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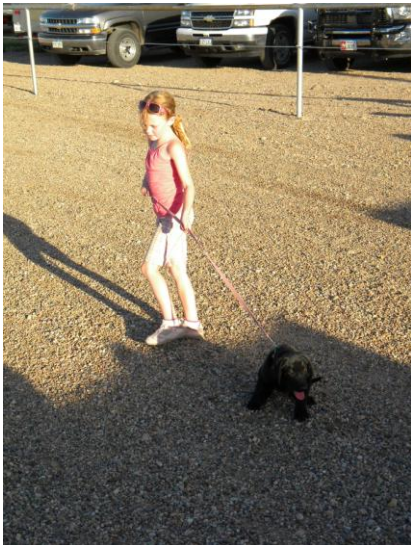
**Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bryce Hiigel, Lamar, CO, h2oknine@bresnan.net:** Despite the high temps both days we had a very successful hunt. We want thank all of the judges for taking time out their busy schedules to judge for us and all of the handlers for attending. Spoke with Blue Spruce owners and they we're pleasantly surprised on how well we kept the area clean and willing to have us use their faculties again. So I thank all who stayed there for being respectful of their property that goes along way especially in a small town.



**Just hangin' out...'Good times with ole friends'**



**Young Mr. Hiigel apprenticed judged and did an excellent job!!  
Everyone wants him to come back!**



**This is what it's all about!!  
Watch out for this upcoming hunter!!**

**Central Rockies HRC – President, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO, mandy\_cieslinski@hotmail.com: www.CRHR.com:** Wow who can believe that summer is coming to an end! Everyone is excited to have a break from the training to begin hunting. Hopefully this year's hunting season is good for everyone.

CRHRC had their annual picnic at the end of August at a local gun range. This gave people time to compete with their shooting skills and to get ready for the hunting season. We are also preparing for our fall pheasant contest. This seems to be a good tune up to get the dogs ready for upland hunting. The dogs tend to be a bit wild this first time out.

This past summer has been successful for many teams. However just recently, a new member, Charles Garcia has obtained his first two started passes with his dog Shiloh. Welcome to the HRC!! Also a special congrats goes out to Mylee and Dakota on their newly obtained HR titles. Many dogs are just a pass away from their next title so look for them coming soon. Enjoy the hunting and remember to keep our four-legged friends safe....

**Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Keith Spader, Keithspader@hotmail.com, Blair, NE, romans2@telebeep.com:** Thanks to everyone who came out to make Elkhorn Valley HRC's hunt test more successful than we ever thought was imaginable. The judges set up great tests, handlers pitched in when needed. Everyone I talked to couldn't believe how many dogs were there. We had a full flight of started, which was incredibly great to see and there were a lot of newcomers, more seasoned dogs than I've seen in a long time and 3 flights of finished. It is great to see more people getting out and testing their dogs all across the region. Now we get to put all our hard work to the true test, hunting season. The early seasons have opened and the regular season will be underway at the time this gets printed. Hope everyone has a great fall!

**Great Plains HRC – President, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE, jlindstrom@barneyinsurance.net:** The dog days of summer are almost over and everyone will be getting ready for the upcoming early teal and dove seasons. It has been a successful year for the guys in the club who have been running hunt test in our region. We have had a 96% pass rate among our club members. The summer has gone fast, we put on a demonstration for Cabela's "DOG DAYS OF SUMMER SALE". We had a great turnout from the club members and put on demonstrations showing marking and handling, the weather was great and it turned out to be a great training day for new members and old. Our club will also be working with different youth groups this fall trying to get young people interested in making good dogs great.

A lot of our members are out training and running the fall hunt test that are coming up. Our more mature members Paul Bishop and Lynn Quadhammer have given their time to judge several hunt tests this summer. Hats off to all "JUDGES" who dedicate their week-ends to make a hunt test possible. We lost HRCH Riparion's Deep Run Codeman, MH, better known as "Cody" to old age. He will be missed as he was one of the front runners for the club for many years. GPHRC hopes everyone has a successful hunting season.



HRCH Riparion's Deep Run Codeman MH, "CODY"



"DOG DAYS AT CABELA'S."



Paul Bishop at the Fremont DU event

**Hidden Pines HRC – President, Fred Lysinger, Cheyenne, WY medicinebeaukennels@yahoo.com:** As summer winds down and the hunt test season in our area is over, we are looking forward to hunting season. Our plans this fall include improving our lease for better training opportunities. We approved construction of more training ponds and digging deeper the ones we have so there won't be the low water problems we had at our last hunt test. A special thanks to Dave Marsteller, T.J. McCulloch, Diane Segal, and Terry Bridwell for their efforts to spray and control weeds and willows on our lease. We have a fun upland training day scheduled in October; we will be furnishing dogs for the Pheasant Forever Youth Hunt.

**Laramie Peak HRC – President Alan Case, Douglas, WY, susanalancase@netscape.net:** As another summer of Hunt Tests has come to a close in our area, we are looking forward to the real reason we train our dogs. Dove and grouse season have opened, and early waterfowl season is quickly approaching here in Wyoming. Already we have seen the first flights of early teal and ducks, as well as an increase of geese in the area. I'm sure a few dogs here in Wyoming will have to wait for antelope, deer, and elk seasons to end before they begin their work, although I have used my lab to track down my wounded deer after dark before so there are uses for them. We hope everyone has a great hunting season everywhere, may you shoot where you aim. Have fun out there and enjoy your best friend.

**Panhandle HRC – President, Pat Johnson, Caputa, SD, prjohn@wesscomm.com:** Not much going on with the Panhandle HRC. We had to cancel our hunt in July due to flooding along the North Platte River but the members of the club were out supporting other clubs with their hunts. Overall in the region this year the finished flights were full to capacity and most clubs were adding flights to accommodate more entries. Don't really know where all of the finished dogs came from this year but it was great to see them. The members of Panhandle did really well running their dogs. Chelsae Riggs took 2nd place at a SRS with Ranger; I was able to put a Started Title on my Goose pup, a HR title on Tripp and Ruff finally broke the 400 point mark this summer at the Elk Horn test. Chris Jobman with Flatlander Kennels had 232 passes from the Grand, HRC and AKC hunt test and 31 titles. Sounds like a busy year. I know other clubs had lots of titles on their dogs as well. It was nice to see everyone this year and look forward to next year. A couple of the members got new puppies toward the end of summer. Bill Spitzer got another Bull puppy from a breeding done with Libby Milroy's Dottie. Bill's named him Babe and he is a good looking little guy and looks like his dad and has his mom's ears. Chelsae Riggs has another new puppy from a breeding done with Chris Jobman's Pistol and Chris Akin's Boomer. Chelsae has named her new little girl Willow. No doubt both of these little ones will be HRCH dogs in the future.

Tracy Todd and his wife sent their son Nic off to boot camp this summer. Nic joined the Army National Guard. Thank you Nic for choosing to serve your country, it is something you will never forget. From reports Tracy has to do all of the kennel chores since Nic left. I bet he misses the free help. Speaking of our armed forces please say a prayer and thank them for their service if you see them. If it wasn't for them we would not be able to enjoy the freedoms we do.

By the time this makes the national magazine our hunting season up north will be in full swing. Hopefully everyone had a chance to get out and shoot a few doves in September before the headed south for the winter. Ducks and Pheasants should be good this year. We had plenty of water on the pot holes for raising waterfowl and I know that South Dakota had plenty of grass hoppers for the young pheasants to eat. So hunting should be really good this year providing Mother Nature doesn't let winter show up to early and freeze the pot holes up. So get out with

your four legged partners and enjoy the hunting season, that's why we have them and why we participate the HRC hunt test so we will have better hunting dogs. Enjoy your hunting season and be safe in your travels while out hunting.

**Platte River HRC – President, Jim Ellett, North Platte, NE,**  
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**Platte Valley HRC – President, Mike Brockman, Longmont,**  
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Finally, the days that we have been waiting for have finally arrived! The first day of dove season has come and there were about 8 of us out at the East Pond Training Grounds to take advantage of the big day. It was slow but steady. I don't think anyone limited out, but everyone was getting shots and the lucky dogs got a few retrieves. Joe, Willie, Curt and I went out again in the afternoon and in typical fashion it was as slow as watching grass grow. Hopefully the rest of you got to get out to your "spot" and put the smack down on some birds, or at least you get out this weekend.

This month pretty much ends the formal activities of PVHRC for the 2010. Thanks for a great year with our Hunt Tests, Training days, Summer Picnic and everything else that we accomplished during the year. A lot of people earned a lot of nice memories, whether they are ribbons, titles, jackets or especially a better hunting dog. We wouldn't have such a great club without the ongoing support of the members and it takes everyone to make this happen successfully. Thanks again!!

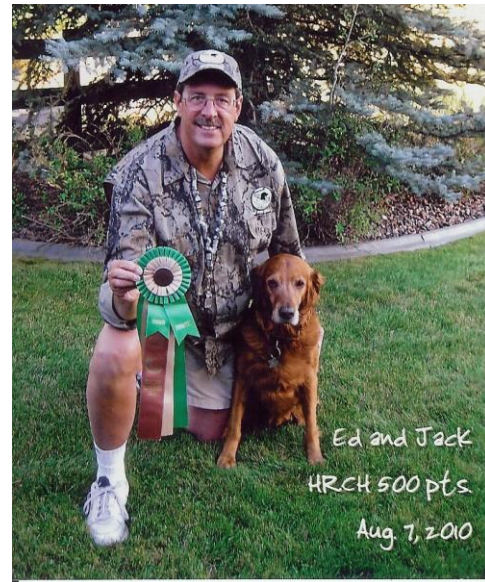
Recently we had our Fall Hunt Test and it was quite a success. Thanks to those who made it successful, especially: Hunt Secretary - Barbara Newsome and Lee Ann Heldt, Hunt Marshall - Harry Christiansen, Hospitality Chair - Marybell Bernhardt and the Bernhardt Family. Awesome job, great food and made about \$300 (versus break even). Hunt Committee - Bill Quinn and Mark Powell (and the other recruits), Bird Stewards - Curt Lacey and Robert Dixon did an awesome job of managing the birds all weekend. They were up early preparing the birds for the judges and sorting those for re-use on Sunday. Gun Captain - Mark Powell cleaned and prepped the guns for the hunt and they performed very well. The PV Judges - Myles Edwards, Tom Waskosky, Joe Olson, Willie Ratliff, David Heldt, Mike Schwann and Barbara Newsome. Congrats to Tom Waskosky's first judging experience as a Started judge!! Thanks to the other R13 judges who helped out, we couldn't do it without them.

Some Hunt test Highlights: Ed Raczka and Jack earned their 500th Point!!!! The especially cool part about this is that Jim Davis gave Ed one of his entry positions on Saturday so Ed could make a run at his 500 on Saturday. Then, since Ed got his 500 points, he gave Jim his entry on Sunday which allowed Jim to get his 1000 points on Anne. That is pretty neat! Other Titles - Curt Lacey and Robert Dixon both earned their SHR titles on their dogs. We got a neat picture of the pair of them pouring the cup of water on each other. Rich Carpenter earned his HRCH on Din!! A sinus infection kept Rich from going for the plunge but that didn't keep us from nearly forcing Jeanine Schwann and Libby from taking the ceremonial dipping!! Sydney Edmonds running Lu Lu got her first Started ribbon courtesy of a free entry donated by Bryce Hiigel. Alexandria Berhardt running Porter also got a first Started ribbon courtesy of a free entry donated by Mary Benjamin.

We continue to get a few new members and it is good to see them. (Jay and Matt Brekke, Randy Thomae, Brac Heiss and a couple others who are considering joining.)

Joe Olson with Sunny, Mike Baker with Maddie and Mike Brockman with Ozzie spent a couple days at Bass pro Shops Fall Hunting Classic Weekend. We did a couple demo's and talked a lot about HRC and the benefits of having a well behaved dog. The dogs got a lot of attention and hugs from all the kids.

Thanks, hope to see you in the field somewhere!



Ed Raczka and Jack join the 500 point club!



Rich Carpenter and Din earn their HRCH title!

**Roadrunner HRC – President, Roxanne Webster, Los Alamos, NM, rwebster@cybermesa.com:** Roadrunner HRC has been getting in a few extra activities before hunting season really kicks off. In August we joined some of the other local retriever clubs at the New Mexico Outdoor Expo, an event sponsored by NM Game and Fish. We helped provide dog training demos and club info at this family event. Then we gathered at Bosque del Apache NWR for our annual back to back hunt. It was NM hot and sunny, but we did have interesting water this year. The refuge inhabitants even provided some of our gallery for Sunday's started water test, but they refused to wear camo over their whites, as can be seen in the photo. Again this year Socorro High School's MESA Club came out to throw for us. These kids and their mentor have helped us for many years and draw nothing but compliments from the judges and handlers. And the boat rides were an added bonus this year. Started judges got to see Charlie Trask's granddaughters, Annie & Caroline, get a chance to run his dog, Little Deuce Coupe. And we got to help JJ Hawk and Fritz celebrate their ribbons. Our Finished entry was almost larger than Started and Seasoned combined, but provided some really fine dog work to watch.

Thanks to everyone who ran a dog, judged, threw birds, cooked or worked so hard behind the scenes to make this event happen.



Roadrunner HRC display at the NM Outdoor Expo. Those brochures on the National CD were great!



JJ Hawk getting sprinkled with water at the end of the day



Pelicans at Bosque del Apache NWR



Bill Archer ferrying our throwers across the water



Annie & Caroline Romero-Johnstone with Coupe



Mary McNeese and Dani just before their first Finished pass

**Salt Valley HRC – President, Troy Bailey, Lincoln, NE, [troyb@averyoutdoors.com](mailto:troyb@averyoutdoors.com)** : The signs of the early fall is upon us - schools starting, cooler weather, college football and early season hunting. Several SVHRC members have found

themselves in the marshes chasing early season teal and in the fields taking a stab at resident geese. Three members have recently expanded their families. Kirk Steffensen's family added a son while RJ Campbell and Brent Twymans families added daughters, congrats to all three families on their new handlers.

SVHRC hosted a training day in conjunction with Avery Sporting Dog, we had a great turnout. Laura Steffensen did a great job putting lunch together.

We will soon start planning our fifth annual hunt test, hard to believe that it was six years ago that several of us put this club together. Thank you to everyone who has had a hand in or supported our club and allowed it to grow and prosper.

**Southern Colorado HRC – President, Dave Stiefel, Canon City, CO, [dave82hd@bresnan.net](mailto:dave82hd@bresnan.net):** SCHRC has a new member to the 1000 point club UH HRCH Wild West Kayanne Moon owned and handled by Jim and Karen Davis congratulations!!

In October the new club officers will be in place: Tim Boise-President, Richard Reinhardt-Vice President, Ron Ross-Treasurer, and Rod West-Secretary.

SCHRC will definitely be in good hands with these dedicated members. It was a pleasure and an honor to serve as President of SCHRC. I thanks all the members for their help and support.

We are currently planning a club pheasant hunt at Indian Bends Ranch; it should be a good time and also help prepare our four legged companions for the upcoming pheasant season. Good luck to everyone this hunting season!



Dale Milligan training Remi



Bret Milligan with young pup Bailey



Jim Davis with Anne joined the 1000 point club!

**Western Colorado HRC – President Jim McLaughlin, Grand Junction, CO, [watercolordogs@gmail.com](mailto:watercolordogs@gmail.com) :** Western Colorado is such a great place to experience autumn. Doves are flying like we have not seen in years and it looks like the waterfowl season will be a long full one. We have really focuse d on getting the dogs ready to hunt this year and it has been so rewarding to the more veteran club members. We re-learned so much as we helped teach young dogs and less experienced trainers/handlers. We have a dozen dogs that will hunt this fall that will do a wonderful job because their handlers got involved, persevered and trained!!!! These dogs will not be the old song of going on instinct. We will have had our first fall fun hunt end of season BBQ by now and it was a huge success setting us up for a regular hunt next spring. Good Safe hunting to all.