

**Region 13**  
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**Great Plains HRC – President, Jack Lindstrom, Kearney, NE. jlindstrom@barneyinsurance.net:** With spring around the corner we are working hard on our Hunt Test at the end of April at the Wood River I-80 exit. We hope everyone can make it this year. Our premium is up and approved on Hunt Secretary. Feel free to contact us if you have questions about our hunt. The weather has turned on us for the next 3 days with a little snow that will put a stop to training. We did enjoy about 2 weeks of ideal training weather in February so everyone got an early start in tuning up their dogs. The spring migration is underway as I have seen many snow geese moving into the area. I have seen a few sand hill cranes also; it won't be long until the full migration is here. If you are in the Kearney, NE areas take a few hours to enjoy this site. Hope to see you in the spring.

**Hidden Pines HRC – President, Fred Lysinger, Cheyenne, WY medicinebeaukennels@yahoo.com:** Hidden Pines Report. The Hidden Pines Hunting Retriever Association held our annual game feed and raffle on February 19 with a good turnout including 14 new memberships. Everyone brings their favorite wild game dishes to the feed including everything from quail to moose. The food and beverages were free followed by raffle and silent auction items. Dogs and their owners were recognized for their standings in the Club's fall Fun Hunt Test and the new Volunteer of the Year was announced. This honor goes to a member who is running a new dog and has made significant contributions to the club and its activities. Dale Bratton was the Volunteer of the Year for 2010. Sharon Arcand taught an obedience class on March 11 at the club lease. She has many years of experience teaching obedience classes and the club members benefited from her expertise. There was a turnout of about 20 dogs preceded by an orientation of the lease including rules/restrictions for all new members. We are now gearing up for training on any days that weather permits. It should be a fun year with many new puppies and members in our club.



Sharon Arcand teaching an obedience class!



Many turned out for a training day in Cheyenne!

**Laramie Peak HRC – President Alan Case, Douglas, WY, susanalancase@netscape.net:** We are making plans for our regular back to back hunt tests the last of June. The basics are there we just have a few details to work out. It would be nice to know if we will have enough entries for two flights of finished or not. I think that really depends on the weather and the amount of rain and run off we will have in the area. It not only affects us but other clubs in the area. Tomorrow is the first day of day light savings time which is good for my dogs as I should have time after work to do some training. I'm really looking forward to that. I think everyone in the area is anticipating the hunt test season to begin. Good luck to everyone, hope to see you out there and at our test.

**Panhandle HRC – President, Pat Johnson, Caputa, SD, prjohn@wesscomm.com:** The members of the Panhandle club have been planning our hunt test for this year. We are going to try and have a regular hunt but if the river is flooding again then we will plan on having an Upland test the same weekend. Right now the Platte River is forecasted to be high again this spring but who knows how high it will get. By the time this makes the national magazine we will have had another meeting to decide whether we are going to have a regular hunt or upland. We will get the word out to everyone once we decide. The club will have had at least one training day if not two by the time you all are reading this. I for one am glad that spring has arrived and I am able to get out and train on a regular basis. It was a long winter in the Dakota's and Western Nebraska. Some of us will be lucky enough to be able to hunt a few snow geese this spring. Hopefully for those that made it out you had some luck and was able to shoot a few for the hounds to retrieve. The region will have had both of the judges and handlers seminars also by the time most of you are reading this, so hopefully for those that needed a seminar you were able to attend one. This will be my last report as the President of the Panhandle club, Tracy Todd will be assuming duties and writing the reports from here on out. I have taken a job at Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City. Rita and I have been around the region and running dogs since 1992 and have made many wonderful friends who we will miss seeing on a regular basis. We always look forward to the test season so we can see everyone again and catch up on what has been happening. I will still be attending test in the eastern part of the region and a few out west. Believe it or not the

folks in eastern Nebraska are just as close to me from Rapid as Oklahoma City, kind of weird how the geography and mileage thing works out. Anyway the spring test season is just around the corner and hopefully I will see everyone at a test somewhere but like everyone it will depend on gas prices on how many tests we attend. Anyway I hope everyone is well and be safe in your travels and I will see you all on down the road.

**Platte River HRC – President, Jim Ellett, North Platte, NE, jlellett@msn.com:**

Platte River Hunting Retriever Club is in full swing again!

The Platte River Hunting Retriever Club (the oldest UKC club in Nebraska) had a meeting last night with several new members and new officers and set a date for our 2011 Back-to Back Hunt.

We are excited about getting back in the saddle again with our hunt. Many of our members have been spending the winter hunting and the snow geese have just started showing up this past week. We have had several days of nice weather so spring is around the corner and training our dogs is becoming more of a desire with the nicer weather.

Platte River HRC will be providing Training Days to our members!

In an effort to provide more guidance to our new members and our members with young dogs, we will focus our training days on young dogs and new handlers.

Some of the topics we will cover in our training days include:

- Heeling - on and off lead
- Retrieving and Delivery of birds
- Marking drills for young dogs
- Obedience
- Steadiness
- Learning how to train and run Blind Retrieves
- Behaving in an exciting atmosphere (dogs and handlers)
- How to run your dog at tests
- Working with young handlers on gun safety
- Many other topics that will crop up

The first date for our Training Days is March 12th. We will be discussing more dates at our future meetings.

Our new officers were elected with Jim Ellett as President, Dennis Rosenbach as Vice President, Ron Green as Treasurer and Libby Milroy as Secretary.

We have a car-load of members that need to attend a judge's seminar so there is a road trip in our future to Lincoln, NE....let's just hope the weather cooperates so all the Platte River judges will be allowed to judge this test season!

We are looking forward to supporting our Region 13 at all the hunts in 2011!

**Platte Valley HRC – President, Mike Schwan, Loveland, CO mjschwan@msn.com: www.PVHRC.com:** Platte Valley members are exuberant about the New Year with our training days and hunt tests scheduled. We had our first upland training day of the year on March 13th and some of us will have attended the upland hunt test that Central Rockies HRC will be hosting by the time this report is in print. Mid week training groups will also be forming, which is a reminder that our retrievers don't become hunting retrievers by accident. The time we put into training and testing will pay dividends in the field next hunting season. Some of our newer members from last year are stepping up to help lead the club, which is great to see. We have had several people join our club this year and we would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to Jared and Andrea Eckhardt, Adam Graham, Randy Thomae, Sally Sjobeck, Paul Sutton, Rick Vandervliet, and Ryan White. A series of classes for new members (and for old members with new dogs) getting started and transitioning into the seasoned level will be offered by the club that many of us will be taking advantage of. We are looking forward to these classes as opportunities to recruit new members and help our newer members get to the next level. I also plan to attend with our new puppy, although he is a bit young for any serious training. The classes and training days will lead up to a fun hunt with our spring hunt test the following weekend at Indian Meadows, Snyder, Colorado on May 14th and 15th. It should be a great year for Region 13 with many tests to attend throughout the spring, summer, and fall.



Mike Schwan with new member and friend, Rick Vandervliet with their new pups from Duck Dawg Retrievers, North Platte Nebraska.



Rich Carpenter getting ready to run in a brace at an Upland Training day!

**Roadrunner HRC – President, Mary Mcneese, Albuquerque, NM, [mmcneese@comcast.net](mailto:mmcneese@comcast.net):** Roadrunner HRC had its annual meeting the last Sunday in January. New officers elected are: Mary McNeese, president; Dawn Amdor, vice-president; Doug Thornton, secretary and Bob Webster, treasurer. We then suffered through a cold snap that brought the coldest weather in the region since about 40 years ago. Thank heavens spring is just around the corner.

Some of our members had very good late-season hunting, with others training for February hunt tests. Several members also have, or will be getting new pups to train and hunt with. Other members look to put new titles on dogs this year. The Webster's started raising ducks to sell to local club members for training and to supplement birds at our tests.

We have plans finalized for our one day regular hunt on April 9<sup>th</sup>, with a singles marathon to be run the next day in memory of Cinder, Doug Thornton's dog. Cinder was killed in a tragic accident on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The club is also considering having an upland test in August, depending on the availability of judges. That's about it for now. Good luck to all in training and upcoming tests.

**Salt Valley HRC – President, Troy Bailey, Lincoln, NE, [troyb@averyoutdoors.com](mailto:troyb@averyoutdoors.com) :** Spring has finally found us and we are taking advantage of it. Our plans are pushing forward for three events that we are hosting. The first will be Pat Johnson putting on a Judges and Handlers Seminar on March 19<sup>th</sup>. We are really excited about the second which will be Friday April 15, the day before our regular hunt test, Chris Akin will be doing a Hunt Test Handling Seminar. The third is our fifth annual regular hunt tests on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We have done a lot of reflecting on how far our club has come since hosting our first hunt test that cold March weekend in 2007. We have a great set of judges ready to go, the grounds look as good as ever and of course the best social you can find.

We've had a couple of training days since the weather has warmed up a little. We have a handful of really nice up and coming young dogs in the stable. They should come along nicely through started and with a little work be ready for some seasoned testing by the fall. Besides the training a few of our members have really enjoyed helping out a local hunt club with some of their shoots, acting as pick up dogs for several dates. I'm told it's been a lot of fun and the dog work has been great and well appreciated by the shooters.

We have added two new judges to the mix. Chad LaGrange and Mark Van Zee have stepped up to become started judges. Chad will begin his judging career at our test. Congratulations to both, keep them in mind as you plan your judges.



Salt Valley members Joe Swanson, Andrew Schlueter, Mark McElroy, Barry Brandt and Jared Schmidt following the first training day of 2011. It was still a touch chilly out.



Salt Valley members and their retrievers after being the pick up dogs at Oak Creek. Derek Kotschwar, Jeff Broughton, Chad LaGrange, Mark Van Zee and RJ Campbell.

**Southern Colorado HRC – President, Tim Boies, Pueblo West, CO, [tboies@g.com](mailto:tboies@g.com):** Southern Colorado HRC's training days are in full swing. At the present time we have 39 members coming out on Sunday morning to train. Our club was able to gain 5 new members and welcomed back 3 past members, all starting new puppies. All the dogs from the pups to the gray beards are doing well.

SCHRC has purchased several remotes and triggers for our wingers. SCHRC is moving into the tech age of hunt tests.

March 12<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a Judges seminar at the Colorado State Fair Grounds. Then on April 16 & 17 we are hosting a Chris Jobman Handlers Seminar (contact Jim Davis 719-647-1211 to make reservations). Our annual hunt will be in May. This year our club will be using Hunt Secretary.com. Members are looking forward to an exciting year of training and running our dogs in hunt tests.

**Western Colorado HRC – President Jim McLaughlin, Grand Junction, CO, [watercolordogs@gmail.com](mailto:watercolordogs@gmail.com) :** Western Colorado has gotten off to a Wonderful spring. We had our annual meeting in February and set an aggressive agenda for 2011 as the officers carried over for this term. We have had two training days so far, and have one scheduled each month.

We had our first singles competition in March, and ran 23 dogs. Jerry Stahl and Max won the started level. Derk Torinus and Rio ran out past the horizon in a very

impressive demonstration to win advanced. Most notable was how improved so many dogs were from last spring.

So many members had great hunting seasons on duck and geese. It is truly a pleasure to hear of all the first and most memorable retrieves that have occurred. Hunting is not about shooting a limit but sure is fun as many members attested to! We sure are fortunate in Western Colorado.

Our club has returned to a back-to- back regular test this year. Memorial Day weekend in Rifle, Colorado will be a great place for all.

We welcome two new youth members Tanner Dequire with Annie, and Ben Sutrina with Mazy. They really are our future as both young men are leading their families into retriever training and the HRC.

Best training and testing to all.



Kyle Tesky and Buddy. (A Muddy-Buddy!!!) at Training Day