

**FRASER VALLEY RATTERS BARN HUNT CLUB**

**PRESENTS**

**6 BARN HUNT TRIALS**

**October 27-29, 2023**

**4480 Hunt Road, Agassiz, BC**

**Entries Open Tuesday September 26, 2023 at 7:00pm**

**Entries Close October 17, 2023**

Barn Hunt classes offered at these trials: Instinct plus 2 trials each day of Novice A&B, Open A&B, Senior A&B, Master A&B, Crazy 8s and Line Drive on concrete and dirt in a partially enclosed barn that is handicapped accessible.

**Judges**

**Laurits (Dix) Dixon - BHAJ-051A - Vancouver, WA**

**Shelley Ingram - BHAJ-227A - Yellowknife, NWT**

**Anne Fletcher - BHAJ-289A - Kelowna, BC**

**Class Assignments**

Friday, Oct 27 - Shelley Ingram; senior, master, Dix Dixon; crazy 8s, senior, Anne Fletcher; instinct, novice, open, line drive

Saturday, Oct 28 - Dix Dixon; senior, master; Anne Fletcher; crazy 8s, senior; Shelley Ingram; instinct, novice, open, line drive

Sunday, Oct 29 - Anne Fletcher; senior, master; Shelley Ingram, crazy 8s, senior 6; Dix Dixon; instinct, novice, open, line drive

Any Judge of Record at the event may be used as a load balancing judge in any ring.

Entries open on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 7:00 pm on a first received basis. Entries will continue to be accepted until limits are met or until October 17, 2023. Late and/or Day of Show entries are not a guaranteed entry and will be accepted only up to judging limits. Up to 20% of the entries may be taken by club workers. Confirmations may not be sent for late entries. Judges are limited to 8 hours judging and a maximum run value, which will require this Club to limit entries accordingly. **Move Ups, Move Downs and Lateral Moves** are allowed between trials.

Entry Fees \$15 (CA) Instinct, Novice, Open & Line Drive; \$20 Senior, Master and Crazy 8s, per class.

**Barn Hunt Trial Officials**

**Trial Chair:** Laurie McGivern - fvratters@gmail.com- 604 799-2934

**Secretary:** Erin Morgan - eam18@live.com - 604 799-1247

**Trial Committee:** Laurie McGivern, Erin Morgan, Amanda Greenall, Cathy Hammerschmidt

Permission has been granted by the Barn Hunt Association, LLC for the holding of these trials under BHA Rules and Regulations.



## SCHEDULE

**Friday 27, Saturday 28, and Sunday, 29 October, 2023**

7:00 am	Site opens
7:00 am - 7:45 am	Competitor set-up and check in
7:45am	General Briefing, Judge Briefing, followed by Instinct Class Briefing
8:00 am	First dog on the line
6:00pm	Facility closes

**Event Grounds** - are designated as the barn, the area between the barn hunt barn and the cow barn, the parking lot and the roadway from the left dyke access to the right dyke access.

**Run Order - Tentative** run order for all days will be **Ring 1** Instinct, Novice 1, Novice 2, Open 1, Open 2. **Ring 2** Senior 1, Master 1, Master 2; **Ring 3** - Crazy 8s 1, Crazy 8s 2, Senior 2; Line Drive will run in the ring that finishes first, likely Ring 1.

Fraser Valley Ratters reserves the right to change the run order based on entries received and shall send out the final class run order and judging schedule **TWO DAYS** prior to the start of the trial.

Crazy 8s dogs will be staged in 10 x 20 tent blind. Instinct, novice, open, senior and master will have blinds of 5 in spacious 16x25 foot indoor blinds. Dogs handled by the same person will be in separate blinds.

Judge of Record and Event Official dogs may be judged prior to the official start time or as the first blind(s) of the Event.

### **Directions to 4480 Hunt Road, Agassiz, BC**

**From Mission**, take the Lougheed (BC 7) eastbound. Right on Cameron Road (first right after you come off Woodside Mountain.) Right on Hunt Road (past the railroad tracks, then between the farm and the rose garden.) Follow to the end of the road, which ends in the farmyard. Barn Hunt barn on front right side, across from sink.

**From the Trans Canada** (Highway 1) eastbound, take Exit 135 (BC 9) towards Agassiz/Harrison Hot Springs. Follow through Agassiz on BC 9. At 4 way stop, go left on BC 7 towards Mission. Left on Cameron Road. Right on Hunt Road (past the railroad tracks, then between the farm and the rose garden.) Follow to the end of the road, which ends in the farmyard. Barn Hunt barn on front right side, across from sink.

### **Exhibitor Information**

#### **Crating**

All dogs must be on lead or crated at all times unless actively working. The trial will be held in a concrete and dirt floored partially open barn. Indoor dog crating will not be available. There is parking nearby to crate in cars. Parking spaces are first come, first served.

#### **Collars and Leads**

Electronic collars, bark collars, muzzles and head halters are not allowed on Barn Hunt show grounds. Collars/harnesses which can be easily and quickly removed and replaced are strongly recommended for the ring. No flexi leads in the barn, except in Line Drive class.

**Eligibility** - Open to all breeds and mixed breeds, 6 months or older. Your dog **must** be registered with the Barn Hunt Association to participate in this event.

**Bitches in Season** - Bitches in season MAY compete at a Barn Hunt Trial. They will be run at the end of each class and will be crated and pottied in a designated area. Bitches in season MUST wear pants at all times except when being pottied. If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the trial secretary prior to the start of the trial. Bitches in season will be crated between the cow barn and the Quonset and will be pottied in that area.

**Height Divisions** (at withers) - a measuring wicket is available at the trial secretary table.

Small - 15" and under      Medium - 15.1" to 22"      Large - over 22"

### **Dog Aggression**

Any dog behaving in a threatening or aggressive manner towards another dog or a person may be dismissed from the trial at the discretion of the judge and/or trial committee.

### **Safety**

The safety of our dogs and rats are a primary concern. By entering these trials, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport ([Barn Hunt Association Competitor Rulebook](#)) and that their dogs are familiar with and physically able to perform all course elements.

Abuse of any kind towards volunteers, dogs, rats, competitors, judges or trial committee will not be tolerated and will result in immediate dismissal from this event.

### **Awards**

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st through 4th in each height category of the A classes and Master B, 1st through 4th in the remaining B classes and for all qualifiers. Rosettes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place, High in Class, Clean Crazy 8 Runs and New Titles. Special awards may be made at the discretion of the Trial Committee.

### **Refunds and Cancellation Policy**

After the closing date, entry fees will not be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the trial committee.

Every attempt will be made to hold this event as scheduled. No event fee will be refunded if the event cannot open or be completed by reason of riots, civil disturbances, fire, an act of god, public emergency, act of public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the event committee.

Withdrawals after the closing date due to injury of the dog will be eligible for a 75% refund of entry fees paid upon receipt of a note from a veterinarian. The note must be dated and emailed or mailed to the Trial Secretary prior to the close of the trial.

### **Returned Check**

A returned check does not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$35 fee for all returned checks.

**Smoking or Vaping** There is **NO SMOKING** or vaping in the barn area. If you must smoke, please do so inside your vehicle or off the event site.

**Fraser Valley Ratters Barn Hunt Trial**

**October 27, 28, 29, 2023**

**4480 Hunt Road Agassiz, BC Canada V0M 1A3**

Dog Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Dog's Height (inches) \_\_\_\_\_ Barn Hunt #: \_\_\_\_\_ Bitch In Season? Yes No Possible

Dog Registered Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner/Handler: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

		Friday	Friday	Saturday	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	
Class	Cost	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4	Trial 5	Trial 6	Total
Instinct	\$15		N/A		N/A		N/A	
Novice	\$15	A B	A B	A B	A B	A B	A B	
Open	\$15	A B	A B	A B	A B	A B	A B	
Senior	\$20	A B	A B	A B	A B	A B	A B	
Master	\$20	A B	A B	A B	A B	A B	A B	
Line Drive	\$15							
Crazy 8	\$20							

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agreement**

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Barn Hunt Association, LLC in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the liability waiver enclosed with my entry. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard (dog or human aggressive) to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all Barn Hunt Association, LLC Rules and Regulations and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

**Waiver and Indemnity**

In consideration of the above activities, services and entry fees paid, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Participant hereby does forever and finally release, remise, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge Fraser Valley Ratters Barn Hunt Club (including employees, teachers, trainers, and agents) and Barn Hunt Association, LLC of and from all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suit debts, dues, sums of money, bonds, billings, contracts, controversies, agreements, promises, damages, variances, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in the law or in equity, which may arise or might in the future arise or herein after may arise for or against Fraser Valley Ratters Barn Hunt Club, Barn Hunt Association, LLC or the landowners, for the activities as stated above.

**Photo and video release.** My signature below authorizes Fraser Valley Ratters to use images of me and my family for publication or to promote or document the events we participate in. This document is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise on the properties of Fraser Valley Ratters, and employees, jointly and severally. This release is given freely and voluntarily by the participant and is meant to remain in existence throughout the duration of my presence on the property for any period of time in association with the canine event and/or other activities whether I am or am not found to be negligent while handling or near a dog in the above-mentioned activities.

Print Participant(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of participant(s) \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED FOR YOUR ENTRY(S) TO BE ACCEPTED**

**ENTRIES** - We will be accepting and processing entries in house for this trial. We will accept email and mail entries. Email entries will be taken in the order received; **once you have been notified** that runs have been reserved for you, you will have 48 hours to submit payment in Canadian dollars to confirm your entry. E-transfers will be accepted for Canadian entries and paypal for American entries. There will be no additional service charges.

**By Email** - Signed and dated entry forms (either the form above or from the Barn Hunt website) may be emailed to [fvratters@gmail.com](mailto:fvratters@gmail.com) at or after 7:00pm, September 26, 2023. Payment information will be emailed to you **when** your spot is reserved.

**By Mail** - Cheques (Canadian funds) payable to Fraser Valley Ratters; (cheques are not cashed until trial closing date.)

Mail to: Fraser Valley Ratters Barn Hunt Club

2177 Cameron Road

Agassiz, BC V0M 1A3

### **Potluck**

There is no food service available on site. We will have a potluck lunch each day, as well as cook your own hot dogs. Dog water will be available, as will tea, coffee and hot chocolate.

### **Pet Friendly Hotels**

Coast Chilliwack Hotel, 45920 First, Chilliwack 604 792-5552

Harrison Lake Hotel, 190 Lillooet St. Harrison Hot Springs 833 487-0624

**Camping On Site** - Dry camping will be available on site, free of charge. Running water and porta potties are available, but there are no hook ups. Sites are available on Thursday, October 26. Tenting is available on the grassy area under the trees on the entrance to the property. Send us an email that you are camping so we can plan parking.

### **Volunteers**

We cannot run the trials without volunteers. Please consider helping out. Ringside volunteers have the best seats in the house and volunteering is a really great way to learn more about the sport. We are happy to train you and there will be incentives.

### **Wait List**

We will maintain a wait list if trials or days are at their maximum run value.

**Sunday Costume Contest** - At lunch on Sunday we will have a costume contest with prizes. Dress up your dog or your team and have some fun.