

**Region 13**  
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**Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bryce Hiigel, Lamar, CO,**  
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**Central Rockies HRC – President, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO,**  
**mandy\_cieslinski@hotmail.com: www.CRHRC.com:** Our licensed test was held in March and was a good weekend for most. Central Rockies members Bob Berry's Ginger and Kirby Lloyd's Ruby went home with titles. Also, Ron Waltman's Storm and Len Benjamin's Dakota earned their first Upland passes. Congratulations guys! Keith Winch apprenticed twice for us so is now a new name on the Upland Judges List. Thanks, Keith.

We've had some pretty successful training days since the licensed tests getting both dogs and handlers ready for this year's test season.

**Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Keith Spader**  
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**Great Plains HRC – President, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE.**  
**jlindstrom@barneyinsurance.net:** I would like to thank the membership of Great Plains HRC for an excellent hunt test April 30 and May 1<sup>st</sup>. It makes me very happy to hear from numerous handlers, judges, and professional trainers how good our hunt test, grounds, and social has become, all due to our member involvement.

1 ½ months before the test Finished was sold out. This was our first year we had two (2) flights of Finished. The result? We were totally finished with all tests by 2:30 on Sunday. 138 dogs from eight (8) states were represented that weekend.



Live decoys during the Finished hunt test.



Sherri Gale, Paul Bishop and Rich Carpenter



Dane Johnson and Croux in Seasoned



Randy Gale waiting to run a test



Dick Schumacher and Lynn Quadhamer lending a hand



Troy Urick and Tucker

**Hidden Pines HRC – President, Fred Lysinger, Cheyenne, WY** [medicinebeaukenells@yahoo.com](mailto:medicinebeaukenells@yahoo.com): Spring has finally arrived in Wyoming and our club members are busy training every chance they get trying to get ready for the summer hunt test season and trying to get rid of all the bad habits the dogs picked up during hunting season. Our new ponds are getting a lot of use.

**Laramie Peak HRC – President Alan Case, Douglas, WY, susanalancase@netscape.net**: Well it is finally that time of year in this area, and the first hunt test is a couple of weeks away. Someone forgot to tell the weatherman as today we got rain, snow, and sleet. I guess that is springtime in the Rockies. It is not that great of dog training weather although they do like the cool temperatures. It has sure hampered the water work that my dogs so desperately need. It is going to be another interesting season as the river is running full and there is 130 % snow pack in the mountains that still has to run off. With a small club it is always a challenge to get things ready and accommodate the judges on setup day. It is our goal to make the test as realistic as possible, and that is why I think HRC is the best organization for the true hunter and his dog to learn team work and keep those skills honed in the off season. I look forward to seeing a lot of you out there at different test. Good luck to everyone may you all have a great hunt test season.

**Panhandle HRC – President, Tracy Todd, Bridgeport, NE, tltmann@hotmail.com** The Panhandle HRC is proud to announce that this year will be our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a club. Having said that; we will also be holding our Preliminary Upland Hunt Test just south of Sidney, NE. We are planning to go back to a Regular Hunt next year but with all the changes happening with the club and Mother Nature helping us out an Upland Test it is.

The Platte River has officially gone out of its banks here in Bridgeport, it's as high as I've seen it but I have only lived here 11 years. That is why we decided to make the change this year and go with the Upland test. We just happened to stumble into the Preliminary status. Our judges have been approved and we are getting the remaining information put together for the premium which should be out by the time this article hits the newsstand. We are planning a nice social event so please plan to attend.

**Platte River HRC – President, Jim Ellett, North Platte, NE, jlellett@msn.com**: Platte River HRC is getting everything organized for our upcoming hunt. Everyone is training hard and has even run in some of our Region 13 hunt tests. The weather is starting to feel like spring so the training bug has bitten everyone even more. The water is still a little high around our parts but there is plenty of training ground available. We hope everyone is getting focused and ready to run this season and we hope to see you at our hunt.

**Platte Valley HRC – President, Mike Schwan, Loveland, CO mjschwan@msn.com: www.PVHRC.com**: By the time this report is printed, PVHRC will have completed its spring test in Snyder Colorado at Indian Meadows lodge. Thank you all who helped make it a successful weekend.

A big thank you goes out to Joe Olson for leading the started classes, which have been well attended. I hope this is just the beginning for all of you who attended the classes and that you reap the benefits of additional training and testing over the summer. It will pay off in the Fall come hunting season. If you choose to transition into seasoned, there will be many questions that the more experienced members can help answer. Make sure to ask for input and help along the way in your training program.

Another big thank you goes out to David Heldt for mowing at Mary's place. As a result of the mowing, there is additional area

for the started dogs to train on. There is also an area mowed for the "nine point drill". This is a great handling drill that develops confidence and fine tunes casting in your dog.

We are looking forward to Platte Valley Hunting Retriever Club's 25th anniversary hunt test in August.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to talk more about the newest member of our family, Duck Dawg's Lean as a Rock Lubick. His dad, Flatlander's Steady as a Rock "Breaker" was one of 57 dogs out of 391 who passed the Grand this spring in April. I have included a recent picture of him along with a picture of the man I named him after when he was in his prime not too long ago, the finest college football coach ever, Sonny Lubick from Colorado State University.



Lubbick and Luke hanging out together



Sonny Lubick

**Roadrunner HRC – President, Mary Mcneese, Los Alamos, NM, [mmcneese@comcast.net](mailto:mmcneese@comcast.net)**: We have had a very dry, windy spring here in New Mexico. Despite 60 mile per hour wind gusts, we had a successful one day hunt test on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Many members are out training despite the weather and looking forward to the upcoming tests in Region 13. Roadrunner has plans for a preliminary upland hunt, with 3 more uplands in mid-August. We will be able to use grounds on the NRA Whittington Center near Raton, New Mexico.

**Salt Valley HRC – President, Troy Bailey, Lincoln, NE, [troyb@averyoutdoors.com](mailto:troyb@averyoutdoors.com)**: SVHRC would like to thank everyone who came out to support our 5<sup>th</sup> annual hunt test. The rains on Friday put a damper on the Chris Akin seminar but the dozen or so who came out and made the move indoors with us took a lot from it, thanks for coming up Chris. The weather dried out a little for the test and we had a good turnout. Congrats to all who passed tests and earned ribbons. Thank you to all of the judges who came out and volunteered their time to allow this all to happen. Also thank you to all the club members who put in the work to make the event turn out as well as it did.

Congratulations to Mark McElroy and Summer for earning their SHR title at our test. Also congratulations to Mark Van Zee and Sami for earning their HR title at Great Plains test.



SVHRC member Doug Brown heads to the line in started.



This is SVHRC member Mark McElroy  
Receiving his SHR title bath for him and Summer.

I hope all the summer tests go well and get us ready for the real thing.



Mom's first pop with a shotgun



Chelsy and Trigger at training day show the  
Women and men how to do it

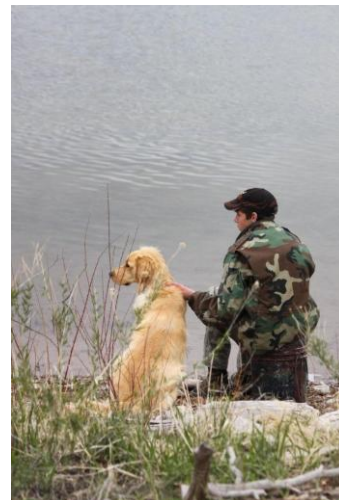
**Southern Colorado HRC – President, Tim Boies, Pueblo West, CO, thboies@g.com: No Report Submitted.**

**Western Colorado HRC – President Jim McLaughlin, Grand Junction, CO, watercolordogs@gmail.com :** Western Colorado continues to have a typical spring; sun, snow, rain, rising rivers. We have had a training day every month and at our last one the dogs showed the hard work has been worth the effort.

A number of members are ready to hit the hunt test circuit for the first time and retrieve the ribbons! Ben Sutrina, Tanner DeGuire, Bill Shaeffer, Tom Dansby, Pam McLaughlin, Bret Milligan, Dale Milligan, Delbert and Melinda Smith and Ben Dorenkamp all have signed up for their first licensed HRC hunt test. I know they will all do well, and have a better hunting season for doing it. Not to be left behind a bunch continue to jump up into the next level, Derk Torinus will have Rio in finished, Steve Huebesch with Scout, and Kyle Tesky with Buddy in Seasoned (and finished soon).

We wish Dr. Craton Burkholder a get well soon, as he is on the shelf for a bit after getting a knee replacement.

Our hearts go out to all who have lost their number one friends recently; Rick Hunter lost Star to a mountain lion attack, and JT McLaughlin lost Summer to cancer. Wish them well.



Tanner DeGuire and Annie enjoy the  
Cold water at training day