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Dusky HRC – President Rich Galetti

Report by VP Paul Cantrell

Dusky HRC club is alive and well in Oregon. Our training days have been well supported and we're looking forward to a fun hunting season with some well trained retrievers. HRC is thriving out here on the west coast and we're proud to share in the growth. The board has some strong initiatives outlined for the next year that we believe will really bring value to our members and ensure the stability of the club for many years. Our club has started purchasing some training equipment and we can't wait to start putting it to use helping our member's dogs. A large focus for the club is finding a way to give back to the sport and involve our youth. More to come on that in the months ahead. As a board we reviewed our first HT and while we consider it a huge success, we have already started making plans for a next one. You ain't seen anything yet.....

Until next time be safe and have fun.....

Salt Chuck HRC – President Bill Pearson

Our club has been busy the last few months. Members have been training hard for the West Coast hunt tests, and it looks like their efforts have paid off. In August Judy Teskey (our training coordinator) hosted an upland training day. Judy described the components of an upland hunt test, and then demonstrated an actual upland scenario. Different stations were then set up to allow handlers to train their dogs on the walk up, quartering, steady to flush, etc. The training day was especially appreciated by the handlers entering dogs in upland hunt test at the end of August



Judy Teskey explaining how to train for an Upland Hunt Test

The Salt Chuck HRC Fall Hunt Test was held on the last weekend in August. We had a regular hunt tests and an upland hunt test on the Saturday. Attendance was better than expected considering the new passport rules and that it was the first time a hunt test was held in the Comox Valley. The pig roast on Friday night, and the tailgate supper on Saturday night were both well attended. Congratulations to all of the (wet) handlers whose dogs titled that weekend - Deb Mular, Angela Forster, Sylvia Lawson, Lynn Saunders, Al Taylor, and Teresa Myrfield. Both Judges and handlers seemed to enjoy themselves (the dogs always do). We are already discussing having a 3 day hunt test in the spring.

PS Our next training day/Christmas party will be in November –the annual Chukar shoot!!

Whistling Wings HRC – President Cindy Murdoch Bowers

Report by Secretary Bev Gettling

Our last hunt test of the season is over and many titles and ribbons were won. Many were doused with the traditional bucket of water and lived to tell about it. For Whistling Wings it was a successful hunt test year, as we celebrated our 10th year as a hunting retriever club. We are proud of all of our success dogs and handlers for a job well done. The fall hunt test in Aug. went very well with the weather doing a fine job of cooperating. Our club has grown and our members are eager to volunteer and get the job done. Thanks to every member who came out, participated and helped. We had many members from the Northwest's new clubs in attendance and we returned the favor by attending their inaugural hunt test and helping out. We are definitely growing here in the Pacific Northwest. We welcome all of our new members and look forward to hunting season and next year's hunt tests. Be safe everyone and enjoy hunting season!

And busy getting ready for opening day...

Missouri Headwaters HRC – President David L. French

Olympic Rainshadow HRC, Quilcene Washington – President Bob Gunther

Northeast Washington Gun Dog Club – President Thomas Blakeney

Interior Alaska Gun Dog Association – President Wes Willson

Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association, Anchorage Alaska – President Kody Bull

Lower Columbia HRC, Deer Island, Oregon - President Elroy Olson

Las Vegas HRC – President Brian Dunlevy

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