the front of his hunting coat, and under that an old red-and-green wool shirt that threatened to throw its buttons. His black Labrador wheezed and whistled from an effort of walking up to the line where the judges were waiting, and when he removed her collar, her neck fell to double in size. As they stood there listening to the explanation of the test, the fat black dog snuggled so close to her master's leg that she seemed to be leaning on him for support. He let his arm drop and she put her nose in his palm and closed her eyes. A minute ago I had been ready to laugh at these two, but now I had to turn for a minute and wipe away something that seemed to have gotten into my eyes.

The test wasn't easy. The first bird was a rather long marked single deep back among the dead timber. A couple of the younger dogs had finished the series, but none without a lot of whistles and hand signals. On a rating of one to ten, the best score I had given was a generous five. A lot of duck hunters would have used a boat rather than send a dog through the swamps and snags, and I wouldn't have blamed them. What we judged had meant to be a hard marking test turned out to be one that depended a lot on pure heart: "want to" was what we ended up grading the dogs on. Most of them didn't have a lot of it.

The fat dog's name was Bingo, and somehow I got the picture of the two of them eating popcorn together and watching game shows on television. I imagined them sitting side by side at the local bar, drinking beer and watching baseball. What I couldn't imagine is one ever being more than three feet from the other if they could help it.

Much to my surprise and delight, Bingo did a pretty respectable job on the long blind. You could hear her for a half mile, huffing her slow way through the lotus pad and pickerel weed. At first I was worried that she'd drown or have a heart attack, but she was too fat to sink and seemed more than delighted to do something that her boss wanted done. Bingo struggled her belly over the bank, took half dozen deep breaths, waddled over and picked

up the duck and swam. Her master hadn't used one whistle or so much as moved a hand. It took forever, but Bingo was showing the skinny Labs a thing or two and the crowd loved every long worried minute of it.

She finished her retrieve with a lovely little flourish, walking around behind and sort of adjusting herself and then sitting practically on his foot and offering him the duck as if it were a crown. As one of the senior judges, I was supposed to be the very model of impartiality and decorum, but I put my notebook under my arm and joined the gallery in a spontaneous minute of applause. Then I wrote "10" next to Bingo's name on my scorecard. By now she'd recovered her breath and her handler signaled that he was ready for the next test. He had Bingo lined up perfectly and she slowed with anticipation at the shot. The bird boy threw a shackled duck and Bingo slid into the water with a very audible sigh of pleasure and began paddling toward the swamp.

You look at a lot of subtitle things when you're judging a trial. You get so you can see indecision in a dog, or reluctance. Some dogs are too bold and don't use their head, just crash on until they stumble over a bird or get handled to it. Others are too tentative, continually asking the handler, "Am I doing this right?" I don't like either one. What I like in a dog is a mixture of confidence, common sense, and obedience; about in that order. I'm big on a good dashing water entry, an aura of determination, and a feeling that a dog wants to please rather than do the job like an automaton. I like to see more of the pure dog than just the result of training.

I'd gotten away from field trials for a while because I felt that a lot of the judging was unrelated to hunting situations, and there was a laziness that ended up with the tests being too hard rather than being fair, and having a few dogs come back in recalls. I'd run a lot of dogs and had a very sensitive feeling about the work and companionship part of it, and I hated to drop a dog too quickly. I'd lost a couple of first place ribbons because of what I felt was a lack of understanding of the dogs' problems in certain situations. I felt a lot judges had never really done enough gunning or worked enough with the dogs to be able to get a good handle on borderline judgments.

But at the bottom, the whole thing is for the dog, not the convenience of the gallery or the handlers or the judges. You get to feeling sorry for the

dogs that have handlers who are too harsh on them—and almost as often, for handlers who have dogs that are too good for them. I'd been one of the latter a couple times and am still a little embarrassed about being obviously dumb when I should have left it all to the dog. But here I was trying to keep a good balance between my head and my heart and worrying about poor old Bingo running into an underwater log or limb and getting disoriented, or worse, hurt.

Bingo had been her perfunctory self in our other series in the morning, taking forever and looking anything but stylish or fiery, but somehow she always got the job done. Other dogs were faster, more elegant, or more exciting, but where they'd overrun a bird, then circle for a minute trying to find it, Bingo would walk up to exactly where it was, pick it up, and come back. One of the gallery remarked that watching her was "as exciting as seeing a guy lay brick. That may be, but the brick go laid, and laid right. And after all, this was just a fun interclub trial, not a big regional AKC sanctioned affair. We were supposed to be judging hunting retrievers, not watching a track meet. And as much as I like a dog that can zip out and zip back in, I also respect the old workman who gets it done right the first time.

Bingo was not going to be placed first or second. Those places had already been established by a couple of dogs that were clearly "big trial" contenders, dogs that shouldn't have been in this trial at all. It was just that their owners were ribbon-hungry and liked to show off a bit when the chance came along. But a third here was not to be taken lightly. There were plenty of old campaigners doing their stuff, and a couple of up-and-coming dogs that had it all on a given day.

Sometimes in competitions, a great and certain knowledge spreads among the judges, the spectators, and the contestants that a prize is deserved, regardless of what the rules or the scores are. And there was poor Bingo, looking like the kid at the picnic who had unexpectedly been asked to join the games and said "Why not?"

Well, not to prolong what you've already guessed, Bingo did it all, and we gave her the ribbon for third place with as much pleasure and sense of rightness as I can ever remember.

At the little awards ceremony, her master poured her a tiny mouthful of beer from a long-necked bottle, and Bingo seemed rather self-satisfied. I was in love with her by now and more than a little envious of her owner. When it was his turn to come up and get his ribbon we all burst into a few minutes of applause and cheering that we had held, pent up, for some time. He took the ribbon and waited until we'd quieted down, then bent over and fastened it to Bingo's collar, played with her ear for a second and, speaking for both of them said "Well, as they used to say, the show ain't over until the fat lady sings."

Then he and the fat lady went over to his truck. He lifted her into the front seat and gave her the last swallow out of the beer bottle, handed the empty to a friend who came by to say good-bye, and they drove off.

I watched the truck disappear as it turned through a stand of pines and, through the rear window, I could see them sitting shoulder to shoulder. For a moment, I thought about love. Not the kind that they sing about or the kind that disgraces a bumper sticker, but the kind that means you'll put your arm in the fire. The kind that becomes a Navy Cross or Silver Star - or a ten-cent pink and silver ribbon. The kind that you don't talk about. The kind that is there, like the earth.

I wasn't the only one watching the truck fade away. Half a dozen of the crowd had moved off by themselves and were watching it too. I wondered what we all felt in common, and I was sorrow. Suddenly we all knew what it was we had been looking for so long, from someone or something..... and we felt that it had passed us by.

~ Gene Hill



Any club member can post photos to the clubs website using our flicker account.

To share your photos on the gyhrc.com website, you need to upload them to the club's Flickr.com account.

Website: <http://www.flickr.com/>

Username: gyhrc.website@yahoo.com Password: [Pointer123!](#)

Once the club member is logged-in to Flickr, you click "Upload Photos & Video" and follow the three easy steps (chose photos, click upload, add titles) that the site presents them wi

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(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
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Orange T-Shirts	\$10.00

If anyone is interest in purchasing an e-collar contact Jim Wiota. jbwiota@comcast.net

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