

Region 10, Ken McDaniel:

Ninety degree weather tells me that summertime has arrived in Region 10! The longer days and warmer weather should lend to plenty of training. I'm sure if my training buddy would be reading this at the time of my writing he would be thinking "where the heck are you at then", but hopefully by the time you read it I'll be there daily.

I had the opportunity to watch a couple of days of the Spring Grand. The Amite club did an excellent job of providing the grounds as they proved to furnish plenty of factors to challenge the entrants. It was great visiting with many friends, old and new!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of help to any of you and your clubs.

Amite River HRC, www.arhrc.org/President, Mark Evans, emevans1010@gmail.com

What an effort it took to host the 2010 Spring Grand!!!! As I announced at the ribbon ceremony on Wednesday evening, "I'm proud to be the president of the Amite River HRC!" We had phenomenal participation from our club members. Thirteen worked from Thursday- Wednesday. Three more worked from Friday-Wednesday and fifteen more worked whenever they could. That's thirty-one people who volunteered their time so that HRC members from all over the US and Canada could come play at "The Grand." Thanks to all ARHRC members who helped. Special thanks also go out to the eight judges who were here from Wed-Thursday with their thankless job. I did not here one complaint about the test setups. That's a first!!!! Very special thanks to the Grand Committee for all of the work they do. To think that they do this twice a year is mind boggling. Until you host one, you cannot imagine everything that goes into running this very special event. To those that passed, congratulations. For those of us that didn't, let's try again in Georgia.

Our regular test was a great success (other than not having enough finished ribbons!!!!). Thanks to everyone who participated.

Bayou HRC. President, Billy Chaisson., pchiasson@mobiletel.com

Kudos to Amite River HRC for putting on the spring grand this year. It is always good seeing a club from our area hosting an event of this magnitude and boy did they do a good job. Congratulations to all the dogs that passed the grand and the ones who received titles. On the local level, congratulations to Wes Doucet and Lucy along with Lindsey Wood and Sadie on obtaining their HR titles. We wish them good luck running finished. With everyone in this area being affiliated to the oil field in some form or another, we have been busy as bees with this recent oil spill. It is outings like these hunt tests that enable all of us to enjoy things like training and hunting and get away from the every day stress of a real job. We are putting the final touches on our spring hunt test which starts on May 15th so if you can, "Come on over and pass a good time".

Cajun HRC, www.cajunhrc.com, President Benny Landry, blandry@miswaco.com

We would like to congratulate our club secretary, Betty Cormier and her husband, Stanley on their Lab Grizz's first grand pass.

When we making preparations for our Spring Hunt on March 27th and 28th we were planning for a large turnout. Even with the nice weather we were disappointed to have to cancel our third flight of Finished because we couldn't fill 2 flights. After all the hard work was completed the Friday evening before the hunt test, workers were treated to a

shrimp and fish fry as a way of saying "Thanks". The first day of the hunt began with beautiful weather even if it was a bit cool at 52 degrees in the morning but warmed up to a nice 72 in the afternoon. . Saturday afternoon we had a fun activity for the young trainers. They and their puppies were treated to a puppy class competition by Lloyd Courville. Saturday evening the awards and points were given to all the dogs that passed. Then the club invited all in attendance to share a delicious meal of "pork jambalaya" prepared by Clarence Thibodeaux. Over all it was a fun weekend for dogs and trainers alike.

The final hunt test in our area will be at Bayou HRC on May 15th and 16th. Several of our club members have been training in anticipation of running and we wish them all the best of luck .

Central La. Retriever Club, President Ken McDaniel, kenmc@cebridge.net

The club held its annual meeting in April. We had a great turnout, including several new members. April is also our election of officers month. However, with no new nominations the current officers were reelected.

It's been hard to get back on track with our regular monthly training days with back to back local hunt tests, but we should be getting back on schedule now. Our invitation to other area club members to join us remains open.

Congratulations to Bill Autrey on his handling his dog Diesel and Monte Sayer's dog Maggie to their Grand passes at the Spring Grand.

I hope you have a safe, enjoyable, and productive summer.

Lake Charles Retriever Club, www.lakecharlesretrieverclub.com, President Vince Liggio, vliggio@pumpelly.com.

The spring hunt test season is now over here in south Louisiana. We have continued to have club training days each month the Saturday after our monthly meeting. Feel free to join us the 3rd Saturday of each month.

The club will have its annual Crawfish Boil May 15, 2010 We always have a great time getting together and reflecting on the spring test we have ran along with doing what we do best, EATING! Plans are in the works for our Fall Hunt test in October. Details to follow very soon. Keeps the dogs cool as the heat is already starting...

Report submitted by Club Reporter Chris Fontenot.

North La. HRC, President Otis Gordy, dogordy@hotmail.com

It is dry here also and wish it would rain. My pond has dropped about 6 inches in the last month. Once the rain stopped - it stopped completely. At least we had a decent spring so far as the weather goes.

A fun day was held April 3, 2010. The weather was quite nice and we had a real good turn out with 20 members showing up. Thanks to Harris and Karen Clark for cooking our lunch. Members, young and young at heart, enjoyed the day running their dogs.

Those of you may remember the article in the HRC magazine that Denise Johnson wrote about club member Tommy Landers. Since that article was published last year, Tommy has handled in started, season and finished in several hunt tests. He has also started using a gun that was made especially for him. He has become much more outgoing and talks about riding in the big dog truck of Denise and Dale Johnson's and

that he is ready to go to the Grand. At our fun day, he ran the 3 marks and blind with his dog, GRHRCH Dash. He was so proud of himself as was his father, Benny. I hope one day Tommy will get to run the grand. I thank you, Benny and Ann for sharing Tommy with us.

Our condolences and prayers go out to the families of Deepwater Horizon. Very tragic and unexpected! I hope that they get the well closed off in the Gulf soon, so that the environmental hazards are not as tragic.

Thanks to Mr. Ed Meyers for the update on the signs and buckets. The signs that he designed were used at the Amite River hunt test as well as the Grand. We are still working on the buckets and have found several camouflage designs that are available.

Our Fall hunt test will be September 25 and 26 in Downsville, La. This will be our only hunt test until next fall since the Grand falls on our weekend in the spring. We will be finalizing the arrangements in the next couple of weeks.

Since summertime has arrived and we will be riding 4-wheelers, I would like to remind you, your children and grandchildren, to wear a helmet. My nephew and several other children I know were injured last week. He is still having some repercussions from this wreck. We are hoping that he recovers fully in the next several weeks.

Our next Fun day is scheduled for June 5th at Dugdale Farms in Downsville.

Have a Safe and Happy Summer.

Report submitted by Club Reporter Denice Gordy, dogordy@hotmail.com.

Pontchartrain HRC, President Elmore Bauer,

Pontchartrain HRC had a great hunt. Everything went smoothly and we had a lot of dogs. Weather was good, just a little too windy.

PHRC will hold their annual meeting and elections on May 8, 2010 and will continue to have monthly training days with meetings on the 1st Saturday of every month.

Keep the dogs cool and have a good summer.

Report submitted by Club Reporter Karen Klotthor, Karenk@cbtec.com.