

**Region 13
Lee Ann Heldt**

Congratulations to Region 13's grand passes all handled by Chris Jobman. GRHRCH UH Stones Cold K-Nine Cruiser – Gribs owned by Tom Herman, HRCH UH DuckDawg Dottie's Lil' Pistol - Pistol owned by Chris Jobman, HRCH UH Flatrocks Smoke'n Brier MH – Brie owned by Chirs Jobman, GRHRCH UH McMac Magic Eyes A'Smilin MH – O'Malley owned by Libby Milroy, and GRHRCH UH Platte's TNT DuckDawg Dozer - Dozer owned by Tom Phillips.



Tom Herman, Chris Jobman, Tom Phillips

Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bryce Hiigel, Lamar, CO, h2oknine@bresnan.net: Everyone has been busy running hunt tests and getting ready. We are also getting ready for our hunt test in July. Want to Congratulate Blake White and Rocky and their SHR title and a BIG Congrats to Tom Herman and Chris Jobman on the Grand Passes.

Central Rockies HRC – President, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO, mandy_cieslinski@hotmail.com: www.CRHR.com: Central Rockies have been busy over the last couple months. First of all, we held our Spring Fun Hunt. We would like to congratulate Bob Berry and Ginger on their victory. We also had our Licensed Upland Hunt. This was the first time holding in on this property. It seems like everyone had a great time and the tests were great. Thanks to everyone that helped and congratulations to everyone that passed and titled. We are now preparing for the regular hunts and getting some nice water work in with the warm weather. The dogs are progressing nicely.



Mandy Cieslinski and Baylee – new Upland Title ElkhornValley Pres, Keith Spader keithspader@hotmail.com, Blair, NE, romans2@telebeep.com: Members of EVHRC have started the test season off with a bang doing very well in tests ran so far. A huge congrats to our Sec/Tres Janet Filipi on putting a HR UH in front of her dog's Bea's name and received her first finished pass. EVHRC held it's spring regular test in April and despite old man winter still showing his face, it turned out to be a

huge success, we feel it is our best performance as a club. A big thank you to all the judges, handlers and everyone else that I'm forgetting that drove through the snowstorm to get to Norfolk that weekend.



Janet Filipi and Bea

Great Plains HRC–Pres, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE. jlindstrom@barneyinsurance.net:

We held our regular hunt test at the beginning of May. Even with a blizzard in Western Nebraska on Friday, couldn't turn away our biggest hunt test yet! Has our club done anything different? I think there were a number of things that helped in our successful weekend: (1) our continued marketing effort to gain new energized members, (2) our loyal dog handlers who come-back year after year, (3) excellent judges, (4) above average reimbursement of our judges, (5) great banquet, (6) our new grounds, (7) the use of Entry Express, just to name a few. We had a follow-up meeting a week later to discuss what we can do better. I would like to recognize two officers who run this club so others have the opportunity to train, gain knowledge, and to just show-up and train their dogs: Dick Schumacher and Paul Bishop. This club wouldn't exist with out them! One dog handler from out-of-state mentioned to me, how important is it to support your neighboring clubs. Yes - gas is an issue this year, but load-up your buddies and support the other clubs.....they have supported you!



Gallery spectators' Don Williams and Mark Powell from Platte Valley HRC enjoy a brisk Saturday morning land test at Great Plains HRC



Dick Schumacher and Dusty get ready



Ethics are very important in judging.

Here, apprentice started judge Dave Post, is caught red-handed accepting a bribe from handler Jim McCurry, while Dane Johnson cannot believe his eyes

Hidden Pines HRC – President, Fred Lysinger, Cheyenne, WY medicinebeaukennels@yahoo.com: Spring is starting to arrive in Wyoming and our dogs are looking pretty good until we hit the water. As the temperatures warm maybe we can improve that. We furnished dogs for the local chapter of the Pheasants Forever kids youth hunt and some of those kids had never hunted with dogs. They had a great time. Looks like we have helped some more kids get hooked on hunting. We had one change in our officers as Terry Bridwell is retiring from his regular job and will have to spend most of his time in the Mountains riding horses and guiding hunters. Darn the luck, anyway thank you Terry for all your help. Terry's replacement at secretary is T.J. McCulloch. We are looking forward to summer and hope to see you at some or the tests.

Laramie Peak HRC – President Matt Kelley, Douglas, WY, lazkbirdogs@yahoo.com: We ended up with a pretty good turn out for our second test. We switched to April because the water level is much lower. Saturday's weather was a bit blustery, but Sunday was great. We appreciate everyone's support. I would like to thank our club members who pitched in and did a great job getting things ready and helping out during the test. Thanks to all the judges. We look forward to running our dogs at your tests as well.

Panhandle HRC – President, Pat Johnson, Caputa, SD, prjohn@wesscomm.com: Well spring is here and the members from Panhandle have been busy running their dogs and getting ready for our hunt test in June. The weather has been interesting to say the least early in the year we have had everything from sun to rain and even a May blizzard in Western Nebraska and South Dakota.

Bill Spitzer has been pitching in judging and quite a few of the members have been doing well running their dogs at hunt test around the region. Tracy and Nick Todd have been doing well with their two seasoned dogs. Chris Jobman took a truck load of dogs to the SRS and did quite well there. Chris ran Chelsae Riggs Ranger dog and made the finals with him before he was pulled due to an injury from a previous surgery during the winter. Chelsae and her mom Kellye were able to go to Miami

Oklahoma and watch an SRS. Chelsae has been running her little Sage dog in seasoned and doing well with her. She has also been running some dogs for Chris Jobman. Chelsae did take a break from the Laramie Peak test to attend her prom. I thought we had her trained better thought for sure she would for go her prom to run dogs in a hunt test. Just kidding Chelsae you will have plenty of hunt test in your life. Chris Jobman from Flat Lander kennels went to the Grand and passed five out of eight dogs. Congratulations Chris way to go. Speaking of the Grand we have two new GRHRC in the region. Congratulations go out to Tom Herman and his Grits dog and Tom Philips with Dozer. Both of these guys have worked hard for the title and they and their dogs deserve it..

Hope to see you all out at some of the events this year. I know a lot of folks have been feeling the price crunch on the gas but please get out and support the clubs you can and be safe traveling. Hope to see you all soon.

Platte River HRC – President, Jim Ellett, North Platte, NE, jellet@msn.com: No report submitted.

Platte Valley HRC – President, Don Williams, Loveland, CO, willid@lpbroadband.net: www.PVHRC.com: Only a week to go before our spring hunt, in fact by the time you read this it will be history. Entries are a little slow probably due to gas prices but we have enough to hold the hunt. Congratulations to Tom Herman on his grand pass and Grit's GRHRCH title. As far as I know it is the first one for our club and there are only a few in Region 13. While we are at it, congratulations to Tom Phillips and Dozier on their GRHRCH and to Chris Jobman Region 13 pro who handled 5 of 8 dogs to grand passes.

Winter has been holding on a little longer than usual this year making training tough. There is lots of snow in the high country but runoff has not begun in earnest so water training is hit and miss. One positive note this month is that we have a bumper crop of folks interested in becoming judges. That is especially important because our region is growing which puts pressure on the existing judge pool.

On a little more of a personal note, it is just great to see some of our region 13 members out at the hunt tests again after battling cancer. How blessed we are to have the medical advances that have allowed our good friends bounce back. HRC is all about good people and good friends. There are still some around the region locked in the battle so let's keep them in our thoughts too.



Tom Herman and new Grand Champion- Grits

Roadrunner HRC – President, Bill Archer, Los Alamos, NM, darcher123@comcast.net: We want to thank NRA-ILA for their tremendous support in getting the decision to ban hunt tests and field trials at Bosque del Apache NWR at least partially reversed! Due to their effort in D.C. we will be allowed to have our annual hunt test at the Bosque while a permanent decision is being arrived at by a normal review process (instead of an arbitrary decision by the manager). We are pushing forward with our

planning and hope to see a good turn-out this year. Wish us luck in the ultimate decision, and contribute to NRA-ILA!

In the meantime folks are out training, and we will have our third fun hunt of the season tomorrow. Our first fun hunt was in March at Cochiti Lake where the dogs got to see big water, with wind and waves. Our April fun hunt was at the La Joya NM state waterfowl refuge where the cover was heavy, giving the dogs good experience. In May we are going to Laguna Madre Lake, a smallish lake that has good cover. So training is progressing! Have a good summer!

Salt Valley HRC – President, Troy Bailey, Lincoln, NE, troyb@averyoutdoors.com : This has been a great spring for SVHRC and its members. Our hunt test was held at the end of March and though numbers were down slightly we had a great group of handlers and dogs. We'd like to thank everyone who came out and supported our club.

Several of our members have had successful title runs while attending our hunt test and travelling to Elkhorn Valley and Great Plains tests. Those getting through started are Pam Robinson and Gunnar, Tim Fehringer and Morgan, Taylor Bailey and Tank, Jason Rutar and Onyx. Several achieved seasoned titles as well, Derek Kotschwar and Drake, Troy Bailey with both Cass and Roxie, Rob Bishop and Joker. There are several others who are on the verge of titles at all levels, hopefully we'll see a few of those goals achieved over the summer and fall.

RJ Campbell and I have been joined in the judging ranks by Jeff Broughton. Jeff apprenticed at the started level at our hunt test, keep Jeff in mind for your tests.



Started Judges at Salt Valley Test -
RJ Campbell and Jeff Broughton

Southern Colorado HRC – President, Karen Davis, Pueblo, CO, trailsendtaxi@hotmail.com: Southern Colorado HRC club reports that Training days are over and we have several good up and coming dogs.

Our Hunt test is now a past memory. We had a fair number of dogs, Good field trial tests, and a Great Social. We also had Don Ley, Sammie Ley and Jeremy Ley all pass at the Finished level on Saturday. Don is the father to Sammie and Jeremy. I think this is a first in our region to have three family members all pass in the same day. Congratulations to you all!

We want to thank all the members for the hard work and all the participants for their support

Western Colorado HRC – President Rick Hunter, New Castle, CO, rick1735@hotmail.com: The only way I can start is to say "congratulations" to all those who had a hand in Region 13 being so successful at the Spring Grand. Congratulations also to WCHRC members Kirby Lloyd and Nate Berhow on their recent Upland Titles. These are sure signs Region 13 and WCHRC are moving forward.

A long winter in Western Colorado has hindered our early season training. However, this along with what has been a fairly wet spring, should give us incredible cover for our August 16-17th Inaugural Upland Hunt Test. Our Hunt Test Committee is hard at work to make this a memorable event.

On March 15th WCHRC was honored to host a training seminar led by Chris Jobman. The success of the seminar was far beyond our expectations. This was due to three factors. First, Chris being willing to take time out of his busy schedule to come over and lead the event. Second, the generous support of the events sponsors: Avery, Eukanuba, and Rehydrate and third, Kirby Lloyd's great organization of the event. WCHRC would like to thank all those who participated in making this event the success it was.

This year WCHRC has gained access to the best water training grounds we have ever had in Western Colorado. We have also made a large investment into training equipment this year. This coupled with the retriever training experience brought to Western Colorado by the training seminar should make this the best year to be a retriever or retriever trainer in our area. What else could a President hope for? I look forward to seeing one and all at this year's events.



Finger licking good dinner at SCHRC social.



March training seminar in Grand Junction.



Seminar given by Chris Jobman of Flatlander Kennels in Grand Junction hosted by Western Colorado HRC