



AWRC Picnic Test/Club Training Day!
May 2nd, 2009
Palmer Fairgrounds

Happy Spring Handlers,

Your club, AWRC is proud to host our first (in awhile) Picnic Test/Club Training Day at the Palmer Fairgrounds May 2nd 10am. This is a chance for new members to see what a trial/test atmosphere is like, and show off their new talents as handlers. The classes have been working extremely hard this spring learning and training and having some fun along the way. This will be set up in a hunt test format. Students who have been enrolled in the Puppy, Beginner or Transition classes will run their dogs for free as part of their fees they paid for their training classes. Club members who haven't been attending or other handlers from other clubs are absolutely welcome to attend for a fee of \$10 per dog per time per time at the line.

We will run the Master/Senior dogs together, and the junior dogs will run separately. We encourage new handlers to come and watch the "big dogs" to learn more about the game, learn where you are headed, and ask questions we are all here to support you. Each trainer from the classes will be on hand to assist you through the process: getting your dogs out of the truck, airing, approaching the blinds, being in the holding blinds, and going to the line, and finally retrieving your ducks. This is not only a chance to run your dog, but it's really important that you also learn how to be a gunner. I know Linda, and Mary have covered this in your classes, and we will be rotating you through the gunning stations. You will not just be a handler but you will also be a gunner so come prepared to help. I encourage you to bring:

- Duck calls (if you have one)
- Ear Protection
- a chair
- water for you and your dog
- warm clothing (hats and gloves its usually windy)
- good footwear (it might be dirty)
- a towel to wipe off your dogs
- a flat buckle collar
- leash
- poop sacks
- Lunch (muffins and coffee will be provided)

Family members and kids are welcome. If you have any questions ask your trainers or email Kelli alaskalabs@gmail.com. You can also check our website www.alaskaworkingretriever.com for updated information regarding our events. Thank you to all of our trainers and Board Members who are helping with this event.