

Coming Events

- ◇ 05/23/2015: NEFHRC Training Day/Annual Picnic and Awards
- ◇ 06/06/2015: AKC Judges Seminar

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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.

With the last issue, we began including recurring feature articles. This month, we will begin featuring "Meet XXX" to profile our members. 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.

Our "Did You Know" feature this month will complete the HRC Firearm Safety Policy.

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 was held the weekend of April 11-12, 2015, at Brad Arrington's beautiful Mossy Pond Retrievers training, hunting, and competition facility. The lodge and inn housed our Headquarters, Welcome Center, and tail gate party.

The weekend was a huge success, with over 140 dogs running. A great time was enjoyed by all. In addition to a fresh prepared dinner, we enjoyed watching those who passed receive their ribbons.

The BIG event was our raffle. Barry and Jule Sales accumulated the most amazing items, including a shotgun (which Barry donated) and a Yeti cooler (donated by Terri Tennile). Our club merchandise was also a big hit. The scouts got plenty of chances to win great items when Joh Spires donated an arm span of tickets to each Scout.

More articles and pictures from the Hunt Test appear on Page 4. Look for more in next month's issue.

“Always keep your safety on until ready to fire your gun.”

Did You Know . . .

Reprinted from HRC Firearm Safety Policy.

Loading Firearms

Follow the steps below to safely load a firearm. Keep in mind that a firearm should not be loaded until you are able to safely and legally discharge it.

1. Make sure there is no ammunition in the firearm or any obstructions in the barrel. **PROVE** it safe.
2. Point the firearm in the safest available direction. Know the location of other persons or dogs around you.
3. Determine if the firearm can be loaded with the safety on. If it can, apply the safety.
4. Make sure to use the correct cartridge(s) or shell(s) for the firearm by matching the data stamp on the firearm with the head stamp on the ammunition.
5. Load the firearm. How you do this will be determined by the type of firearm you are using. As a general rule:
 - * Single shot firearms: place the ammunition directly in the chamber and then close the action.
 - * Lever action firearms having a tubular magazine: make sure the action is closed, load the magazine, and then cycle the action to bring a round from the magazine to the chamber.
 - * Firearms with a removable box magazine: load the magazine first and then insert it into the firearm. Close the action to load the chamber.
 - * Firearms with a non-removable box magazine: load directly into the magazine and then close the action to load the chamber.
6. If you were not able to do so before, put the safety on.

Always keep your safety on until ready to fire your gun.

The firearm is now loaded and ready to use. It requires continuous care and attention until unloaded.

During an HRC test, when placing the gun in a gun stand or handing the firearm to an approved designated person, the individual must insure that the safety is on and the breach is open. It is strongly encouraged that after insuring the gun is safe that the individual announce “the gun is safe” or “breach open; safety on” or “open and on”.



Annual Picnic and Awards

The NEFHRC May training day will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2015, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The location of the event will be 12300 Holstein Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32226. There is end of the street parking on the right of the clubhouse.

Immediately following the training, we will hold a brief yearly meeting. Thereafter, we will have our annual picnic and awards.

The club will provide the meat and iced tea. Each family should bring a side dish or dessert. In order to get an accurate head count, please contact Carolyn Abood at CBrutusMom@aol.com to let her know if you will be coming and how many will be attending.

Please plan on joining us for good training, good fun, good food, and great friends!

Jake Abood's Big Birthday Party

On March 20, 2004, Barnswallow Jake was born in St. Augustine, Florida, to Barnswallow Niki and Ch Hyspire One More Strutt. When I lost my Rottweiler, Brutus, I waited two years before deciding to get another puppy. I wanted a dog to walk that people did not grab their children and run to "safety". I noticed everyone seemed to like Labs and Golden Retrievers. I learned about Jake from our local librarian who knew about the breeding, went immediately to see him and of course fell in love at first sight.

He has been an awesome pet, companion, competitor, earning his HRCH and UH title and three passes on his Master Hunter. He is always happy (wags his tail when he sleeps) and is always ready to run. He also helps with family decisions; we took him to see our first motorhome, he took one look and immediately jumped inside and sat down. At age 11, he runs triples, handles

to blinds, loves live flyers, loves to play ball. We attribute his good health to good breeding and a diet of top quality food including the raw that we prepare for him.

Jake celebrated his birthday with games; pin the tail on the duck, hide the duck and seek, and of course Marco/Ducko. Family and friends celebrated with him and the treat of the day was large raw beef bones for Emma, Eli, and Jake. I once told him that he was going to live to be 19 and that we would set a record as the oldest dog and the oldest woman to run a hunt test. Joe and I are thankful for the gift God gave us. P.S. we love Emma & Eli a bunch too!!!

See Jake and Carolyn's picture at the bottom of the page!

Submitted by Carolyn Abood.

AKC Hunt Test Judge's Seminar

The Mid-FL GRC is hosting an AKC Hunt Test Judges Seminar on Saturday, June 6, 2015 beginning at 8:30 a.m. SHARP!

The seminar is open to judges, aspiring judges, handlers and anyone wanting to learn about hunt test rules. (Do NOT bring dogs.)

The seminar will be held at Gander Mountain, 3970 3rd St. NW in Ocala, FL 34474. The cost is \$30.00 and with limited space, please mail your entry early.

Make check payable to: MFGRC c/o Kristin Sipus, PO Box 94, Morriston, FL 32668. Kristin can be reached by phone at (352) 229-1575 or by e-mail at kjsipus@aol.com.

The application for seminar is available for download at <http://nefhrc.net/documents/judges-seminar-06-06-2015.pdf>.

"Bring your lunch or there are plenty of options nearby."

Pictures



<<- Don Imfeld and Matt Webb enjoy tail gate party.

->>Carolyn and Jake



NEFHRC Spring 2015 Hunt Test



It was an especially good weekend for Cheryl Browne who traveled from St.Petersburg to attend our NEFHRC Spring Hunt test at Brad Arrington's beautiful Mossy Pond Retrievers training, hunting, and competition facility (the lodge is seen in the background).

In addition to her handsome golden "Willow" garnering two Started Ribbons, Cheryl won a double barrel 20 gauge CZ Bobwhite shotgun at our very popular Tailgate Party raffle. NEFHRC prides itself on putting on a great Tailgate Party with great food (thanks to Brad and his staff) and a very high value and exciting raffle.

Submitted by Barry Sales.

Thank You!

We appreciate our volunteers who stepped up and worked to make our Hunt Test a huge success. Most of the volunteers also ran their dogs. They were committed, dedicated, and willing to do whatever needed to be done. We are truly thankful and grateful to each and everyone of them.

Volunteers included: John Spires, Hunt Test Chair; Sherri Osborne, Hunt Test Secretary; Don Imfeld, Game Steward/Site Manager; Rodney Osborne, Official Gun; Joe Abood,

Lunch Chair; Karen Sherrill, Started/Seasoned Marshal, Mike Thomasson, Started Steward/Gunner, Jule Sales, Started/Seasoned Marshal, Lynne Brittingham, Finished Marshal; Andy Brittingham, Finished Marshal; Mike Orloff, Upland Steward/Marshal; Cheryl Brown, Started Gunner; Ken Boyette and Will Murphry, Upland Gunners.

Awesome work, everyone!! A BIG NEFHRC thank you to you and everyone else who volunteered! You are the best!!

Submitted by Carolyn Abood.

Photos from the Hunt Test



Photos courtesy of Adam Triay.



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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 Don Imfeld . . .

As we enter the second quarter of 2015, we reflect on NEFHRC beginnings and the members who are part of that legacy. The NEFHRC charter was approved in 2005 and our first hunt Test was held in 2006. As we approach our 10th Anniversary, we are grateful to all our members and friends who have given time, energy, and resources. In this issue, we are featuring one of our "Founding Fathers," Don Imfeld.

Stephen Rosasco, the first President of NEFHRC, shared his memories: "I met Don at a hunt test in 2004 at Central Florida. He became the first Vice-President of NEFHRC and was always dedicated, dependable, and committed. I admire his generous nature and sharing of time and commitment. He is presently making good memories with his new grandson and claims he has already taken him for gun training!"

Roy Clarke, long-time friend and fellow hunter, described Don as, "A man of commitment, for many years preceded his work day with a vigorous early morning YMCA workout, a family man who loves his daughters, his grandchildren, and his dogs. He is always willing to meet for dog training no matter what level the training, works tirelessly to keep the club organized and solvent. He has trained and been certified as a hunt test judge and he likes to hunt, especially ducks. Don has been and remains a great resource for the hunters and retrievers in our area."

Bob Joiner describes Don as, "An experienced handler, good family man, detail man, pays attention to rules and regulations. He is a good leader who takes more than his share of the load and is a little fanatical. He has been to multiple Grands and Master National. He excels in the hunt test game as a trainer and a leader for the club."

Those of us who know Don well, lovingly refer to him as our "curmudgeon", which makes him read and in the moment and forever in our memories. (*Photo of Don on Page 3.*)

Submitted by Carolyn Abood

MAY 2015

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

JUNE 2015

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