

## Message from the President, *Bill Pearson*



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### Fall Hunt Test

Our Fall Hunt Test will be held on the weekend of August 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> in the Comox Valley, specifically the Merville/Black Creek area. Visit our website ([www.schrc.homein.ca](http://www.schrc.homein.ca)) for the premium and site locations.

**If you plan to attend,** please send in your entry form to our Hunt Test Secretary Teresa Myrfield or email her at [tmyrfied@telus.net](mailto:tmyrfied@telus.net) to let her know what stakes and dogs you will be running. Having the information in advance of the Hunt Test is very helpful for getting the day off to a good start.

The event will utilize three separate locations with lots of land and water (two of which are the Cassanaves and the Everett's).

There will be a Judge's meet and greet dinner (Pig Roast) on Friday Aug 27<sup>th</sup> (5:30 pm) at the Pearson residence (5025 Headquarters Rd) – all are welcome. On Saturday evening a tailgate dinner will be held at Heads Up Kennels (The Everett's) on Nurmi Rd.

If you are in the area Friday afternoon, extra hands are always needed to help with set up.

On test days, volunteers are always welcome to help out. If you are new to the sport this is a great way to learn about hunt tests and trialing.

### Spring Hunt Test

The club had another successful Spring Hunt Test. We had 52 dogs running in the Regular and Upland Hunt Tests.. There were 7/8 in Started, 12/13 in Seasoned, and 11/12 in Finished on Saturday and Sunday respectively. There were 13/9 dogs in the 2 Upland Tests.

We had a lot of volunteers to help out marshalling and setting up the various tests. A big thank you to all who lent a hand – it is greatly appreciated by your executive.

Photo of Swallowfield in the spring





## It's a Long Road to 500! *Submitted by Tracey Griffin*

Remember that feeling you had when you entered your first started test with your new dog? The fear, the trepidation, would my dog "get the bird". We have all felt it as newcomers to the world of hunting retrievers.

Well after 8 years of training, after putting thousands of miles on the road in both western Canada and the Pacific Northwest attending UKC tests, after countless days in the field and with 485 points on her dog "Dare", when Louise Roberts went to the line in Clatskanie Oregon this summer trying to get her 500<sup>th</sup> point, the feeling was much the same.

UH HRCH GMH GoldnGun's Double Darn DareYa QFTR WCX CDX CGN, St John's Therapy Dog, owned by Rick and Louise Roberts achieved the 500 point milestone by finishing a finished test in Oregon. With this achievement Dare goes down as the newest dog in Region 2 and first Salt Chuck hunting Retriever club dog to obtain 500 points.

But it wasn't just Louise who stepped up to the plate and hit the 500 mark in Clatskanie that weekend. On the day following Louise's achievement, Bill Pearson with his dog Smoke, aka GMH HRCH UH Someday's Smoke Dream WCX, also achieved the 500 mark to become Salt Chuck's second dog to hit the 500 mark!

Congratulations to both and we hope to see both handlers and dogs at "the Grand"!!





## Tale from the duck blind *Bob Everett*

The hen mallard came from behind and set his wings to drop in. Suddenly a lot of back peddling happened as the lone bird realized they were decoys, not real ducks! About this time I woke up and grabbed my gun just as the bird was exiting the 50 yard "kill zone". However, she was hit but not hard, and she struggled to gain altitude for about 500 yards, then collapsed with a splash.

"Sparky!" I hollered and off went my faithful companion, breaking thin ice all the way out. After about two hundred yards, Sparky stopped, gazed skyward as an eagle swooped down and collected the hapless mallard. Flying right back at Sparky the eagle started to gain altitude but the struggling hen won out and the eagle dropped her prey. Splash!

Well Sparky was now only 50 yards away and sprinted over to make the retrieve. I felt sorry for the poor hen as I wrung her neck: one wrong decision, then blasted by a shotgun, collapsed into water/ice, scooped up by an eagle, recovered by a yellow monster and finally put to rest: not a good day for the duck, eh? But she tasted wonderful!

## Buy, Sell, Trade

Duck decoys for sale.  
Contact Ron Bouveur  
thebouveurs@shaw.ca

Advertise an upcoming litter, equipment to sell, equipment wanted. Submissions welcome.

## Other News

### New Equipment

The club has purchased two new remote bird launchers that can be used for training days and Upland Hunt Tests.

### Raffle winners.

Each year members of the Salt Chuck HRC sell raffle tickets to raise funds used to support training days, hunt tests, and buy equipment. The revenue generated from the raffle, silent auctions, etc have often determined whether our treasurer use black or red ink at the end of the year.

Thanks to all of you who sold/bought tickets in this years raffle.

The winning tickets from our annual raffle were drawn at our Spring Hunt Test.

Congratulations to:

- 1) Bill Pearson – winner of the Tri-Tronics Sport Basic G3
- 2) Lyn Saunders – winner of the pheasant hunt
- 3) Rob Wood – winner of the Tri-Tronics bark collar



## Coming Events

The 2010 calendar of HRC/UKC, CKC and other events in our area:

- **Aug 28, 29 SCHRC Fall Hunt, Comox**
- Sep 4, 5 Pacific Rim Hunt Test, Swallowfield
- Sep 11, 12 Golden Retriever Club, Hunt Test, Abbotsford
- Oct 2, 3 BC Lab Club, Hunt Test, Bridal Falls
- November 21 SCHRC Xmas party and fall shoot





## Meeting Minutes

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### SALT CHUCK HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

AT  
TRACEY GRIFFIN'S HOME  
LADYSMITH, BC  
JULY 4, 2010

Present: Bill Pearson, Nonie Lambert, Hope Roberts

Absent: Anne Everett

Attending: Bob Everett, Teresa Myrfield, Louise Roberts, Tracey Griffin, George Lambert

Treasurers Report:

Bank Balance to date is \$7,548.00 (down \$1,200.00 from last year).

Bob moved to adopt them and Louise seconded.

### Committee Reports:

- a) Bird Steward: Have lots of birds and will buy some from Louise. Hope to bring birds for Fall Hunt.  
Finished: will need 1 ½ to 2 birds per entry. Seasoned: 1 ½ birds Started: 1 (gassed only)

Equipment: Bird buckets (same color) need to be stacked together and maybe attach a string to each one that can be dropped in between each one to make it easier to pull apart. Need two pouches for wingers – Louise to make them.

- b) Spring Hunt Test Report:

Teresa summary of entries for Aug. last year is an average of 31.5. Availability of paying entries by Pay Pal – Teresa to look into fees etc. Hope will look into Credit Card entry payments.

Need an updated cell phone list for marshalls. Will have vests to identify Marshalls. Silent Auction Control sheets needed. Summary sheet for Raffle and 50/50. Need better management of live birds in their delivery to Hunt Tests and where they will be kept if need be.

- c) There will be no upland for the fall hunt test. Anne will hire the bird boys. We have the Hunt Test License, Premium is pending and the Purina dog food will be delivered to T-Mar Industries Ltd.

- d) George to make sure the judges boxes are properly equipped. Gun oil, rags etc.

- e) Swallowfield will need cleanup work soon and would like to see a better turnout for this. The tractor fees for mowing will be coming.

- f) Training Day is all set for July 10 at the Everetts. Tracey to arrange for porta pottie.

### **Old Business**

- a) Chukars for November upland have not been ordered.  
Wingers not repaired as of yet. Louise to fix.  
The clubs shotguns will need to be replaced. (See New Business)  
Nonie to send a thank you letter to the Casanaves for the upcoming Fall Hunt Test.  
Bob and Bill will get the field cut for the hunt test.
- b) November Upland Shoot /Christmas Party will take place at Hof Waldec on November 21, 2010.
- c) Hope to get total of membership.
- d) There will be no raffle for the Fall Hunt Test.

### **New Business:**

- a) No correspondence at this time.
- b) The new HRC in Lower Columbia is a very nice facility and is worth the trip down.
- c) It was agreed that we will purchase a new pop up tent.
- d) Anne to head up the Nominating Committee.
- e) Teresa has a Tritronics Sport G3?
- f) Year at a Glance – discussed in above notes.
- g) Newsletter suggestions: All greatly appreciated.
- h) It was motioned and approved that the club purchase a Remington 870 Express Youth shotgun this year and over time purchase more to standardize what other clubs are using. Hope will check with Island Outfitters and George to check with Wholesale Sports on pricing.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:55. Next meeting will be November 6, 2010 at Tracey's.