

Coming Events

- ◇ 01/02-01/03/2016
Caroline Boykin
Spaniel Upland Test
- ◇ 01/16/2016 NEFHRC
Training Day
- ◇ 02/20/2016 NEFHRC
Training Day
- ◇ 02/27—02/28/2016
Central Florida Up-
land 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 HRC statistics.

We will not have a featured member this month. This month the newsletter is a bit abbreviated due to the holidays.

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!



Cody and Maggie

Photo submitted by Karen VanDonsel.

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.

Last year (2015), only two members reported any points for their dogs! I know we have more than that!

“Over 200 licensed hunts are held each year, with an average of 73 retrievers and 182 participants at each.”

Did You Know . . .

HRC Statistics

- * 131 HRC Clubs in 27 States and Canada
- * 8,500+ members -- 71% Single Memberships / 29% Family Memberships
- * 17% of HRC members are under age 30 / 38% age 30 to 40 / 45% age 40+
- * 200+ Licensed Hunts per year – average of 73 retrievers and 182 participants at each Hunt. The participants average 66% male; 34% female and 10% being under age of 18.
- * 63% of HRC membership drives over 1,000 miles per year to hunt or Hunt Test.
- * Each of HRC’s 8,500+ members spends an average of 6.3 days at a licensed Hunt each year.
- * 60% of HRC membership hunts over 20 days per year / 24% hunts 10 - 20 days per year / 84% hunts over 10 days per year.
- * 99% of HRC membership own a long gun / 83% own 3 or more
- * 61% of HRC membership own 1 or 2 dogs / 25% own 3 or 4 / 12% own over 4 / 2% do not own a dog / 37% own more than 3 dogs
- * 63% of HRC members buys more than 50% of hunting gear from catalogs / 39% buys more than 70% of hunting gear from catalogs.
- * 68% of HRC members spend over \$250 on veterinarian bills annually / 28% spend from \$100 - \$250 / 35% spend from \$250 - \$500 / 20% spend from \$500 - \$750 / 13% spend over \$750
- * 85% of HRC members have some college or higher / 21% have advanced college degree / 32% are college graduates / 32% have some college / 13% are high school graduates

Excerpts from About the Hunting Retriever Club



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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!



**Happy
Holidays!**

Have a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year!

JANUARY 2016

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
										01		02	Carolina Boykin Spaniel Upland Test
										<i>Happy New Year!</i>			
03	Carolina Boykin Spaniel Upland Test	04		05		06		07		08		09	
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NEFHRC Events – HRC Events – Other Club Events – AKC Events

FEBRUARY 2016

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