

# The Fetching Post

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT – Doug Rowden

Hello WRHRC members, been cold enough for you? Let's hope spring gets here soon so we can get back to training and ready for a new Hunt Test season.

A Board of Directors meeting was held March 8<sup>th</sup> and from that the club has a fabulous year in store as you can see from the following list of events planned:

- Picnic Tests – April 25<sup>th</sup> & June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Training Nights @ Club grounds - Monday evenings
- Annual Seven Singles – May 9<sup>th</sup>
- WRHRC hosting NAHRA sanctioned Hunt Tests – July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12
- Club garage sale – details to be announced
- Upland Stake in September
- Stay tuned to the Fetching Post for additional activities as they come up

Also continued improvements to the grounds are on tap, everything from weed control measures to mound installation and road improvement will undertaken as volunteers, time and money allow.

At this time I would like to introduce this years Board of Directors so you know who is who in the zoo:

- Doug Rowden – President
- Ron Adlington – Vice president
- Greg Drew – Treasurer
- Nancy Holland – Secretary
- Lisa Williams – Membership Secretary
- Colette Prefontaine – Board Member
- Les Norzen – Board Member
- Carl Ellingsen – Board Member

As always I encourage everyone to come and support the club you and your dog will have fun!

Thanks Doug Rowden



## FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Hi All! Finally, it seems to be warming up! Can't say that I really trust that Spring is here...but I sure am hoping!

This newsletter contains a lot of information about upcoming events for 2009. If you are going to attend any of the picnic tests or the Seven Singles, **please RSVP** to the appropriate person. This is necessary to plan for enough birds. Also, if you say you are going to be there...please do attend!

Enclosed is a copy of the AGM minutes, as well as the minutes from a recent Board of Directors meeting. Our new board is working hard, planning events and the maintenance of the Club lands.

This publication is an opportunity for you to submit any articles you get permission for us to use, to announce to the world how wonderful your dog is, or even submit a brag for a friend!

As I have mentioned before, I would welcome it, if someone would like to take over this newsletter. It isn't a big deal to me. I just think that some of you might like a change, new ideas and a fancier lay-out!

Here's hoping that we will have a slow steady thaw, from here on. I am really looking forward to getting out to field train my new pup, before she isn't so "new" anymore!

Happy Training!

Mary Shillabeer  
WRHRC Newsletter Editor

### NAHRA NEWS

There have been lots of changes with the NAHRA organization, too many to report here! To update yourself, check out <http://www.nahranews.org/>

**Our Year- End Wind –Up  
Was held:**

Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Calgary Gun Club near DeWinton.

Thank you to the following people for attending our wind-up:  
Rick & Teresa Lind, Carl Ellingsen, Collette Prefontaine, Les & Irene Norczen ,  
Shaun Brien, Nancy Holland, Lisa Williams, Mary Shillabeer & Tom Matier, Ron Adlington

Thank you to the following people for donations to the raffles:  
Irene & Les Norczen, Shaun Brien, Jack Gardiner, Ron Adlington & Purina

**PHEASANT SHOOT RAFFLE**

Was won by  
**Jim Rhyno!**  
100% of the proceeds went to the Club!

Thanks, once more, to Ron for organizing this event and the raffle!



From Nancy Holland...

Ducks Unlimited Airdrie is hosting our dinner at the Town and Country Hall on **March 28**. It would be great to have people from the retriever club there. We usually make Ron and Harry sit at the Springer table. It would good to have another group there. Dinner is a good meal and includes wine and more importantly your Ducks Unlimited Membership. You will receive the Conservator magazine to let you know the projects DU is working on. Lots of information for Kids too, with the Greenwing program.

I'd be pleased to hold a ticket for you at the door. Come have a fun night for a good cause!

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**Wild Rose Hunting Retriever Club  
Annual General Meeting  
January 11, 2009**

**Called to order at 5:35**

**Attendance:**

Mary Shillabeer, Rick & Pam Murphy, Les & Irene Norczen, Ron Kluzak & Sandra Nanke, Shaun Brien, Nancy Holland, Carl Ellingsen, Greg Drew, Doug Rowden & Cynthia Pasloski, Collette Prefontaine, Neil Holmes, Larry Dupuis, Lisa Williams, Kathy Miner, Lori Lancaster, Ron Adlington

**Agenda:**

Adoption of agenda by Ron Adlington moved Doug Rowden. Second Lisa Williams.

**President's Report**

Doug Rowden reviewed last year's activities and concluded that 2008 was a good year.

**Treasurer's Report**

Greg Drew presented the financial statements for 2008

Current Bank Balance	\$ 6,080.16
GIC	\$10,000.00

Change over last year down about \$100 cash

Greg Drew moved to adopt, second by Larry Dupuis

**Vice President's Report**

Ron Adlington reported that we completed road improvement in 2008. We hired a neighbour to cut the foxtail in late July.

2009 plans include:

- a finer gravel on the road
- Build some new mounds to provide new training sites. Ron Klusak volunteered his bobcat to help with shaping the new mounds. He can transport by trailer. Ron offered to discuss compensation.
- Cut the foxtail earlier this year
- A company to spray the foxtail was contacted but the timing has not been right to spray with a product called CURB

The people who volunteer to put on events are also the ones who are training dogs. Good to see some of the new members become involved. We have a good number of members. By comparison the local retriever field trial clubs have 6 people. WRHRC is the largest retriever club. Membership covers the cost of the Lease, Insurance, and Land maintenance

**2009 Upcoming Events**

1. Picnic Test April 25. Doug Rowden and Greg Drew will organize and mentor Les Norczen and Collette Prefontaine. Location Kathryn grounds Start time for registration 8:00am
2. Seven Singles May 9. Mary Shillabeer and Larry Dupuis will judge. Location Larry's place off #817 south of Strathmore. Start time for Registration 8:00am
3. Picnic Test June 6. Les Norczen and Collette Prefontaine. Will organize this event. Location Kathryn grounds Start time for registration 8:00am

4. NAHRA Hunt Test July 11 & 12 at Reinhardt's land east of Irricana. We need a chair. Darcy has offered to assist the chair. Lisa Williams volunteered to be test Secretary. Ron will contact some members who were unable to attend. Will confirm with Lois Aitken that the Edmonton test is July 18 & 19
5. Upland Stake Date to be advised. Wayne Brennen to set this up at Wessex before the February 20 weekend event in Brooks.
6. NAHRA North West Regional – no definite information at this time. TBA check the NAHRA website.
7. Eastern Slopes Spaniel Association asked to have a hunt test August 2 & 3 on club land.

Weed control discussion. Collette Prefontaine has a licence for spraying. She is knowledgeable with weed control spray that may be suitable for the training grounds. Larry Dupuis has a large sprayer. Doug Rowden, Larry Dupuis, Collette Prefontaine and Ron Adlington will meet to discuss the best action and timing.

**Election of Officers**

<b>President</b>	Doug Rowden
<b>Vice President</b>	Ron Adlington
<b>Treasurer</b>	Greg Drew
<b>Secretary</b>	Nancy Holland
<b>Membership Director</b>	Lisa Williams
<b>Director</b>	Carl Ellingsen
<b>Director</b>	Collette Prefontaine
<b>Newsletter</b>	Mary Shillabeer will create a newsletter and would like to have someone shadow her to take it over. Doug Rowden to contact people. Remember the newsletter needs submissions.

**Training Director TBA**

Discussion about training opportunities as a possible fundraiser for the club. We could approach some noted trainers to ask them to come in for a day. Possible trainers are Rick Smith, Denis Voight. Ron will contact some people to discuss the possibility.  
Our goal is to attract new people who want to develop their dogs

**EQUIPMENT**

Shaun Brien reports that the trailer was in good shape. A week before it is used for the first time the tires need to be inflated and a general check up.  
The electronics do not work on one of the wingers. We should have electronics for one of the Zinger Wingers. We are eligible for a special dog club price from Zinger Winger. Using the electronics provides us consistent throws at the test when we may have inexperienced throwers.  
Moved by Mary Shillabeer, seconded by Carl Ellingsen that Shaun Brien will obtain electronics for the Bird release box and Zinger winger. All approved

**New Lock to be installed on the front gate the first weekend in February. Members who have renewed will receive the new combination.**

Lisa Williams moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:20. Carl Ellingsen Second

## **WRHRC Board of Directors Meeting March 8, 2009**

Called to order 3:15pm

Present: Doug Rowden, Les Norczen, Collette Prefontaine, Marnie Shaw, Ron Adlington, Greg Drew, Nancy Holland

### **Treasurer's report**

Current Balance about \$7000 plus the \$10,000 GIC

To deposit membership fees of about \$2000

To pay - Lease, Pheasant License, Insurance

Income expected from:

Picnic tests - \$200

7 Singles - \$500

NAHRA Test - Break even

Agreed to pay for :

Road gravel – WID to put small gravel over the base. Doug Rowden Liason.

Weed spray –Collette and Larry Dupuis will look after spraying.

Dirt to build mounds and bobcat work

Wessex Deposit for 2009 birds

### **Wessex Game Bird shoots**

Next fall, for preparation of pheasant hunting season and prior to the Brooks Classic. The entry fees will pay for the cost of the birds, the club is not subsidizing this event.

### **Picnic Tests**

April 25

June 6

We have some judges but need more. Anyone interested please contact Les or Doug.

Marshals Nancy and Cindy; Equipment trailer dry run will be for June test; Gunners will be participants;

Collette to get the pigeons; Doug has the ribbons

Discussion about use of bumpers for Started dogs:

**Note** –proposed by Ron Adlington- Judges of Started level dogs only will allow bumpers if requested at the start of the day. Second Doug Rowden; all agree

Notice to follow shortly

Premium - Started and Intermediate - \$12, Senior \$15

### **Birds**

We have some birds in Brooks which Doug will pick up.

**NOTE:** We are looking for some freezer space.

We have enough birds for the tests.

### **Training nights**

Mondays are a good night for Ron Adlington and he has offered to coordinate training. We will split into groups by experience.

Start time 6:30 beginning April 6

### **Grounds**

Collette recommended cutting the entire property, then when the thistles begin to grow that is the time to do a spring spraying. Ron Adlington will check with the person who mowed the grass last fall to ask about early spring cutting of all land and to arrange an early July cutting of the foxtail.

**Notes** about spraying and safety to dogs:

An email will be sent out the week of planned spraying

It takes 24 hours for the herbicide to be absorbed.

A sign will be posted at the gate advising the date and time of application

Ron and others will work on building mounds to create a platform to allow the dogs to have a better view of marks. We are looking for some clay to build the mounds.

### **NAHRA Hunt Test**

Chair is Howie Boyda for July 11 and 12

Judges are looked after

Lisa Williams is test secretary and marshal for Senior.

Marshal Started Intermediate is Nancy.

We have birds, the equipment trailer will be checked at the June 6 picnic test.

Proposal from Marnie Shaw to have a garage sale of hunting related items such as clothing, gun cases, decoys, books, videos, pictures. We would need a tent to put the items in and protect them from the elements. Planned for June Picnic test. Marnie will coordinate. Proceeds to the club.

**NOTE:** Does anyone have a tent that we could use to display the garage sale items?

### **Pheasant hunt draw and dinner - TBD**

## **SEVEN SINGLES SERIES – Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Submitted by Mary Shillabeer

We are planning our annual (10<sup>th</sup>) Seven Singles Series, at Larry Dupuis' place near Strathmore. Each year the dog work is more and more impressive, which makes judging more of a challenge! We plan to have a Calcutta again, so let's see how smart you are when it comes to predicting who will win? **Howie Boyda** and **Sunny** were the big winners last year, not only winning the event, but **Shaun Brien** won the Calcutta.

Once again, we would like to hire gunners. **If you have any suggestions or if you have a couple of kids that would like to make a little cash**, please let me know at [lottadoghair@telusplanet.net](mailto:lottadoghair@telusplanet.net). Having paid gunners makes for a much more relaxing day, even if we just have one. That worked out really well so we will try to do it again this year.

All dogs are guaranteed three or four birds (depending on the number of dogs that enter), after that, teams are invited back for each of the series, which get progressively more difficult. We hope to offer fabulous burgers from Chez Nancy & Greg, but can't guarantee this as of yet! If you see Nancy, let her know that is why you come!

We will need to know how many will be attending so that we have enough birds, so **please RSVP by May 4<sup>th</sup>** to Mary at 403-254-1314 or [lottadoghair@telusplanet.net](mailto:lottadoghair@telusplanet.net)

## **2009 UPCOMING FIELD EVENTS**

Compiled by Mary Shillabeer

- Apr 11-12 Cowichan Valley, Vancouver Island – CKC Hunt Tests (2JH-2SH-2MH), Pacific Rim Hunting Retriever Club, FMI contact Judy Teskey 250-245-4314 [jkteskey@telus.net](mailto:jkteskey@telus.net) [www.prhrc.com](http://www.prhrc.com) or [www.bcretrievernews.ca](http://www.bcretrievernews.ca)
- Apr 25-26 Bridal Falls, BC – CKC Hunt Tests (3 Events in 2 days...not sure of events...I think 3JH-2SH-2MH), British Columbia Labrador Retriever Club (1995) Society, Michelle Macdonald, 604-820-3624 – phone number “not in use”...sorry folks...don’t know the details of this event – check [www.bcretrievernews.ca](http://www.bcretrievernews.ca) or <http://www.ckc.ca/en/Default.aspx?tabid=87&page=0>
- Apr 25 Kathyrn – WRHRC Picnic Test - Birds fall at 9:00 a.m., Registration - 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. FMI contact Doug Rowden, 283-5512 [ringneckroost@shaw.ca](mailto:ringneckroost@shaw.ca)**
- May 2-3 Milo - Spaniel Field Trial, Calgary English Springer Spaniel Club, Martin Miller, 403-998-8170
- May 2-3 Calgary – Heart and Eye Clinics, Dr Wood & Dr Grahn, Calgary Associated Dog Fanciers, FMI see <http://www.cadf.ca/events.html> or contact Linda Verges 403-247-6942, [lverges@shaw.ca](mailto:lverges@shaw.ca)
- May 2-3 Abbotsford, BC – CKC Hunt Tests (2JH-2SH2MH), British Columbia Golden Retriever Club, Candice Field, 604-736-3869 [www.bcretrievernews.ca](http://www.bcretrievernews.ca)
- May 9 Strathmore – WRHRC Seven Singles Series, Larry Dupuis’s, Strathmore, Registration 8:30 am, Start at 9:00 am FMI contact Mary Shillabeer [lottadoghair@telusplanet.net](mailto:lottadoghair@telusplanet.net) 403-254-1314**
- May 9-10 Espanola, WA – NAHRA Field Tests (2SR-2WR-2MHR), Spokane Bird Dog Association, Bob Trapp, 509-928-7799, [shellbob@netscape.com](mailto:shellbob@netscape.com)
- May 9-10 Regina – Field Trial (O, O, Q, Q), Regina Retriever Club, G Buchan 306-584-2596
- May 16-17 Vernon, BC – CKC Hunt Tests (2JH-2SH-2MH), Okanagan Retriever Club, Sherrill Smith 250-767-2466 [oksmiths@shaw.ca](mailto:oksmiths@shaw.ca)
- May 16-17 Saskatoon – Field Trials (O, O, Q, Q, J), Saskatoon Retriever Club, Sue Taylor, 306-343-4993
- May 22-24 Kamloops – THREE CKC Hunt Tests (3JH-3SH-3MH), Kamloops Gun Dog Club, Sean Bennett, 250-372-1190 [www.bcretrievernews.ca](http://www.bcretrievernews.ca)
- May 23-24 Helena Montana - NAHRA Field Tests & REGIONAL (2SR-2WR-2MHR), Helena Valley Gun Dog Association, Pete Test, 406-449-3688, [ptest4@netzero.net](mailto:ptest4@netzero.net)
- May 30-31 Red Deer – Field Trial (O, O, Q), Red Deer Retriever Club, Marg Murray, 403-248-3347, [tkmurray@telus.net](mailto:tkmurray@telus.net)
- Jun 6-7 Bradwell, SK - Working Certificate Series (2WC-2WCI-2WCX), Saskatoon Retriever Club, Sharon Ball, 306-329-4266
- Jun 6 Kathyrn – WRHRC NAHRA Picnic Test - Birds fall at 9:00 a.m., Registration - 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. FMI contact Les Norczen 403-239-4081 [norczen@telusplanet.net](mailto:norczen@telusplanet.net)**
- Jun 6-7 Edmonton – Field Trial (O, O, Q, Q, J, P), Wild Rose Retriever Club, Gord Benn, 780-998-5086
- Jun 13-14 Lethbridge – Field Trial (O, A, Q, J), Rocky Mountain Sporting Dog Club, Ron Bischke 403-320-2011



- Jun 20-21\* Pilot Butte, SK – CKC Hunt Tests (2JH-2SH-2MH), Regina Retriever Club
- Jun 21 Cowichan Valley, Vancouver Island - One Working Certificate Series (1WC-1WCI-1WCX), Pacific Rim Hunting Retriever Club, Tracey Griffin, 250-245-8794
- Jun 22 Swallowfield, Vancouver Island - One Working Certificate Series (1WC-1WCI-1WCX), Flat-Coated Retriever Society of Canada, held in conjunction with the FCR National Specialty
- Jun 20-21\* Didsbury, AB – Spaniel Field Trials, Eastern Slopes Spaniel Association, Boyd McIntyre, 403-938-2168
- Jun 27-28 Saskatoon – Field Trials (O, O), Saskatchewan Retriever Clubs Association, Sue Taylor, 306-343-4993
- Jun 27-29 Wabamum, AB – Three CKC Hunt Tests (3JH-3SH-3MH), Labrador Retriever Club of Alberta, Sharon Willis, 780-962-7907
- Jun 27-28 Puget Sound, WA – NAHRA Field Tests (2SR-2WR-2MHR), Puget Sound Retriever Club, Tim Lockard, 360-598-3818, [tlockard.wa@netzero.net](mailto:tlockard.wa@netzero.net)
- Jul 11-12 Irricana – Two NAHRA Field Tests, (2SR-2WR-2MHR), Wild Rose Hunting Retriever Club, Lisa Williams, 403-256-7579, [mydogs3@shaw.ca](mailto:mydogs3@shaw.ca)**
- Jul 15 Surrey, BC – One Working Certificate Series (1WC-1WCI-1WCX), Golden Retriever Club of Canada – held in conjunction with the GRCC National Specialty, Candice Field, 604-736-3869
- Jul 18-19 Wabamum, AB – Two NAHRA Field Tests (2SR-2WR-2MHR), Alberta Clippers Hunting Retriever Association, Lois Aitken, 780-662-4564, [laitken@compusmart.ab.ca](mailto:laitken@compusmart.ab.ca)**
- Jul 20-25 Regina, SK – National Amateur Retriever Championship, L. Ning, 306-545-0515
- Aug 1-2 Kalispell, MT – NAHRA Field Tests (2SR-2WR-2MHR), Big Sky Hunting Retriever Club, Judy Cornell, 406-862-5083, [judy@whitefishrental.com](mailto:judy@whitefishrental.com)
- Aug 2-3 **Kathryn Club Land closed for training**, for Spaniel Field Trial
- Aug 1-3 Saskatoon – Hunt Tests (3JH-3SH-3MH), Saskatoon Retriever Club, Tracy Auchstaetter, 306-652-7863
- Aug 15-16 Pilot Butte, SK – Working Certificate Series (2WC-2WCI-2WCX), Regina Retriever Club, Heather Faulkner, 306-781-4317
- Aug 15-16 Irricana - Field Trial (O, O, Q, J), Stampede City Retriever Club, Marg Murray, 403-248-3347, [tkmurray@telus.net](mailto:tkmurray@telus.net)
- Aug 15-16 Regina – Two Working Certificate Series (2WC-2WCI-2WCX), Regina Retriever Club, Heather Faulkner, 306-781-4317
- Aug 21 Maple Ridge, BC - One Working Certificate Series (1WC-1WCI-1WCX), British Columbia Labrador Retriever Club (1995) Society, Robin Traynor, 250-296-3698
- Aug 22 Aldergrove, BC – “Two Working Certificate Events in One day”...not sure what that means... British Columbia All Retriever Club, Christine Kobler, 604-846-4840

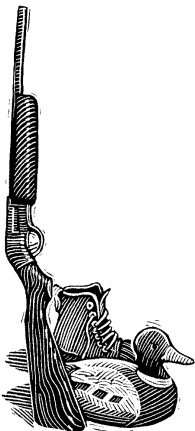
- Aug 22-23 Strathmore – Field Trials (O, O, J, Q), Alberta Field Trial Club, Sharon Van der Lee, 403-901-1166
- Aug 29-30 Espanola, WA – NAHRA Field Tests (2SR-2WR-2MHR), Spokane Bird Dog Association, Bob Trapp, 509-928-7799, [shellbob@netscape.com](mailto:shellbob@netscape.com) or [shelbob@netscape.com](mailto:shelbob@netscape.com) not sure which one...
- Aug 29 Edmonton – Field Trial (O), Wild Rose Retriever Club, Gord Benn, 780-998-5086
- Aug 30 Red Deer – Field Trial (O), Red Deer Retriever Club, Marg Murray, 403-248-3347, [tkmurray@telus.net](mailto:tkmurray@telus.net)
- Sep 5-6 Red Deer – Field Trial (O, O, Q, J), Alberta Retriever Clubs Association, Marg Murray, 403-248-3347, [tkmurray@telus.net](mailto:tkmurray@telus.net)
- Sep 5-6\* Vancouver Island – CKC Hunt Tests (2JH-2SH-2MH), Pacific Rim Hunting Retriever Club, [www.prhrc.com](http://www.prhrc.com) or [www.bcretrievernews.ca](http://www.bcretrievernews.ca)
- Sep 19-20 Abbotsford, BC – CKC Hunt Tests (2JH-2SH-2MH), Golden Retriever Club of British Columbia, Candice Field, 604-736-3869

Please confirm all information with the host Club

**\* Pending CKC/NAHRA approval**

This list may not be complete – Please check the CKC, NAHRA, the National Retriever Club of Canada <http://www.nrcc-canada.com/> sites, or the host Club sites, to confirm information.

If you have an event you would like listed, please forward the information to Mary at [lottadoghair@telusplanet.net](mailto:lottadoghair@telusplanet.net) or 403-254-1314. Thank you.



**BRAGS AND BRAVO**

Congratulations to **Ron Adlington** and **FTCH AFTCH RDC's Jazztime's Inkspot** for placing in the Top Ten Dogs In Canada playing in the Field Trial game! Inky was #4 Open All-Age and #5 Combined All-Age.

Congratulations also to **Robin and Nonnie Dean** and **Deano's Don Juan** for placing #9 Junior Dog!

**2008 ALBERTA DOG STATISTICS**

- Courtesy of Marcy Borgford

## ALL-AGE DOGS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>WINS</u>	<u>PLACINGS</u>	<u>CM'S</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1.FTCH AFTCH Fifth Avenue's Rockin' Reba	Gord & Marlene Benn	3	7	9	23
<b>2. FTCH AFTCH RDC's Jazztime Trip's Inkspot</b>	<b>Ron Adlington</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>
3. FTCH AFTCH Bulrush Yellow Bud	Ron Bischke	1	9	4	21
3. FTCH AFTCH Revilo's Cutting Edge	Tom & Marg Murray	1	9	4	21
5. Revilo's Gunz'n Roses	Tom & Marg Murray	0	5	7	13
6. FTCH AFTCH Just'a Storm Code	Gord & Marlene Benn	0	6	7	11
7. FTCH AFTCH She's Gonna Rip	Bobby Lindsay	1	2	4	8
8. FTCH AFTCH Raindancer's Wild Side	Joe Leptick	1	2	2	7
9. Chena River Bandit's Ambush	Graham Bowman	1	1	2	5
10. Pokolodi's Go Go Sally	Bobby Lindsay	0	2	2	3
11. Bulrush Shelby	Ron Bischke	0	1	4	2
<b>11. Chena River Robber's Roost</b>	<b>Harry England</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
11. FTCH AFTCH Fifth Aveue's Mighty Maximus	Bruce McDonald	0	1	4	2
11. AFTCH Ram River's Spice Girl	Bob James	0	1	3	2
11. Revilo's At Full Tilt	Marcy Borgford	0	1	3	2
16. AFTCH Raindancer's Tomahawk	Don Pollock	0	1	3	1
16. Wingbuster's Indecent Proposal	Lois Aitken	0	1	0	1
18. Chinook's Ben There Done That	Wayne Lamb	0	0	2	0
18. Dream Dancin'	Bobby Lindsay	0	0	2	0
18. Ram River Snowbird	Bob James	0	0	1	0
18. AFTCH Ram River Spring Fever	Bob James	0	0	6	0
18. Revilo's Red Hot Rumors	Marcy Borgford	0	0	1	0
18. Telgar's Herbie Fully Loaded	Gord & Marlene Benn	0	0	2	0

## QUALIFYING DOGS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>WINS</u>	<u>PLACINGS</u>	<u>CMS</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1. Revilo's Easy Pic	Ray Koskinen	2	5	0	18
	Don Pollock/Glen				
2. Maralan's Fifty Fifty	Norton	2	4	1	14
3. Revilo's Blue Maxx	Lawrence Purdy	1	2	0	6
<b>4. Biggun's Dailey</b>	<b>Dee Parsons</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
5. Beefbark's Chewed Shoe	Roger Wilkins	0	1	2	1
5. Telgar's Herbie Fully Loaded	Gord & Marlene Benn	0	1	4	1
7. Breeze's Northern Storm	Jim Nichols	0	0	1	0
7. Puttin The Hammer Down	Bobby Lindsay	0	0	1	0
7. Remi's Northern Breeze	Jim Nichols	0	0	1	0
7. Watermark's Absolute Value	Barry Grundy	0	0	1	0

## JUNIOR DOGS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>WINS</u>	<u>PLACINGS</u>	<u>CMS</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1. Deano's Don Juan	Robin & Nonie Dean	1	4	2	14
2. Albeck's Yankee Hustler	Harry England	1	3	0	10
3. Breeze's Northern Storm	Jim Nichols	0	5	0	8
4. Ringneck's Rocket Man	Bill&Debbie Pogson	0	2	3	3
5. Biggun's Over Tucqan	Murray Murphy	0	2	3	3
5. Raindancer's Duck Junky	Joe Leptick	0	2	0	3
7. Watermark's Absolute Value	Barry Grundy	0	1	0	1
8. Everready's Phat N Sassy	Ron Bischke	0	0	1	0

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Upcoming WRHRC Events

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>** Kathyrn – WRHRC Picnic Test - Birds fall at 9:00 a.m., Registration - 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. FMI contact Doug Rowden, 283-5512 [ringneckroost@shaw.ca](mailto:ringneckroost@shaw.ca) \$12 for Started & Intermediate, \$15 for Senior, Members only – can join Club onsite, Tests begin at 9:00 am, Started and Intermediate stakes will most likely be run together, based on numbers. Participants are to bring their own lunch and come prepared to help out! **Please RSVP** (Handler's name, dog's name and level), **so we can plan for the correct number of birds!**

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** Strathmore – WRHRC Seven Singles Series, Larry Dupuis's, Strathmore, Entry fee \$20.00 (*members only*), Registration 8:30 am, First bird falls at 9:00 am, minimum three birds guaranteed (depending on entry, could get more), FMI contact the judges - Larry Dupuis at [dupuisre@telus.net](mailto:dupuisre@telus.net) 540-7704 or Mary Shillabeer [lottadoghair@telusplanet.net](mailto:lottadoghair@telusplanet.net) 254-1314

Directions:

Drive East on Highway 1 to Strathmore. Turn South on Highway 817 for 4.7 km; turn east for 1.7 km.  
OR

Drive East on Highway 22X for 40 km (from Deerfoot Trail) to Highway 817, turn north for 10.3km, turn east for 1.7 km.

OR

Drive East on Glenmore Trail to Highway 817, turn North for 1.6 km, turn East for 1.7 km.

*Signs \*should\* be posted where you turn off Highway 817, but print off these directions!*

**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** Kathyrn – WRHRC NAHRA Picnic Test - Birds fall at 9:00 a.m., Registration - 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. FMI contact Les Norczen 403-239-4081 [norczen@telusplanet.net](mailto:norczen@telusplanet.net) \$12 for Started & Intermediate, \$15 for Senior, Members only – can join Club onsite, Tests begin at 9:00 am, Started and Intermediate stakes will most likely be run together, based on numbers. Participants are to bring their own lunch and come prepared to help out! **Please RSVP** (Handler's name, dog's name and level), **so we can plan for the correct number of birds!**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>** Irricana – Two NAHRA Field Tests, (2SR-2WR-2MHR), Wild Rose Hunting Retriever Club, Lisa Williams, 403-256-7579, [mydogs3@shaw.ca](mailto:mydogs3@shaw.ca)

**August 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>** Kathyrn Club Land closed for training, for Spaniel Field Trial

*From Retriever Training Net/Forums...*

## Avoiding Heat Related Injuries in Dogs

Nate Baxter DVM

The first thing that needs to be understood is that dogs and people are different enough that most of the info cannot cross lines. I do not profess to know what the appropriate procedures for people other than what I learned in first aid.

Dogs do not lose enough electrolytes thru exercise to make a difference, but if the dog gets truly into heat stroke the physiology changes will make them necessary. BUT oral replacement at that point is futile, they need intravenous fluids and electrolytes and lots of it.

Cooling: Evaporative cooling is the most efficient mean of cooling. However, in a muggy environment, the moisture will not evaporate so cooling does not happen well. I cool with the coldest water I can find and will use ice depending on the situation. The best way is to run water over the dog, so there is always fresh water in contact with the skin. When you immerse a dog in a tub, the water trapped in the hair coat will get warm next to the dog, and act as an insulator against the cool water and cooling stops. If you can run water over the dog and place it in front of a fan that is the best. Misting the dog with water will only help if you are in a dry environment or in front of a fan. Just getting the dog wet is not the point, you want the water to be cool itself, or to evaporate.

For MOST situations all you will need to do is get the dog in a cooler environment, i.e. shade, or in the cab of the truck with the air conditioning on (driving around so the truck does not overheat and the AC is more efficient). Up to a couple of years ago, I was very concerned about my dogs getting too hot in the back of my black pickup with a black cap. New white truck fixed a lot of that problem. When I had one dog I just pulled the wire crate out of the car and put it in some shade and hopefully a breeze. But having 2 dogs and running from one stake to another, that was not feasible. So I built a platform to put the wire crates on, this raises the dog up in the truck box where the air flow is better. Then I placed a 3 speed box fan in front blowing on the dogs with a foot of space to allow better airflow. I purchased a power inverter that connects to the battery and allows the 3 speed fan to run from the truck power. It has an automatic feature that prevents it from draining the battery. When I turned that fan on medium I would find that the dogs were asleep, breathing slowly and appeared very relaxed and comfortable in a matter of 20 minutes or less, even on very hot muggy days.

Alcohol: I do carry it for emergencies. It is very effective at cooling due to the rapid evaporation. It should be used when other methods are not working. You should be on your way to the veterinarian before you get to this point. We recommend using rubbing alcohol, which is propylene alcohol, not ethyl, for those of you not aware. So do not try to drink it. Alcohol should be used on the pads and lower feet area where there is little more than skin and blood vessels over the bones. Use a little bit and let it evaporate, you can use too much as some is absorbed through the skin. There are concerns about toxicity, but you have to get the temperature down.

I purchased those cooling pads that you soak in cold water, but found that the dogs would not lay on them. I would hold them on the back of a dog that just worked to get a quick cool, but have not use them for years. I also bought a pair of battery operated fans but found them pretty useless. Spend your money on the power inverter and get a real fan.

Watching temperature: If you feel your dog is in danger of heat injury, check its temp and write it down. Keep checking the temp every 3 minutes. I recommend to get a "rectal glass thermometer. The digital ones for the drug store I have found to be very unreliable, Don't forget to shake it down completely each time, sounds silly, but when are worried about your companion, things tend to get mixed up. This is VERY IMPORTANT\*\*once the temp STARTS to drop, STOP ALL COOLING EFFORTS. The cooling process will continue even though you have stopped. If the temp starts at 106.5, and then next time it drops to 105.5, stop cooling the dog, dry it off, and continue monitoring. You will be amazed how it continues to go down. If you do not stop until the temp is 102, the temp will drop way too low. I cannot emphasize this point enough.

When the dog is so heated that it is panting severely, only let it have a few laps of water. Water in the stomach does not cool the dog, you just need to keep the mouth wet so the panting is more effective. Do not worry about hydration until the

temp has started down. A dog panting heavily taking in large amounts of water is a risk of bloat. Due to the heavy panting they will swallow air, mixed with a large amount of water they can bloat. Once the temp is going down and panting has slowed to more normal panting then allow water. The dog will re-hydrate it self after temp is normal. If the dog has a serious problem and even though you have gotten the temp normal, get the dog to a vet, as it can still need IV fluids and some medication. Also, a case of heat stroke can induce a case of hemorrhagic gastroenteritis (not parvo), with a ton of very bloody diarrhea and a lot of fluid and electrolyte loss. These cases need aggressive treatment.

The best method of treatment is prevention. Learn to watch your dog, and see the changes in the size of the tongue, and how quickly it goes down. Learn your dogs response to the different environments, and be careful when you head south for an early season hunt test or trial. I have been to Nashville at the end of May, only 5 hours away, but the difference in temp and humidity did effect the dogs as they were used to more spring weather in Ohio. Try different things in training to help the dog cool and learn what works better. Another very important point=> Do not swim your hot dog to cool it then put in put in a box/tight crate. Remember, evaporation can not take place in a tight space, and the box will turn into a sauna and you will cook your dog. Carry a stake out chain, and let the dog cool and dry before putting it up. I demonstrated this lesson this spring with my 10 month old pup. After doing a 15 minute session in yard drill on a warm 70+ degree day, she was panting pretty hard and was pretty hot. She was OK but it was time to stop. Just for the heck of it I took her temp. She was 103.6, above normal but too bad for a dog that had just finished working. In my back yard I have a 300 gallon Rubbermaid tub filled with water. I took her to it and she jumped in and out 3-4 times. She appeared totally improved, tongue was much smaller, and eyes brighter and her full spring was back into her step. So I re-took her temp and it was 104.2, so even though she looked better she was hotter. This is a perfect lesson to show not get a hot dog wet and then put them in a box. The water on her skin caused the blood vessels to constrict, decreasing blood flow to the skin. Therefore the hot blood was shunted back to the dog's core and retained the heat. You may have felt the same thing, after exercising but still being very warm, take a shower and get cooled off but as soon as you turn the shower off you start sweating again.

I know this is s bit long, but hopefully this is easy to understand and helps provide some useful information. Remember: Prevention, learn your dog. It is worth the time and effort.

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## **KATHYRN TRAINING GROUNDS**

The use of the Kathryn Training grounds is limited to WRHRC members, *and on occasion*, their guests. (If you are regularly training on the grounds with a non-member, please encourage your partner to join the Club!) Non-members are not allowed to train on the grounds.

**When on the grounds, PLEASE stay on existing trails. DO NOT DRIVE UP TO THE SHORE OF THE POND.** Please treat the land as if it were your own!