

**Region 13**  
**Lee Ann Heldt**

**Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bill Kisamore, Lamar, CO, arkvalleyhrc@bresnan.net:** I just wanted to thank all of the HRC members for making our hunt a very successful one which includes the handlers, judges, and our own club members. I know we had a lot of handlers that traveled a very long way and with the cost of gas prices, we really appreciate your dedication to your dogs and this great organization that we have. I hope everyone has a great hunting season as it's right around the corner.

**Central Rockies HRC – President, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO, www.CRHRC.com:** No report submitted.

**Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Ken Newcomb, Norfolk, NE, hrclabs@cableone.net:** No report submitted.

**Great Plains HRC – President, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE.** We have been working hard and have accomplished adding new members to our club. For Fall, we plan on participating in an upcoming youth pheasant hunt.



Lynn Quadhammer and his grand-daughter, Hannah Grace taking a leisurely canoe ride.

**Laramie Peak HRC – President Matt Kelley, Douglas, WY, lazkbirdogs@yahoo.com:** Things on the ranch in Wyoming have been extremely busy this summer. We had planned on our preliminary hunt for this fall, but we will not have it until spring. This will give us more time to get organized and prepared for the test. By then we hope to have a full list of members.

**Panhandle HRC – President, Bill Spitzer, Rapid City, SD, dabullnbill@rushmore.com:** With the extremely hot weather hopefully behind us, we can concentrate our thoughts on hunting. But beware! The calendar may say October, but a couple of years ago, we lost over 100 4-legged hunting companions to the heat in South Dakota. Please tote plenty of water with you on your hunts, and don't allow your dog to become over-heated. This is totally YOUR responsibility. The dog knows no quit, and will go far beyond the safe limits if you let it. Have a safe and happy hunting season for ALL involved.

As this is written, we are about to embark on another dove season. It's not looking very promising after a couple of reconnoiters into the haunts we frequent, but that's not deterring us. I've always said there is no better dog training while hunting for real, than dove hunting. It teaches all the habits we want to instill in our HRC companions. I just love it when I whisper "MARK", and see the dog's heads swivel around searching for a target among all the birds in the air. Then to have them "learn" to listen for the click of the safety, and then follow where that barrel is pointing to hopefully see a bird come down is pure enjoyment.

This season will be Tank's 2nd...so no more leads, cords, or ropes for steadiness. He's got his 'big-boy-drawers' on and it's time to show off what he's learned. It will be especially gratifying to sit between both Tank and Chief and select which dog is to get which bird. This will be a teaching process, so there may be an occasional goof-up, but it will be fun nonetheless.

Our Panhandle club did hold a meeting following our 6th successful hunt test since our inception. It wasn't quite as monetarily successful as previous years, as the entries in the lower levels fell off disappointingly. But we managed to keep our heads above water, and look forward to the challenge next year. We did vote to purchase a couple pop-up canopies for our judges. With the heat we had, they are becoming a necessity. I even carry my own, so I don't have to sit in the sun. For some reason, I've developed an allergic reaction to sunscreen, so all my old hide can endure is long sleeves, big hats, and good shade.

By next issue, several club members like Tim, Chelsae, Chris, Shea, Pat, Donelle, Marijayne, Wade, Albert, Lee Ann & Dave, should have some bragging to do with pictures of their hunting exploits. (It would be especially nice to see Ron and Trooper, of Nebraska Highway Patrol fame, out hunting more and harassing the natives less.) For now, however, we're just "Gitt'n'er Done".

**Platte River HRC – President, Ted Brewer, North Platte, NE:** The hunt test season has ended in our part of the country. A congratulations goes out to Tom Phillips and his dog, Dozer. Dozer earned his Hunting Retriever Champion Title!

We are planning our Fall member get-together where all members get together for an afternoon to shoot blue rocks, eat and be merry.

Several members are planning on attending the Fall Grand and we wish all the dogs that run the best of luck! Good hunting to everyone!

**Platte Valley HRC – President, Bill Quinn, Golden, Colorado, www.PVHRC.com:** The members Platte Valley HRC held their fall hunt test on August 12-13 at The Teal Lodge in Orchard, CO. This one was especially important for us, as we celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary hunt. The turnout was great, and the weather was nearly perfect. Thanks to David Heldt for chairing the event and to Lee Ann Heldt and Mike Schwan for being co-secretaries.

To commemorate the event, Wade Carpenter of WEBFoot Custom Calls and PVHRC member Mike Baker teamed up to put together two beautiful boxed call sets. The calls were hand made by Wade - one set was made from Cocobolo and Tulip wood, and the second set was made from a combination of clear and rose red acrylic. Mike Baker hand made the cases with dovetailed joints, French lined the insides with velvet, and laser engraved the top with the PVHRC logo and 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemoration. These sets were simply stunning. One set was raffled off at the Saturday night dinner, while the second went to the highest bidder in a silent auction that night.

Additionally, Chris Jobman of Flatlander Kennels in Bayard, Nebraska donated training time to the silent auction. Chris continually gives clubs in the area a boost with entries, and is always willing to doll out training advice to us struggling amateurs. This donation is just another example of the great support Chris provides to clubs in Region 13.

Curt Lacy also pitched into the raffle by donating hand made wooden pens with PVHRC 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary engraving on them. These pens are just an amazing piece of artwork.

All of the items added up to great fun and prizes at the Saturday night raffle/auction, and added to PVHRC's piggy bank to help us with future equipment purchases and training leases. Thanks to everyone who contributed to help make our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary hunt a success.

Training days are winding down as we all gear up for the hunting season that's fast approaching. To help us all stay connected during the hunting season, we'll be doing "movie night" at our monthly membership meetings where we'll watch a dog training video and then discuss what we've seen to help us all improve our training skills.

**Roadrunner HRC – President, Hugh Simpson, Los Lunas, NM:** Roadrunner held a weekend training / fun day at Hermit's Peak Running grounds in the mountains near Las Vegas, NM. It was great to be able to work the dogs, take a break, go back for more work, take a lunch and then go back for even more. We had all kinds of cover available and we tried to use it all—we even had some water! Our newest member Bruce brought Chief for his first training day and his first water retrieve. Sometimes Chief got a little confused about which way to run back from his retrieve, so Carrie and Melissa had to teach Bruce how to do the "Happy Dance". That worked great and Chief quickly got the idea. Fortunately for Bruce we didn't have a picture of him performing the Happy Dance! Charlie & Gwennie were there also and we reminisced about them winning the Roadrunner Singles Marathon at the same grounds and ponds back in July 2000. Gwennie may not be as young as she used to be, but she still loves retrieving.



"still loving it after all these years"

We hope that everyone's training has taken hold as we get off for our hunt test this coming weekend. More about that in our next report.



"Chief's first water retrieve"

**Salt Valley HRC – President, Robert Campbell, Lincoln, NE, Robert.Campbell@nelnet.net:** No Report Submitted.

**Southern Colorado HRC – President, Ron Ross, Pueblo West, CO, ross.ronald@comcast.net:** SCHRC is doing last minute preparation for our upcoming regular hunt and upland hunt scheduled towards the end of September at Indian Bend Ranch. The Social will take place on Saturday before the hunt at the Pueblo Trap club. The event will take place on a private ranch owned by Dr. Bedard. The ranch is a great location, with good water, river and plenty of land for upland and the regular land tests. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and plan to have a great time.

Our members are also gearing up for the bird-hunting season, after training all spring and summer, the dogs will also be ready for some real hunting and I am sure they are excited.

SCHRC will have a new slate of officers, starting in October. Replacing me, as President will be Mike Jordon, Vice President will be Karen Davis, Secretary will be D.J. Holmes and Treasurer will be Ron Ross.

As president of SCHRC I have had a great time working with our club members as well as the entire region thirteen club officers and members, but I am looking forward to the up coming hunting season and getting back to real birds with my dog.

On behalf of the SCHRC club have a great hunting season and pet your dog.

**Western Colorado HRC – President Rick Hunter, New Castle, CO, rick1735@hotmail.com:** What a long strange trip it has been. From four people in Oct. 2005 sitting at a table in a diner in Parachute, Colorado deciding to start a HRC club, to having a club that has successfully put on a hunt test and now has the funds and membership to create a bright future for hunting retrievers, handlers, and trainers on the Western Slope. Along with being one of the most difficult things I have done in my life, it has been one of the most rewarding. It is incredible to look back and see how many people came out of nowhere to assist and not only make this club happen, but be successful. It is truly impossible to name them all. From those who lent their organizational skills, to those who pushed a vacuum, right down to the bird boy who could not reach the top of the winger, but would not give up trying - I salute you. However, recognition must be given to John Tillema for planting the seed and giving the support that led to the WCHRC's founding. THANK YOU John!

Off the top of my head, I believe we have added 5-6 new titles to hunting retrievers on the Western Slope this year. I feel that is a pretty good accomplishment for a new club and look forward to building on this next year. Now, as the hunt test season winds down, I think we are all looking forward to a little R&R. With hunting season now open, I somehow think we will find our R&R heading into the fields and marshes with some well trained hunting retrievers. I look forward to seeing you all out there.





These two photo's from Western Colorado's Preliminary hunt.  
They start them young!!!!