

Region 13
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Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bryce Hiigel, Lamar, CO, h2oknine@bresnan.net: Congrats on all the Grand participants and hope everything turned out well and hoped they all had fun. The weather here has been sporadic hit and miss. We have added a few more members to the club so it seems to be growing slowly. Just waiting for our hunt test in July and have most everything accomplished. Good luck to all of the other clubs and hope they have a good turn out for their tests.

Central Rockies HRC – President, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO, mandy_cieslinski@hotmail.com: www.CRHRC.com: Test season is just kicking up and we have had numerous training days. Many members are preparing to run tests, and they can see the improvement that has been made by hunting their dogs this past season. This past month our club held our Annual Spring Pheasant Contest. We would like to congratulate Gary Bankes and his yellow lab Andrew for winning the contest

Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Ken Newcomb, Norfolk, NE, romans2@telebeep.com: Elkhorn Valley HRC is busy planning our August Upland. A few members are busy running tests and doing lots of judging. We are missing a couple members this year from tests due to the strains of being self employed. We are anxious for their return to the test circuit.

We are also working with the local Natural Resources District to secure an area of land that can be used for dog training year round. This will really help us since all public land in this area is closed to dogs from May 1 to August 1.

We wish everyone the greatest of success and our thoughts and prayers go out to Dennis Rosenbach for a full and speedy recovery.

All the dogs continue to make great improvement.

Great Plains HRC – President, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE, jlindstrom@barneyinsurance.net: I would first like to say, thanks for another successful Great Plains Hunt Test, that was held on May 5th & 6th. The weather was lousy on Saturday, with winds to 40 mph and rain, to a calm day on Sunday. We ended up having a above average turn out with new members from other clubs, along with our new members from our own club. It is always nice to see new faces along with seeing old friends. We also had a excellent group of judges for this year, thank you all!

On April 14th, we were again invited to Kearney Parks and Recreation's "Kids Day at the Golf Course". This event invites kids ages 5 - 10, to come out and fish for trout, learn how to clean their catch, and gives the dog club a chance to show the kids the different levels of training our dogs are at. This is always the highlight of their day: to let the kids see the training we put into the dogs, socialize and throw bumpers for the dogs.

We look forward seeing you at the next hunt test.

Hidden Pines HRC – President, Fred Lysinger, Cheyenne, WY medicinebeaukennels@yahoo.com: Hidden Pines Hunting Retriever Association is happy to join the HRC family, we are located in historic Cheyenne Wyoming, the crossroads of interstate 80 and 25 and the gateway to the Rocky Mountains. We have worked hard to put our first test together for the end of June and are looking forward to meeting all of you.

Laramie Peak HRC – President Matt Kelley, Douglas, WY, lazkbirdogs@yahoo.com: We are hoping to set Aug. 4-5 as our preliminary hunt date. We have gained permission to use @ 6000 acres of land just 4 miles north of Douglas. It should be a great place for our test. I have made a couple of contacts with businesses who are willing to donate items and money to help support our club. We still have no new members, but I think when we get our date set that will change.

Panhandle HRC – President, Bill Spitzer, Rapid City, SD, dabullnbill@rushmore.com: Congratulations to Chelsae Riggs and Libby Milroy on Ranger and O'Malley passing the Spring Grand! Getting a pass at this Grand was very tough indeed. Only 42 out of 377 passed. I was very proud of all the dogs! Also congrats to Lee Ann Heldt, Gary Henning, Kathy Jobman, Rick Meyer and John Klomp on Striker, Jake, Bridgett, Abby and Dutch making a very fine showing in their own right. It was as challenging of a Grand as I have ever ran. We are looking forward to adding a few new GRHRCH's to the region in the fall.



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Platte River HRC – President, Jay Dee Richards, North Platte, NE, jrichards@pssd.com: The Platte River HRC had a wonderful hunt on April 21 and 22. Lots of attendance from our neighbors in Colorado. We enjoyed nice weather on Saturday and then typical to April, had wind and rain on Sunday. Thanks go out to Sally Jo & Jeff, Marcia & Blake, Loretta & Jim, Marty, Ron, Scott, Dillon, Ted, Steve, PJ & Jay, Jeff, Tom and Maxine, & Joe. Everyone did a great job of pitching in and the hunt was a success. Everyone is now helping other clubs and preparing for the other hunt tests in the Region.

Platte Valley HRC – President, Don Williams, Loveland, CO, willid@lpbroadband.net: www.PVHRC.com: Things are picking up for Platte Valley now that winter's cold grip has been broken. Lots of members new and not so new are hitting it hard getting ready for test season. It is good to see some folks like Dave Palmstein and Willie Ratliff with young dogs again. There actually is a great crop of young dogs in the club right now so it will be exciting to see them develop and become ribbon hounds.

The club had Nebraska pro trainer Chris Jobman over in March to do a one day clinic on setting up an effective training day and training for concepts. Despite bitter cold we had a good turnout and learned lots about how to make our training time more effective. As president of the club I get lots of feed back about training days. A PVHRC Board goal for this year is to increase attendance and quality of training days. Several members have stepped up to help coordinate trains sessions.

By the time this goes to print our May hunt test will be in the books. I am especially pleased at the number of new members,

some with puppies not yet ready for hunt tests that are volunteering to help with the test. If you see someone you don't know at a test in your region say hello and thank them for their enthusiasm. I want to thank all the judges of region 13, not just for judging our test but on behalf of every club putting on a test. Our region is growing rapidly but the pool of judges is not keeping pace. If you don't currently judge give it some consideration.

Our club was represented well at the Grand this Year. Three club members, Tom Herman, Lee Ann Heldt, and Ed Radzka had dogs entered. Two of them made it to the third series. I am sure as they gain experience they will get there. Our region had more dogs entered than ever which is great. Personally I am excited to see our region paying more attention to national activities.

Roadrunner HRC – President, Bill Archer, Los Alamos, NM, darcher123@comcast.net: With spring trying to show up we've been getting the club out for training. In March and April we had both a training day and a fun hunt. For training days we just show up with whatever gear is on folks trucks and do pretty informal training. For the fun hunts we bring the club trailer and set up a mock test, usually a hybrid of started and seasoned.

The first fun hunt was at Cochitti lake and had a great turnout of 3/4's of the members. Everyone had a great time and we got good training in. We had a permit to be in the lake the weekend before it opened to the public, so it was niche training because we could use the lake without interference with boaters, etc. The timing was great, two weeks earlier the lake still had ice on it!

The second fun hunt was at the La Joya NM State Waterfowl Area south of Belen, NM. This is a very nice area with both good land and water. The water is interesting because it has lots of cover. However, it closes on 1 May, two days after we were there, for waterfowl nesting. When it reopens in the summer the water will be gone. That is the challenge in New Mexico, finding water to train on. At this event we had too much water, it rained during the water series. That did make things go faster!

Hope everyone has a good test season.

Salt Valley HRC – President, Robert Campbell, Lincoln, NE, Robert.Campbell@nelnet.net: First off we would like to thank everybody that came out or helped with our first Preliminary and Licensed hunt. A lot of hard work went into planning and pulling off this great hunt, even if the Nebraska weather did not want to cooperate. Also thanks to all who traveled to Lincoln, we hope you had fun and plan on seeing you again next year.

A special thank you goes out to Pat Johnson, Region 13 rep, for all of his hard work and months of help to make sure this test was successful. We also want to thank Kirk Steffensen and his wife Laura for all of the work they put into the hunt as hunt secretary and finished marshals. Also thank you to Roger Hoffman, Roger's sons and Chris for the borrowed equipment and help, Joe and his helpers for being bird boys and helping where needed. RJ Campbell and Troy Bailey for judging in seasoned and started and Tadd Barrow for running around all over making sure everything was working and getting help (and helping) where needed. We extend a special thank you to the Nebraska Game and Parks for allowing us access to such a wonderful facility. Thanks to everyone that judged and assisted. Without the help of all the judges and participants we would not see the kind of success that we have at our hunts.

The night social was very successful, and the food was excellent. I don't know but it is going to be hard to top Famous Dave's BBQ

next year. There were also a lot of great prizes that were handed out.

The Club is really growing and having lots of fun. We are getting some new members and are trying to attend most of the area tests. This past weekend there were at least eight members at the Great Plains HRC licensed test. Most if not all passed and a few got their titles. We are trying to have at least one training session per month, and usually more.

We have also added a new website for our Club. It is a work in progress, but is coming along nicely. Please visit <http://www.saltvalleyhrc.com> to see pictures of our Club and other information.



The first photo is the "5000 points at the Line" Rich Carpenter & Roux and Andy French & Boo at Salt Valley HRC's Preliminary & Licensed Hunts on March 31 and April 1 in Lincoln, Nebraska.



The second photo is SVHRC members from right to left Chuck, Chris, Jeremy, and Tom all getting their Started title bath.

Southern Colorado HRC – President, Mike Jordan, Pueblo, CO: We are getting ready for our up-coming test and pretty much have everything lined out. We moved our test to a later date this year. We hope to see a lot of you at our test as well as other tests through out the region.

Jim Davis judged at the Spring Grand held in Maud, Texas. This is the second Grand that he has been asked to judge at. We are glad to have our region represented at the national level not only with a judge but as well as with several dogs running in it including our own member and Field Rep, John Klomp. His dog made it to the the 4th series. Way to go Dutch!

Western Colorado HRC – President Rick Hunter, New Castle, CO, rick1735@hotmail.com: Here are a couple of pictures from our fun hunt that we had.

