

**Region 13
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Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bryce Hiigel, Lamar, CO, h2oknine@bresnan.net: I hope everyone had a safe and productive hunting season. We are excited for this year's hunt test season now. We have diligently preparing for our test in July. Hope to see everyone there.

Central Rockies HRC – President, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO, mandy_cieslinski@hotmail.com: www.CRHRC.com: Wow who can believe that hunting season has come to a close. It seems as though a lot of our members have a lot of great stories to share. Now it is time to get the dogs tightened back up and ready for the trial season.

We just finishing having our winter fun pheasant contest. It was truly a great time although everybody came out with muddy vehicles, dogs and shoes. The dogs were excited to get out one last time to quarter the fields before the summer began.

We have our back-to-back licensed hunt coming up. Our entries our strong which is great to see. We should have a great turn-out and hopefully everyone will have a great time. It should be an exciting weekend.

Central Rockies would like to congratulate SHR Mylee for obtaining her Started Title at West Mississippi HRC. We look forward to many more titles this year.

Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Keith Spader keithspader@hotmail.com, Blair, NE, romans2@telebeep.com: No report submitted.

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: Spring is upon us in south eastern Wyoming. We recently held our annual game feed to help us raise money for the club. We had a lot of fun and raised a lot of money for the retriever club.

We held a work day at our lease in February during prime Wyoming weather. Several members showed up despite the 9 inches of snow and 15 degree temperatures to build two foot bridges to make easier access to both sides of the lease. The bridges turned out very well as you can see in the pictures. The bridges should help out with training and our annual hunt test scheduled for the first weekend in June.



These two pictures are of Hidden Pines building a Bridge on their lease property!



The bridge building committee was chaired by Charlie Johnson and Jeff Switzer. We would like to take this time give a special thanks to Eric Johnson who provided the materials for the bridge.

We recently had a change in our club officers. Notably, Vice President, TJ McColloch, Secretary, Diane Segal, and Fred Lysinger will remain as President, and Christie Lysinger will remain treasurer. We would like to thank Dave & Deborah Marsteller for their years of service as board members and officers.

Laramie Peak HRC – President Alan Case, Douglas, WY, susanalancase@netscape.net: Laramie Peak HRC Club Report: The small group at LPHRC is still battling winter. By the time this issue comes out hopefully spring will have sprung. We are starting to get busy preparing for our hunt test which will be June 26th and 27th in Douglas, Wyoming. We have our judges signed up and are awaiting approval. Now we are working on getting some good things for our raffle and for our social dinner. We should have some training days set up by the time this goes to press. We are all tired of winter and ready for some nice weather, ready for some solid training

regiments. There are several clubs here in Region 13 who are preparing for their tests and I for one am looking forward to another great year of getting out and seeing some great dog work. I hope to see as many of the HRC family as possible and hope you can make it to our test. Good luck to everyone as we get our hunt test season started here in the north.

Panhandle HRC – President, Pat Johnson, Caputa, SD, prjohn@wesscomm.com: The members of Panhandle of been just trying to make it through the winter and train dogs as we can. If you all are like the Dakota's it has been a long cold winter making training difficult. We had our first meeting of the year in January and have set our test date. It is going to be different than most of you have come accustomed to. We have changed our date to the second weekend in July and have changed the location from the Rigg's Property in Bridgeport to the Scottsbluff area and property owned by Kevin Soto and Mike Clausen. So mark your calendars for the change. We hope to see you all there.

Spring is fast approaching and there will be a lot of test in our region, so please get out and support as many of the clubs as you can. By the time you all read this we will have had both to the seminars for our region and I hope that all of the judges and handlers who needed and wanted a seminar were able to make it to one. With the warmer weather it is time for us to get the dogs in the water for the first time and knock the rust off them and introduce the young dogs to the water. I have one or should I say my wife has one to get going in the water. Yes Rita is going to join the handler ranks this year with her very own puppy. With spring also brings the early snow goose season so hopefully some of you are able to get out and get some early hunting in with your hounds.

As always it is sad to hear of one of the members in the region losing one of their four legged friends. Rick and Marci Myer of the Great Plains HRC had to put down one of the future stars of HRC this winter. Rick and Marci we truly sorry to hear about Reba, our hearts go out to you on your loss.

I hope to see you all out at a hunt somewhere in the region this year at a hunt. As a reminder the regional meeting for region 13 a will be the weekend of the Great Plains hunt. I will get more details out to the club Presidents beforehand. Be safe in your travels and we will see you down the road.

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: Now that most of the hunting seasons are over, it is time to start training you pooch again and attempt to tighten the screws that came loose during the hunting season.

We had our first training day of the year on Feb 27th and it was quite successful. We had our Upland Training Day out at Mary's Place where there were 14 people who signed up in advance and then we had about 4 others show up to watch and help and possibly get in on the

action. Everyone stepped up to help make it successful, and the chukar's were flushing great and only lost a couple due to flyaway's. The good part about some of the flyaway's are that the birds don't fly far and it turns into a wild flush which is much more fun and realistic than flushing birds out of the baskets. We had at least 4 new members show up and even had a fellow (Kirby Lloyd) join the club while he was there. Another great thing was that we invited the members of Central Rockies HRC attend the training day and several of them showed up and participated. That was very nice to see them. Hopefully we can train with them more often since we share the same stomping grounds.

On Saturday, March 6th, Platte Valley HRC hosted the R13 Judges and Handler's Seminar (southern version). We had about 30 people attend and had a lot of handlers show up. I don't know if they want to know more as handlers or if they are considering getting into judging. Either way, it is good!

We continue to get a few new members and to address that, we are going to start a six week "Started Dog and Handler Class" so that we can get these new members and their K9 friends off to a good start and integrate them into the club. This class is intended for both started dogs and started handlers, all regardless of age. We will cover the basics of getting your dog or yourself off to a good start. We will have several different "guest speakers".

We are also making good progress at preparing for our May Hunt Test which will be held at Indian Meadows. Mike Schwan will be the Hunt Chairman and is doing a great job of getting everything lined up.

Thanks,
Mike and Ozzie

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 : After a long winter the spring thaw is finally on. We've just had a break in the weather that has allowed us to finally get started with training. Still a little snow on the ground, it's a little sloppy but it's definitely an improvement over what has been. Organized club training days will be starting shortly.

Fall waterfowl season has come to a close and the spring conservation season is upon us. Thus far there hasn't been a lot of hunting; the cold and snow have kept the snow geese south of us. With this recent warm up they should be showing up anytime.

We've been busy working on plans for our hunt test which have been coming along very well. Hopefully Mother Nature will cooperate a little more this year and we'll be warm and sunny. Several club members took place in the Domestic-pup Expo at the Lancaster County Event Center. We had a booth for the event and talked to several people who were very interested in retriever games. We also put on a retriever demonstration that was very well attended. Our club received several

compliments from the expo organizers and those that watched the demonstration.

Hoping to see several old friends and some new ones at our hunt test in April.



SVHRC members Derek Kotschwar, Brent Twyan, Mike Hudkins and Joe Swanson at the Domestic-pup Expo.



Salt Valley member Troy Bailey, Cass and Midway member Jason Zerrer.



Troy Bailey, Roxy and RJ Campbell, Harlie during the demonstration at the Domestic-pup Expo.



Mark Van Zee and Sam with a banded drake

Southern Colorado HRC – President, Dave Stiefel, Canon City, CO, dave82hd@bresnan.net: Our training days are under way and we are getting some new members. The tried and true experienced instructors are sharing their years of training knowledge with the inexperienced handlers.

Our hunt committee members who are, Don Ley, Tim Boies, Bob Moreschini, Rod West, and Pete Spangler are hard at work preparing for our hunt in the middle of May. Dr. Charles Bedard is letting our club use his property at Indian Bends Ranch near Boone Co, it is the same property we used last year along with some new. These are good grounds that will give the chosen judges the ability to set up some true hunting scenarios. So hunters bring your hunting buddy and let's have a good time!!

Attached is a picture of one of our very brisk training days. In the picture Pete Spangler the instructor is giving Micky Eddy and her new pup Vixen some instruction.



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Western Colorado HRC – President Jim McLaughlin, Grand Junction, CO, watercolordogs@gmail.com : Western Colorado elected new officers at our January meeting. We have a totally new group, except for me, and the new blood is full of

energy. Derrick Torinus is VP, Tom Dansby is treasurer and Ben Dorenkamp is secretary. I expect big things from our new leadership.

I wish to express our sincere thanks to the former officers Rick Hunter, Kirby Lloyd, and Willie Williams. Both Rick and Willie are founding members and somehow got it up and going, and kept it together. Rick deserves special accolades. He really brought the HRC to all of western Colorado, transforming what people believe a retriever is capable of. He exhibited this through training, breeding program, judging, and getting 500 points with UH HRCH Annabelle along the way. Thanks RICK!