

## **Region 14 November 2009**

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### **Olympic Rainshadow HRC, Quilcene Washington – President Bob Gunther**

Submitted by Jane Burkey - ORHRC Secretary

Here are the ORHRC “doings” for the month of September:

On September 19th and 20th, Quilcene Washington had their town fair. Quilcene is a small town on Hood Canal that is world famous for its oysters. Olympic Rainshadow HRC had a booth in the Fair’s Antler Show. We handed out information about HRC, our new club and our “Shoot Out and Speed Retrieve” for the following weekend at Sunnydell Shooting Grounds in Sequim, WA.

Lots of hunters came up and talked with Bob & Evelyn Gunther about the August Hunt Test that was held in Quilcene. They said that it was the biggest event that has been in Quilcene for 15 years. The town folks were very interested in what we had to tell them about the United Kennel Club’s Hunting Retriever Club’s philosophy. We gave out HRC’s Hunting Retriever magazines and membership applications.

We had Lab puppies and adult Labs in the booth with us. We were able to show people how dogs can be taught to retrieve. Three of the four puppies retrieved to hand. These pups are natural retrievers. The locals from Quilcene were impressed. Jane Burkey, our Secretary, also has one of these 12 week old puppies and her puppy is now doing 100 yard retrieves.

Then, on Saturday, September 26th, ORHRC had its “Shoot Out & Speed Retrieve”. We had several new members join. BD’s Enterprises sponsored the shoot, so every “contestant” was give 50 shells upon paying the entry fee of \$25.00 (the 2 boxes of shells and the 50 targets were included in the \$25.00 entry fee), and we all shot 10 shells at 5 different stations. All prizes were cash. The high score was earned by Bruce Gagnon with 39 – which won the \$50.00 high score prize! There was also a prize for “lowest score” (\$25.00), and Evelyn (who has only shot one other time – having never seen MOST of the targets before) earned that with a score of 12. Both winners donated the winning back to the club! Good Sportsmanship!

After the Shoot Out, we started the Speed Retrieve. All the dogs completed the 75 yard marked retrieve with style! There were Labs, Chessies, English Springers, and an young English Cocker (Roan, who was the demo dog). The winner of the fastest retrieve was Bob Gunther’s dog “Cassy” with a speedy time of 13.96 – that that was good enough for the \$50.00 prize! The slowest dog that ran was my own little puppy – Amber (BD’s Glowing Amber of Shilshole – daughter of Cassy), and her time was pretty good for such a long run - 27.66 – winning the \$25.00 prize. Again, the winners donated the winnings back to the club! MORE Good Sportsmanship!!

Altogether, it got the club \$400.00!! All agreed, it was a fun day, and it was mentioned that maybe sometime in the spring we could do it again.

## **Whistling Wings HRC – President Lyn Saunders**

Submitted by Bev Gettling - WWHRC Secretary

Well, not too much to report this time. Most of our members are out hunting, so practice attendance is down. Last practice's emphasis was on the young dogs. Those who were in attendance were shown how to introduce your puppy to the basic manners required of a dog at a hunt test, how and when to introduce them to hunting, intro to ducks and bumpers, the "force", basic obedience and how to keep them interested and having fun. Our practices will stop for the winter and begin again in February. When we resume next year, we are planning on covering a different topic at each practice that is pertinent to what our members want to learn. We look forward to another successful season in 2010. One of our members and a local pro, volunteered to help out with our last practice with puppies and young dogs. Thanks Andy for your help.



**And enjoying the heck out of days in the field ...**

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