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# SCHRC Newsletter



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*Salt Chuck Hunting Retriever Club - Conceived by hunters for hunters*

## Message from the President

I will begin my first President's message by thanking the previous executive for all that they have done over the last two years. This club is where it is today due to the hard work of our past executives. I also want to say "thanks" to those members who have been elected or appointed for another term. They are to be commended for their willingness to continue contributing their time and efforts for all of us.

I'd also like to welcome those new members who joined us in the last year. Our membership list has several new names, and I look forward to meeting all of you.

Being president of the SCHRC is not the only thing I am "new" at. Although I have been

hunting ever since I was a teen, I'm relatively new to Hunt Tests as well. I had noticed that Labrador Retrievers handled thick bull rushes and water better than my dogs, so I bought a chocolate lab (Smoke) in 2003. After watching a few hunt tests that year, I joined the club and entered my first competition in 2004. Smoke earned started and upland titles that summer, and I was hooked.

That summer made me appreciate the value of SCHRC, because we could never have titled without the help of club members, attending training days, etc. The more exposure I had to club members and events, the more I learned by "osmosis". If you are new to this sport, or if you feel that your and

your dog(s) have reached a plateau, I have a suggestion for you. Try volunteering for one of the many small jobs associated with our training days and hunt tests. Whether you act as marshal, throw a few birds, or help move equipment, you will learn something because you will be spending time with other handlers and judges. Remember that old adage - "Many hands make light work".

I look forward to seeing all of you at this year's events. We are currently planning 3 hunt tests in March, June, and August as well as 3 to 4 training days, so there will be plenty of opportunity for both the dogs and handlers to "socialize". See you at the Beaver Lake ponds on February 18<sup>th</sup>!!

## Meet Your New Executive!

**President** - Bill Pearson 250-885-8856  
**Vice President** - Anne Everett 250-479-8942  
**Secretary** - Linda Langford 250-743-7263  
**Treasurer** - Hope Roberts 250-384-9133

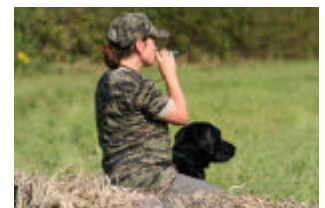
**This is the first of a series of profiles of SCHRC club members that will appear in this newsletter over the next few months. This issue we are profiling the club's new treasurer, Hope Roberts and her dog Rex.**

My name is Hope Roberts. I am a Certified General Accountant for a large charity by day and my large black Labrador Rex and my husband Peter fill the rest of my time. Rex is my first 'trained' dog. I grew up with family dogs, but once I was introduced to competition obedience and retrieving a year ago, I quickly learned I knew nothing about dogs.

Through wonderful mentorship, during last year Rex and I have earned our CKC CD, JH, WC, AKC RA (Rally Advanced), two legs toward our AKC CD, UKC SHR and one leg towards our Seasoned title (on our first try!).

I grew up training and showing Quarter Horses, so competing with dogs has filled that void. I look forward to working toward our Open and Senior titles this coming year and my tenure as Treasurer for SCHRC.

I would like to thank everyone for being so welcoming and freely imparting their knowledge.



## Important dates

### Training Days

February 18<sup>th</sup> Beaver Lake Retriever Training Ponds.  
March 18<sup>th</sup> Browns Property – Yellow Point  
Contact Rick Roberts  
250-743-6733

### Upcoming HRC Hunts

**SCHRC** March 31/April 1  
Contact Teresa Myrfield [tmyrfield@telus.net](mailto:tmyrfield@telus.net)  
**WWHRC** April 21/22  
Contact Cindy Bowers [cw.bear@comcast.net](mailto:cw.bear@comcast.net)  
**SCHRC** June 16/17  
4 Upland Hunts!  
Contact Rick Roberts [goldngunk9@shaw.ca](mailto:goldngunk9@shaw.ca)

## Swallowfield Grounds Clean-up

Our Spring Hunt Test is being held at Swallowfield – and it definitely needs a spring cleanup.

blackberry bushes and undergrowth. You should also bring warm clothes, wet gear, and a lunch.

**Cleanup day is on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>, between 9am & 4PM.** If all goes well, most of the effort will be required in a new field to make it useable.

If you can come out between 9am & 4PM (even for a few hours), please let me know so we can plan the day.

***Bill Pearson***  
(250) 885-8856

Bring pruners, shears, machete, or whatever you have to attack the

## Notice

We are looking for a place to store the club trailer. If any club member has space or knows of a place that might have space to store the trailer could you please contact Bill Pearson at 885-8856

