

**UPDATE!**  
**PVSSC BARN HUNT TRIAL OCTOBER 12-13, 2019**  
**SS ENTRIES OPEN AUGUST 12!**

ISLE OF CALAIS HEALTHY OUTDOORS  
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**From Secretary Michelle Bell:** Closing date for the Trial is 10/1/19. However, **EVERY** trial at this location in this area has filled and had a wait list this year, if you wait you may not get in. If you are potentially going to earn a master, RATCH, RATCHX, or crazy 8 title please let me know. I will comp a run for any PVSSC members who will commit to working the entire trials Sat and Sun. Please contact me if they are interested in doing that. If i don't get enough PVSSC volunteers i have locals who will do it.

**WE WILL HAVE A SPECIAL COMPETITION FOR THE SCHNAUZER AND THE NON-SCHNAUZER WHO EARN THE MOST CRAZY 8 POINTS OVER THE WEEKEND- CRAZY RATTER.** There will be a special award for the schnauzer and non-schnauzer with the fastest Q time in a regular class across the weekend- Speed Racer. And my personal favorite an award for the schnauzer and non-schnauzer with the slowest Q time in a regular class across the weekend- "The Turtle Award."

**ON FRIDAY WE WILL HAVE TRAINING SEMINARS WITH ELIZABETH STALEY.** We'll group people together by the types of issues they have. I anticipate there will be 3 groups- intro to barn hunt, tunnel issues, and indication issues. If folks are interested please contact me at [aussielvr@gmail.com](mailto:aussielvr@gmail.com), or Facebook messenger so i can arrange that. There will be a small fee of \$30 for 2 hours of seminar/working time.

**IF FOLKS AREN'T AWARE, BHA HAS ADDED "B" CLASSES** which we will be offering at our trial in October. B classes allow you to run a class that your dog already has a title in. For example lets say you finish novice, and you start trying to run open but you hit issues where your dog doesn't realize there is a second rat to find. You can enter a weekend at Novice B instead of Open A. That allows your dog to compete in novice where your team can build confidence. The RATN or novice barn hunt title is earned after 3 q's in Novice A. The RATNX title is earned after 10 q's in Novice B. You can also earn multiple RATNX2, 3, etc. The same is true for RATOX and RATSX.

**THERE IS ALSO AN OPTIONAL CLASS CALLED "CRAZY 8'S"** which we will be offering 2 chances at each day. Crazy 8's involves a senior/master level course with 8 rat tubes and 4 litter tubes, and a senior/master level tunnel. Unlike the regular classes where you have to complete all elements to earn a Q, in crazy 8's you earn points for each element you do complete- 10 points for the tunnel, 10 points for a climb, and 10 points for each rat you successfully find for a max of 100 points. You lose points for failing to complete the climb or tunnel (-20 points each), and you lose points if you call a rat tube and it's a litter (-20) BUT you get to keep going. You get two minutes to complete as much as you can, so it's an exciting race against the clock. If you end up with negative points you end up with 0, but even if your dog can't do a hard tunnel you can do a climb and find a few rats to earn points towards a crazy 8 title. Have a dog who won't tunnel? No problem you can still have fun.

***The full Premium List will be sent with the emailed Wiretaps and the Entry Form only with hard copy Wiretaps. Go to our web site at [www.pvssc.org](http://www.pvssc.org) for additional copies.***

**For More Information or to Volunteer (hint hint),  
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