

Region 13
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Region 13 is very, very close to getting a new PR appointed. So, **for sure**, the next report you **will** be hearing from your new R13 PR. Again, thanks for all the kind words and compliments that everyone has given me. My head is quite a bit bigger now.

Sadly I report that Carroll Wentworth passed away the last weekend of February. Hearts and prayers from Region 13 go out to Carroll's family and the many friends in the Colorado Hunting Retriever Club where Carroll was very active as well as being the Club Secretary.

Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bill Kisamore, Lamar, CO, arkvalleyhrc@bresnan.net: Had our first training day for 2006 and all the dogs did a great job! Also saw significant change in the Started dogs from last year to this year already.

A big thank you to those who helped at the booth for the gun show. The turnout was good and some good interest in the club. We would like to welcome new members Michael and Cindy Mcloud to the HRC family.

Central Rockies HRC – President, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO, www.CRHRC.com: CRHRC kicked off the new year with our annual winter pheasant contest. This is always a big fund raiser for us and this year was no exception. We had 34 dogs run; 20 in the Experienced Field and 14 in the Youth/Training Field. Everything was well organized and everyone had a great time... especially the dogs. Many thanks to those who helped pull this all together, Mandy Cieslinski, Richard Perkins, Bob Berry, Gary Bankes, Tim Stephens, Jake Dionisio, Bill Rosenbach, Ron Waltman, Scott Daniels, Mary Benjamin, and Todd Perkins.

We also are the 1st Club to kick off the new year with a licensed hunt. Our Back-to-Back, Back-to-Back [2 tests two consecutive days] fills up fast and we had a large number on the wait list.

Colorado Hunting Retrievers HRC – President, Patrick Brennan, shadowmountainlabs@earthlink.net: We have some members training for the Spring Grand... best of luck to them. We are still in the planning stages for putting a Hunt Test together and it may possibly be an Upland Test.

Colorado Hunting Retrievers is also mourning the passing of Club Secretary Carroll Wentworth.

Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Ken Newcomb, Norfolk, NE, hrclabs@cableone.net: No report submitted.

Great Plains HRC – President, Shane Roper, Minden, NE. No report submitted.

Panhandle HRC – President, Bill Spitzer, Rapid City, SD, dabullnbill@rushmore.com: First let me thank our Regional Rep for her many hours of work handling the duties of that office. Even as she leaves us to have more time for her family and other interests, she unselfishly has been working diligently, along with Lee Ann Heldt, to iron out various problems on the Region 13 website.

Can't thank you enough, Barb. You leave some big shoes to fill.

Panhandle HRC met the end of January and elected (read...railroaded) officers for 2006. As it turned out, all the 2005 officials were returned to office, with one addition. So the lineup is: President-- Bill Spitzer; V.P-- Chris Jobman; Secretary-- Rita Johnson; and Treasurer-- Kellye Riggs.

Albert Hargreaves will again be HTC, and Rita Johnson will handle the HTS duties.

We are busy training for the 2006 hunt test season. Our resident Pro, Chris Jobman, has many Region 13 dogs on his truck that he's working with, preparing them for the rigors of testing. Since I had to have surgery, Chris was able to make room for my young pup, Tank, who is in a critical stage of his training that I was unable to complete.

As you read this, Chris will have completed a seminar for the PVHRC members, along with any others from the region

interested in attending. It's great to have a Pro in our midst again, who can assist us handlers with our training programs, and help us through various problems.

Hopefully by the time this is being read, many of us will have had a fruitful spring conservation hunt. Helping with the overcrowding problem of snow geese is very important. Hey...it's the least we can do, and those that know me, know I excel at doing the least. Pictures in the next issue.

Looking forward to renewing old acquaintances once again as we make the journey to the various testing venues throughout the region. Happy to share a piece of jerky with you.

Platte River HRC – President, Steve Brewer, North Platte, NE, duknphuntr@yahoo.com: For 2006 our Club Officers are President – Ted Brewer; Vice President – Marty Beyer; Secretary – Libby Milroy; and Treasurer – Ron Green.

All members are busily preparing for our Spring Hunt which will be held towards the end of April. Most members have been waiting for the weather to warm up. Goose hunting was good this year. fThe snow geese are arriving and the season is about to open so some members may get a little more hunting in before the spring testing season begins. The longer days and warmer weather will help with our dog training. We look forward to seeing all of our region 13 friends at our hunt in April.

Platte Valley HRC – President, Bill Quinn, Golden, Colorado, www.PVHRC.com: Platte Valley HRC held its annual membership meeting on January 12th to kick-off the new year. We held elections and voted on the rule change proposals from the Running Rules Committee. We also scheduled our annual club fund-raiser picnic to be held on July 9, as well as a series of training days throughout the summer, so our dogs should be ready for the upcoming hunt tests.

Platte Valley HRC member Lee Ann Heldt worked with local professional trainer Chris Jobman to coordinate a 2-day training seminar on March 18-19. Day one will be a lecture format by Chris, with demonstrations with his dogs. Day two will be more interactive, where Chris will work one-on-one with handlers and their dogs. We're all looking forward to learning a lot and getting our dogs off on the right foot this year.

Platte Valley HRC member and Region 13 Public Relations Representative Barb Newsome has decided to step down from the PR Rep position this year. Barb is going to focus on some other priorities in her life, including the raising of her 7 month old pup "PJ", which she's training for both hunting and wilderness search and rescue. Barb has worked tirelessly in support of all the Region 13 clubs over the past several years. On behalf of the membership of Platte Valley, I want to extend a huge "THANK YOU!" to Barb for her hard work and dedication. Although she won't be our PR Rep any longer, Barb has assured me that we'll still see a lot of her this year as she trains her pup.

Hunt chairman Tom Osborne and hunt secretary Lee Ann Heldt are working on final plans for Platte Valley's Spring hunt test to be held towards the end of May.

Roadrunner HRC – President, Hugh Simpson, Los Lunas, NM: RHRC is regrouping following the hunting season. We are starting to organize training days, and are brainstorming the recruitment of new members. Bob and Roxanne Webster are heading the beginning efforts of our Sept HT at Bosque del Apache NWR.

We had numerous club members attend the Region 13 Judges and Handlers Seminar hosted by SCHRC in Pueblo. It was an informative day, with Larry Davis of PVHRC. and Jim Davis, of SCHRC, presenting and dissecting a scenario from the last Grand. It was good to see a lot of old friends. We met some of the members of our new clubs in region 13, and want them to feel free to call on us for assistance in their upcoming events.

See ya'll this summer,

Southern Colorado HRC – President, Ron Ross, Pueblo West, CO, ross.ronald@comcast.net: Southern Colorado Hunting Retriever Club is gearing up for the upcoming

hunt trial towards the end of March. Club members are working hard to assure that our hunt is successful and all handlers and dogs have a great time, we are looking forward to hosting handlers from around Region 13 and sharing hunting experiences from the past season.

Our club is also hosting training days, we started the last of January and will complete in May with our graduation ceremonies. This is a great time to get involved with your dog and learn about the HRC family and fun to be had at hunt trials. We have about twenty handlers and dogs currently in training and hope that several will become involved in the upcoming hunt trials.

SCHRC hosted the Region 13 judges seminar this last February. We had 45 people in attendance with John Klomp and Tim Boies sharing the presentation duties. After spending several hours reviewing the rules, looking at situations and discussing different scenarios involving the rules, Larry Davis and Jim Davis (not brothers) presented a finished water test to the participants and then had them discuss problems with the test and how to eliminate situations in the test. The seminar was a big success and we want to thank all who took part.

On behalf of SCHRC have a great time this trial season and most importantly enjoy your dog.

Western Colorado HRC – President Rick Hunter, New Castle, CO, rick1735@hotmail.com: We are proud to announce that we have secured the site of the 1994 Spring Grand for our **Preliminary Hunt Test!** So mark your calendars for the last weekend of July for our Back to Back in the high country. I would like to thank everyone in Region 13 for their continued support and congratulate them presenting an excellent Judging Seminar in Pueblo in February. Even one of our new handlers found it very beneficial. It was a great opportunity for us to meet you and be able to put names and faces together!

Be sure to visit our website www.westerncoloradohrc.com which was design by our treasurer Rick Gottschalk. Thanks Rick, great job! Our executive committee has been very busy building membership, preparing for the hunt test, monthly meetings and training days and still devoted time to attend the Judging Seminar. I thank you for your time and dedication to our goal.

We look forward to the continued support of the HRC organization and to seeing you all in Rifle in July!