

January 2019

Dear Members and Friends of the Rocky Mountain Griffon Club,
Welcome to the New Year!

The 2019 Rocky Mountain Griffon test will take place Friday through Sunday March 29-31. We are expecting a large number of dogs to be tested, however, if that does not come to pass we will only be testing on Saturday and Sunday. The test will be held at the usual location at the Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area near Wendell, Idaho. Directions and a map are enclosed.

Thursday afternoon, March 27, there will be a puppy exposure/ pre-test training event for those interested. The exposure day is to help give handlers and dogs some additional help/training/acclimation to the test site/water work/bird contact prior to the test. Some of us have no access to open water for months before the test or a dog isn't pointing consistently or needs a brush up on tracking or one more practice of a blind retrieve of a duck.

If you are interested in participating in a test and/or the pre-test training event please e-mail your intention to tawnaskinner@yahoo.com so that you can be informed about the upcoming details.

This year we will be lodging again at the Comfort Inn, 379 Crossroads Point Boulevard, Jerome/Twin Falls, ID 83338. (208) 644-1200.

We have 40 rooms reserved at the Comfort Inn & Suites

22 - Double Queen rooms
16 - Junior King suites with a couch pull out
2 - Kings

I let the hotel know that some people will be checking in as early as March 27, 2019.

Room rate is \$85 plus tax per night.

Group cut-off is February 27, 2019. All unreserved rooms will be released at midnight on February 27th. Reservations **must made prior to the cut-off date & time!**

When making your hotel reservations, press 2 for the front desk and tell them you are with the Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Club. Don't use the reservation line.

For those individuals that may be entering a dog for the Idaho test, I have included test entry and payment forms. These forms are also available on our website www.bohemiangriffon.org. Please e-mail or mail your forms back to me as soon as possible so that sufficient birds are available for testing and scorecards, running orders, meals, volunteers, etc. are all lined up and ready for the event.

Test booklets, for those who have not run a dog in a test before or have lost previous copies, are available on request or can be obtained from the Bohemian Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Education and Research Foundation at www.huntersgriffon.org. My e-mail and mailing address are located at the bottom of this letter.

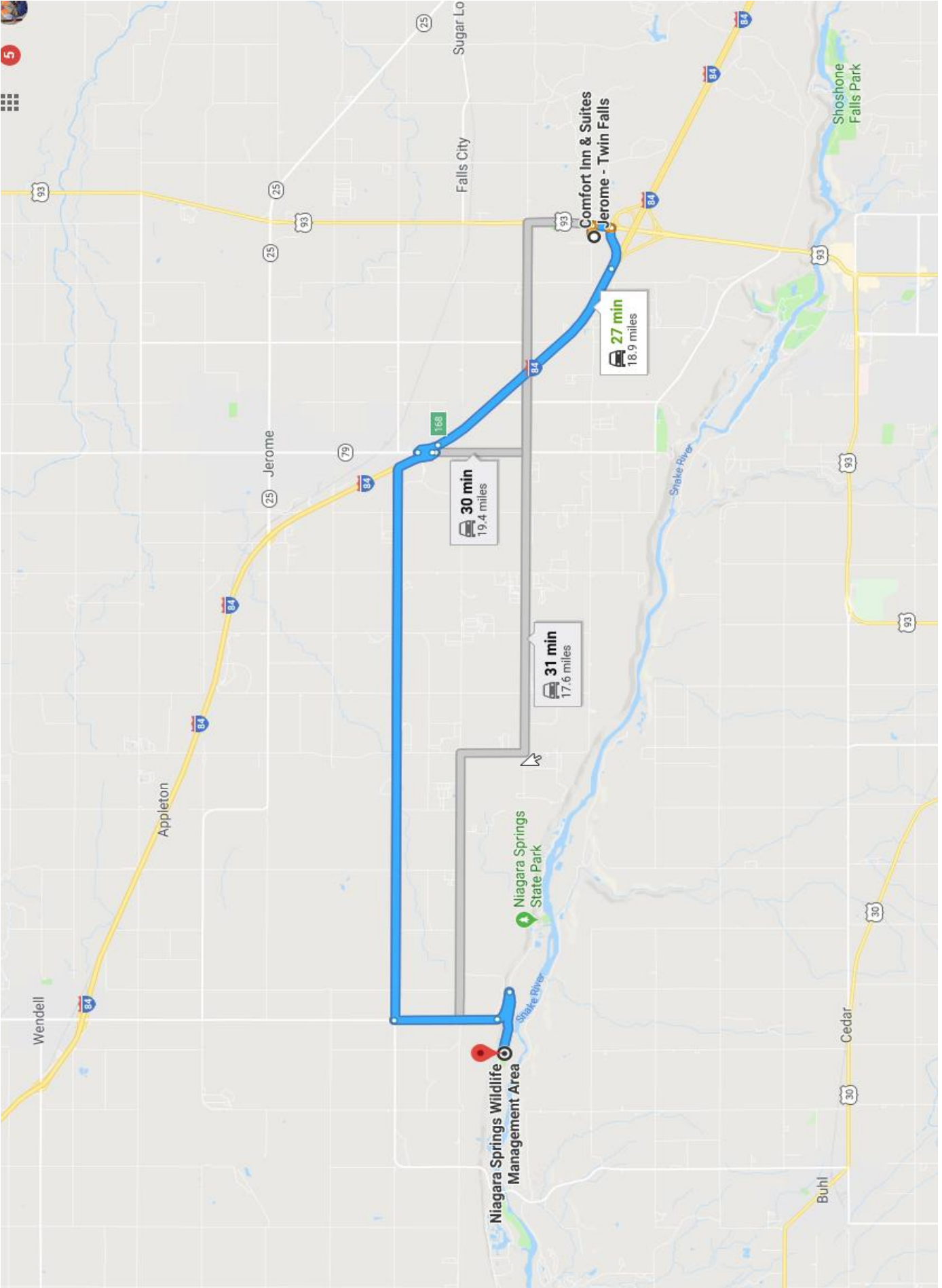
You must submit any and all registration forms and payments to me no later than **February 28, 2019**. Submitting the registration information on time ensures that you and your dog will have a place in our test. Timely registration also helps out the volunteers that make our test run (record keeping, bird purchasing, food, etc.) Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to seeing you at the spring test.

If you have not done so previously, via PayPal on our website, it is also that time of year for RMGC chapter members to **mail in your dues of \$10 per household**. Thank you in advance for supporting our club.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me. When contacting me via e-mail please insert a relevant title in the subject line so that I know your e-mail is not junk-mail.

We look forward to seeing you at the March test!

Tawna Skinner
Rocky Mountain Griffon Club
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Salmon, ID 83467
208-756-4658
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Directions to RMGC Test Site

From: Comfort Inn 379 Crossroads Point Boulevard Jerome, ID 83338

To: Niagara Springs WMA

30 MIN | 19.474 MILES



Start out going east on Crossroads Point Blvd toward Arlen Dr.

0.17 miles



Take the 2nd right onto US Highway 93/US-93 S.

0.30 miles

- US Highway 93 is 0.1 miles past Arlen Dr
- If you reach Crossroads Pkwy you've gone about 0.2 miles too far



Merge onto I-84 W toward Boise.

4.74 miles



Take the ID-79 exit, EXIT 168, toward Jerome.

0.38 miles



Turn left onto S Lincoln Ave/ID-79.

0.27 miles



Turn right onto Bob Barton Rd.

5.39 miles

- If you are on Golf Course Rd and reach E Frontage Rd S you've gone a little too far



Bob Barton Rd becomes Bob Barton Hwy.

4.46 miles



Turn left onto S 1950 E.

1.60 miles

- S 1950 E is 0.5 miles past S 2000 E
- If you reach S 1950 E you've gone a little too far



S 1950 E becomes Niagra Springs Rd (Portions unpaved and steep).

2.18 miles

Niagara SpringsWMA, is on the right at the bottom the hill.

0.00 miles



THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER OF THE BOHEMIAN WIREHAired POINTING GRIFFON CLUB OF AMERICA

2019 Spring Test

Niagara Springs Wildlife Management Area, Wendell, Idaho

March 29-31 Friday-Sunday

Testing 8:00 a.m. Sharp

NATURAL ABILITY

INTERMEDIATE

UTILITY FIELD TEST

\$50.00 Entry Fee*

\$60.00 Entry Fee*

\$70.00 Entry Fee*

* If you are not a member of the BWPGCA an additional fee of \$10.00 will be charged.

PLEASE indicate on entry form **which day** you wish to run your dog: Friday, Sat. or Sun. Space will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Early entries would help us tremendously. Please send ASAP.

ALL ENTRIES CLOSE FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Dogs are eligible for the Natural Ability Test from the age of 6 months up until and including the day they reach 16 months of age. Dogs over 16 months of age may be entered for evaluation only. Dogs from 16 months to 24 months are eligible for the Intermediate Test. Overage dogs are entered under the special category of Older Hunting Dog and are judged more severely in obedience. Dogs 18 months and older are eligible for the Utility Field Test. Registered dogs other than Griffons are eligible and welcome for all tests. Test rules will be sent to each entry.

Make checks payable to: **RMGC**. Send completed entry forms and checks to: **Tawna Skinner (RMGC sec/treas.), 5 Dutton Lane, Salmon ID 83467. 208-756-4658** SPECTATORS WELCOME!

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Comfort Inn & Suites, Jerome-Twin Falls

379 Crossroads Point Boulevard

Jerome, Idaho 208-644-1200

We have 40 pet friendly rooms at the Comfort Inn reserved for BWPGCA , \$85.00+ tax/night. A signed pet policy at check in will eliminate the \$15/ night pet fee. The motel has a pool and Continental breakfast from 6 a.m. -10 a.m. each day. YOU MUST MENTION YOU ARE PART OF BWPGCA TO GET THE \$85.00 RATE. Room reservations start Wednesday, March 27. Check in is 3 p.m. and checkout is by 12 p.m. Reservations must be made by midnight February 27, 2019 to get a room. After that the reserved rooms will be released to the public.

REMEMBER MOTEL ETIQUETTE: Do not leave a dog alone in the motel room unless you are absolutely certain it will be quiet. (If dog is left alone in motel room, **it should always be in a kennel.**)

Driving Directions:

Coming from Boise you will travel East on I-84 until you reach exit 173. At the bottom of the exit you will turn left heading north until you reach a cross section of Highway 93. You will notice a flying J gas station on your right - hand side. Our property is located on the left - hand side at 379 Crossroads Point Blvd. Coming from Salt Lake City Utah you will travel on I-84 going North. You will need to take exit 173. At the stop sign you will turn right. This is Highway 93. Take left on Crossroads Point Blvd until you reach the Comfort Inn and Suites. We are located off the Twin Falls Exit 173. We are approximately 3 miles from Twin Falls.

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LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TEST SITE each testing day for \$8.00/person. A buffet dinner will be held Saturday evening, (place will be announced later). You must sign up for the dinner in advance. The dinner is \$25 a head. PAY IN ADVANCE BY MARCH 10th. NO LATE OR LAST MINUTE RESERVATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED.

PLEASE REMEMBER-Cars kill dogs. Keep your dog on a leash at all times when in the vicinity of a road or driveway. Do not rely on a well-trained dog. PLEASE NOTE-The BWPGCA & Chapter clubs are not responsible for injuries to persons or dogs at the test site. Field and water conditions may contain hidden objects that could cause injury as in any hunting activity. There will be a Vet on call in case of emergency. Snake River Veterinary Hospital Dr. Bob Tillquist 1950 S. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338 208-324-2375