

**Region 13  
Lee Ann Heldt**

**Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bryce Hiigel, Lamar, CO, h2oknine@bresnan.net:** Nothing much is going as a club. Everyone is out enjoying hunting and putting to good use all the training we have done during the test season.

**Central Rockies HRC – President, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO, mandy\_cieslinski@hotmail.com: www.CRHRC.com:** No report submitted.

**Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Ken Newcomb, Norfolk, NE, romans2@telebeep.com:** No report submitted.

**Great Plains HRC – President, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE. jlindstrom@barneyinsurance.net:** The Great Plains HRC is pleased to announce that we have finalized new grounds for our Spring Hunt Test in 2008. The grounds are located on an old sand pit mines (with river access), covering over a mile and a half long in length. We will have ample land and water for all entries. Test site will be located South of I-80 and Wood River interchange. Wood River is located between Kearney and Grand Island. There is a hotel located at the interchange along with R.V. hook-ups.

Also, we have our first judge lined up who has both ran and judged in the Grand.

We are very excited and are expecting a great turn-out compared to years past. We will be contacting various clubs and our P.R. person to "help get the word out"



JACK LINDSTROM HANDLED AMOS TO THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SERIES AT THE FALL GRAND

**Hidden Pines HRC – President, Fred Lysinger, Cheyenne, WY medicinebeaukennels@yahoo.com:** Our club members recently furnished dogs for the local pheasant forever chapters youth day hunt. Everyone had a great time. Some of these kids had never hunted with dogs before. Rich Cathcart hosted a club training day fun chuckar shoot. People raved about the good time they had. We followed that with a dog first aid seminar hosted by Dr. Megan Anderson D.V.M. Now everyone will be ready for hunting season. Winter is late this year in Wyoming, but it will come sooner or later. I hope people have a good hunting season as we are hosting a wild game feed in February. Good Hunting and Happy Holidays to all.

**Laramie Peak HRC – President Matt Kelley, Douglas, WY, lazkbirdogs@yahoo.com:** We are very busy with our hunting seasons here in Wyoming. Not much is going on with the club at this time of the year other than we are trying to get an earlier date for our test that will provide more suitable testing conditions.



PAT AND RITA JOHNSON'S NEW PUP  
DUCKDAWG'S LUCKY TRIPLE SEVENS – CALL NAME TRIPP!

**Panhandle HRC – President, Bill Spitzer, Rapid City, SD, dabullnbill@rushmore.com:** Hunt test season for this part of the country is history. Congratulations to everyone and their four legged friends on a great season. Now on to the season that everyone has waited for. HUNTING SEASON!

Region 13 was represented very well this year in Michigan at the Fall Grand. Our region came away with three passes and one new GRHRCH! Congrats to Libby Milroy & O'Malley and his GRHRCH title and Tom Phillips & Dozer on his first Grand pass. They both were handled by Chris Jobman of Flatlander Kennels. Also a very big congrats to Tom Herman and Grits on Grits' first Grand pass. No one works harder and deserves it more than Tom and Grits! Also congrats to Mandy Cieslinski, Lee Ann Heldt, John Klomp, Chelsae Riggs, Kathy Jobman, Rick Meyer, Jack Lindstrom and Jim Davis. Although your dogs didn't pass you should be very proud of them for their very strong showing!

In early November Tim and Kellye Riggs hosted its second annual judge's hunt on their beautiful Camp Clarke Ranch. I know everyone had a great time and it was a well deserved reward for all of the judges' hard work this past season! This kind of generosity is what makes HRC truly the best hunt test organization in the country. Happy Hunting!!!



TOM PHILLIPS & HRCH UH PLATTE'S TNT DUCKDAWG DOZER



GRHRCH MCMAC MAGIC EYES A' SMILING MH

**Platte River HRC – President, Jay Dee Richards, North Platte, NE, [jrichards@pssd.com](mailto:jrichards@pssd.com):** Platte River HRC has been busy hunting since the dove season and early duck season opened. We had a wonderful fall party with many members attending to enjoy a great lunch and shoot some sporting clays. Jay Richards gets a big ground of applause for arranging everything. We also thank Blake Frazier for arranging the shooting clays and Jim Siemers for the use of his property.

The biggest news is that 2 members of Platte River had dogs go to the 2007 Fall Grand with Chris Jobman of Flatlander Kennels. Tom Phillips with his dog, Platte's TNT DuckDawg Dozer passed for the first time and Libby Milroy's, McMac Magic Eyes A'Smilin earned his second pass and his GRHRCH

**Platte Valley HRC – President, Don Williams, Loveland, CO, [willid@lpbroadband.net](mailto:willid@lpbroadband.net); [www.PVHRC.com](http://www.PVHRC.com):** Platte Valley has their annual meeting coming up in January. Election, training days and test dates will be discussed and voted on at this meeting. We also have a member who has taken on the challenge of working on promoting and recruiting new membership, Dave Palmstein. He has some great things planned for this like brochures to hand out and posters to put up in local sports stores.

Region 13 judges were invited to the Riggs Ranch or better known as Camp Clarke Ranch [www.campclark ranch.com](http://www.campclark ranch.com) in Bridgeport, Nebraska in November for a duck hunt. Several of our members attended this event. The Riggs served them a great meal on Saturday night of Prime Rib. Some of the judges got to stay in the cabin on the ranch while others stayed in Bridgeport. The dogs got some real hunting experience out of this and everyone enjoyed themselves. We thank them for hosting this fun event.



AS YOU CAN SEE THE JUDGE'S HUNT AT CAMP CLARKE RANCH WAS A SUCCESS

We would also like to congratulate Tom Herman for handling his dog Grits to a Grand pass! Tom has worked hard for this and we hope to see him get that Grand title in 2008!



TOM HERMAN HANDLED GRITS TO A GRAND PASS

**Roadrunner HRC – President, Bill Archer, Los Alamos, NM, [darcher123@comcast.net](mailto:darcher123@comcast.net):** We held our annual back-to-back hunt test at Bosque del Apache on September 8 and 9, 2007. Attendance was up this year from the last couple of years, with folks coming from the Texas panhandle, Colorado, and from New Mexico. We also had several veteran handlers come from Arizona who wanted to see what a HRC test was like. They were favorably impressed with how much closer a HRC test was to hunting than the tests they were used to running. I suspect several will become HRC converts! Over the two days we had 30 started dogs with 23 passes. There were 16 seasoned dogs with 12 passes, and 21 finished dogs with 12 passes. We want to thank our out-of-state judges who helped make this a pleasurable and successful hunt test: Phil Smith from Texas; Karen Davis, Lee Markowski, and John Klomp from Colorado. Thanks also to all of the Roadrunner club members who helped make the test a success.

A sour note to our hunt test was the fact that it might be the last test at Bosque del Apache. A new refuge manager was recently appointed, coming from the left coast. He promptly used the re-assessment of the Bosque del Apache charter to declare that hunt tests and field trials were not compatible uses with the refuge. Even though Roadrunner has been putting on hunt tests at Bosque since 2001, he didn't send us a letter informing us of the impending change. We found out indirectly from an AKC retriever club in NM that did receive a letter. We were able to persuade him to allow us to use the Bosque for this test, about two weeks before it was held. We are currently working with the other retriever clubs in NM to get this decision reversed. If we aren't successful we will have to find a new location for next year, a non-trivial exercise in a state with so little water. Wish us luck!

**Salt Valley HRC – President, Robert Campbell, Lincoln, NE, [Robert.Campbell@nelnet.net](mailto:Robert.Campbell@nelnet.net):** The Salt Valley HRC club is working to establish Spring 2008 hunt test dates. While not finalized yet our guess it will be early spring. It has been over two years from the initial upstart of SVHRC as a Region 13 club. Thanks to everyone in Region 13 for going out of their way to make us a success. Therefore, I'm pleased to announce the following individuals as new board members for 2008-2010.

- Troy Bailey - President
- Kirk Steffensen - Vice President
- Jeff Broughton - Secretary
- Mark McElroy - Treasurer

Please feel free to contact them with any questions or concerns. They all will be more than willing to help out.

There are also some new SVHRC members and we thank them for their participation and looking forward to training dogs with them yet this year and in the spring.

By the time this club message is published we hope to be buried in snow and outside hunting with the dogs.

**Southern Colorado HRC – President, Mike Jordan, Pueblo, CO:** No Report Submitted.

**Western Colorado HRC – President Rick Hunter, New Castle, CO, rick1735@hotmail.com:** As president of Western Colorado Hunting Retriever Club, it has been very rewarding to watch this club grown in membership and accomplishments. This couldn't have happened without the support of the HRC family and the hard work of our membership. So I would like to thank all of you who participated in and supported our July test. It was not only nice to see full flights of finished but overwhelming to see the unbelievable turn out in started. It is my hope we can put on a training series in the spring to move some of these started dogs up to seasoned.

Hunting season has started and most of our members are out enjoying hunting over some fine retrievers. The planning for next year's training and hunt test season has begun as well. I look forward to seeing all of you next year.