



Mount Rainier Sporting Spaniel Association

# Sporting Tails

June 2007

## Meeting Dates

- **June 17 — Field Day and fun hunt**
- **July 21— Field Day**
- **Aug 12 — Field Day and Cleanup**
- **Sept — Labor Day Hunt test Cluster**
- **Oct/Nov—TBD**
- **Dec —Christmas Party**

## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Sunday June 17th at Gryphon Ranch.

This meeting will be a field day with the fun hunt tossed into the mix.

Fun hunt rules are on page 2

The actual meeting will be noonish.

See the last page for directions.

[WWW.gryphonranch.com](http://WWW.gryphonranch.com)

Basic Ranch rules:

1. All dogs on leash unless actively participating in event.
2. No aggressive dogs
3. Clean up—dog poo and shells
4. Only break action shotguns
5. Follow NRA gun safety
6. Respect home and property—do not enter areas not related to your event.



**“Smokey”**  
 Alynn’s Ambassador  
 1993-2007  
 A/C Ch. VCD2 UD TD SH WDX MA  
 MAJ CGC  
 ESSFTA’s 1st Versatility Springer

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## Fun Hunt Photography

**On June 17th, Mary Burlingame of Petscapes Photography will be along to see how spaniel hunting works and maybe take some pictures. She has never been to a spaniel hunt test and will be getting a feel for the routine. This will help her prepare for the Labor Day hunt tests.**

## Mission Statement

***Promoting the betterment of Sporting Spaniels by encouraging development of each dog to its fullest potential.***

## Braggs



**From Jeni and Traci** — Sing it from all the rooftops, car windows, treetops, and most especially from the uplands : Our Mona shall henceforth be known as :

### **Comedy's Ramona the Brave JH (OFA Good) !!!!!!!**

Mo is from our June 04 litter, out of our Jubilee (Ch. Cameo's Wild Cherry Jubilee CGC WDX(2) JH SH) and sired by Red ( Ch. Creswick Cameo Simply Red WDX JH SH MH). Jeni and I are her breeders, and I (tracy) handled her throughout.

Mo earned her 3rd leg yesterday at the CSCA test, and her final JH leg today. Conditions today were not quite ideal - varying from WINDY and overcast, to WINDY and spots of sunshine. Mo is a beautiful worker and very serious about her work. Today she managed to overcome her idiot handler (me) who tried to call her off of a downed bird. I thought it was a fly away, but everyone else from judges to gallery to, thankfully, Mona knew that it had gone down over a steep hillside. It was down but not entirely out yet, and took off running when Mona got there - Mona, being a committed hunter, was in full chase and threw an NFL-esque full flying body tackle, caught the Chukar in the air and then (show off) Mo did a full gymnastics somersault - bird held the entire time, even when Mo landed on her back, feet in the air. Style points to be sure!! Thanks to judges Karyn Eby and Ron Carver who verbally gave me a bit of a cattle prod to make me stop trying to call my girl off the down bird. BAD handler! Get out of your dog's way! hee hee.

**JUNIORS** 8 starters 1 qualified  
BD's Burning Desire (field ecs) O/H Jane Burkey

**SENIORS** 7 starters 3 qualified  
Perdrix's Cinnamon Teal, MX, MXJ, JH, (show ecs) new Senior Hunter  
O/H Tammy Hall  
TKB's Glimpse of the grail, JH, CD (show ess) Owners Bob & Kiki Unger & Kathy Brown Handler Bob Unger  
Showstopping Jumps for Joy, JH (show ess) O/H Ken Clausen

**MASTERS** 8 starters 4 qualified  
Perdrix's Drummer in the Woods, OA, OAJ, JH, SH (show ecs) O/H Tammy Hall  
Abitt of Hellfire, SH (field ess) New Master Hunter O/H Angela Monaghan  
Patchwooe Brandan (field ess) O/H Dick Croll  
Timeless Quizmaster, MX, MXJ, JH, SH (show ecs) O/H Tammy Hall

MRSSA Hunt Test  
Results

## Fun Hunt and Field Day

- 1. Object:** Handler and dog find, shoot, and retrieve two birds in a mapped out area the fastest time and with the least shots.
- 2. Who:** One handler, one dog, (any sporting spaniel breed) and one judge with stop watch. ( handlers who cannot shoot may have one gunner)
- 3. Where:** The area to be set up by club. The area should be three times larger than the normal hunt test width and as long as would normally be for two dogs in a hunt test. There shall be a start flag at the beginning of the field.
- 4. Birds:** Three birds will be planted anywhere within this large area. any type of bird may be used as determined by club. This could require three bird planters.
- 5. Time:** Time starts on the go signal from the judge and stops when the second bird is in the handlers hand. Maximum allotted time is 15 minutes.
- 6. Shells:** The handler is provided with 6 shells. Each shell unused will be given a 30 second refund from total time.
- 7. Gallery:** Gallery may follow quietly as in a hunt test.
- 8. Winner and placements:** The winner is the handler who has the fastest adjusted time. Other placements are the next fastest adjusted times. In the event there is no one who bags two birds in the 15 minutes time frame, the winner will be awarded by how fast the first bird was bagged as scored by the judge.
- 9. Prizes:** Prizes will be chosen by the club

Fun Hunt at Gryphon  
Farms, near Centralia.  
\$5/dog fee

## New Member Applications

The Following New Member Applications were received:

**Janet and Mike Warner**—from Sumner , Wa - Majic Kennels have 5 ESS and have been in dogs for 11 years. They would like to learn more about hunting with their dogs. Janet and Mike are sponsored by Karen Lee and Bob Unger.

**Katie Effert** — from Seattle, WA— has 2 ESS and has been in dogs for 2 years. She is also interested in learning more about hunting with her dogs. Katie is sponsored by Karen Lee and Kerri Kuykendall.

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## Directions to Gryphon Ranch

From I5 heading South

Take Exit 88 - Highway 12 head west. Make the first left (within 0.25 miles from exit) onto Old Highway 99. There will be a Key Bank on your right.

After approximately 2.2 miles, turn right on Prather Road. There is a sharp right on Prather Road about 4.6 miles from Old Highway 99. Turn left here on Michigan Hill Road. Continue one mile and turn right at the stop sign onto Lincoln Creek Road. Drive about 4 miles to the ranch.

When the speed limit changes to 50 mph, the ranch is the next driveway on the right. Look for the large piece of driftwood at the edge of the driveway (depending on your imagination this looks either like a duck or seahorse). The mailbox is red with a grey roof.

Do not use map quest. See [www.gryphonranch.com](http://www.gryphonranch.com) for additional directions.

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