

Region 13
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Region 13 and Southern Colorado Retriever Club have lost yet another great dedicated HRC member and friend, Grant Hurley. Dr. Grant Hurley passed away Wednesday Aug 8. Grant leaves us with quite a legacy as he was the only one to own, train, and handle a father and son each to the 1000 points club (Joe Mokie Bear and Joe Mokie Bear Jr).



Anyone who had the privilege of knowing Grant and had a chance to watch him run Joe and Joe Jr. would understand that he represented the essence of what the Hunting Retriever Club is all about. We will miss his kind smile and gentle nature. We will not soon forget his words, time and time again as he left the retrieving line after another near perfect run, "Well another day, another test." Well Grant, we know you are now in that place where each mark, each blind, each cast is **perfect**, the testing is all done and you are enjoying the awards of a near perfect life.

On another note we would like to wish all the Grand participants "**Good Luck**" as they prepare to head to Michigan! It's so nice to have so many participating from our region!

Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bryce Hiigel, Lamar, CO, h2oknine@bresnan.net: Well its been a while since our hunt test in July, but it was a great success. We ended up with 3 flights of Finished, 1 flight of seasoned and started. We had a few bumps and bruises but nothing that couldn't be handled. We want to thank the judges for taking time out of their busy schedules to come judge for us. Thanks to all of the handlers for traveling to Lamar and participating. We hope to see everyone next year.

Central Rockies HRC – President, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO, mandy_cieslinski@hotmail.com: www.CRHRC.com: The hunt test season in Region 13 is finally over. We have numerous members get titles for the first time and some get more advanced titles. Congratulations to all of those who have passed and titled this past summer.

This past month we had our annual club picnic. We decided to have it at a local shooting range. It was a hit and everyone had a good time. Hopefully that will help with our future hunting adventures with our dogs. Good luck hunting this winter...

We are also planning our Licensed Upland Hunt. We have not decided on a location yet, but this test will take place in March. We hope to see you all there.

Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Ken Newcomb, Norfolk, NE, romans2@telebeep.com: We just completed our Upland hunt Test. Things were a big success with lots of fun being had by everyone. We had two club members put UH titles on their dogs bringing our total to three. CONGRATS Keith Spader and Mike Filipi on the new titles. Ken Newcomb added another pass to his dog and Janet Filipi put a pass on her dogs.

We got to see dogs from South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado. We would love to see some Nebraska dogs next year.

Although hunting season is now in progress training days still continue as several members are eyeing one last test before calling it a year. Then its off to do what we really train for. HUNT

EVHRC will be hosting a Spring Hunt Test this year so we ask that everyone keep mid-April open for that. We may need to call in some of those markers and recruit some judges from the area. We hope several are able to help out.

This year is an election year. I have been looking forward to putting lots of headaches on someone else's shoulders for a while. Just kidding, my stint as EVHRC President has been great and I look forward to many rewarding years with the club.

Great Plains HRC – President, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE, jlindstrom@barneyinsurance.net: We in the Great Plains have turned our heads from the day-to-day training to dove season. Seeing how the dogs training has paid off through the summer months, and yet seeing what still needs work as we eagerly anticipate the early duck season....As our thoughts turn from work to cold snowy days and the ducks dropping into the decoys or a cackling rooster going skyward we can't help but find ourselves in daydreams about the upcoming hunt. Fall is just around the corner, so make the time to spend it with good friends and good dogs and teach someone about the outdoors. As todays hunt is tomorrow's story and that is what is all about.....

Hidden Pines HRC – President, Fred Lysinger, Cheyenne, WY medicinebeaukennels@yahoo.com: Hidden Pines is winding down our first summer after our inaugural test in June. We had a eye certification clinic and a rattlesnake breaking clinic put on by Keith Gibbs. Thank you Keith! August was wetter than usual so we had some nice training water. We are looking forward to furnishing dogs for the local Pheasant Forever youth and the NWT Jakes youth pheasant hunt this fall. The club dogs get a lot of training work in the upland and the youth throw birds at our regular test. It seems to work well for everybody and is good PR for our club. The club will have a fun chucker hunt in the fall, and we take to the fields and goose pits as winter comes. We have enjoyed our first year in HRC and made many new friends. We are looking forward to next year. See you soon!



Sharon Arcand from Hidden Pines gets the water treatment by Natalie Jobman at the Panhandle test in June!

Laramie Peak HRC – President Matt Kelley, Douglas, WY, lazkbirdogs@yahoo.com: LPHRC held its preliminary test in August and things went well. We had unusually high water, but the judges did a great job of making things happen. Thank you to all who helped and supported our test. We are putting on a dog demo at the Sportsman's Expo in Casper Sept. 7-9. Hopefully this will produce some new members. Thanks again to everyone.

Panhandle HRC – President, Bill Spitzer, Rapid City, SD, dabullnbill@rushmore.com: Well hunting season is finally upon us. This test season was a long and successful one. We would like to congratulate everyone that has received titles and more importantly had fun running their dogs. We would also like to wish Tom Herman, Jack Lindstrom, Jim Davis and Chris Jobman good luck at the fall grand. Hopefully Region 13 will come home with some passes and maybe a new GRHRCH or two. "Some people wish for good luck, some people complain about bad luck, workers make their own luck!" Happy hunting season!



Chris Jobman with Striker at Platte Valley's Spring test!



Chris Jobman carrying one of his client dogs to the line at a seasoned test. There was quite a few cactus on the way. I hope Storm doesn't get used to his new chauffeur service! Boy what Chris won't do for a pass!

Platte River HRC – President, Jay Dee Richards, North Platte, NE, jrichards@pssd.com: The Hunt Test Season has finally come to an end with everything in our Region about done except for the Grand. Chris Jobman of Flatlander Kennels will be taking Dozer, Tom Phillip's dog and O'Malley, Libby Milroy's dog to the Grand in late September. Dozer is getting close to earning his 500 points!!! Another notable accomplishment was that our President, Jay Richards went for a swim with his dog, Mazi after she earned her HRCH at the Prelim Hunt at Douglas, WY. CONGRATS to Jay!!!

We have our club picnic planned on Sep 16th and hope for a great turn out. We will be having a potluck and shooting blue rocks. Dove Season will be starting soon and everyone is anxious for hunting season to begin.

Platte Valley HRC – President, Don Williams, Loveland, CO, willid@lpbroadband.net: www.PVHRC.com: Who ever had any doubt? In spite of initial lack of interest, threatened oil drilling, summer severe storms, blistering heat, and a new test site, we enjoyed a great hunt test at Fort Vasquez. Let me begin by thanking Co-Chairs Mike Brockman and Marybelle Bernhardt for hanging in there in the face of some big challenges. It was the first time to chair a hunt for both. Marybelle was able to beg push and threaten 16 judges to give their time even though most judges are burnt out by this time of year. Mike Brockman proved to be a good field general and logistics expert putting all the components together. Mike only showed ruffled feathers a couple of times unlike yours truly that turns into a total control freak preparing for a hunt test. Oh, wait a minute; I just remembered I am a total control freak all the time. Chair a hunt time and you will appreciate how well Mike held it all together.

Hunt Secretary Barb Newsome you are absolutely amazing. Besides doing all the usual hunt secretary stuff you had to mother hen us all to keep this thing going. I think Barb personally recruited 2/3 of the finished entries. Barb brought the pro trainers and their multiple entries to the table allowing us to come out on top money wise for the weekend. Besides the financial aspect, that gives us pure amateurs the chance to see some great dog work. Tom Vanderpool and Chris Anderson arranged a great Saturday night social at Patricia's restaurant in Fort Lupton. I head several folks say it was the best social meal at any hunt test they have attended. Thank you too to all the members that showed up on Friday afternoon to help set up and stayed late on Sunday to break it down. Lastly let me extend a huge thank you to PVHRC member Tom Herman. It is only because of Tom that we were able to get access to Kent Peterson's Fort Vasquez Hunting Club.

Let's shift to upcoming events. Hunting season kicks off with dove hunting and early teal seasons. I understand the waterfowl seasons are a little different this year so be sure to check out the regs before you head out including remembering to get a HIPP number. Just like at the hunt test remember gun safety first and the rest sort of takes care of its self.

. Good luck with the hunting season and we will keep in touch throughout the winter. Check the website any time you want to know what is happening.



Congrats to Tom Herman and Grits for joining the 500 point club this past summer!



David Heldt with Hunter running a Finished test!

Roadrunner HRC – President, Bill Archer, Los Alamos, NM, darcher123@comcast.net:

Our annual back-to-back hunt test on September 8 & 9 was a big success. Our test is a small one with about 30 dogs a day, but we had a good time. We want to thank the folks who traveled from Colorado, Texas, and Arizona to attend. We hope to see you all again next year! Teal season starts the weekend after our test, so the timing is nice. Good hunting!

Salt Valley HRC – President, Robert Campbell, Lincoln, NE, Robert.Campbell@nelnet.net: Salt Valley Members are slowly moving into the 2007-2008 hunting season with successful reports of both dove and teal on many supper plates. September 30 SVHRC will be holding their 1st Annual Club Picnic Hunt Test. Complete with burgers, hot dogs, and all the sides an individual can eat. Lunch will be followed up by a wife's and kid's gun dog stake, mock hunt test, and finally the super singles timed competition. Club clothing, waterfowl bands, and training gear will be present for prizes that day.

Be safe out in the fields this fall and if your in the neighborhood don't hesitate to join in a training day or give us a call.

Attached are two pictures of SVHRC members Tadd and Kathy Barrow's son Jonah Barrow on a Nebraskan early season teal hunt. Way to shoot Jonah! The black Labrador is no other then club member, 8.5 year old Drake.



Southern Colorado HRC – President, Mike Jordan, Pueblo, CO: We are planning a SCHRC Club Fun Hunt on October 27 at the Indian Bend Ranch. The theme is Club hunt and Halloween celebration with a potluck barbeque. We have been talking and making plans for our Spring hunt 2008. Congratulations to our newest HRCH titles, Lee Markowski and Taz, Don Ley and Gupi and Sami Ley and Deni. Our sympathy goes to Pat Davis and the loss of HRCH Knightwings Black Hawk.

Western Colorado HRC – President Rick Hunter, New Castle, CO, rick1735@hotmail.com:



Started dog holding blind at Western Colorado's hunt in July 2007 held in Rifle!

