

# Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club

March 2010

NEWSLETTER / SCHEDULE of EVENTS

...NOTICE OF PHRC MARCH ANNUAL MEETING...

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
& ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

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SUNDAY MARCH 7, 2010  
2:00pm

CARDEN KENNEL \* 880 OHIO STREET \* BANGOR, ME

The PHRC Nominations for 2010 are as follows:

President: Mike Zajchowski  
Vice-President: Kathy Metcalf  
Secretary: Denyell Suomi  
Treasurer: Sue Robichaud

Board Members: Debbie Gardner  
Linda McAleer  
Rhonda Mulholland

No nominations were received from the floor at the February meeting.

**DIRECTIONS to CARDEN KENNELS:**

**From North:** 95 to Union Street/Airport Exit. Make a right on Union Street and an immediate right on 16th Street. Turn left onto Ohio Street. Carden is .8 mi. on left.

**From South:** 95 North to Union Street/Airport Exit. Go straight as if you were going back onto the highway. At the fork bear right. Turn left onto Ohio Street. Carden is .9 mi. on the left.

# Federation Of Maine Dog Clubs

[www.fedmedogclubs.org](http://www.fedmedogclubs.org)

**NOTICE:** Meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month in the Augusta City Center. The next regular business meeting of the FMDCRDO is scheduled for March 16th at 6:00 pm.

**Current Federation Newsletters** can be found on the website at [www.fedmedogclubs.org](http://www.fedmedogclubs.org)

## Report on Lobby Day:

\* Special thanks to Dave Robichaud for ensuring that the PHRC table at the Federation's Lobby Day held in the state capital was informative and professional looking. He prepared a beautiful DVD slide show with pictures of retrievers out hunting and enjoying everyday life with their families. The club's new banner was prominently displayed and our new PHRC brochures designed by Denyell Suomi were eye catching and did not go unnoticed by the other clubs. 😊

The Lobby Day was an excellent opportunity to speak face to face with our Legislators in an informal setting about the concerns we have as responsible sporting dog owners. Other clubs participating included the Maine Retriever Trial Club, the Central Maine Brittany Club, the Penobscot Valley Kennel Club, the Pine Tree Doberman Pinscher Club, the Downeast Sled Dog Club and the FMDCRDO.

Submitted by Sue Robichaud, Delegate

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Eastern Maine Sportsman's Show

**University of Maine Field House, Orono, ME**

**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

The PHRC will have a booth at the show and is responsible for stage and pool demonstrations throughout the weekend. Melissa Wood and Kathy Metcalf have volunteered to help organize the club presence at the show and Dave Robichaud will narrate the presentations. More volunteers are needed to assist in the demonstrations with their dogs (all levels of training from puppy basics to finished retrievers are encouraged to participate). Topics including selecting a puppy, gun dog obedience, training equipment and levels of testing will be discussed and a Q & A session will be held. These demonstrations are always well received by the public who enjoy seeing the different retrievers work.

Please make an effort to volunteer some time with your dog at this event. The Sportsman's Show offers the club an excellent 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.

Contact Melissa Wood at [twhounds@midmaine.com](mailto:twhounds@midmaine.com) or Kathy Metcalf at [swwk9@roadrunner.com](mailto:swwk9@roadrunner.com) for more information and to volunteer some time at the show. Further discussion and planning will take place on March 7<sup>th</sup> at the annual meeting.

## AKC Hunt Test Judges' and Handlers' Seminar Sponsored by the PHRC

The Penobscot Hunting Retriever Club is hosting an AKC Retriever Hunt Test Judges and Handlers Seminar on Saturday, April 10, 2010 from 9:00am until 4:00pm at the Belgrade Central School in Belgrade, Maine - just ten minutes north of Augusta. For more information or to register for the seminar visit Entry Express at [www.entryexpress.net](http://www.entryexpress.net). The cost is \$40.00 which includes morning refreshments and lunch. Thank you to Debbie Gardner and Denyell Suomi for organizing this event.

The closing date is April 1st.

This seminar will be an excellent opportunity to help fulfill the AKC requirements to become a hunt test judge and learn more about the judging process, rules and regulations of Junior, Senior and Master tests and what judges are looking for when evaluating the performance of a dog and handler team.

