

**Region 13**  
**Lee Ann Heldt**



Congratulations to Rich Carpenter and Roux for achieving 2500 points. That's a lot of tests!

I want to thank all at Flatlander Kennels in Bridgeport, Nebraska for helping us reach our goal with our dog, UH HRCH Heldt's Mr Strike 3 Your out, known as Striker. He achieved the 1000 points at the Platte Valley test in May at 6 years of age. We are very proud of him and all his accomplishments. **Left: Lee Ann**

**Heldt, Striker and Jared Sheppard.**

**Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bryce Hiigel, Lamar, CO, h2oknine@bresnan.net:** Arkansas Valley is looking forward to their upcoming test on July 18-19. With more entries already received and several more expected, it looks to be a great turnout! The plans and arrangements have been in place for a while and all that is left to do is sit and wait to see how much the rain will make the river rise. We're looking forward to seeing you all and can't wait for another great hunt test.

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

**Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Keith Spader, Keithspader@hotmail.com, Blair, NE, romans2@telebeep.com:** Elkhorn Valley has been enduring the heat of summer trying to keep cool. We have managed to sneak in some weekly training days to help new members keep their dogs going.

We are in full swing for our August test this year. This will be our first try at this date and we really hope it works out for us and the handlers.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our hunt and hope everyone has a great summer as hunting season is just around the corner.

**Great Plains HRC – President, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE, jlindstrom@barneyinsurance.net:** No report submitted.

**Hidden Pines HRC – President, Fred Lysinger, Cheyenne, WY, medicinebeaukennels@yahoo.com** The Hidden Pines Test is in the books for this year, thanks to all the judges, participants, and club members who made it a success. With 5 tests from the middle of May to the end of June in close distance it has been busy. We have more water than we have had in years, should be good training through the summer, maybe we can get some dogs ready for fall tests and hunting season. We are planning our fall hunt training day for our members and taking the Pheasant Forever kids on hunts.



Diane Segal with Diesel making a successful started pass



Melissa Liesenfeld running Sage for a started title at Hidden Pines test on June 7 2009

**Laramie Peak HRC – President Nate Demander, Casper, WY, demanderduckdogs@yahoo.com:** Well, I write this just days after the completion of our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual hunt test. If my memory is correct, we had our best turnout so far. The started and seasoned flights were rather small, but our finished group was almost full on both Saturday and Sunday's hunts. I want to take a minute to thank everyone who made this such a successful test. The Laramie Peak club members came out for set-up on Friday and most of them were there throughout the weekend as well. From marshal duties to throwing birds and everything in between, the few club members that we have come through BIG TIME!

I also want to thank the great group of judges that we had for our test. I received a lot of compliments from handlers and spectators on what a great test you all set up. Many folks made mention that they would definitely come back. This is a great reflection on the hard work that you all put into creating your tests on Friday and seeing them through over the course of the weekend. So, again, thank you for donating your time to provide such an enjoyable atmosphere for those who made the trip to play with their dogs for a few days.

As had been predicted in the last club report, there are now some brags to pass along to you all. Club member Cory McDonald ran his chocolate lab "Mojo" in her first HT and they earned their first started pass on Saturday. Alan Case earned a started title with his lab "Kai" over the weekend as well. Club VP Jason Thompson passed the finished test on Saturday and earned an HRCH title with his black lab "Page". Jason has been training very hard for quite some time and I know this title is well deserved for all the effort that he and his dog have put into it. Congrats to those out-of-towners who also came up and earned titles, only to be rewarded with water being dumped over their heads. At least this weekend was warm enough that it was probably a pleasant surprise to most, rather than a shock to the system.

HRC seems to be growing slowly but surely in this part of the country. I want to wish David French and the new Missouri Headwaters club in Bozeman, MT a very successful preliminary hunt in July. David came down to our test and it sounds like they are on the right track towards creating a very successful club of their own. Region 13 has once again proven to be very supportive of each other's clubs. Without that support, I'm sure we wouldn't have been able to hold such a great test (Pat and Bill, we will have purchased our own duck driers in time for next year's test!!!). Seriously, I hope that we can repay the generosity that we've been shown by those that have helped us out. Good luck to everyone with their remaining tests this summer. Be safe and enjoy this time with your dogs. Hunting season's right around bend, so take advantage of this time to prepare for the big game!

**Panhandle HRC – President, Pat Johnson, Caputa, SD, prjohn@wesscomm.com:**

The Panhandle HRC had their hunt in June and I would like to thank all the judges who helped us put on another test this year. Without our Judges giving of their time we would not be able to put on a quality test. Numbers were looking low going into that last couple weeks but we ended up turning people away in finished both days. Also I would like to thank all of the club members who helped with setup and during the hunt test without your assistance we would not be able to put on the test at all. I would like to thank Marijane Fehringer, Tracy and Nick Todd, Bill Spitzer, Jesse Watson, Tim and Kellye Riggs for everything they do for the club and last but not least my wife Rita. I would also like to thank Rich Carpenter for coming out every year and helping out with setup and tear down. Most of all I would like to thank all of the handlers who came and supported us.

While at the National meeting in Memphis it was my privilege to bring home the new Judges Jackets for Judges that have judged over 33 times for HRC. It was my honor to be able to give one to Bill Spitzer at our Panhandle HRC social. I was also able to give out two additional jackets to fellow Nebraska HRC member's Kenny Newcomb and sent Lynn Quadhammer's by way of Paul Bishop. These are a nice special way to show appreciation to our Judges for the time and effort they give to judging our many tests all over the area.

A couple of our Panhandle HRC members did well this year with their dogs at the Spring Grand. Chris Jobman passed three dogs at the Grand this year. Chelsae Riggs also joined the ranks of handlers passing their dog in the Grand by putting a Grand title on Ranger and making it to the forth series with her little Sage dog. I once again had the honor of judging at the Spring Grand in Alexandria, South Dakota and had a wonderful if not tiring week. It is always nice to see the fantastic caliber of dogs that compete in this event. It was especially nice to have it be in my home state.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable rest of the summer, take care, and be safe.



Bill Spitzer receiving his judge's jacket from Field Rep, Pat Johnson at the Bridgeport Test in June!

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

**Platte Valley HRC – President, Mike Brockman, Longmont, CO msbrockman@msn.com: www.PVHRC.com:** Just a couple hours ago, we finished our annual Picnic and Auction and it was a nice success. Everyone donated nice items including one of the coveted, handmade Rich Carpenter duck calls, a nice shotgun, a pair of Bronco's tickets, a nice set of handmade salt and pepper mills among a bunch of other nice things. I feel grateful to have a generous group of people in the club! At the picnic, we also had some fun dog games and handed out title pins to those who earned them which included several SHR's, a few HR's, a couple HRCH's and a 1000 point pin. We still owe Rich Carpenter a pin for recently achieving 2500 points, but I don't think they make those pins. Roux broke the 2500

point mark a few weeks ago at Laramie Peaks Hunt Test. Rich and Roux have definitely achieved greatness with getting the 2500 points. Few of us will ever get the chance to own a 500 point dog, and he has passed that up five fold. Wow!

The other main thing we are working on is our August Hunt Test that will be held on the very nice Fort Vasquez Hunting Property near Platteville. We are deep in the preparations for this test and I hope many of the folks in R13 can come and have a good time with us on the river. If you have any questions, the details and premium are on our website ([www.pvhrc.com](http://www.pvhrc.com)) as well as on the HRC website and [huntsecretary.com](http://huntsecretary.com).

Many of us have been hitting as many hunt tests in the region as possible and collecting a few ribbons along the way. With the heat coming on strong, participation on our evening training events is poorly attended, but understandable. That is about it. Please make an attempt to attend our August hunt test



Rich Carpenter at our annual picnic and auction. He just explained about his duck call that he donates each year to our club for the auction!

**Roadrunner HRC – President, Roxanne Webster, Los Alamos, NM, rwebster@cybermesa.com:** No Report Submitted.

**Salt Valley HRC – President, Troy Bailey, Lincoln, NE, troyb@averyoutdoors.com :** Things have slowed down in this area as the heat has turned up. SVHRC members traveled to the Kansas City HRC test in May and the Panhandle HRC test in June. Though the action may have been a little slow the success has continued.

Frank Wells and Loki earned their SHR title in Kansas City, congrats to Frank, Rachel and Loki. In our last report RJ Campbell and Harley had earned SVHRC's first HRCH, less than a month later we added our second. Troy Bailey and Roxy completed their HRCH in Kansas City. Hopefully 500 points is in the future for both dogs.

We've had a couple training days and have added a handful of new members. We're looking forward to a few more training days and then a handful of August tests to get us ready for hunting season.



Frank Wells and Loki with their Started Hunting Retriever Title, earned at the Kansas City HRC test in May.

**Southern Colorado HRC – President, Faron Eddy Pueblo, CO, mibandito181@yahoo.com:** The SCHRC would like to thank everyone who came out and made our spring hunt test a roaring success. The grounds were fantastic, the dogs were outstanding, the weather was perfect, and a great time was had by all, Congratulations to those of you who titled and those of you who passed, and better luck next time to those who didn't do so well.

By the time this comes out our snake breaking clinic will be in the books. So far the response has been good, and we are hoping for a good turnout. We all know how dangerous snakes can be to our canine friends, and this is a great opportunity to train them to avoid snakes altogether.

We are discussing having a fall one day hunt and hope that we can work in an upland for those of you in the area who cannot attend one somewhere else. We will definitely keep you all informed as to the details as they develop.

That's all for now, good luck to everyone this test season

**Western Colorado HRC – President Rick Hunter, New Castle, CO, rick1735@hotmail.com:** It has been an exciting spring for Western Colorado Hunting Retriever Club. Our very own Jim McLaughlin passed the Spring International Grand with his dog Lizzy. The whole Club is proud of his accomplishment and to have him as a member. Congratulations Jim and Lizzy!! We all look forward to doing what we can to help you get that Grand Title. Annabell has completed her quest for the 500 point milestone. This was accomplished at the Panhandle Hunt Test in June. I appreciated all the recognition from the Panhandle Club and thank them all for making it a special evening.

On a sadder note Willy Williams has resigned as treasurer of the Club to spend more time with family. He was a founding member of WCHRC. I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all the hard work and dedication he has given to the Club over the last 5 years. Thanks for all the help Willy and we look forward to seeing your smiling face running dogs and Judging at the hunt tests. Five consecutive years as an officer of a Club is more than we should expect of anyone.

All the pieces are coming together for WCHRC's licensed back to back Upland Hunt Test. This year it will be held in New Castle Colorado on the Klein and Ryden Ranches. These Ranches are located between two small creeks that flow from the White River National Forest at 6500 ft above sea level. Between the two Ranches we will have access to approximately 1,000 acres of irrigated pastures and sage flats. Free dry camping will be available at the grounds for participants. All we need now is your participation. I look forward to seeing all of you at our hunt test in August.



Jim McLaughlin's Dog Lizzy who passed at the Spring Grand