



OFFICIAL PREMIUM LIST
2025 Canadian National Master Hunt Test
Swamp Dog Farm
7531 Albert Road
Black Creek, British Columbia

August 16-22, 2025

These events held under the rules of The Canadian Kennel Club

Entries close Monday, August 4th, 2025 at 7:00 pm PDT

Entries must be submitted via:



Test Secretary – Mary Shillabeer

lottadoghair@shaw.ca Home: 1-250-924-4122 Cell: 1-403-870-1314

Open to all qualifying Retrievers, Barbets, Irish Water Spaniels and Standard Poodles

Pacific Rim Hunting Retriever Club and Upper Island Retriever Club are members in good standing with the Canadian National Master Retriever Club. Only passes at Hunt Tests hosted by Clubs in good standing with the Canadian National Master Retriever Club are considered in determining eligibility to enter the National Master Hunt Test Stake

For more information this event please visit our website at

<https://sites.google.com/view/cnmrc2025/home>

or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CanadianMasterNationalRetrieverClub>

HOW TO QUALIFY

The 2025 National Master Hunt Test is open to:

- Any dog with a CKC Master Hunter title or AKC Master Hunter title who has successfully completed two CKC Master Hunter passes* at hunt tests hosted by clubs in good standing of the Canadian National Master Retriever Club** during the period of August 25, 2024, to August 4, 2025
- Any dog with a CKC Grand Master Hunter title
- Any dog that qualified in the most recent National Master Hunt Test
- Any dogs that have passed a USA Master National or Amateur Master National inclusive from January 1st of the preceding year until the closing date of the current year's event.

**Note: the two qualifying passes may count towards the Master Hunter title*

***www.canadiannationalmaster.com/assets/member%20clubs%202025%20mar%2029.pdf*

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JUDGES

Zone 1 Catherine Veysey Fredericton, New Brunswick

I am honoured and humbled to have been selected as one of the three judges to attend the 2025 Canadian National Master Hunt Test on Vancouver Island, and I thank the selection committee for their confidence in me.

My Dad was an avid duck hunter, and we always had a Golden Retriever in our home who was not only a family pet but also accompanied us on any outings to the marshes. I learned at an early age the value of a retriever on a hunt and their determination to get the job done. I always wanted my own Golden but raising two daughters, getting them through school and university took priority. Once they were on their own, I said, "Now it is My Time". So, 15 years ago I started on my journey with my first Golden Retriever "Murphy". I knew nothing about the Hunt Test/Field game but knew I wanted to play it. I sought out videos, periodicals, like-minded folks and experienced successful trainers who were willing to share with me their time and expertise. My Murphy finished his career as a GMH. My boy Race a MH. My 3rd dog, Flyer, is a GMH and QAA and my new guy, Decoy, who just turned one year old, just completed his WC and has two JH passes. I also train and trial my boys in Obedience, Rally and Tracking of which we have been successful and titled. I have participated in two CNMHT's. The first in 2018 and the second in 2024. They were both amazing experiences.

Ten years ago, I figured it was time to give back to our clubs and our sport by obtaining my Judges Certification. Over the years I have been invited to judge Hunt Tests in New Brunswick, PEI, Nova Scotia, Cape Breton Island and Quebec. Sitting in that chair "behind the line", has taught me so much about the game and I am so happy I took that step. I want to wish all the teams attending the 2025 CNMHT a great week and enjoyable experience. I'm so looking forward to meeting my co-judges and all of you.



Zone 2 Susan Bell
Puslinch, Ontario

In 1980 we had our first Labrador Retriever litter under the prefix "Pinebank Kennel" and in 1984 Pinebank Kennel became Permanent Registered with the CKC. Since then, we strive to produce Labradors that can do it all! We had a couple of Irish Water Spaniels, and I trained a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel in Obedience. I love to work with my dogs, and they teach us a lot about ourselves and life.



Training my pups has led to teaching and now judging. I have enjoyed judging all levels of CKC Obedience, Rally Obedience, Working Certificate and Hunt Tests and Canine Good Neighbour Tests. I have judged the Puppy Stake at the LOC Field Trial and Junior Handling for both Obedience and Conformation, as well as Sweepstakes for the Irish Water Spaniel Association of Canada and the Atlantic Labrador Retriever Club. I have been the Canine Good Neighbour Rep for Zone 6 and the Obedience Rep for the CKC. A few years ago, I was a Director for University of Guelph Pet Trust and held positions on the Board of LOC and Hamilton Dog Obedience Club and Labrador Retriever Club of Canada.

My dogs and I have worked together to achieve Conformation Championships, Grand Master Obedience Trial Champion, Rally Master Obedience, Grand Master Hunter, Working Certificate Excellent, Tracking Dog Excellent and Canine Good Neighbour Titles. Five different dogs I have trained have been in the top ten Obedience Dogs in Canada. I have trained eleven different dogs in Rally Obedience since it started, and twelve Utility Dog obedience titles, eight of those dogs received their MOTCH. Four of my dogs I have put Master Hunter Titles and 2017 and 2019 Grand Master Hunters; another dog has his first Master Hunter leg, and another dog is working in the Senior Title.

Now that I am retired, my time is spent having fun with my dogs and helping others with their dogs, training my dogs and I love it.

To do performance sports a dog has to be put together properly with good conformation and kept in good condition and loved!

Zone 3 Alan Davies
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

I am honored to be selected to judge the 2025 National. I have been running and training Golden Retrievers as hunting dogs since 1999 but took up the competitive side of training after university in 2010. This is when I got my first competitive Golden, named Strider, and we began a journey together that would lead me to this point.



I am very proud to represent Zone 3 and home club of Saskatoon in this National test. The members of the Saskatoon Retriever Club are some of the kindest, most knowledgeable, and hardest working people in the dog world and since day one it has amazed me how open they are to sharing this knowledge. I would not be the trainer or judge I am today, without them. I am eager and excited to share the knowledge I have obtained in a challenging and fun Test!

In 2019 I ran the National and found out that this is the pinnacle of the hunt test world. I will continue to uphold the challenge and standard of this test while making sure the test adequately represents true hunting scenarios.

Thank you to the Pacific Rim Hunter Retriever Club and the Upper Island Retriever Club for hosting the test and giving me the opportunity to judge an event I love. I look forward to meeting everyone and seeing some great dog work in August!

INFORMATION FOR EXHIBITORS

HEALTH

This notice is to provide clubs with a reminder regarding the rules and regulations for the health of all dogs on the event premises.

No dog may be brought onto the grounds or event premises if it:

1. is known to have distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease,
2. has recovered from distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease within the last 30 days (prior to the event), or
3. has been housed within 30 days prior to the event on premises on which there existed distemper, parvovirus, kennel cough or other communicable disease.

Clubs have the right to remove a dog from the event premises and the exhibitor may be subject to disciplinary action if it is found that CKC rules have been contravened.

BEHAVIOUR AND CONDUCT

The Canadian National Master Hunt Test adheres to the CKC Rules and Regulations regarding all conduct and behaviour on the grounds. Additionally:

- After a series has begun, **no participating dog shall leave the area of the series until after it is tested** or excused by the Marshal, or it is otherwise excused by the Hunt Test Committee
- No dog shall be exercised, trained or worked on the grounds for the duration of the test except for bumpers thrown by handlers in approved areas, only for the purpose of exercising the dog
- Designated exercise areas will be clearly defined and shall not be used for working or training purposes
- Any dog not entered in the stake and interfering with the running of the stake may be required to be removed
- Dogs not appearing on the line upon being called will be given 15 minutes to do so otherwise they will be disqualified
- Rotation of starting dogs will be directed by the Marshal

ENTRY

The entry fee is \$250.00 (Canadian funds) per running dog. Any dog which does not have an individual CKC registration number, must have a CKC TCN or ERN (if foreign), CKC PEN or CKC MCN. An annual non-member participation fee for awards and titles will be charged to a Canadian Non-Member of the CKC. The fee will match the ERN fee. The non-member participation fee is \$170.00 (Canadian funds) plus tax.

- *The Non-Member Participation Fee applies to dogs **wholly owned by a resident of Canada** who is not a member of the CKC; it is not applicable to CKC members or dogs co-owned with a CKC member.*
- *For the title to be awarded, the non-member will have a choice to either become a CKC member or pay the Non-Member Participation Fee. Failure to comply within 30 days of notification will result in the title being withheld and the dog cannot be moved up to the next level. (For a Membership application, please go to www.ckc.ca under CKC Services and Forms On-Line).*

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SCRATCHES

Bitches in season may not compete and must be withdrawn. All entry fees paid will be refunded provided that a hard copy of a veterinarian letter is provided to the secretary before the test begins. If the dog is found to be in season at the official vetting, the assessment of the official veterinarian shall also be considered as sufficient proof.

Entry fees paid for a dog withdrawn due to injury, illness or death shall be refunded in full provided that a hard copy veterinarian letter is received by the secretary no later than seven days after the completion of the stake.

Otherwise, any scratches that occur after the closing date of August 4th, 2025, will not have entry fees refunded.

VETTING OF BITCHES

All entered bitches shall be examined by the official veterinarian at the Swamp Dog Farm barn headquarters on Sunday August 17, 2025, at 1PM. Spayed females will be exempted from vetting if a veterinary certificate of spaying accompanies the entry form.

AWARDS

All dogs receiving a qualifying score will receive a duck band, rosette and the title of National Master Hunter and shall be entitled to add the NMH prefix to the registered name.

TRAINING SITES

Training will be available at Swamp Dog Farm until August 13th. Booking can be made at <https://www.swampdogfarm.org/training> From August 13th-21th, off-site training grounds will be designated and information regarding these sites will be available at the CNM headquarters at Swamp Dog Farm. **Limited birds will be available for training, by request and donation** via Tracey Griffin tracey@cedarbraelabs.ca

THE EVENT

On Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7:30 am, entrants and spectators will depart the barn at Swamp Dog Farm to the site of the first test. The test dogs will demonstrate the test at 8:00 am to start each day of the event, except the Upland on Wednesday, which will be 9:00 am.

All handlers and workers must wear dark or camouflaged clothing or customary hunting attire.

Ducks and/or pheasants will be used in all series. Live pheasants may be used for the upland test.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, August 16	6:00 pm: Welcome Banquet @ Black Creek Community Centre 2001 Black Creek Road, Black Creek Distribution of Handler's Bags Draw for Starting dog Opening of the Raffles & Silent Auctions
Sunday, August 17	9:00 am: CNM Director's Meeting @ the SDF Barn 11:00 am: CNM AGM @ the SDF Barn 1:00 pm: Vetting of Bitches @ the SDF Barn
Monday, August 18	7:30 am: Caravan Departs SDF Barn 8:00 am: Honourary Test Dogs, followed by Official Test Dogs 6:00 pm Group Dinner @ SDF Barn
Tuesday, August 19	7:30 am: Caravan Departs SDF Barn 8:00 am: Official Test Dog
Wednesday, August 20	8:15 am: Caravan Departs SDF Barn 9:00 am: Official Test Dog 6:00 pm: Workers Party @ SDF Barn Closing of the Raffles & Silent Auctions
Thursday, August 21	7:30 am: Caravan Departs SDF Barn 8:00 am: Official Test Dog
Friday, August 22	7:30 am: Caravan Departs SDF Barn 8:00 am: Official Test Dog Toast to the Qualifiers!

MEALS

The PRHRC/UIRC will be hosting the following meals. Tickets will be available for purchase through www.dogshow.ca.

		Ticket
Date and Time		
<i>At the Black Creek Community Centre*:</i>		
August 16, 2025, at 6 pm	Welcome Banquet	\$65
<i>At the Barn at SDF</i>		
August 18, 2025, at 6 pm	Lush Valley** Supper	\$30
August 20, 2025, at 6 pm	Worker's Pizza*** Party	\$25

*Address - 2001 Black Creek Road, Black Creek

**Lush Valley Catering <https://lushvalley.org/catering/> - LUSH Valley Catering provides sustainable, nourishing, locally sourced meals that give back to our community. All revenues from LUSH Valley Catering go back into LUSH Valley's other programs, helping the Comox Valley receive equitable access to nourishing food. Check them out on Instagram!

*** Forbidden Zone Pizza plus salads & dessert <https://forbiddenzonepizza.com>

There will NOT be a concession, or daytime meals offered onsite. There are diners and grocery stores with a deli within a 10-minute drive.

- Discovery Foods Oyster River - 2207 Glenmore Road – 8:00 am to 9:00 pm daily
- Courtenay Country Market - 5352 North Island Hwy – 8:00 am to 7 pm daily

PHOTOGRAPHY

Rachel Thornton-Hughes of <https://dogdaysphotography.mypixieset.com> will be on site to take photos of participants and dogs during the event.

VETERINARIAN – for Emergency Care

Van Isle Veterinary Hospital, 1111 Braidwood Rd., Courtenay, BC, 1(250) 334-8400
<https://www.vanislevet.com>

OFFICIAL 2025 CNMHT SOUVENIR CLOTHING

Merchandise items can be viewed and **PRE-ORDERED BEFORE **JULY 13, 2025**** at <https://dogshow.ca/en/Events/5536/Canadian-National-Master-Retriever-Club-HUNT-TEST> under Merchandise. All clothes are to be ordered via DogShow.ca. You do not need to be entered or have a dog in their system to order. Items will be available for pick-up at the CNM Hunt Test. There will NOT be clothing available to buy at the event. If you have any questions, contact David Aberdeen David.Aberdeen@aberdeens.ca

NOTE – The clothing orders close BEFORE the closing of entries!

FERRIES – BOOK EARLY!

August is a busy time on Vancouver Island. **BOOK YOUR FERRY RESERVATION NOW**, whether bringing a trailer or just driving by car. Some sailings are already sold out. Sail to Duke Point from Tsawwassen, or Departure Bay (slightly closer to Black Creek) from Horseshoe Bay. There is a once-a-day ferry from Tsawwassen to Departure Bay.

<https://www.bcferries.com/>

If coming from the US, consider the Coho/Blackball Ferry from Port Angeles to Victoria.

<https://www.cohoferry.com>

ACCOMMODATIONS – Summer is a VERY busy time on Vancouver Island!

Bayview Hotel – Must quote **block booking code 2508CANADI** to receive preferred rate. **Please book early.** Must be booked before July 15th and a **minimum of seven rooms need to be booked, to guarantee discount.** 1-778-225-0010. 2200 Cliffe Ave, Courtenay, BC.

<https://www.bayviewvi.com>

Oyster Bay Resort – 1-888-518-9555 Tel: (250) 923-7413 4357 South Island Highway (19A), Campbell River, BC <https://www.oysterbayresort.com>

Ocean Resort – 1-250-923-4281 or 1-877-561-3425 4384 South Island Highway, Campbell River, BC <https://www.oceanresort.ca>

The Alders Beach Resort – 1-250-337-5322 or 1-877-4ALDERS (1-877-425-3377) 179 Williams Beach Road, Merville, BC <https://aldersbeachresort.com>

Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Comox 1-877-660-8550 or 1-250-898-2210 310 Hunt Road, Courtenay, BC <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/gb/en/courtenay/ycacn/hoteldetail>

Island Silver Sands RV & Cottages – 1-250-337-5111 8918 Clarkson Avenue, Black Creek, <https://islandsilversands.com>

There is also Facebook Page – “Short Term Rentals on Vancouver Island (Wanted/Posted)” – that might have some options. You can post what you are looking for.

CAMPING & RV PARKS:

DRY CAMPING - At Shelter Point Distillery - There is a **limited** number of spaces available for dry camping at Shelter Point Distillery, from August 13 to 24. A lovely 400-acre property, at 4692 Regent Road, Campbell River, is about ten minutes from the test site at Swamp Dog Farm. There is a set cost to this site, so the cost will depend on whether all six sites get booked. Please contact Tracey Griffin at tracey@cedarbraelabs.ca if you want to reserve your spot at Shelter Point! <https://shelterpoint.ca/> Highly recommend!

Pacific Playgrounds – 1-250-337-5600 <https://pacificplaygrounds.ca>
9082 Clarkson Avenue, Black Creek, BC

Salmon Point Resort & RV Park – 1-250-923-6605 or 1-866-246-6605 2176 Salmon Point Road, Campbell River BC. <https://salmonpoint.com>

Shelter Bay Resort & RV Park – 1-250-923-5338. 3860 S Island Hwy, Campbell River, BC <https://shelterbayresort.ca/contact/>

Miracle Beach Provincial Park – <https://bcparks.ca/miracle-beach-park/>

Bates Beach Oceanfront Resort – No pets in onsite RV rental units
1-250-334-4154. 5726 Coral Road, Courtenay, BC <https://batesbeach.bc.ca/index.php?page=1>

NOTICE TO EXHIBITORS

Canadian Kennel Club Caution

It shall be the duty and obligation of the event giving club to see that a judge, club official, volunteer, or any participant at a hunt test held under these rules is not subject to any indignities of any kind. The Hunt Test Committee Chair shall promptly report to the CKC any infringement of this regulation, and the Discipline Committee shall have the authority to take such action as it deems fit on receipt of a report indicating that this has occurred.

Rule 3.8.1 of the Hunt Test rules and regulations states “any person at a hunt test held under these rules shall not be subjected to any indignities of any kind during the progress of the hunt test. It shall be the duty and obligation of the club holding the hunt test to see that this rule is effectively carried out.

The Pacific Rim Hunting Retriever Club, Upper Island Retriever Club, Swamp Dog Farm and Blackstone Ranch will not be responsible for any loss or damage to any dog or to any equipment, whether the result of an accident or otherwise. Furthermore, the Pacific Rim Hunting Retriever Club, Upper Island Retriever Club, Swamp Dog Farm and Blackstone Ranch will assume no liability in the event of an accident or other misfortune to event participants, bystanders, club members, workers or other individuals using the property for any purpose.

Release and indemnification of Landowners, Pacific Rim Hunting Retriever Club and Upper Island Retriever Club.

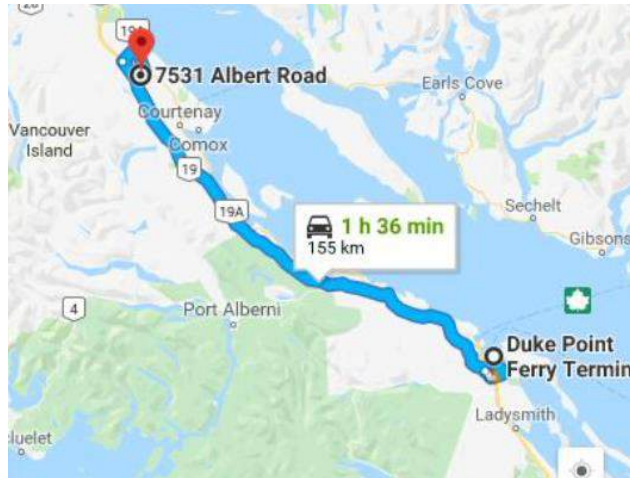
By entering this event, each participant agrees to assume all risks and hazards incidental to participation in the event and agrees to release, save harmless and indemnify the owner(s) of the property upon which the event is held, together with their officers, agents, employees and representatives from all claims, actions, costs, expenses and demands in respect to death, injury, loss or damage to the person, dog or property of the participant howsoever caused, arising out of or in connection with the participant's use or entry upon the property. It is understood that this agreement is binding upon the participant and all his heirs, executors and assigns.

Swamp Dog Farm Training Grounds

7531 Albert Road, Comox Valley

Map and directions available at

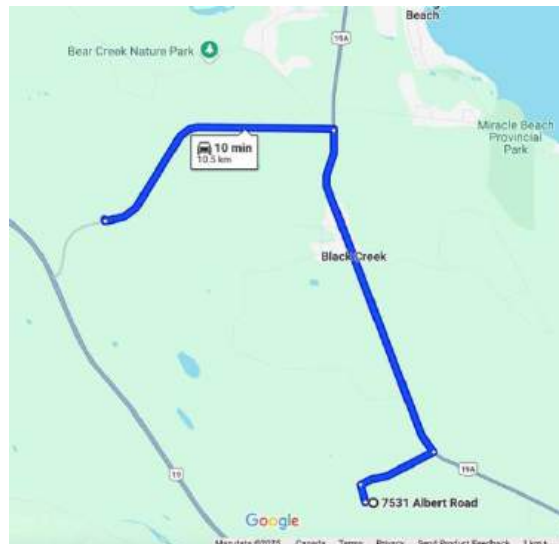
<https://www.swampdogfarm.org>



Upland on Wednesday, ten minutes from Swamp Dog Farm:

Blackstone Creek Ranch

Hamm Road, Black Creek, BC



We respectfully acknowledge we are holding the tests on the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation, Wei Wai Kum First Nations and the We Wai Kai First Nations