

Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club

FEBRUARY 2014

NEWSLETTER / SCHEDULE of EVENTS

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Dave Robichaud

Vice President: Ed Sparks

Secretary: Debbie Gardner

Treasurer: Sue Robichaud

BOARD MEMBERS

Barb Acker

Henry Mitchell

Justin Nichols

PHRC Website:

Webmaster: Dave Robichaud

Be sure to check out the website often where you will find a Club Events and a Training Days Page listing upcoming events, the club newsletter, a link to the FMDC site and a Member's Website Links page. Also, a membership application is posted in PDF format so prospective members can print one off.

A link to the Member's Websites Page is posted encouraging folks to check out all of the member sites when searching for a new puppy, started retriever or service. If you do not have a website, you may post a litter on the Classifieds page. That ad will stay on the club site for 6 weeks. If you have any training equipment or dog related items for sale, please send that info in to be posted on the classifieds page as well.

PHRC Newsletter

Editor: Sue Robichaud

A club newsletter will be e-mailed to all members monthly during the active training season and every one - two months in the winter.

Members are encouraged to send in brags, new hunting titles earned, health clinic, seminar & training day information,

etc. DEADLINE for all submissions is the 20th of the previous month.

All submissions must be sent print ready in Microsoft Word or Works only. Please send contributions to:

Sue Robichaud, PHRC Newsletter Editor
378 Simpson Corner Rd.
Dixmont, ME 04932

www.phrc.net

2014 PHRC Upcoming Events / Meetings

March 7, 8, 9	PCCA Sportsman's Show	Orono, ME
April ____ 9am	PHRC training day	Dixmont, ME
May 4th 9am	PHRC training day (General membership/Board meeting at noon)	TBA
June _____	PHRC training day	TBA
July _____	PHRC training day	TBA
July 19th - 20th	PHRC Hunt Test AKC Master/Double Senior/Double Junior Test Test Chairman: Ed Sparks Test Secretary: Deb Gardner	Dixmont, ME
August _____	PHRC training day	TBA
Sept _____	PHRC Bare Bones Classic WC/I/X with Pee Wee and Veteran stakes	TBA
Oct _____	PHRC training day	TBA

Dates and details of upcoming meetings will be announced as soon as they become available. An e-mail will be sent to all members and the club website will have the most current updates posted.

76th ANNUAL EASTERN MAINE SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

Sponsored by Penobscot County Conservation Association, Inc.

MARCH 7, 8, 9, 2014 - University of Maine Field House

SHOW HOURS

MARCH 07: 4 P.M. - 9 P.M.

MARCH 08: 9 A.M. - 8 P.M.

MARCH 09: 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

****Note new hours****

PHRC DEMO SCHEDULE is as follows:

SATURDAY

5:45 - POOL Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club, Demonstration

SUNDAY

11:15 - STAGE Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club, Demonstration

The PHRC will have a booth at the show and is responsible for stage and pool demonstrations as scheduled above. Mike Acker will manage the booth schedule. Ed and Colette have volunteered to work at the booth on Saturday and Henry will help on Sunday. Deb Gardner will look into having a poster made for the table and Barb Acker will help assemble a display. Additional members are needed to assist in the booth and help with the stage and pool demonstrations with their dogs. ALL levels of training from beginning puppy basics to finished retrievers are encouraged to participate. Please contact Mike at Ackermhbj@comcast.net to volunteer your help at the booth or with the pool demonstration.

The Sportsman's Show in Orono offers the club an opportunity to provide public education and to promote community awareness of the multifunctional aspects of the different retriever breeds which is one of the missions of the PHRC.

Last year, the PCCA instituted stricter dog rules. Only exhibitors will be allowed to bring in our dogs. PHRC members will be allowed to bring your dogs in for our club demonstrations and can accompany you in the PHRC booth but will be required to wear a special dog exhibitor tag.

FROM THE PCCA:

"All dogs allowed past the ticket booth will have to have a special exhibitor tag on their collar. The only other dogs allowed past the gates without the Exhibitor tag will be Assistance Dogs (which must be allowed by Federal law)."

"The "special dog exhibitor tags" are obtained at the PCCA booth at booth set-up time. No puppies under the age of 8 weeks will be admitted, Any dog exhibiting any signs of illness, diarrhea, aggression or disturbance must leave the venue and will not be readmitted. Persons bringing dogs are required to have proof of current Rabies vaccination."

Highlights from the PHRC Annual Meeting

We had a good turnout in Waterville with lots of great input for another successful year.

Treasurer's Report: An Annual Report of the club treasury was submitted to the Secretary to file. Sue will make appointment with accountant for tax preparation
Total gain to the club treasury this year was \$1404.50 after all expenses were paid and new equipment was purchased including three 209 primers, two duck calls, two cases of ammo, 2 cases of poppers and a brick of primers.

Sportsman show March 7, 8, 9 Orono Fri 4-9 Sat 9-8 Sun 9-3
Pool demo on Saturday at 5:45 and Stage demo will be at 11:15 on Sunday
Mike Acker will Chair the event and coordinate volunteers to man the booth.
Volunteers for the booth will be scheduled to avoid overcrowding issues.

AKC Handler & Judges Seminar for Retrieving Hunt Test: Deb Reported that it is posted on Entry Express, Cabela's room has been arranged, AKC has it scheduled. Sue will post event on Retriever Training Forum and Deb will send a flyer to all New England hunting retriever clubs.

July Hunt Test

Plans are well underway for our July Hunt Test.
Ed to chair event and will place the bird order with Foggy Ridge for the coming year
Deb is almost ready to file paperwork Still need one Junior/Senior judge
Some gunners are in place but a Gun Captain is still needed
Dave: Grounds are set
Sue: workers lunches

Elections:

No additional nominations were received by Deb, PHRC Secretary, in accordance with our By-Laws 2014 Officers and Board is as follows:

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Training days for 2014 were also discussed. The club plans to continue to offer Training Days at least monthly. Training Days will remain free to members and non members will be charged \$10.00 per dog, waived with membership application.

2014 Bare Bones Classic WC//X This years event will be held in September and a Veterans Stake will be added for dogs over 10 years of age.

Next Training Day: We will have a training day in April weather permitting. Date will be set at a later time.

Next General Membership meeting is scheduled in combination with a Training Day: Sunday, May 4th at Wassoockeag Retrievers at 9AM (meeting at noon)

Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club
AKC Handlers and Judges Seminar
Saturday April 5th 2014
at
Cabela's
Scarborough, Maine

Instructor Jerry Mann, AKC Field Representative

Time 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Cost \$ 44.50

Morning Coffee, Lunch and Afternoon snack provided

Sign up is with Entry Express.

www.entryexpress.net

Click on Seminars on the right

Closing date: Monday March 24th 2014
No entries will be received after this time

Everyone is encouraged to attend. This seminar is a requirement for anyone who has a desire to judge. The seminar is also highly beneficial to handlers of all levels. It gives handlers a better understanding of the hunt test regulations and how the judges are required to evaluate performances of the dogs and handlers. The seminar will give you information to become a better dog handler.

Few seminars are offered in New England and we are glad to welcome you to join us in Maine.

Any questions can be directed to Debbie Gardner,
email gardngpm@tdstel.com or call 207-441-1994

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2014 Dues Renewal Notice

Annual dues for the Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club are due JANUARY 1st.
The grace period to maintain membership status ends April 1st.

Dues for 2014 will remain at \$20.00 for an individual membership
and \$25.00 for a family membership.

To ensure that our files are up to date, please fill in the following information listing any changes
and send dues payment by check **payable to PHRC** to:

Susan Robichaud, PHRC Treasurer
378 Simpson Corner Road
Dixmont, ME 04932

Name(s): _____
If Family Membership, please list each adult individually. (Family membership allows two
votes by adult members of a household at general membership meetings).

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Club Website: Do you have a website that you would like to have linked to the club web
page?

Your Website address:

Please list ways you would like to help the club out in 2014:

Red Cross Certified Cat & Dog First Aid/CPR Class

A pet first aid class will be held on March 2nd from 12-4 at Renaissance Dogs in Brewer to benefit the Maine POM Project (Pet Oxygen Masks).

Please register in advance for this event. The fee is \$60 (50% due at sign up to hold your spot). The class will be conducted by Bobby Silcott, and he will provide a book, DVD and a Red Cross Lifetime Certificate, Recognized Nationwide. Call 989-9977 to reserve your spot. All proceeds to benefit the Maine POM Project. They are on a mission to equip every Fire or Rescue department in the state of Maine with a set of POMs.

From The AKC....

To: Clubs Licensed to Hold Retriever Hunting Tests

Subject: **Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement Title**

In order to recognize a Master Hunter's lifetime of success in the Retriever Hunting Test program, the AKC has introduced the Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement title. The title will be designated by the letters MH followed by a number (i.e. MH20) indicating the number of times the dog passed the MH test. MH12 will be the minimum level MH Lifetime Achievement title. Application for the title is at the discretion of the owner, who may apply for the title at any time. To apply an owner must submit a "Master Hunter Lifetime Achievement Title Application" along with a \$20.00 recording fee. Upon determination of the number of MH passes as recorded by the AKC, the title will be recorded on a dog's record and a title certificate issued. The title may be updated at the request of the owner by submitting another title application form. Higher level titles will supersede previously recorded MH titles. The AKC will recognize passes of the MH test back to January 1, 2000.

Attached is a title application form. The form can also be found on the AKC website: http://images.akc.org/events/hunting_tests/MasterHunterLifetimeAchievementTitleApplicationForm.pdf.

Questions or comments can be e-mailed to huntingtest@akc.org

Federation Of Maine Dog Clubs and Responsible Dog Owners dba NAIA Trust

www.fedmedogclubs.org

DO YOU HAVE A WEBSITE?

The member links page on the club website has been recently updated. If you have a website you would like posted on the links page of www.phrc.net, please send it to Dave at wassookg@uninets.net.

