

Coming Events

- ◇ 09/05-09/06/2015: NEFHRC Hunt Test
- ◇ 09/12-09/13/2015: North GA HRC Hunt Test
- ◇ 09/13/2015: Big Elkin Creek Hunt Test
- ◇ 09/28-10/02/2015: Fall International Grand Hunt Test
- ◇ 10/10/2015: Coastal Empire Hunt Test
- ◇ 10/17-10/18/2015: Midlands Hunt Test
- ◇ 10/17/2015: NEFHRC Training Day
- ◇ 10/24-10/25/2015: SOWEGA Hunt Test
- ◇ 10/24-10/25/2015: Eastern Carolina Test
- ◇ 10/31-11/01/2015: Old South Hunt Test

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The Hunter's Blind

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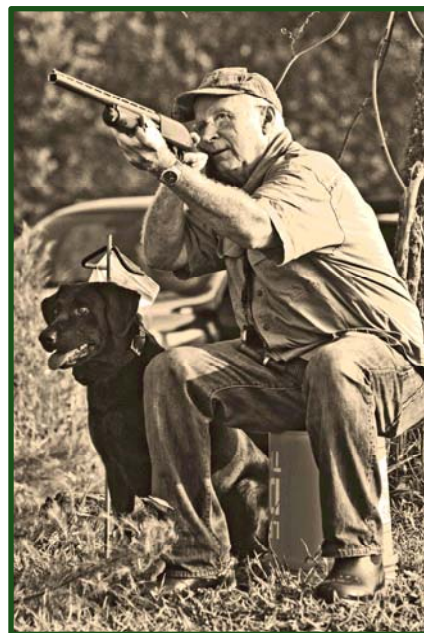
This monthly newsletter is to help members keep updated on our club events, achievements, or other announcements that may be of interest. Please call or email Karen VanDonsel at (828) 877-3254 or karenavandonsel@gmail.com if you have anything you would like to submit. Alternatively, you may contact Sherri 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 mechanics of the HRC.

Our featured member this month is founding member Brian McMillan.

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 karenavandonsel@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. **Please do not wait until the end of the year.**

Did You Know . . .

The Mechanics of HRC

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The Hunting Retriever Club is democratically governed according to a Constitution and a set of By-Laws drawn up by the founding members in 1984. These documents evolve each year at the National Meeting, during which officers and members vote on changes. Each Club counts as one vote, each Executive Officer counts as one vote, and the immediate past President counts as one vote. In this way, HRC is able to keep pace with the changing demands of the organization.

The Constitution sets guidelines for many activities of HRC. There are three classes of members outlined in the Constitution. An active member is any member in a locale in which there is an existing Hunting Retriever Club. Membership in HRC is open to all people who own, breed or are simply interested in hunting retrievers. HRC is family-oriented, offering outdoor fun and fellowship to its participants. Participation by women and children is strongly encouraged and a wholesome atmosphere is maintained at all times.

Membership at Large is granted to any person who does not live near a Hunting Retriever Club but who wishes to be a part of the organization. Honorary membership is granted to people who have made outstanding notable contributions to the welfare of HRC. Life members are voted upon by secret ballot at the National Meeting and can participate in any organizational activity without paying annual dues.

The Constitution and By-Laws of HRC also set guidelines for affiliation with national dog registries. HRC is affiliated with the United Kennel Club and has no affiliation with another national dog registry. UKC and HRC have many common goals. First of all, HRC and UKC work together to standardize the tests that are given at various HRC Hunts. HRC and UKC also develop rules and regulations that make it possible for the testing standards to be closely adhered to. In addition, UKC is responsible for the registry of dogs by their DNA components, a new and very accurate way to register dogs. This is valuable in instances where a dog may be stolen or altered in some way so as to make it unrecognizable to owners or breeders. By taking DNA samples from a dog and comparing these to samples held by UKC, it is very easy to determine if a stolen dog has been found.

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Did You Know . . .

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The Constitution, most importantly, sets the ideas for which the Hunting Retriever Club was formed. HRC was formed to give hunters realistic tests for their dogs, and over the years has come to promote several additional ideals. For example, HRC is committed to working toward the breeding and training of better retrievers that will be assets to their owners in the field. HRC also works to educate hunters about safety in the field, training the retriever and better hunting skills. Furthermore, HRC supports the protection of wild game birds through controlled hunts and conservation/management techniques. Finally, the HRC works to help preserve the right to bear arms, hunt and to breed and promote the retriever breed of their choice and, by using its Constitution and By-Laws, accomplishes its tasks effectively.

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Excerpts from About the Hunting Retriever Club

August Training Day . . .



Annie



Bonnie



Tom Gaddis and Buck



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Photos by Tom Gaddis



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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!



A Tribute to Brian McMillan . . .



Each year our club hosts the annual award's day, picnic, yearly meeting, and training day. This year the event was held at a dairy owned by Doug & Teresa Moore off Holstein Drive on the Northside. Awards include: Dog & Puppy of the Year, New Member of the Year, and the Brian A. McMillan Volunteer(s) of the Year. I interviewed some of the founding members and Brian's widow and am including their comments about Brian.

Founding President, Stephen Rosasco commented "It was February 2005 and Claudia and I were sipping cerveza and tequila in Mexico when you all (the board) slyly elected me President (thank you very much). He added, Brian was the club's first Treasurer when we began in March 2005. Unfortunately, his illness struck and he was unable to finish his first term. Brian and his wife, Debbie were very kind and always willing to help. They loved their BOSCO."

Betsy Reiney added to Stephen's comment. "We had the first meeting of NEFHRC here at the picnic table after training, I think. It was Don, Matt, Brian, and myself and a fellow I can't remember his name. Stephen was absent, had another engagement so we quickly elected him president. Brian was roped into treasurer. We wouldn't let him refuse. The other offices were filled. Don Imfeld was VP and Matt McKenzie was Secretary. Brian had been diag-

nosed with kidney cancer earlier in the week. He was a gem to take the job." After Brian's death, the board created the Brian McMillan Volunteer of the Year award. A memorial plaque is kept by the club president which contains recipient names. Family members regularly attend the event.

Debbie McMillan commented: "I miss the Club Hunt Tests, and friends very much and will retain the fondest memories for the club and each one of the friends we made over the years. One special memory is when Don and Stephen took Bosco, at Brian's request, and trained him for an upcoming test for February 2006 when Brian was too weak to do so and Bosco passed both days with the help of Don as handler. I had to put Bosco down in 2013 due to cancer. It was like losing Brian again." Debbie is active in her church, Midnight Cry Ministry, and travels with friends. She added, "God bless you all, thank you, for honoring Brian in an upcoming newsletter. I know he would be humbled and blessed as I am that you thought of him and Bosco."

Pictured: Brian and Bosco. Article and photo submitted by Carolyn Abood

SEPTEMBER 2015

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

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

OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				01 Fall Grand Hunt	02 Fall Grand Hunt	03
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