

Region 13
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Region 13 has been unusual this year with entries! What a good problem to have! Most clubs have had to add an additional flight of Finished with some of them filling up in record time and one even added a Seasoned flight. Thanks to all who have helped fill our flights. We appreciate the support from each other's clubs! In addition to this we have requests for a possible new club in Wyoming! It was unfortunate that one of our clubs had to cancel their test due to the North Platte flooding but it was a wise choice under the circumstances.

I also want to mention that we are having many handlers and dogs accomplishing titles this year and we have had one club, Platte Valley with three of their members achieving 500 points all this year. Congratulations to Mark Powell with Spike, Joe Olson with Sunny and Mike Brockman with Ozzie! I do believe this year we have had several other 500 point dogs in this region too! Way to go REGION 13!!

Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bryce Hiigel, Lamar, CO, h2oknine@bresnan.net: By the time the HRC magazine is published and sent our test will have already come and gone, but since that hasn't happened yet we are a week away. I don't know about the other regions on their entry numbers this year, but seems like the flood gates have opened up several clubs have filled up causing them to add flights of finished. We ourselves filled both flights of finished and added a 2nd flight of season. We at wish everyone luck and safe traveling

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

Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Keith Spader, Blair, NE keithspader@hotmail.com,: Members of Elkhorn Valley HRC have been busy training despite the heat. We have been having training days a few times a month and have been getting some interest from new members. We are also working on our annual hunt test, which will be the middle of August in Norfolk NE. Hope everyone has had a great test season so far.

Great Plains HRC – President, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE. jlindstrom@barneyinsurance.net: Since our hunt tests in early May the membership has been running dogs in tests in the region and an adjacent region. In keeping with "youth" theme in HRC, Great Plains members have participated in some noteworthy events especially for youth. In late May club members provided handling demonstrations for fourth and fifth grade students as part of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's "Nebraska Outdoor Expo". Another service activity involving youth was a handling demonstration at part of the Fremont Chapter of Ducks Unlimited "Youth Day". The club will also be involved in handling demonstration that are part of Cabela's "Dog Days of Summer" and "Women's Wilderness Weekend".

Club members are continuing to train in preparation for upcoming tests in the region. We intend to be well represented at the Platte Valley and Elkhorn Valley tests in August.



Randy Gale and Wyllie got their HR title, and Shari Gale and Lucie got their HR title. Both dogs titled at the Kansas City test in May.

Hidden Pines HRC – President, Fred Lysinger, Cheyenne, WY medicinebeaukennels@yahoo.com: With midsummer lots of people in our club are training and getting in lots of water work, getting ready for fall tests or hunting season. A big thanks to Dave Marsteller, Diane Segal, T.J. McCulloch and Terry Bridwell for their work on willow and weed control. Our long term plans at Hidden Pines are to develop more ponds to guarantee we have water available and possibly have a fall test in the future. Good luck to all in your fall tests and early hunt seasons.

Laramie Peak HRC – President Alan Case, Douglas, WY, susanalancase@netscape.net: Laramie Peak HRC just completed a very successful back to back hunt test. We are a very small club and everyone has to work very hard to pull off a successful hunt test. I would like to thank all the people that helped, the judges who gave of their time and effort, and our bird people who made this all possible. In spite of the high river water that made many locations impossible to use the judges set up some very challenging and very authentic hunt situations. For the first time we needed two flights of finished, which we had to scramble to get judges and bird throwers for. We had a great social, with a nice raffle. I would like to thank everyone who came and ran dogs to make this all possible. I hope everyone had a great time and will join us again next year.



Striker (owned by Lee Ann and David Heldt)
"I am just hanging out waiting my turn to run a Finished test at Douglas, Wyoming! Don't I look cool?"

Panhandle HRC – President, Pat Johnson, Caputa,

SD, prjohn@wesscomm.com: Panhandle members are not doing much right now just trying to get through the dog days of summer. We had to cancel our test this year due to flooding. I personally want to thank every one of you who volunteered to judge and to all of the handlers who signed up to support us. This is the first year we have been able to have a double flight of finished in about 4 years. We were all excited about our new grounds just east of Scottsbluff. I want to say thanks again to Mike and Kevin and for volunteering their property for our test. Angie - thank you for setting up everything for the judges' dinner and social. I also want to thank Nic Todd who took a day to go and rescue all of our equipment which was in a trailer by the river. That would have been a big hit to have equipment washed away.

Tracy, Kevin and I went to the grounds two weeks before our test and spent a whole afternoon trying to find away to have the test but in the end the club decided to cancel the test. It was just too dangerous to have people that close to the river with the flooding situation. Right now unless plans change we are going to have our test on the same weekend again and in the same location so maybe next year everyone can enjoy the new grounds. I don't envy Mike and Kevin as they have a lot of work to do to get their property back to what it was before the flooding. Mike and Kevin both had roads washed out. Panhandle members Tim and Kellye Riggs also had substantial flooding on their property as well. Tim had to build dikes around his fish ponds to keep his business going and to keep the river out. Tim and Kellye also have a lot of work to get things back to normal on their place as well.

Please keep in mind that there are still a few hunts in our area before the end of the summer and the members of our club will be out supporting those clubs. Hopefully we will see you all out at some of the remaining test this year. Be safe and enjoy the rest of your summer.

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

Platte Valley HRC – President, Mike Brockman, Longmont, CO msbrockman@msn.com: www.PVHRC.com:

We have been a very active group at the local hunt tests and have had a bunch of members earn titles or special accomplishments:

- SHR – Jesse Mayes and Charlie
- SHR – Barbara Newsome and Sunny
- HR – Kirby Lloyd and Ruby
- HR – Sidney Edmonds and Lu Lu
- HR – Mike "Gooser" Baker and Maddie
- HRCH - Jackson Wolfe and Rasta
- HRCH – Dan Feighert and Shadow
- 500 Points - Joe Olson and Sunny
- 500 Points – Mike Brockman and Ozzie

We are making preparations for our August Hunt test. Surprisingly, we filled our Finished flight in less than 24 hours after opening online. So we opened a second flight and it was full within 8 hours. WOW! And after that, we still have a couple judges who didn't get entered in time and have at least a dozen people on the waiting list. I hope we get as many entries in Started and Seasoned! Otherwise, the preparations are going well.

We will also have a formal training day on July 24th. Hope to see a bunch of people attend. Rich Jenke and myself will be organizing this effort. We plan to have our Annual Fundraising Picnic on July 31st where everyone brings some nice things to auction and hopefully some fat wallets to back their bids. We will also have some fun dog and people games and will raffle off hunting opportunities for dove and duck on one of our training properties.

We are continuing to look for additional training property, with very minimal success.

Thanks,
Mike and Ozzie



Joe Olson with Sunny and Mike Brockman with Ozzie showing their ribbons representing 500 points.

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 : The spring has been very wet around southeast Nebraska and it's recently begun to get very hot. Good for the corn and beans but not so much for training retrievers.

Myself, my daughter Taylor and Chad LaGrange attended the Kansas City HRC hunt test in May. Chad and his yellow girl Lexi achieved their SHR title, congrats to both of them. Taylor and I also came home with ribbons for Tank and Roxy. Myself, Taylor and new club member Andrew Schlueter put on a retriever and waterfowl hunting seminar and demonstration at the Camp Oasis youth camp. The boys learned a lot and had fun running the dogs.

We are planning a training day/seminar in late July and are looking forward to the fall tests as well as counting down the days to hunting season.



Troy Bailey and Roxy running finished at Kansas City HRC.



Taylor Bailey and Tank running started at Kansas City HRC.



Steve Huebsch with Scout training day

Southern Colorado HRC – President, Dave Stiefel, Canon City, CO, Southern Colorado HRC had outstanding support from the region at our hunt test, thanks to all who participated. We used some new property with a new land owner and he was very impressed with the courtesy and respect everyone gave him and his land. Our club members truly worked together as a team to help make the hunt a success.

Not much is happening at the moment as far as club activities go but I know we have many members still testing their dogs. I would like to give some congrats to some well deserved titles. Faron Eddy & Pete HR, Bob Beaumont & Libby HR, John Klomp & Rio HR, Don Ley & Gus HR, Jim & Karen Davis & Kadie HR, Dave Stiefel & Chess HRCH, Tim Boies & Sage HRCH.

We unfortunately had some members that lost some great companions Pete Spangler lost HRCH April and Mac Gallagos lost HRCH Gus my heart along with the rest of the members of SCHRC goes out to these members.

Western Colorado HRC – President Rick Hunter, New Castle, CO, rick1735@hotmail.com: Western Colorado is a desert but some of our members have found some cold water, the type that comes ice cold out of a bucket. Hunting Retriever titles came to three members: Rick Hunter with Cactus (owned by Lee & Monica Smith), then Dirk Torinus with Rio and Kirby Lloyd with Ruby. Craton Burkholder completed HRCH with Pepper, still waiting for the swim! Congratulations on the hard work and well deserved accolades.

We had an awesome training day in June at the Main Elk ranch in New Castle, with a tremendous barbecue. Our July training was at a new set of ponds in Palisade courtesy of land owner Mike McGuire and his chessie, Bear arranged by Harley Metz. Harley typifies the HRC, he trained and hunts hard, always helping out and using his contacts to keep WCHRC connected, from Outdoor Heritage days in April to the upcoming Dog days of Summer with the new Cabela's here in Grand Junction.

A "fun hunt" is set for September 18 with end of the year party then hunting season. We are full steam ahead for regular back to back next May.



Derek Torinus - HR Title - getting dumped on!



Rick hunter HR with Cactus – a cold bucket of water!



Kirby Lloyd HR with Ruby - Bucket of Water Time!