

Coming Events

- ◇ 04/11/2015 - 04/12/2015: Backwoods HRC Hunt Test
- ◇ 04/11/2015 - 04/12/2015: NEFHRC Hunt Test
- ◇ 04/18/2015: Coastal Empire Upland Hunt Test
- ◇ 04/27/2015 - 05/01/2015: International Grand Hunt Test
- ◇ 05/23/2015: 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.

Beginning with this issue, we will be including recurring feature articles. This month, we will begin featuring "Did You Know . . .", a recurring article that will include policies and rules from the national HRC. This month's Did You Know includes the basic safety rules as outlined in the HRC's Firearm Safety Policy. We hope this recurring article will help familiarize new members and remind seasoned members of HRC rules and policies.

Next month, we will begin to feature individual member profiles in an article titled "Meet XXX". We will begin with a brief history of this club and founding members, then

move to our current club officers, and then individual members. We hope this will be a great way for new and old members to get to know everyone and to maybe learn something about each other we didn't know before.

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!



NEFHRC Spring 2015 Hunt Test

The NEFHRC Spring 2015 Hunt Test will be held the weekend of April 11-12, 2015 at Mossy Pond Retriever Lodge in Offerman, GA. The Hunt Test premium is available on Entry Express (<http://entryexpress.net>).

Additionally, the premium can be downloaded from the NEFHRC website at <http://nefhrc.net/premiums/nefhrc-spring-2015-v3.pdf>. For directions and a map, check the Events Calendar on the web site and click on the Hunt

Test date.

Be sure to mark your calendars to attend. Our Hunt Test is only two weeks before the HRC International Spring 2015 Grand Hunt Test! It's a great way to prepare for the Grand!

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Did You Know . . .

Reprinted from HRC Firearm Safety Policy.

Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. (“HRC”) adopts the policy of the International Hunter Safety Association. HRC strongly recommends that all participants at a HRC, UKC Licensed event have an approved Hunter Safety Course.

Basic Safety Rules - Safe handling of firearms begins with the four basic rules listed below. An easy way to remember these rules is to **ACTT** responsibly around firearms. **ACTT** stands for:

Assume every gun to be loaded - Consider any firearm you have not just unloaded to be loaded and treat it accordingly.

Control the muzzle–point guns in a safe direction - You must decide what the safest available muzzle direction is and keep your firearm pointed in that direction. Never point a firearm at yourself or others.

Trigger Finger–keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire - The natural instinct when picking up a firearm is to put your finger in the trigger guard. **DON'T!** This could cause an accidental discharge if the gun is loaded.

Target–be sure of your target and beyond. - Never point your firearm at something you do not intend to shoot. Make sure you positively identify what you are shooting at and know what lies in front of and beyond it. Do not use telescopic sights as a substitute for binoculars when identifying persons, animals or objects.

Accepting a Firearm: Any time you pick up or are handed a firearm you must VERIFY it is unloaded and safe to handle. Grasp the firearm with both hands, keeping the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and VERIFY OR MAKE it safe.

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Volunteers Needed

Speaking of the NEFHRC 2015 Spring Hunt Test, we need volunteers. We still need people to help out in many positions during the week- end.

Please contact Carolyn Abood to find out how you can help make our Hunt Test the best ever!

You can reach Carolyn by phone at (904) 505-3404 or by e-mail at cbrutusmom@aol.com.

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The club is also soliciting donations for our raffle. Please think of items you may wish to donate. Contact Carolyn Abood and let her know what you plan to bring.

The raffles are a great way for the club to raise money to help fund our activities and have been hugely successful in the past. Let's keep the tradition going!

Membership Renewals

Please be reminded that annual memberships are due on January 1st of each year. As in prior years, you may renew by sending your completed application and check made payable to NEFHRC to:

NEFHRC Treasurer
11869 Remsen Road

Jacksonville, FL 32223-0730

But, joining NEFHRC or renewing your membership has never been easier! NEFHRC now offers an Online Membership Application with payments made via PayPal. The online application is found on the club website at: <http://www.nefhrc.net/club-information/online-membership-application/>.

Judges' tests are due **before** May 01,

"If you think you might be interested in running for club office, please let either Sherri or Carolyn know."

Election of Club Officers

It's that time again—time for election of club officers. We are taking nominations for **all** offices!

Please thoughtfully consider whether you or someone you know is willing to serve in one of the offices. This is a chance for you to help steer the direction of NEFHRC in the future!

If you think you might be interested but want to know more about the office, consider contacting the current officer and discussing the duties.



Pictures From Fall 2014 Hunt Test



Submit your pictures for inclusion in the newsletter!





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Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
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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

- ⇒ President—Sherri Osborne
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- ⇒ VicePresident—Carolyn Abood
cbrutusmom@aol.com (904) 505-3404
- ⇒ Secretary—Terri Tennille
Amelia4sale@aol.com (904) 514-1002
- ⇒ Treasurer—Barry Sales
bpsmr@aol.com (904) 923-2813
- ⇒ Past President—Dan Middleton
themiddltonso528@comcast.net (904) 251-5904

For the dogs!



Did You Know (cont.) . . .

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All HRC Judges are required to PROVE each firearm used in their Hunt Test.

- P** 1. Point the firearm in the safest available direction. Normally this is at the ground in a direction away from other people including you. Maintain constant control of the muzzle direction.
- R** 2. Remove all ammunition. If the firearm is a semi-automatic with a detachable magazine, remove the magazine from the firearm first. Open the action to remove any cartridges from the chamber. Removing the magazine first prevents a semi-automatic from chambering another round if the action closes.
- For virtually all other actions, open the action to remove any cartridges from the chamber(s) first. Remove any detachable magazine and all other cartridges from the firearm. If your firearm does not have a removable magazine, it may be necessary to activate a latch button or other device, or work the action several times to remove the ammunition. Once all ammunition has been removed, leave the action open and if possible, locked.
- O** 3. Observe the chamber. Check your firearm's chamber to ensure no ammunition or empty casings are present and if so remove by hand or by working the firearm's action.
- V** 4. Verify the feeding path. A firearm's feeding path is the route by which ammunition stored in its magazine is moved to the chamber where it will be fired. Only repeating firearms will have a mechanical feeding path. To verify it is free of ammunition, you must work the firearm's action and visually check the feeding mechanism and magazine.
- E** 5. Examine the bore for rust, excessive oil, or any obstructions. If present, the firearm must not be fired until it is properly cleaned.

APRIL 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			01	02	03	04
05	06	07	08	09	10	11 NEFHRC Hunt Test Backwoods HRC Hunt Test
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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 HRC Grand Hunt	28 HRC Grand Hunt	29 HRC Grand Hunt	30 HRC Grand Hunt		

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

MAY 2015

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



NORTHEAST FLORIDA HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

www.nefhrc.net

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

____ **New Member** ____ **Renewal**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE Home: _____

Other: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DOG BREED: _____

CALL NAME: _____

Club dues are \$50.00 for both individual and family membership. The dues include the cost of the NEFHRC decal.

ANNUAL CLUB DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR.

Please make checks payable to NORTHEAST FLORIDA HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB.

Mail the check and both pages to:

Barry Sales, NEFHRC Treasurer
11869 Remsen Road
Jacksonville, FL 32223
(904) 923-2813

Areas where I'd like to help with the Club: _____

RELEASE

WHEREAS the undersigned desires to release certain parties from any damages that may arise, directly or indirectly, as the result of his/her participation in club activities offered by the Northeast Florida Hunting Retriever Club, fully realizing the inherent danger in any type of sporting event of this nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of being allowed to participate in said activities, the undersigned does hereby release and forever discharge Northeast Florida Hunting Retriever Club, its officers, directors, members, participants, spectators, and all landowners whose land they may be using, from and all manner of actions, causes of such actions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may arise now or in the future because of, or pertaining to, the undersigned's participation in any of its activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my hand the date and year written below.

DATED AND SIGNED THIS _____ day of _____.

(Name Printed)

(Name Signed)

All club members are urged to also become members of the national HRC. To do so, complete the form found on our website and send to: UNITED KENNEL CLUB – HRC, 100 East Kilgore Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49001. Annual National HRC dues are \$25.00 (individual) and \$30.00 (family). This membership includes the *HUNTING RETRIEVER* magazine.

If currently a member of the National HRC, enter Membership # _____ and Expiration Date _____.



Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

In North America today, there is an organization that was established to test the Hunting Retriever in a true-to-life hunting environment. This organization, the Hunting Retriever Club, Inc., was created to develop the type of testing that you, and thousands like you, have wanted for years. The Hunting Retriever Club, Inc. (HRC) has established a no-nonsense, true to life, training and testing program where gun dog owners meet, train, learn and test their dogs afield.

The HRC was formed under the auspices of the United Kennel Club, Inc. (UKC). UKC was founded in 1898 as a purebred dog registry devoted to maintaining the inherent working abilities of hunting dogs. UKC sponsors more hunting dog events than any other such organization in the world.

To become a member of the HRC, just complete the membership application below. Each membership includes a year's subscription to HUNTING RETRIEVER magazine, which includes training and information articles as well as local Club event results and a list of upcoming events of the HRC local Clubs.

Memberships are for twelve months, commencing as soon as your application is processed. When you send in this application, please enclose a check in United States funds only, made out to the URC, Inc. Send the application & fees to:

Hunting Retriever Club, Inc.
c/o United Kennel Club, Inc.
100 East Kilgore Road
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49002

Membership type I want: Individual (\$25.00)_____ Family (\$30.00)_____

Foreign/Canadian: Individual (\$30.00)_____ Family (\$35.00)_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone (H)_____ (W)_____

Are you a member of any retriever Club? Yes_____ No_____

Retriever Club name and address_____

Family member name(s):_____

Would you be interested in forming an HRC sanctioned Club in your area?_____