

## Coming Events

- ◇ 08/15/2015: NEFHRC Training Day
- ◇ 09/05-09/06/2015: NEFHRC Hunt Test
- ◇ 09/12-09/13/2015: North GA HRC Hunt Test
- ◇ 09/13/2015: Big Elkin Creek Hunt Test
- ◇ 09/28-10/02/2015: Fall International Grand Hunt Test

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# The Hunter's Blind

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## About NEFHRC Newsletter . . .

This monthly newsletter is to help members keep updated on our club events, achievements, or other announcements that may be of interest. Please call or email Karen VanDonsel at (828) 877-3254 or karenvandonsel@gmail.com if you have anything you would like to submit. Alternatively, you may contact Sherri Osborne at (904) 753-1155 or osbornequarters@aol.com.

Please feel free to submit pictures, announcements of events, brags, the sale of dog or training equipment, litters, or any other announcements for club members! The deadline for submissions will be the 15th of each month.

Our "Did You Know" feature this month covers some history of the HRC.

Our featured member this month is Sherri Osborne.

If you have an idea for a recurring feature article, please let us know. This newsletter is for you, our members. We want to include what you want. So, please help make this a great newsletter. Submit your articles, pictures, stories and ideas. We want to hear from you!



New Member of the Year, Adam Triay and Natty

## Dog/Puppy Points

Now that the year is a little more than half over, please take the time to send your dog/puppy points to our Webmaster, Karen VanDonsel. You can send the information to Karen via e-mail at karenvandonsel@gmail.com. Be sure to include the following information in the e-mail: owner's name, dog's call name, dog's date of birth, points earned only in the current calendar year and total points earned in all years.

Alternatively, you can fill out the form on the club website at <http://www.nefhrc.net/club-information/submit-your-dog-points/>.

NEFHRC recognizes the top dog and top puppy each year. In this context, a "puppy" is defined as a dog aged 24 months and younger.

As of this publication, no points have been submitted. **Please do not wait until the end of the year.**

## Did You Know . . .

*C*onceived by *Hunters for Hunters* is both the philosophy and reality of the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. (HRC). A non-profit, totally volunteer organization (with the exception of an Administrative Secretary), HRC is democratically governed by a Board of Directors and an elected Executive Committee.

Formed in 1984, the HRC boasts active membership of 8,500+ with 132 Clubs in 36 States and 2 Provinces. Membership is open to all persons regardless of age, race, religion, creed or national origin. The HRC is a family-oriented organization offering outdoor fun and fellowship to its participants. Participation by women and children is strongly encouraged and a wholesome atmosphere is maintained at all times.

HRC is affiliated with the United Kennel Club, Inc. (UKC), which carries the registry for HRC. The UKC offers five coveted titles to the HRC program: Started Hunting Retriever (SHR), Hunting Retriever (HR), Hunting Retriever Champion (HRCH), Grand Hunting Retriever Champion (GRHRCH), and Upland Hunter (UH). Titles earned are awarded as a prefix to the dog's name on its pedigree as opposed to a suffix to the name.

HRC maintains hunting realism in testing Hunting Retrievers. There are five ability-based (not age) categories that the dogs may enter: Started, Seasoned, Finished, Grand and Upland. Unlike field trials, these are not competitive events, but test pass/fail against a "hunting standard".

The tests are directly related to hunting in the field for waterfowl and upland game. Unlike field trials, the bird throwers and guns in the field are not exposed and dressed white, but are hidden as in real hunting situations and dressed in appropriate hunting attire. The handler must also wear camouflaged or other hunting attire.

In the three upper levels, the handler handles the shotgun (firing blanks) and works his/her dog from a blind or perhaps a boat. He/she may also be required to quarter the dog in a pheasant or quail field. Seasoned, Finished and Grand dog handlers must direct their dogs to birds the dog did not see fall (a blind). HRC stresses actual "hunting realism" and "gun safety" in the hunting tests.

In 1996, a new Upland Hunt Test program was added to the HRC/UKC hunting program. The Upland test consists of a simulated walk-up with a subsequent quartering or tracking test. The Upland dog is required to honor another dog, be steady to wind and shot, and will be presented with a minimum of two birds to flush in the quartering test. Successful completion of each test earns the dog ten points, with the Upland Hunter (UH) titled awarded after achieving 40 points.

The Grand Hunting Tests are held twice a year and are open only to those retrievers that have attained their Hunting Retriever Championship title. While there are over 4,500 Hunting Retriever Champions, there are only 333 Grand Hunting Retriever Champions. These Grand Hunting Tests are considered the "Super Bowl" of Hunting Retrievers.

Members of local clubs typically get together to train, conduct Club business, hear presentations,

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## Did You Know . . .

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hold fun hunts and Licensed Hunt Tests. Most clubs have training grounds for their members. HRC success comes from active members. Most local clubs have newsletters to keep members informed and in touch, while the national HRC publishes an excellent bimonthly publication, HUNTING RETRIEVER MAGAZINE. The magazine keeps members up to date on upcoming HRC events and news, results of licensed hunts, includes training articles, regional information, product updates and much more.

HRC Clubs hold over 200 licensed Hunt Tests each year with an average of 73 retrievers and 182 persons participating per event. Of these participants, 66% are male, 34% are female and 10% are under the age of 18. On average, each of HRC's over 6,000 members spends 7.3 days per year at a licensed hunt test. Additionally, 65% of HRC members drive over 1,000 miles per year to hunt or attend hunt tests.

In addition to hosting hunt tests, HRC established the HRC Foundation, Inc. in 1994. Under the direction of the Foundation President and its Board of Directors (comprised of HRC members), the Foundation awards annual grants and educational scholarships.

The sizable grants are primarily awarded to worthwhile animal health research projects at various universities and colleges. Some recipients of the grants are: Comparative Oncology Unit and the Animal Tumor Center of the Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at Colorado State University; University of Wisconsin Veterinary Teaching Hospital Cancer Tumor Research Program; Louisiana State University, Companion Animal Fund; and Auburn University Labrador Retriever Muscular Dystrophy Fund.

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*Excerpts from About the Hunting Retriever Club*

## Hunt Test Time . . .

That time is upon us once again. The NEFHRC Fall 2015 Hunt Test is scheduled for the weekend of September 05-06, 2015. The June 2015 issue of The Hunter's Blind outlined various jobs and duties that need to be done in order to host a successful Hunt Test. If you've misplaced/deleted your copy, you can download another copy from the club website at <http://nefhrc.net/newsletter/2015/newsletter-june-2015.pdf>.

No job is too small or unimportant. From setting up each test to clean-up at the end of the weekend, we need help. Please contact Hunt Secretary Sherri Osborne and volunteer to help out. You can reach Sherri by phone at (904) 753-1155 or by e-mail at [osbornequarters@aol.com](mailto:osbornequarters@aol.com). Please consider what you can do to help make this hunt test our best ever!



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NEFHRC is sanctioned by the United Kennel Club, Inc. We are a club devoted to the training of bird hunting dogs for the purposes of hunting and hunt tests. As the UKC says, we are a club "Conceived by hunters for hunters."

### Club Officers

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For the dogs!



## Meet Sherri Osborne . . .



Our featured member this month is Sherri Osborne. I first met Sherri in 2007 at a CFHRC Hunt Test. I immediately discovered she was an accomplished young woman with many talents, a warm smile, and a sense of humor that puts people at ease and lights up a room. Sherri wears many hats both in her business and in NEFHRC. Besides breeding, training, and boarding dogs, she is an accomplished quarter horse competitor, loves her family, especially Rodney. I feel truly blessed to have her in my life and as our President.

Karen VanDonsel, long-time club member, friend and webmaster for NEFHRC web page has this to say about Sherri: "Sherri is a devoted HRC member, being current NEFHRC President and Hunt Test Secretary. Additionally, Sherri is an accomplished hunting retriever trainer, successfully working with many different breeds, including Boykin Spaniels, as well as Golden Retrievers and Labrador Retrievers. Sherri is an AKC certified breeder of Labrador Retrievers. I got my beloved Lab, Cody, from Sherri in 2008. Sherri has repeatedly worked with Cody towards a title, but due to injuries he sustained (protecting me, no less) and our move to NC, Cody was never able to enter a Hunt Test. Nonetheless, he is a very talented retriever, as are all Sherri's dogs."

Terri Tennille, NEFHRC Secretary and friend stated: "I met Sherri a few years ago when I purchase a Lab puppy from her. I enjoyed her enthusiasm and passion for the dogs she had, and the dogs she trained. We soon became fast friends and she introduced me to the world of Hunt Test and HRC. She encouraged me to get involved in our group and as a beginner, she always made me feel comfortable. Since then, I have now added another dog to the mix and we travel to Hunt Tests. I enjoy my time with dogs and new friends I have made along the way."

On behalf of the members and friends of NEFHRC, we thank Sherri for her years of service to our club and look forward to many more years together.

Submitted by Carolyn Abood

# AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15 NEFHRC Training Day
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23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

**NEFHRC Events** – **HRC Events** – **Other Club Events** – **AKC Events**

# SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01	02	03	04	05 NEFHRC Fall Hunt Test
06 NEFHRC Fall Hunt Test	07	08	09	10	11	12 North Georgia Hunt Test
13 North Georgia Hunt Test Big Elkin Creek	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Fall Grand Hunt	29 Fall Grand Hunt	30 Fall Grand Hunt			