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"To educate handlers, owners and the general public and to encourage and promote quality in the breeding and field testing of purebred hunting retrievers and to do all possible to bring their natural abilities to perfection."

TVHRC is a licensed American Kennel Club, including being a member of the National Master Club and is affiliated with the North American Hunting Retriever Association.



AKC Hunt Test, April 4-5, 2009:

Our Third AKC-certified Hunting Test has been scheduled for April 4-5. Location, event secretary, and judges will be announced. Registration will be through EntryExpress.

As always, we need many more volunteers to run a successful event. Even if you're running a dog we can still use your help in other areas of the hunt test. Significant others, children (yours or otherwise), relatives, and neighbors are all welcome as skilled or unskilled volunteers. Please contact a club officer and let them know how you can help.

Hot Off the Grill with Cindy maybe providing lunches to purchase for everyone, not yet confirmed. Workers will get a sack lunch free.

Young adults helping will get \$60 per day or \$70 if they work both days. Bird people for the judges will be getting \$35 for their help.

Birds left over from the test will be used for the next two training days.

2009 ANNUAL BANQUET

The annual event will be on Saturday, January 31 at 5:00 pm at the American Legion Hall in Meridian, 22 W Broadway. The banquet is a pot luck, so please bring a dish to share with everyone. To diversify our menu here is our suggestions:

- A-F Salad and side dishes
- G-L Main dish
- M-Z Desserts

The annual elections will also be held at this time for the club officers and board members. Please submit your nominations or your interest in a office/board member position to Steve Thompson before January 31.

There will also be raffle drawings and silent auction items there to bid on.

TVHRC 2009 calendar

At the TVHRC Board of Directors meeting on January 12, it was voted to schedule TVHRC 2009 events for the same days as 2008. Thus the calendar date will be a day or two earlier than in 2008. Thus our scheduled events for 2009 are:

- Training days: Feb 14 & 28, March 14 & 28, May 16
- AKC hunt test April 4-5
- Kid's Day and Super Singles for June 13; and the Turkey Shoot July 12.
- Annual Turkey Shoot will be July 11 at Duck Buster Kennels, Emmett ID.

What is a Training Day? The TVHRC training committee will set-up training scenarios for dogs and handlers of different skill levels. The emphasis is on TRAINING, not TESTING—everyone is there to help and new handlers and their families are welcomed.

ADVERTISING WITH TVHRC

If you would like to put your business ad with us or have us help you sell a dog/litter of puppies please contact the club secretary/webmaster.

The ads for the newsletter must be no larger than a business card size and will be \$5.00 per newsletter. These newsletters to approximately 100 current and perspective members.

These newsletters to approximately 100 current and perspective members and posted on the TVHRC website: www.TVHRC.com.

www.petflight.com

PetFlight is devoted to airline travel information for pets, including links to individual airline regulations regarding pets and news about incidents involving pets during airline flights.

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On the calendar:

- Annual Banquet 2009:
January 31
- Training days: Feb 14 & 28, March 14 & 28, May 16
- TVHRC AKC Hunt Test:
April 4-5, 2009
- Kid's Day and Super Singles June 13
- Turkey Shoot July 11

Treasurer's Report

The Club treasury currently as of 1-12-09 has a balance of:

\$5465.13

Balance as of 1-2-08;
\$4969.45

Annual Banquet 08: \$1588

Training days brought in: \$2598

Both hunt tests in 2008:
(\$933.56)

Turkey Shoot, July 11

The 5th annual Turkey Shoot at Duck Buster Kennels is coming up. Please make an effort to come and enjoy the company of fellow marksmen and competition of the shoot and lunch. It has been very eventful in the past, come be apart of it this year, everyone is welcome.

Kid's Day and Super Singles, June 13

Here is another great opportunity to spend great quality time with the family, at the Youth Test. At this event where there is no age limit, it gives our youth and first-time handlers a first-time experience of the hunt test and the chance to work the family dog too. The participants also have a chance to win prizes in our bumper and duck toss. We have prizes and ribbons for those who participate and have fun.

For the adults that day, we have the opportunity to gain bragging rights to how fast our K9 companion can do single retrieves. This is a timed event for one land mark and one water mark. Combined times will determine the fastest dog there. Come show us how fast your K9 hunting buddy is!

Training Days 2009

This past years training days have been a great success! Turn outs have been out of this world, we are looking at 25-30 dogs at any given event no matter what the weather and we are still growing in numbers. With all this happening, we have had a chance to meet new people with their dogs and to see our old buddies again after a great hunting season. Coming together to help one another has been very beneficial for most of us, giving us new ideas for training and getting us to see our errors with a chance to improve on them with the help of our club members. While at the same time helping people keep their K9 friend exercised and healthy all year round. Thank you goes out to all who help in keeping this educational and by providing us with the help we need to further our companions at home and in the field.

TVHRC Newsletter distribution by email

Because most TVHRC members now have email and access to the Web, I will be distributing this newsletter electronically to those with email addresses. *I will continue to mail printed copies to those without email or who request a paper copy.* In addition, newsletters that are mailed will now be in black and white instead of color. This will save the club a couple of hundred dollars a year in postage and duplication costs.

Again, if you would rather have a copy mailed, please let me know—it's not a problem.

I send out reminders by email of club events or other relevant information. However, even if I have the correct email address, I always have a few bounce because of spam-filter settings. Check your settings and make sure that at least club officers are added and that attachments are acceptable. Also, keep an eye out for email address changes.

New Equipment Purchased

The club has agreed to purchase new launchers to assist in the upcoming hunt test and training days. With these the bird throws will be more accurate and consistent for each dog in the field.

Bob Burkett made the purchase with Gunners Up Wingers and we will be getting 3 launchers for the good of the club and its future.

The club will be looking into later purchasing the electronics for those launchers do to the electronic (servo/solenoid) get damaged too much with people pulling on them with the rope.

Ear Cleaning Tips

How to clean an Ear:

Apply approximately 1 tsp of an ear rinse/cleanser into the ear canal and massage thoroughly. Some people occlude the canal with a small amount of cotton during this process to protect against drenching should the pet shake its head. For maximum benefit, allow the solution to remain for at least 5 minutes before attempting to manually clean .

Clean the ear by putting balls of cotton in the ear and massaging so the debris sticks to the cotton. An applicator stick may be of assistance where repetitive cleaning is required. In dry and /or irritated ears with little debris and/or wax, the cotton may become irritating. In these cases, a tiny bulb or a water pick can be helpful.

It is always best to clean your pet's ears with an ear cleanser prior to treating for ear mites and/or other ear conditions.

How do I know an animal has ear mites?

Look for these symptoms: scratching at ears, shaking of head, crusty appearance in ear. Ear mites usually induce the formation of a dry, dark brown, waxy exudate with crusts. Don't forget to use an ear cleanser in conjunction with the ear mite treatment.

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Club Officers and Board Members 2008

Club Officers

President:	Steve Thompson	344-2439
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AKC Rep:	Don Wall	362-5565

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ELECTROLYTES: Electrolytes are minerals that are most important in the body fluids. When they are lost, during heavy exercise or diarrhea, they must be replaced to prevent dehydration. Minerals, such as potassium, sodium, chloride, magnesium, play a crucial role during muscle contractions while transmitting electrical impulses into the cells.

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2009 Calendar of Events in our Area

January

31 January 09 Annual Banquet

February

7 Feb 09 IRC Picnic trial day
 14 Feb 09 TVHRC training day
 21 Feb 09 IRC Picnic trial day
 28 Feb 09 TVHRC training day

March

7 March 09 IRC Picnic trial day
 14 March 09 TVHRC training day
 21 March 09 IRC Picnic trial day
 28 March 09 TVHRC training day (flyers to buy)

April

4-5 April 09 TVHRC AKC Hunt test, Treasure Valley
 11 April 09 Copper Lundy Fletcher, Treasure Valley
 11-12 April 09 RVRC, White City, OR
 18-19 April 09 IRC AKC Hunt test, Treasure Valley
 25 April 09 Wasatch AKC Hunt, Salt Lake City, UT

May

1-3 May 09 IRC Field Trial
 9 May 09 Weber River AKC hunt test, Corinne, UT
 16 May 09 TVHRC training day
 24 May 09 Wasatch AKC hunt test, Salt Lake, UT
 30-31 May 09 IRC AKC hunt test, double header

June

12 June 09 Kid's Day/Super Singles
 20 June 09 Wasatch AKC test, near Salt Lake, UT

July

11 July 09 Annual Turkey Shoot, Duck Buster Kennels

August

No dates at this time

September

4-6 Sept 08 IRC Field Trial

September

No dates at this time

Abbreviations

ACC	American Chesapeake Club
AKC	American Kennel Club
EGRC	Evergreen Golden Retriever Club / Carnation, WA
EIRC	Eastern Idaho Retriever Club / Roberts, ID
IRC	Idaho Retriever Club / Boise, ID
NAHRA	North American Hunting Retriever Assn
NIHRC	North Id Hunt Retriever Club / Chewelah, WA
PSLRA	Puget Sound Lab Retriever Assoc / Carnation, WA
OHRC	Oregon Hunt Retriever Club / Portland, OR
ORTC	Oregon Retriever Trail Club / Portland, OR
RCLRC	Rose City Lab Retriever Club / Portland, OR
RHC	Rainier Hunt Club / Carnation, WA
RVRC	Rogue Valley Retriever Club /
SRRTC	Snake River Retriever Trial Club / Pocatello, ID
SRC	Spokane Retriever Club / Spokane, WA
TSRC	Treasure State Retriever Club /
UVRC	Umpqua Valley Retriever Club / Glide, OR
WHRC	Wasatch Hunting Retriever Club / SLC, UT
WRRC	Weber River Retriever Club / Corinne, UT
WRRCI	Wood River Retriever Club
WMRC	Western Montana Retriever Club

More Information on AKC Hunt Tests or Field Trials:
www.entryexpress.net

More information on Equipment or Supplies:
www.mackspw.com
www.LCSupply.com
www.dogsafield.com
www.shopberetta.com
www.DOGSUnlimited.com

Magazines:
www.workingretriever.com
www.ducks.org
www.justlabsmagazine.com

Don't forget to vaccinate your K9 companion so we are all safer at public events.

Contact Carol Rhea (carol@k9etiquette.com) to add calendar items

Classified Ads

Duck Buster Kennels



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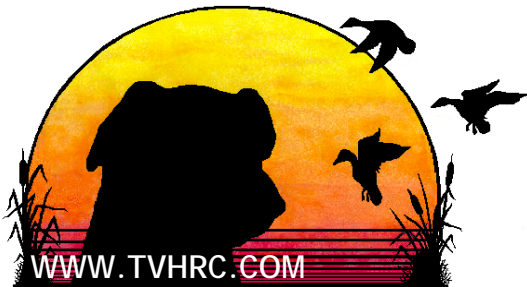
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