

Coming Events

- ◇ 11/07-11/08/2015 Lumber River Retriever Club Hunt Test
- ◇ 11/07-11/08/2015 Charleston Retriever Club Hunt Test
- ◇ 11/21/2015 NEFHRC Training Day
- ◇ 12/05-12/06/2015 Central Florida HRC Hunt Test
- ◇ 12/19/2015 NEFHRC Training Day

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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 the organizational structure of the HRC.

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!



Don Imfeld and Annie at training day.

Dog/Puppy Points

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 for any dog or puppy! **Please do not wait until the end of the year.**

Did You Know . . .

The Organizational Structure and Responsibilities of HRC

A volunteer organization, the Hunting Retriever Club is democratically governed by a strict chain of command. The HRC Board of Directors is comprised of the Presidents of each HRC Club. The highest order in the chain is the Executive Committee, which is made up of four officers elected by the Board of Directors: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These elected officers shall constitute the Executive Committee and shall be responsible for developing, implementing, and maintaining Policies and Procedures which provide for the effective and efficient management of the association as prescribed by the Constitution and By-Laws. These elected officers shall hold office for a term of two years; however no elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office, except the Secretary.

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HRC President

The President serves over all meetings of the Executive Committee and the membership. Being responsible for the preservation of HRC’s founding principles, the President is given authority to create committees that will be beneficial to HRC. The President also serves as the ex officio member of every HRC committee except the Nominating Committee.

The President is the administrative head of HRC and acts under direction of the Executive Officers. The President must ask for input from Directors or other Officers before making any important decisions between National Meetings. To ensure continuity, the outgoing President serves as a voting member of the Board of Directors for the next two years.

HRC Vice-President

The Vice-President assists and advises the President in directing, coordinating and controlling the activities within HRC. The Vice-President assumes the office of President in the event of death, resignation, disability or removal of the President. The Vice-President also accepts other responsibilities as determined by the President.

HRC Secretary

The Secretary of HRC has many different roles. The Secretary keeps a record of all proceedings of the organization as well as the organization’s official membership roll. The Secretary maintains record book (s) in which minutes are recorded with any amendments to these documents properly recorded, and have the current record books on hand at every meeting. The Secretary makes the minutes and records available to members upon request. The Secretary will preside in the absence of the President and Vice President at all meetings of the association with the same power vested in the President. The Secretary will coordinate, process, and approve new clubs with United Kennel Club.

HRC Treasurer

The Treasurer is responsible for the funds of HRC and is required to keep the balance of the organization’s accounts as current as possible. The Treasurer makes a full financial report each year, which is audited by an Audit Committee prior to that year’s National Meeting. The Treasurer additionally processes appropriate expense reports; process funds of the Memorial Program and special events as well as many other duties.

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Club Division

The Clubs in the United States and Canada are divided into several Regions, which have a Field Representative who is appointed by the President with the concurrence of the UKC. Prerequisites for appointment for Field Representative are: A) Must be a member in good standing with UKC, HRC and an HRC Associated Club; B) Must be experienced and knowledgeable in the HRC program; C) Must be a HRC Licensed AA Finished Judge; and D) Must be an avid hunter of Upland game and/or Waterfowl.

Field Representatives are responsible for upholding all HRC and UKC Rules and Policies. Their duties shall include at least: Attend a minimum of 25% of the Licensed hunts of the clubs within their region to observe the overall operation and quality of the hunts; To file a Hunt Report to HRC and UKC of their overall observation of the hunt, the tests and all aspects of the club's performance in the conduct of the Hunt; If requested, to act as an arbitrator in a dispute regarding a test and assist the hunt committee in preventing or resolving problems; Coordinate, promote and instruct two Judges and Handlers Seminars within the Region each year; Attend the National Meeting each year and attend Judges and Handlers Instructor Training Sessions as may be required; Promote HRC and UKC at every opportunity within the Region; Develop opportunities to showcase HRC and UKC in such areas as Game fairs, Sport and Outdoors Shows, Media Events, UKC Registration Events; Work with the New Club Coordinator in identifying potential New Clubs, follow-up with persons receiving New Club packages and assist, as necessary, in organizational meetings, Preliminary Hunts; Coordinate the election of Regional Running Rules Committee Representatives; and Coordinate and attend an annual meeting of all HRC Clubs within his/her Region.

Field Representatives are appointed to a specific Region, however that authority is applicable to all Regions when the appointed Field Representative for a respective Region is not present. The four Officers of the Executive Committee of HRC, by virtue of the responsibilities of their office, carry the same authority and standing of Field Representatives.

Public Relations Representative

Each Region also has a Public Relations Representative who is responsible for covering HRC-related events for Hunting Retriever magazine, the official publication of HRC. Regional Representatives and a Chairman for the Committee are appointed by the President of HRC, Inc. with concurrence of the Executive Committee. The members of the Public Relations Committee must be in good standing with a local HRC Club within their Region and with the HRC. Their term of office is for two years. Public Relations Representatives are responsible for overseeing communications within the Region and directing questions to appropriate persons. Like the Field Representative, the Public Relations Representative assists the New Club Coordinator in finding and coordinating new Clubs. Most importantly, the Public Relations Representatives generate a positive image of HRC and are very active in promoting the principles of the organization.

A National Public Relations Committee Chair position was established in 2006. The National Chair oversees the Public Relations Committee Members as well as maintaining communications with New and Existing Clubs.

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Excerpts from About the Hunting Retriever Club

NEFHRC Fall 2015 Hunt Test . . .

The NEFHRC Fall hunt test was held at Mossy Pond, Offerman, Ga., on Labor Day weekend. We had two flights of Finished, a large group entered in Seasoned, and an energetic group at Started.

We had the usual situations that occur at such an event, but in the end our Hunt Test volunteers came through. NEFHRC Vice-President Tom Gaddis made his debut as Hunt Test Chair. He was up to the challenge and handled all the problems with his usual calm demeanor. New member Brian Milner assisted Tom and was an awesome helper, as was Rodney Osborne. Don Imfeld, Andy Brittingham, Joe Abood, Barry and Jule Sales' grandsons, also stepped in where needed.

NEFHRC Secretary Terri Tennille was lunch captain. As usual, President Sherri Osborne was multi-tasking at headquarters. We were also blessed to have Pete and Cheryl Browne who volunteered to help at Started. Marshals included: Karen Sherrill, Pam Fisher, Jule Sales, Carolyn Abood, Brian Milner. Our bird boys were Scouts from Fernandina and we have one word for them: AWESOME. They had no previous training and stepped up to the tasks at hand!

We had a new handler in Started who is truly one of a kind. His name is Hunter Brigdon. He ran his four month old black Lab, Penny, and got a pass. His goal is to get an HRCH on his dog. Why is this unique? Hunter is 2 years old!!! His dad, Big Hunter and his mom, Ashley were so proud.

We had two title winners from our club: Tom Gaddis and Buck earned a Seasoned title, while Andy Brittingham and Gus received their Finished title.

Thanks to Barry and Jule for the great raffle. Tom Gaddis won the gun and fancy sunglasses, while Cheryl Browne won the winger. Look forward to our next test in the Spring!!!

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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."

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For the dogs!



Hunt Test Pictures . . .



Hunter Brigdon and
Penny



Tom Gaddis and Buck



Andy Brittingham and Gus

Photos submitted by Carolyn Abood

NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01	02	03	04	05	06	07 Lumber River Hunt Test Charleston Hunt Test
08 Lumber River Test Charleston Test	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 NEFHRC Training Day
22	23	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING	27	28
29	30					

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

DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01	02	03	04	05 Central FL Hunt Test
06 Central FL Hunt Test	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 NEFHRC Training Day
20	21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26
27	28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE		