



HUNTING & RETRIEVER CLUB

MARCH 2017

A Message from your President

Dear fellow members of Green Valley, my name is Josh Jolicoeur and I'm honored to serve as your 2017 president. I've been a member of the club since 2009 and have learned so much I can't possibly express in such a short space. I've lived in the Eugene/Springfield area my whole life. I have two French Brittany pointers named Spencer and Pica. I absolutely love hunting behind

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them and to me there's almost nothing prettier than to have them lock up on a beautiful point. A frequent hunting partner of mine is my dad-in-law Steve Akehurst. Many of you know Steve as our club mandated golden retriever trainer. I'm a life long Chicago Cubs fan and still cannot believe that they are World Series champs!

I'd like to welcome all our new members to our great club. It was mentioned many times at the orien-

tation that there is such a wealth of knowledge inside the club and feel free to ask as many questions that you may have. I look back and I knew absolutely nothing about training a dog. But through Stan's classes and people's generosity I've managed to figure enough out that I'm able to actually bag a few birds during hunting season. Each person has different goals in mind when it comes to their dogs and the level they want to be at. But the people here are extremely nice and helpful that most are willing to offer some tips and nuggets of wisdom.

To everyone who volunteered at the sportsman show thank you thank you thank you. I'd also like to thank Mindy Shank and Crystal Laing for stepping up last year and going above and beyond. And thanks to Stan and Peggy Zorn for letting us use their property for orientation.

I'm looking forward to our 1st event in March at Mike's place. Can't wait to see everyone's new puppies and kick off our training year!

Your fellow member,

Josh Jolicoeur

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MARCH TRAINING DAY

Mar 12 @ 8:00 am @ Mike Burgess's place

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. Look for the GVHRC dog!

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.

MARCH Training Event Fees:

\$25 for both retrievers AND pointers
\$20 for all puppies

For this training day, the club is offering pigeons as training birds. Pigeons are notoriously tough birds that will fly in pretty much any weather. While quail may be preferred, they tend to hunker down in the wet and cold and don't offer a good training experience.

Gun Safety Policy

Pump and auto load shotguns are not allowed at club events. The club has break action shotguns for use or you can ask for a gunner.

Any member who if found to be handling a gun in an unsafe manner, or shooting into a safety zone will be immediately disqualified from competition and will lost their gunning privileges for any other club events. Once revoked, gunning privileges may be reinstated after the member provides the Board with proof of completion of an approved Hunter Safety Course and/or at the board's discretion.

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

No live gun ammunition is permitted after club events.

UNUSED BIRDS AT THE END OF THE EVENT WILL BE FOR SALE, so bring cash if you need birds.

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

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.



2017 Club Events

Here are the first few dates... if the event is anything other than a training event, we'll get the word out!

April 9 at Jim and Mindy Shank's

May 7th at Boyd's

June 18 at Coyote Creek

A group of us got together last year and made the decision to join HRC. HRC is an organization that was founded in 1984, "Conceived by Hunters for Hunters" that is the philosophy and the reality of the club. They offer 5 different titles by passing a number of tests in each category, 4 tests are sequential, Started, Seasoned, Finished, The Grand, the 5th title is a stand alone Upland. These tests are open to any retrieving dog that can do the work.

Now we are ready to put on our first Preliminary Hunt Test on Saturday May 20th and (assuming all goes well) our first Regular Hunt Test on May 21st at Boyd Engelcke and Jerry Patopea's property off Cox Butte Rd, west of Junction City, OR. The HRC Executive Officers are sending out the President of HRC Tracy Stubbs to Judge and observe our work at putting on a successful hunt test. This is quite an honor to have Tracy come out from his home in Florida. I have a number of judges coming to our test from Washington, Oregon and California, all volunteers. The majority of the equipment is being loaned to us by another Oregon Club, Lower Columbia HRC in St. Helens. We have people coming from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, California and who knows maybe Montana.

Those interested in running their dog(s), you will find it on www.huntsecretary.com

There is a lot of behind the scenes activities that take place first before the test even starts, test grounds, birds, equipment, approved judges, premium, donations for the raffle, an e-collar donated by our area rep, a Garmin transmitter and receiver unit for a winger donated from

HRC, a Gunners up Winger (bird launcher or bumpers or whatever fits) that we purchase at a very reduced price, Lunch, Dinner for Saturday night and of course getting people to volunteer to help.

Participants and judges are coming from at least four states and possibly British Columbia, so let's show them some GVHRC hospitality! To have a successful hunt test we'll need many hands. Please check out the descriptions of what is needed and contact Dave Carey ASAP with how you'd like to help out. Dave can be reached at 541-915-6596



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hunt Test Secretary runs this show.

Marshall

For each test Saturday 4 people and 3 people for Sunday, the Marshall's job is to ensure the smooth running of the test they are assigned to. You will be interfacing with a lot of people, requires good humor and listening skills.

Stake Chair

For each test Saturday 4 people and 3 people for Sunday, Stake Chair's job is to ensure all equipment and people are in place to run a smooth test. This is a much more physical job in the field.

Winger Operators

Reset winger and load bird into winger, blind planting on Seasoned and Finished tests. We'll need 9 winger operators.

Registration Table

Verify dogs and handlers on the day of the test, prepaid through Hunt Secretary, prepaid by mail, register dogs and receive payment. Sell tickets for lunch and dinner meals. Keep separate track of meal tickets sold. Offer Green Valley membership forms, UKC registration forms, HRC membership forms. 3 people.

Go-fers

Go for this and that, lunch deliveries, help with equipment setup/tear down/moves find handlers at other test sites when needed, generally be available during the tests.

Let me know asap what you can help with, these are all day events Saturday and Sunday, anyone who can come out on Friday and help set up would be greatly appreciated. The more people we have volunteer, the more money the club makes and the easier it makes every bodies job. This is really a fun event and family oriented bring (volunteer) your kids, we can find appropriate age jobs for them.

TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

(Available at each event from the Equipment Trailer)

6' Slip Lead & Snap	\$10.00
8' Training Leash	\$ 15.00
Prong Collars	\$20.00
Large Wide Flat Collars	\$2.00
Bumpers Sm	\$5.00
Bumpers Large	\$10.00
30' Yellow Check Cord	\$20.00



Orange Check Cord	\$15.00
Whistle Lanyard- dble	\$10.00
Roy Gonia Whistle	\$5.00
Other Whistles Styles	\$3-9.00
Red Clickers	\$2.00
Denim Button-up	\$20.00
T-Shirts (XL, 2XL)	\$10.00
Hats	\$15.00
Mugs	\$5.00
Safety Glasses	\$1.00
Orange T-Shirts	\$10.00
Place Boards	\$20.00
Camo T-Shirts	\$15.00

NOTICE TO 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.



NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE

Please send your newsletter thoughts, ideas, brags...whatever to:

Lila: montanaspringer@gmail.com with NEWSLETTER in the subject. DEADLINE for newsletter submissions is the 1st of the month.

For website submissions, please email Steve Ackers :

bufflehead63@gmail.com

2016 AWARDS

If you weren't able to attend the annual awards banquet in January, here's what you missed. Drum roll please...

Outstanding in the field Award

Betty Pellham with Ben

Superbowl

4th place John McIrvine with Roxie

3rd place Jim Shank with Stone

2nd place Gloria Platz with Bravo

1st place John Connell with Jake

Most Improved

Pointer- Nick Miller with Nova

Retriever- Justin Weaver with Dozer

10-Singles

4th place Justin Weaver with Dozer

3rd place Alan Guess with Tule

2nd place Ivan Mombert with Lucy

1st place Elaine Brock with Shiner

Pointer Puppy

1st place Nick Miller with Nova

Amateur Pointer

3rd Place Rocky Caniano with Ella May

2nd Place John McIrvine with Baylee

1st Place Mindy Shank with Heidi

Open Pointer

3rd Place Jim Shank with Stone

2nd place Gloria Platz with Bravo

1st place John McIrvine with Roxie

Retriever Puppy

3rd place Kerri Gariepy with Mira

2nd place Chis Ruede with Teal

1st place Jamie Flack with Chili

Intermediate Retriever

3rd place Derek Becker with Ivan

2nd place Justin Weaver with Dozer

1st place Jim Wiota with M Apeel

Advanced Retriever

3rd place Chris Rattenborg with Carly

2nd place Ivan Mombert with Lucy

1st place Jim Wiota with Molly

