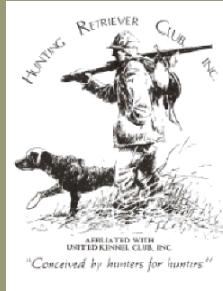


SCHRC Newsletter



Message from the President

Unlike 2007, SCHRC held three Hunts, 2008 is shaping up to be a pretty lean year. In the past, the spring hunt has been held on the last weekend in March. It has been one of the earliest events of the year and has been poorly attended due to cold water and the limited amount of training dogs have had at this time of year. In an attempt to increase the number of competitors, the SCHRC has obtained HRC approval to reschedule the spring hunt for May 31/June 1 2008.

The attendance of our fall hunt was lower than usual as well. It appears that we are rapidly approaching a point where this club must increase the number of members or disappear. In an attempt to address this problem, the Executive is considering holding the May 31/June 1 Hunt on the Mainland. The goal is to increase our visibility and give handlers on the mainland encouragement to join HRC and the incentive to set up a new HRC club.

The CKC Master National Stake

will be held in Saskatoon in August 2008. This will conflict with our August Hunt, as many of the SCHRC members and judges will be attending this event. The SCHRC has decided to cancel the August HRC in 2008. Because of these changes, there are no hunts scheduled on the Island in 2008. Although this is not the most desirable outcome, your Executive feels that this is the best course of action at this time. As always, your comments are welcome at SCHRC@homein.ca

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Member Profile – Linda Langford, Secretary & Hunt Marshall

I've been with the club for 3 1/2 years. I joined when my dog, Piper, was 1 year old. Although I've been around dogs all my life the only training I had done was obedience. The breeder suggested I look into this club and try training for hunting competitions. It's was a whole new way of connecting with my dog that I never knew existed. I can't imagine not training or competing.

I grew up with a father in the Air Force so I've lived from coast to coast and most places in between. I settled here back in 1971 where I trained as a Licensed Practical Nurse and later as a Registered Nurse. I've worked in



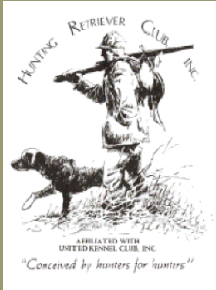
Operating Rooms and Emergency. I had to retire early due to medical problems in 1997.

Discovering training and competing has filled the time and joy I lost when I could no longer work as a nurse. I raised my daughter as a single parent and together we have shared many

memories of our dogs. I moved to Shawnigan Lake in 1988 and built a house that I designed. The small village atmosphere and great people have made it a place I can see living here forever. The hiking and places to train my dogs is almost limitless.

I occupy my time with many hobbies such as art, knitting, sewing, computer work, home renos to name a few. There never seems to be enough time in a day.

Piper is expecting her second litter November 23, so the next few months will be even busier!



Fall Hunt Review

The fall hunt at Cowichan Bay took place the last weekend in August. It was met with what seemed to be our usual summer weather this year – rain, sun, cloud and low temperatures. Not the greatest weather, but certainly better for running dogs than last year's heat wave. We had a mix of Island and WA state judges that presided over

30 dogs in various stakes. We had dog and handler teams from Oregon, WA, the mainland and the island. A BIG thank you to those who traveled! Although the numbers were down significantly from last year's 44 dogs, the club managed to break even financially due to the generosity of our judges. Dinner at the Rock Cod café was great as usual and we managed to

raise \$695 from auction items. Many thanks to all of you who dug out your cheque books! The raffle for the Bumper Boy, Duck Hunt and Duck call was drawn at dinner and the winners were Hope Roberts, Scott Deschamps and George/Nonie Lambert. Net proceeds from the raffle were \$1034.00

November Training Day

The annual SCHRC Upland Training Day and Christmas get together has been booked for November 24th (Saturday) at Hof Waldeck Farm. This year we are planning the main meal at lunch, so participants can get away in good time in case of inclement weather

The club has booked the entire farm this year. Club members will have the opportunity to work their

dogs on live pheasants or chukars in the lower valley, or take part in a more formal training exercises located in the upper field. Lunch will be served in the lower field.

Following the very successful retrieving demo Bill Pearson and Hope Roberts gave at Hof Waldeck to members of the public and the Hidden Valley Conservation Club on Sept 29th, Hidden

Valley Conservation Club members have been invited to attend our Upland Training day. We hope that some may be interested in our club and perhaps join it. So mark 24th of November on your calendars and we'll look forward to seeing you there. Non-club members are welcome.

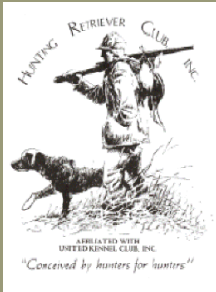
A flyer detailing the activities planned will be emailed separately.

Fundraiser 2008

We are planning another fundraiser with a Zinger Winger for first prize. The draw will be made at the Spring Hunt May 31/June 1 2008. Fundraising efforts in 2007 have contributed a significant percentage of our revenue (+ \$2500). Your continued support in 2008 will go a long ways towards keeping our club financially viable.

If you have any fundraising ideas, we are always open to suggestions.





Buy, Sell and Trade (club member submissions welcome)

The club is still looking for a flat bottomed boat.

The club purchased 25 large camo umbrellas that can be used for training. We have only three left @ \$22. Contact Bill Pearson at 250-885-8856 if you're interested in purchasing one (pattern not exactly as shown).



Secretary Position

We need someone to step in and help out as club secretary. Our current Treasurer and Hunt Marshall have been pulling double duty by splitting the responsibilities of the secretary between them for the past year.

Remember – many hands make light work. Secretary duties include taking minutes, keeping the clubs official membership role, to be receiver and distributor of club mailings and to notify members of meetings. The secretary will also receive forms

from and submit forms to the HRC and UKC for hunt tests.

Meetings are generally held every other month. Time commitment is approximately 2-4 hours monthly. Computers skills would be helpful.

If you can help out please contact anyone on the Executive.



Member Profiles

We would like to continue profiling our club members. Please send us a picture of you and your dog and a short bio with how you came to be involved with the club.



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