

GRCGT SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2008 HUNT TEST SUMMARY REPORT

Location: Valens Conservation Area, Puslinch, Ontario

Judges: Saturday, September 6	JH - Shelly Blom and Deb Rusaw MH - Laureen Kinney and Gail Bourgeois
Sunday, September 7	JH - Pat Van Bregt and Diane Kendall SH - Laureen Kinney and Gail Bourgeois

Thank You to the following members who participated in making this event a success:

Test Chair: Tim Marshall

Test Secretary: Anna Morison

Equipment: Don Morison

Food: Anna Morison/Michele Rebelo

Test Marshall: Sandy Brodie, Linda Brox

Judges Gifts: Suzi Beber

Gunners: Shelly Blom
Liz Russell
Don Morison
Gord Kerr
Bruce Russell
Vicki Ellery
Michele Rebelo

BBQ Tailgate: Danuta Booth
Tony Rebelo

Number of Dogs Entered was 88.

Saturday, September 6	JH - 25 MH - 24
Sunday, September 7	JH - 26 SH - 13

Number of Qualifying Dogs:

Saturday, September 6	JH - 18 MH - 19
Sunday, September 7	JH - 16 SH - 10

Club Members Whose Dogs Ran in the Tests:

- 1) Animation's The Joy of Life, Vicki Ellery - JH Qualified both days
- 2) Amigold Texas Holdem WCI, Tim Marshall - JH Qualified both days
- 3) Rush's Extreme Heat, Linda Brox - JH Qualified one day
- 4) Windrows Lookin' For Mr. Right, Sheila Philips - SH Qualified/Title
- 5) NMH GMH URCH UH Eddystone Take A Gander WCX, CDX, Tim Marshall - MH Qualified

WHAT WENT WELL:

- 1) As in the July WC Tests, participants were able to enter on line using PayPal. Out of 86 participants, 49 used the PayPal service. Benefit was that the information entered on line was transferred to the catalogue without the need of retyping the information. By using PayPal, funds were electronically transferred to club bank account, thus saving time by having to go and deposit cheques. Feedback from participants using PayPal was favourable.
- 2) The format used for the catalogue/running order at the WC Test was updated and improved for the Hunt Test. It was well received by the participants.
- 3) The water and land available at Valens were very good for most tests. The cover for JH was a little high due too the rain this summer; however, the judges accommodated this with the test set-up.
- 4) Having the pavilion for test HQ and as the centre for the BBQ Tailgate as it offered cover from the weather & washrooms for the participants.

ISSUES:

- 1) The Club pays for use of the Powell Pavilion and Valens entry fees for participants. Although there are benefits to using the pavilion, the total cost for the weekend exceeds \$750. If the tests are held at Valens next year, the Club could consider using the Valens Community Centre as HQ, which is available for \$30-40/day. In addition, many participants train regularly at Valens or other Halton Region Conservation areas and have annual entry passes. The Club should assess whether we are over-paying for the Valens entry fees.
- 2) There needs to be a separate equipment manager for each test so that the appropriate equipment can be delivered without running around.
- 3) Inventory of equipment & supplies should be done at the end of the tests and stored electronically and on paper in the Test Secretary's binder so that there is a smooth transition to the following year's test planning.

- 4) Should the GRCGT continue to offer Hunt Tests?
 - a. There are now numerous hunt-specific clubs that offer many tests throughout the year. For example, there are Hunt Tests every weekend during September.
 - b. The Club does not have enough equipment to run JH/MH tests on the same day. In addition, the Club does not have enough members that are interested or able to come out to help at simultaneous JH/MH tests. For example, this year's MH test required 4 wingers, (could have used a bird launcher too), 2 holding blinds, 4 gunners, 1 marshall, 1-2 boats (not supplied), gunner with hip waders, and more. The people helping at this test were mostly non-Club members and much of the equipment was supplied by Club members or participants.
 - c. The Club could only offer JH tests to maintain priority dates.
 - d. The hunt tests have generated revenue of \$1600-\$2000 for the Club during 2007 & 2008.

Recommendations for Next Year:

- 1) It is recommended that the club treasurer provide an advance float for expenses incurred by club members in preparation for the event. The amount of the float could be based on the proposed budget which is based on last year's financial summary.
- 2) It is recommended that signed club cheques be available the day of the test to reimburse judges and club members for their expenses.
- 3) Club volunteers that are not running a dog, but come out to help should have their gas expenses reimbursed.
- 4) An inventory of supplies (ribbons, decoys etc.) should be made at the end of the test, and placed in the test secretary's binder. This will provide the following year's secretary with a complete record of available supplies and their location.
- 5) Even if there may be some surplus of ribbons, ribbons should be "topped up" at the end of the event.
- 6) Recommend that "New Title Holder" ribbons be order for dogs gaining their titles.
- 7) If a new venue is not located for next year, I recommend we continue using the Valens Conservation Area venue.

Financial Statement: (see attachment for the complete breakdown)

The following is a comparison of the Income and Expenses between 2007 and 2008:

	2007	2008	Difference
Income	\$5012	\$6040	\$1028
Expenses	\$3371	\$4095	(\$724)
Net Income(Loss)	\$1641	\$1945	\$303

- 1) Income is higher due to increased entry fees and number of dogs running.
- 2) Expenses are higher, partly because pavilion use and Valens entry fees for 2007 were paid in 2006.