

A Retrieving Certification Test (RCT) was held at Good Goings Kennels in Baldwin, Wisconsin, on June 6, 2009. This event was sponsored by the Minnesota Hunting Spaniel Association (MHSA) in conjunction with their club training day and working dog test.

The RCT began at approximately 1 pm and ended at approximately 4 pm. The observers and participants, including the dogs, were challenged by the event's weather conditions that varied from scattered to steady rainfall along with moderate to swirling wind conditions.

The judges for the event were Mr. James Lynch of Minneapolis, Minnesota and Ms. Bethann Wiley of Stillwater, Minnesota. Ms. Heidi Reinhardt, MHSA member, was the Marshall for the event. Mr. Thomas Meyer, American Kennel Club (AKC) Senior Executive Field Representative, was present.

There were a total of six American Water Spaniels entered in the RCT representing Junior, Senior and Master levels. Of these entries, two dogs qualified at the senior level. The senior level qualifiers were Night Hawk's Chè handled by Charles Starnier and Gamecr Waterway Just Plain Ol' handled by Susan Liemohn.

