

Coming Events

- ◇ 06/06/2015: AKC Judges Seminar
- ◇ 06/20/2015: NEFHRC Training Day
- ◇ 07/18/2015: 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.

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!

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 is probably more aptly titled "Do You Know" and deals with Hunt Test duties and responsibilities.

Our featured member this month is Robert (Bob) Joiner.



Dog/Puppy Points

Now that the year is about 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 (up to date of submission) and total points earned in all years (up to date of submission).

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 . . .

The NEFHRC Fall 2015 Hunt Test is currently scheduled for the weekend of September 5-6, 2015, at Mossy Pond. It takes a lot of work to host a hunt test and a lot of people to handle that work. Please consider volunteering to help with the hunt test.

To help you decide where you can best be utilized, a summary of the duties and responsibilities for each job is listed below:

Hunt Test Committee

This is a committee comprised of the Hunt Test Chair and four other persons that will be listed in the Hunt Test Premium.

Committee members must be present at the Hunt Test set-up to assist with, review, and approve the legality of the tests set up by the judges. The Committee is also responsible for handling any official complaints that might arise during the event, and other duties as may be required.

Hunt Test Chair

The Hunt Test Chair is in OVERALL charge of the Hunt Test. The duties include:

- ◇ Appointing the Hunt Test Secretary, Head Marshall, Game Steward, Gun Captain, Hospitality Person and any other position the Chair deems necessary to run the tests.
- ◇ Hiring ALL judges (may not apply to UKC tests)
- ◇ Hiring or getting Bird Boys for all stakes
- ◇ Fielding any complaints or misconduct reported at the hunt test
- ◇ Securing the Test Dogs for each stake
- ◇ Overall supervision of the Hunt Test Committee
- ◇ Must be present at the Hunt Test set-up and see that all pertinent Hunt Test Committee members are present to approve the tests at all stakes, Master, Senior & Junior, Stated,

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Annual Picnic and Awards

The NEFHRC annual picnic and awards were held on Saturday, May 23, 2015. The event was held at a dairy farm on the northside of Jacksonville. Thanks to the owners, Doug and Teresa Moore, who generously allowed us to use the beautiful site. Don Imfeld set up a challenging triple and blind for advanced dogs. We ran from an elevated platform and adjusted for seasoned and started dogs.

Joe Abood cooked the lunch: burgers, sausage, hot dogs. Thanks to Rodney and Sherri Osborne who helped set up and thanks to all who brought side dishes.

Awards were presented to Adam Triay, New Member of the Year; John Spires, Brian McMillan Volunteer of the Year; Matt Webb and Dakota, Puppy of the Year; Bob Joiner and Billy, Dog of the Year. What a great day!

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Seasoned and Finished for UKC.

Hunt Test Secretary

Duties are:

- ◇ Sends in Hunt Test Application to UKC.
- ◇ Compile the Premium List, send it to members and post it to the website (hard copies are available upon request).
- ◇ Send out Judges Packets that include an Expense sheet, cover letter and Judges Affirmation form and/or Judges Apprentice Form.
- ◇ Receive all Hunt Test entries—email confirmation to ALL entries with email addresses.
- ◇ Compile and print the catalogs.
- ◇ Have Pass/Fail Slips made out for ALL entrants and make sure they are signed by the Judges for each state (UKC only).
- ◇ Make the Hunt Test Report to AKC or UKC.
- ◇ Be on the premises of Hunt Test all weekend, supply extra Judges sheets, apprentice sheets, junior handler sheets, and all secretarial material needed.
- ◇ Make Judges Books—order Judging sheets.
- ◇ Draw Running Order and post it to the website.
- ◇ Order Hunt Test Rosettes and Duck Bands.

Head Marshall—Stake Marshalls

The Marshalls are virtually responsible for everything and everyone at each stake. They regulate the flow of the test—KEEP IT MOVING.

The Marshalls are responsible for the Running Order at their individual stakes.

They are also responsible for all equipment at their stake, making sure they have what they need and are responsible for moving that equipment from the Land test to the Water test. They also

make sure all equipment is back at the trailer at the end of the test.

Marshalls control the gallery, handle communications between handlers and judges, and are responsible for the Bird Boys. Marshalls are also to report ANY misconduct of any kind to the Hunt Test Chair.

Game Steward

Duties:

- ◇ Orders the birds needed for the Hunt Test and ensures they are delivered on time to the test location.
- ◇ Dispatch all birds humanely and see that each stake has the correct number of birds requested.
- ◇ Dispose of and bag all birds that are going to be saved for freezing for future training days.
- ◇ Get empty bird crates back to where they are stored.

Official Gun

Duties:

- ◇ In charge of all gunners—live and popper.
- ◇ Ensures all live gunners have a Hunter Safety Course Card and are over 16 years of age.
- ◇ Checks all firearms brought to the test by gunners of live birds.

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- ◇ Responsible for all ammunition, live popper and primer loads.
- ◇ At the end of the test, accounts for all club guns, making sure they are locked away in the trailer and makes arrangements for cleaning the club guns used at the test.

Hospitality Chair

Duties:

- ◇ Makes arrangements for the judges dinner and tailgate party.
- ◇ Supplies all drinks—both soda and water—to all stakes.
- ◇ Makes lunches for judges and workers and entrants if the club elects to give lunches to all entrants. The Hunt Test Chair and Committee will let the Hospitality Chair know if the club is supplying the handlers and other guests with lunches.
- ◇ Order the judges gifts
- ◇ In charge of any raffles, auctions, games and puppy stakes run during the tests or at the tailgate party.
- ◇ In charge of clean up during the test and after the test is over.
- ◇ Hires the test photographer.

The different Chairs can delegate some or all the jobs as they need.

Important Things That Need To Be Done in Advance:

- ◇ Secure the Hunt Test Site
- ◇ Send in the Hunt Test Application
- ◇ Order Birds
- ◇ Order Duck Bands
- ◇ Order Rosettes
- ◇ Hire Judges
- ◇ Make Tailgate Party and Judges Dinner arrangements

As you can see, there is a lot of preparation and work that goes into hosting a hunt test. Simply put, the more people who volunteer, the less any one person has to do alone.

Please consider volunteering at our next Hunt Test. The Hunt Test Premium is already being drafted. It's not too early to volunteer and begin organizing the event.

Please help make this the best Hunt Test 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.*"

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For the dogs!



Meet Robert Joiner . . .



I met Bob through a mutual friend, David Barnes, a pro who lived in Cairo, GA. Bob trained David's puppy clients through basic skills and David completed the finished skills. Later, Bob got Chloe and Harley, joined NEFHRC and was looking for people who were training.

Training with Bob began the journey of a lifetime for me and my dogs. Chloe and Harley went on to bigger things (Grand Title, Bomb Dog Hero). Bob got Billy, I got Eli, and we began again with Don Imfeld and HRCH UH Annie Mae Get Er Done MH. John Spires (Jackie HR), Adam Triay (Natty), Matt Webb (HR Dakota UH), Andy Brittingham (HR Gus WCX) and many others expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the help Bob gave them and their dogs. And the fun continues!



Bob and his fabulous dog, Billy, received their second pass and title at the Grand International Hunt Test Spring 2014 at Union City, TN. At the beginning of the event, 413 dogs were entered; 59 received a pass; 21 received a title. Questioned some of the old timers in the club and no one can remember a club member handling their dog at the Grand and getting a title. Add to that the fact that GRHRCH UH Black Creek's Billy the Kid MH turned 3 on June 7, 2014, and has set a record that will be hard to beat in the years to come.

Bob is a family man and "Pappy" to his grandchildren. He coaches his grandson's soccer team, plays goalie on a soccer team, is a boat captain, spear fisherman, hunter, business owner, dog trainer, and friend.

NEFHRC salutes Bob and Bill. Job well done!!

Submitted by Carolyn Abood

JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01	02	03	04	05	06 AKC Hunt Test Judge Seminar
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20 NEFHRC Training Day
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NEFHRC Events – HRC Events – Other Club Events – AKC Events

JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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