

Region 13
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I can't believe that it is 2008 and we have started our test season! We recently went to the Upland test and watched our dog, Striker run. You can tell that it is the first test of the season and all the dogs were very excited and so ready to "get the bird". I am sure it won't take them all very long to settle back into the testing. Also I am hoping that you all will check out the calendar for Region 13 and mark down those test dates. We would love to have you all get out there and run a few extra tests this year.

I also wanted to mention that my husband, David Heldt and I have been blessed over the course of the last three months with two more grandchildren. Our youngest daughter, April had another boy born on December 4th and our oldest daughter, Mandee had her second daughter born on March 3rd. It's sure great to be grandparents!

Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bryce Hiigel, Lamar, CO, h2oknine@bresnan.net: Hunting season is winding down with exception of snow goose. We are starting to get busy with the training days and getting ready for our annual hunt test in July. Hope to see everyone there.

Central Rockies HRC–Pres, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO, mandy_cieslinski@hotmail.com: www.CRHRC.com: Early March we held our Upland Hunt test! It was great fun and we had quite a few dogs title over the course of the weekend. Chris Jobman had four that titled, Pistol, O'Malley, Brie, and Suede.

Now as the tests season marches on, we can look forward to seeing more of our fellow dog friends.

Great Plains HRC – President, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE. jlindstrom@barneyinsurance.net: The snow geese have arrived in masses, and we had our first organized training day this last Sunday at Wood River, Nebraska. I can't stress enough, our new grounds are in great shape with plenty of water. Our club has incorporated Entry Express for our premium this year. If you are new to entry Express, simply log on to www.entryexpress.net and search HRC hunt tests for Nebraska. Great Plains HRC will pull-up with a premium and a map of the grounds. All of the members from GPHRC would like to extend an invitation to HRC and AKC members, if you are looking for a different place to run your dogs, consider our hunt test. We look forward seeing you May.



Dane Johnson with Zale



Mandy Cieslinski and HRCH UH Baylee's Gator Pt. Cajun Queen

Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Keith Spader, Blair, NE, keithspader@hotmail.com: Members of Elkhorn Valley HRC have been busy working on our spring hunt test, training and getting a little bit of snow goose hunting in. It seems like just like last week that the weather was cold and snowy, wait, as I write this, it was cold and snowing a week ago! We have a few new judges that hail from Elkhorn Valley, so any clubs looking for some apprentice started judges, there are some in northeast NE that are looking forward to begin there judging career. We are also planning on hosting a late August regular hunt test instead of an upland test to help try to spread out tests here in Region 13. Hope everyone has a great spring whether it's hunting, training or testing.



Shane Rockefeller with his Chessie



Three HRCH's and MH's enjoyed a great day in the field hunting pheasants. Jake, Abby & Cody.

Hidden Pines HRC – President, Fred Lysinger, Cheyenne, WY medicinebeaukennels@yahoo.com: As I sit here watching the tumbleweeds and snow blow by, I am reminded it is the first part of March, and while some of the clubs in our region will be starting tests next month, we are hoping the ice thaws so we can start training. The dry conditions in this area led to the worst waterfowl season in recent memory. We have our fingers crossed for a decent spring snow goose season. We provided dogs for the NWTF youth pheasant hunt. For some of these kids it is their first chance to hunt over a dog and boy are they thrilled. We will also provide dogs for the Pheasant Forever youth hunt. Congratulations to Rich Cathcart and his dog Ike for winning the Colorado and Kansas state pheasant championship. There were others that placed: Mike Pyle, Blake Wilson, Dan Cathcart, Darrell McMullen and Kevin Van Cleave. We recently hosted a fun wild game cookout for our members and their guest. This included some fun raffle and silent auction items.

Laramie Peak HRC – President Matt Kelley, Douglas, WY, lazkbirdogs@yahoo.com: We are gearing up for our test in April. Things are falling into place and we hope to have a good turn out and some great raffle items. We had our annual meeting in February. Alan Case, Nate Demander and myself attended the Judge's/Handler seminar in Loveland and we all learned a lot. Thanks to all of those who put it on. We have planned a training day for the first weekend in April.

Panhandle HRC – President, Pat Johnson, Caputa, SD, prjohn@wesscomm.com: Not much going on in the Panhandle HRC. Everyone is busy training getting ready for the upcoming hunt test season. We had our first meeting back in January and have set our Hunt Test date in June 2008. Check the schedules and mark your calendars. Several of the members got together on the first weekend in March and trained at Flatlander kennels with Chris Jobman. It was a nice day for training and everyone learned something, both handlers and their four legged companions. I hope everyone had a good hunting season and looking forward to hunt test season again. It is always nice to get out to the tests and renew old acquaintances and meet new folks just starting in the game. The Spring Grand is coming in April down in Georgia. There are quite a few dogs from the region that will be going with Chris Jobman of Flatlander Kennels. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming hunt test in the region this year.

Platte River HRC – President, Jim Ellett, North Platte, NE, jellet@msn.com: New officers were elected at our Feb Meeting: Jim Ellett is President; Jay Richards is Vice President; Ron Green is Treasurer; Libby Milroy is Secretary. We have cancelled our test this year but plan on a future date.

Platte Valley HRC – President, Don Williams, Loveland, CO, willid@lpbroadband.net: www.PVHRC.com: It was an honor for us to host the Judge's Handler seminar presented by John Klomp for the southern part of the region in February which had a great turn out. Approximately 50 people attended. We hope we get a few more judges out of this!

At our annual meeting in January the club members have decided to put on both the Spring and Fall hunt tests again this year. The Spring Hunt will be in May and probably at Indian Meadows in Snyder. The Fall test will be held at Fort Vasquez where it was last year. We had volunteers for both test as far as hunt chairs and secretaries and I know that they are working hard to get them all put together. We really have to thank these people for stepping up as this is a huge amount of work for them.

We set our club training days and have started to meet on certain dates to train. We already had our Upland training day which preceded the Central Rockies test date. As you can see from the picture of Joe Olson, he did very well with achieving the Upland title with his dog "Sunny". We had several other club members that attended this event as well, Mike Brockman with Ozzie, Dan Feigert with his dog, Rich Carpenter with Roux, Willie Ratliff with Whisper and Chris Jobman with the Heldt's golden,

Striker to name a few. It was a beautiful day for the test and a great chance to get out and enjoy the Colorado Spring weather!



Congratulation to Joe Olson on achieving his Upland title with Sunny
HRCH UH Little Big Boy's Girl Sunshine

Roadrunner HRC – President, Bill Archer, Los Alamos, NM, darcher123@comcast.net: Both winter and duck season started slow in New Mexico. Things picked up after Christmas with the ducks coming south as the snow arrived. Northern New Mexico has very high snow totals this year, which is a good thing, we'll have water this summer. As I write this in early March we are expecting snow, so obviously training has been slow in starting. We have been working on finding a location for our fall hunt test. There is still a possibility of using Bosque del Apache, but we are looking at alternate locations. Everyone have a good spring of training and tests.

Salt Valley HRC – President, Troy Bailey, Lincoln, NE, troyb@averyoutdoors.com: The early spring has found to be a busy time for SVHRC and it's members. We hosted our first Judges and Handlers Seminar at the LaVista, NE (Omaha) Cabelas. Twenty eight people from four states and a half dozen clubs came out for it. We were very pleased with the turn out and thank everyone for coming. We are still working towards our hunt tests March 29th and 30th. It will again be at Wagontrain Lake with the social being at the Hickman Legion Hall with Famous Dave's catering. Plans are coming along well and we're hoping for a good turnout like last years. Jeff Broughton will be joining the judging ranks, apprenticing on both days. Training has been a little rough with the sporadic weather. Very little water is open as of this writing and what is open is obviously very cold. Warmer weather will definitely be looked upon favorably. Several members have taken advantage of what warm weather we've had to get after the snow geese while others are getting the spring gobbler tools out and ready to roll.

Southern Colorado HRC – President, Karen Davis, Pueblo, CO, trailsendtaxi@hotmail.com: Southern Colorado is gearing up for their upcoming test in April. After having to cancel last year, we are eager and are putting in much effort to making this test a success.

We started the annual training days in February. These will run through mid April. The new members and/or new dogs are progressing well and we expect them to have a bright future with hunting and the HRC organization. These training sessions will run for 11 weeks and are lead by various members. Each leader is bringing their own expertise/experience to help the new members.

Jim and Karen Davis have new puppies, and their granddaughters, Becca and Rayleigh are anxious to play with them. They are already working on Becca to throw bumpers for the old dogs.



Jim and Karen Davis' Granddaughters and pups! What socialization!

Western Colorado HRC – President Rick Hunter, New Castle, CO, rick1735@hotmail.com: Our Annual meeting was held in January. We planned an Upland Hunt, elected new officers, and planned a training seminar. Western Colorado HRC will be putting on a double back to back licensed Upland Hunt Test in August. Our test will be held just outside of Glenwood Springs at 8500 feet above sea level. This will be our Preliminary Upland Hunt Test and has our membership very excited.

The officers elected at our January meeting are as follows: President/Rick Hunter, Vice President/Kirby Lloyd, Secretary/Jim McLaughlin, and Treasurer/Willie Williams. The meeting was well attended. I would like to thank all of those who traveled long distances on a snowy night to attend the annual meeting. The club has developed a strong core that should be around for years to come.

By press time, we will have held a weekend training seminar. The seminar will have been held in Grand Junction and taught by professional trainer Chris Jobman. The subject covered was the transition phase of a hunting retriever. WCHRC is proud to have brought this type of event, for the first time, to Western Colorado.

We look forward to continuing the betterment of hunting retrievers and their handlers in Western Colorado.



Kirby Lloyd owner, Chris Jobman Handler received an Upland Title with Suede on Sunday at the Central Rockies test.
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