

WRHRC SEVEN SINGLES SERIES Marking Competition

This is the twelfth consecutive year the “Seven Singles” marking competition to be held by the Wild Rose Hunting Retriever Club. This is a non-sanctioned, **fun event** that will hopefully continue for years to come. The intent of this competition is to simply measure the pure natural marking ability of all dogs entered, as opposed to measuring their level of training relating to control or handling ability.

The Rules for 2011:

- ❑ Handlers are allowed to bring their dogs to the line on lead and restrain their dog while the mark is thrown. The judge will release the dog just after the bird hits the ground. The dog must be run “naked”, without collar or lead.
- ❑ If a handler decides to run off lead, breaking will result in elimination from the competition.
- ❑ Dogs are not required to deliver to hand but must deliver within close proximity to handler.
- ❑ There will be no honouring tests.
- ❑ All marks will be singles. Some may be back-to-back.
- ❑ Gunners may wear camo, dark colours or white.
- ❑ In all cases, some form of “attention getting” will be implemented to alert the dog that a mark is about to be thrown (i.e. hey-heys, shots, poppers or duck calls).
- ❑ Wingers and retired guns may be used, as well as hand thrown marks.
- ❑ Marks will exceed 100 yards.
- ❑ No handling of any kind is allowed on marks.
- ❑ Dogs will be allowed a reasonable amount of time to make the retrieve.
- ❑ If the dog leaves the area of the fall and demonstrates that it did not sufficiently mark the area of the fall, the judges, at their discretion may ask the handler to recall their dog. If desired by the handler, gunner assistance may be requested. In either event, the dog will be eliminated from further competition.
- ❑ A grade of 1 - 10 will be awarded to all dogs that complete the retrieve.
- ❑ 1st place (with associated bragging rights and trophy) will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the winner to add a plaque with the winning dog’s name and to return the trophy before the next years event.
- ❑ Judges may run their dogs, but can not win!
- ❑ The Marshall will announce call-backs after the third, fourth, fifth and sixth series.

As with any field event, there may be natural hazards for both handlers and dogs. **By participating in this event, you agree that you are doing so at your own risk.** You agree that you will not hold the WRHRC, its members or the landowner liable for any claims arising out of the entry of your dog (s) or your presence at this event.

LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

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