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HUNTING & RETRIEVER  
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June

NEWSLETTER

## Weekend with Our Dogs

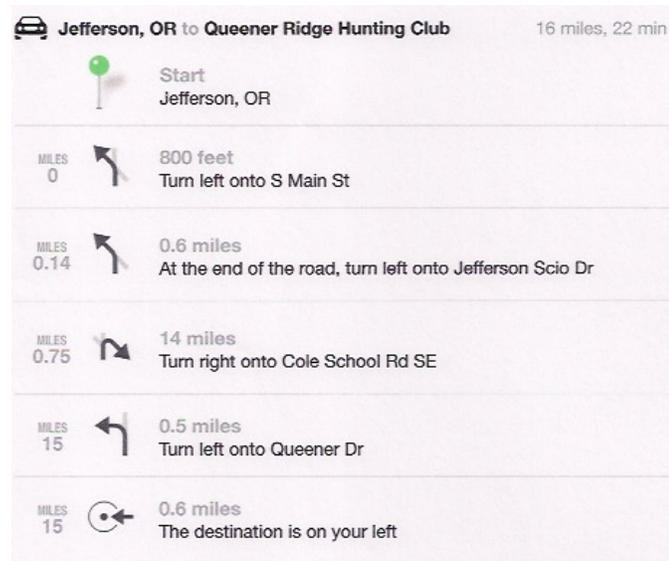
June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>



June event should be a fun one. As a change of venue we have reserved a weekend at the Queener Ridge Pheasant Company.

**Location:** 40485 Queener Dr  
Scio, Oregon 97374

Directions start in Jefferson. The exit for Jefferson is I-5 Exit 238.



**Friday:** You can come in Friday afternoon or evening to set up camp. Trailers and tents are ok. This is dry camping (no electric or water hookups). Camp is in the grove of Oak trees.

**Saturday:** Training with instructors. We can train all day depending on the temperature. Pheasants will be available for \$10.00 ea. These are young birds, but have been in a flight pen. There will be no charge for the training.

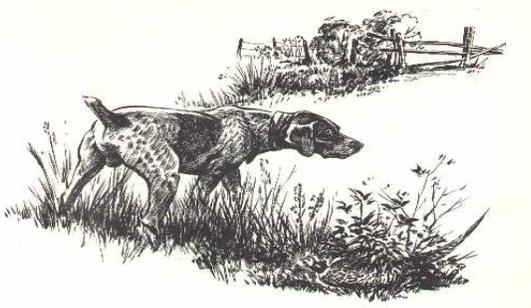
Since there is no competition this is a great time to get hands on help and answers to your questions.

There will be a potluck Saturday evening. The club will supply chicken. Bring your own drinks, plates, and silverware.

Trap shooting practice will be available later in the afternoon or early evening. A nominal fee to cover the cost of the clay pigeons will be assessed. Bring your own gun and shells. If you would like some instruction, just ask.

Jim Wiota will set up some practice shooting for the kids using air guns. He is a certified NRA instructor.

**Sunday:** Team Shoot Signups 7:30 Start at 8:00 AM



## Team Shoot Rules

The team shoot is a friendly hunting day scenario. It is scored and prizes are offered to the top 3 or 4 teams. 12 minute braces are ran for each team. Teams are chosen randomly by drawing names from a hat that have registered for the event. Pointers and Retrievers may work together. Each team with their dogs hunts quail for 12 minutes (brace). 6 birds are placed in the field for the 1<sup>st</sup> brace with 4 additional birds placed for each brace thereafter. You may shoot for yourself or have a gunner. You must have a current hunting license if you are shooting. You may only carry 3 shells into the field. Scoring is as follows:

- 20 points per bird shot and retrieved.
- It is ok if dog scoops the bird without a shot being fired. It still counts as 1 shot.
- 1 point for each ½ minute not used.
- 3 pts for each shell not used. (3 shells allowed per team member).
- Shooting or retrieving 5 birds is a disqualification.
- A team member who shoots 4 birds without getting a shell from the other handler is disqualified.
- An attempt to flush must be made by the pointing dogs.
- To stop the clock; you need to yell time when 4 birds total have been taken by the team.

### Scoring Examples:

1. A Team shoots 3 birds in 12 minutes and uses 5 shells. The score would be as follows:
  - 20pts/bird 3x20 = 60 points
  - 3 pts/shell not used 1x3 = 3
  - No points for time.
  - Total Points: 63
2. 4 Birds shot using 4 shells in 6 minutes:
  - 80 pts for birds
  - 6 points for shell not used
  - 12 pts for 6 minutes left over = 98 pts

**Heckling is allowed and encouraged!**

**What to Bring:** Food for the Weekend and potluck 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 and **most importantly your dog.**

## Future Events

July 10<sup>th</sup>  
August 14<sup>th</sup>

Coyote Creek Kennels  
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>

Link to HRC Hunt test rules: <http://huntingretrieverclub.org>

## 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](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](mailto:jarms007@aol.com).

### BRAGS AND WINS!

#### Club Member Hunt Test Results from Sauvie's Island on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Julie Mahoney / Bruce earned a junior ribbon on Saturday

Sara Hansen / Kate earned a junior ribbon on Saturday

Crystal Laing / Smoke earned her first junior ribbon on Sunday

Cynthia Trowbridge (new member) / Loki passed two junior hunter tests finishing his junior title and Ison passed his passed on Saturday with one more pass



Gloria Platz / Bravo earned her first two two senior ribbons

Betty Bellham / Ben earned his second in senior running only on Saturday.

Jeff Lindland ran and earned ribbons but the exact results are unknown.

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.

## Clarification of running rules in competition

### Puppies

1. Pointers or Retrieving breeds
2. They are eligible to run if 12 months and younger at the first competition in March.

### Pointers

1. Amateur
  - A. Any pointer that has not placed in the end of the year awards
  - B. Any pointer that has not placed in an outside event. (AFTCA, AKC or NSTRA field events)
2. Advanced
  - A. Pointers that have placed in club end of the year awards.
  - B. Any pointer can choose to run in advanced.

If a dog does not retrieve to hand or hold their points until bird is flush should opt for training only.

### Retrievers and Spaniels

1. Intermediate
  - A. Dogs that have not been trained for double retrieves or blinds.
  
2. Advanced
  - A. Dogs that can do doubles and blinds.
  - B. Dogs that have completed Senior or Master level in AKC field test or placed in a AKC field trial or have completed seasoned or finished test for HRC



## 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](mailto: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.**

# May Competition Results



## POINTERS

### Pointer Puppies:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nick Miller	Nova	GSP
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### Amateur Pointers:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Rocky Cariano	Ella May	GSP
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mindy Shank	Heidi	GSP
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Josh Jolicour	Pica	FR Brittany
4 <sup>th</sup>	John McIrvin	Baylee	Brittany

### Advanced Pointers:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Shank	Stone	GSP
2 <sup>nd</sup>	John McIrvin	Roxie	Brittany
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Randy Oswald	Rosie	Eng Setter
4 <sup>th</sup>	John Connell	Honey	GSP



## RETRIEVERS

### Retriever Puppies:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jamie Flack	Chili	Lab
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kerri Garipey	Mira	Chesie
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Ruede	Teal	Lab
4 <sup>th</sup>	Earl Williams	Zipper	German Quail Dog

### Retriever Intermediate:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jim Wiota	M.aPeel	Springer
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Justin Weaver	Dozer	Lab
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bill Buckley	Stella	Springer
4 <sup>th</sup>	Derek Becker	Ivan	Springer
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Turpin	Maggie	Lab

### Retriever Advanced:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Rattenborg	Carly	Lab
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ivan Mombert	Lucy	Lab
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jim Wiota	Molly	Springer
4 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Akers	Zoe	Lab



**Your ribbons will be awarded at the next event!**

Put your first and last name on the competition cards and dogs breed if you would like it listed.

## NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE

If you have anything for the Newsletter OR Website call Stan @ 541-683-5885 or email: [GVHRCNewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:GVHRCNewsletter@yahoo.com)

### **CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING**

**Advertisement rates are per year as follows:**

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

GVHRC Members- FREE

## **Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 21st  
6:00 PM**

**North Bank Restaurant  
22 Club Road  
Eugene**

## The Trained Retrieve - Part II

By Jim & Phyllis Dobbs and Alice Woodyard

In our last article, we taught the retriever to hold calmly, carry without dropping, and deliver reliably. We worked with both bumpers and birds, and incorporated the use of low-level stimulation to reinforce "Hold." Now the dog is prepared to progress to the "Fetch" command.

### The "Fetch" Command

Wrap the end of the cord around the transmitter so that you can pull the cord while applying low-level stimulation.

After several sessions of reinforcing "Hold" on the table, your dog will begin to open its mouth as you bring the bumper up in front of its muzzle. Once the dog begins opening its mouth on its own to accept the bumper, it is ready to progress from the "Hold" to the "Fetch" command.

Introduce the new command "Fetch" by putting the dog back on the short lead at the end of the table. For one session, use mild pressure on the dog's ear as you command "Fetch" and present a bumper right in front of its mouth. Apply the pressure until the dog takes the bumper. Remember, once the dog is reaching for the bumper, the command is "Fetch," not "Hold," and you should no longer put the bumper into the dog's mouth. From now on, the dog must learn to reach and take the bumper on its own.

Ear pressure is familiar to the dog from its previous training on "Hold." Therefore, we use it for the first session when we ask the dog to reach for a bumper held close to its mouth. But once a dog is required to move forward and reach down to fetch an object, it is better to use a toe hitch because it elicits a forward and down motion from the dog.

If the dog will leave your side to "Fetch" on command, it is ready to retrieve off the ground.

To make a toe hitch, use a two-foot long piece of cord tied to a strip of Velcro. The Velcro lets you easily fasten the cord to the dog's front leg. Pass the cord around the two middle toes in a half hitch. Leave the free end trailing so that you can pull on it to apply pressure.

Now with the dog still on the short lead at the end of the table, place the bumper between the dog's foot and muzzle as you pull the cord and command "Fetch." Stop pulling the cord when the dog takes the object.

After just a few repetitions, begin the transition from the toe hitch to the collar. Wrap the end of the cord around the transmitter so that you can pull the cord while you simultaneously press the button to apply low-level stimulation. Present a bumper as you command "Fetch," press the button, and pull the cord. Stop the stimulation and release the cord the instant the dog gets the bumper in its mouth.

Wrap the end of the cord around the transmitter so that you can pull the cord while applying low-level stimulation.

After a few repetitions of using the toe hitch and low-level electrical stimulation simultaneously, remove the cord from the dog's toes but leave the Velcro strip attached to the dog's leg. Now try using electrical stimulation as you say "Fetch" and pull the cord. If the dog will reach for the bumper without toe pressure, remove the cord from its leg and just use the Tri-Tronics collar when you need to reinforce your "Fetch" command.

Once the dog understands how to turn off stimulation by reaching and taking the bumper, you can start giving it repetitions of "Fetch" as you walk it up and down the length of the table. Present the bumper lower with each repetition, until the dog will reach down and pick it up off the table to turn off stimulation.

When you are about ten feet from the bumper, command "Fetch" as you apply low-level stimulation. Release the button as the dog grabs the bumper.

Remember, the picture changes for the dog when the bumper is placed on the table because your hand is no longer touching it. Many dogs have difficulty with this transition. So be sure to do several repetitions as you gradually move your hand farther from the bumper and out of the picture.

When you start placing the bumper on the table, return to the dog before you give the "Fetch" command. Then as you give the command, step forward toward the bumper. Your motion forward will make it easier for the dog to be successful.

When you see the dog becoming quick at moving forward to fetch the bumper, you can stop using stimulation with each command. Instead, press the button only if you must give a second "Fetch" command. The dog will soon learn it can avoid stimulation by fetching quickly on the first command.

With each repetition, place the bumper farther away from the dog until it is moving forward at least half the length of the table. Now try commanding "Fetch" without walking forward. If the dog will move forward on its own, it is ready to begin retrieving off the ground.

### "Fetch" off the Ground

Place three bumpers about 20 feet apart on the ground. Walk up and down the row of bumpers with the dog on leash, teaching it to ignore the bumpers unless you command it to retrieve.

If the dog tries to grab a bumper, command "Heel" and use a leash correction to prevent it from picking up the bumper. Keep walking, and don't use the Tri-Tronics collar to reinforce "Heel" at this time, just use the leash.

Once the dog understands that it must not initiate retrieving on its own, randomly command "Fetch" as you walk down the row. Give the command when you are about ten feet from a bumper, and apply low-level stimulation. Release the button as the dog picks up the bumper.

Have the dog carry as you circle back to where it picked up that bumper. Stop and take the bumper from the dog. Drop it behind you as you walk toward the next bumper with the dog at heel.

Hard mouth problems are much easier to prevent than cure, so properly introduce your dog to birds before going into the field.

After the dog has responded quickly for a few repetitions, begin giving the command without using the collar. Only use it if you must give a second command.

Once the dog is good at waiting for the command and responding quickly, repeat the drill, but instead of bumpers use frozen birds. If possible, use the type of gamebirds you will be hunting.

Next, repeat the drill with freshly killed birds, and finally shackled ones. When the dog has been thoroughly taught to handle live birds using this "three-in-a-row" drill, it will be ready to retrieve wounded game in the field without problems.

It is extremely important to introduce live birds to dogs in a controlled situation. Many hard mouth problems are created by not preparing a retriever for its job, and putting it into a situation over its head. A common example is allowing the young dog to try to retrieve a wounded cock pheasant in the field, causing the dog to be flapped in the face.

clawed and spurred by a large struggling bird. The dog quickly learns that it can stop these unpleasant actions by crushing the rooster. After a few such encounters, the dog may start to enjoy crushing birds, even dead ones. Remember, hardmouth problems are much easier to prevent than cure.

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

To share your photos on the [gvhrc.com](http://gvhrc.com) website, you need to upload them to the club's Flickr.com account.

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

Username: [gvhrc.website@yahoo.com](mailto:gvhrc.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 with.

## **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
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