

Region 13
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I am very excited to be appointed as the new Region 13 Public Relations Representative and I am looking forward to meeting more people in our region and communicating with them. It gives me great pleasure to be in this position as our Region grows with leaps and bounds.

Region 13 has recently added two new clubs: Laramie Peak HRC with Matt Kelley from Douglas, Wyoming as President and Salt Valley HRC with Robert Campbell from Lincoln, Nebraska as President. We welcome these new clubs into our Region and are thrilled with the growth and support to HRC.

Arkansas Valley HRC – President, Bill Kisamore, Lamar, CO, arkvalleyhrc@bresnan.net: The members of Arkansas Valley have been training and getting ready for our upcoming test in July. We want to congratulate all of the dogs and handler who passed the 2006 Spring Grand.

Central Rockies HRC – President, Mandy Cieslinski, Arvada, CO, www.CRHRC.com: As a club, we want to thank everyone who helped put on the Upland Test in Lamar and also thanks to those for bringing their ATV's to help set-up the tests and plant birds and thanks to our judges. The Upland Tests went pretty well in spite of the wind. The weather was good as far as being dry and everyone had a good time. It's a lot of work to put on a licensed test, and all help was greatly appreciated.

The test season has now begun and the training is under way now more than ever. It has been nice to see all the members who are out training and understanding if their dogs are ready to run a test or what they need to work on in their training to get their dogs ready. It has been fun to watch our members run their dogs and to see how far they have come since they first came out to train. For those who have never had the opportunity to attend an event, it is highly recommended. You learn a lot from just watching other dogs run and see how handlers react to different scenarios. It's a great time to interact with everyone!

Colorado Hunting Retrievers HRC – President, Patrick Brennan, shadowmountainlabs@earthlink.net: No report submitted.

Elkhorn Valley HRC – President, Ken Newcomb, Norfolk, NE, hrclabs@cablone.net: Elkhorn Valley HRC had a great turn out for their Spring hunt in April. We would like to thank everyone for coming but especially, Carol Ford, National Secretary, for making the trip over from Canada to spend the weekend with us. It is great for a young club to see the kind of enthusiasm she has for HRC as a whole.

Our BBQ hog turned out great with the help of Wendell Newcomb, cooking the hog, and the whole Stromquist family for being in charge of the rest of the dining at the banquet.

We extend a special thank you to the Nebraska Game and Parks for allowing us access to such a wonderful facility. Thanks to everyone that judged and assisted. Without the help of all the judges and participants we would not see the kind of success that we have at our hunts.



We are happy to see more and more members starting to travel to other Hunt Tests and enjoy the hospitality of the Region.

Training continues along with discussions about hosting an Upland hunt in the late Summer or early Fall.

Alanna Newcomb with her new puppy, Mia.

Great Plains HRC – President, Shane Roper, Minden, NE. Great Plains HRC just finished up their back-to-back spring hunt test at the Jeffrey Property along the Platte River. In addition

to the river, the property included several ponds, fields and woodlands which were used by judges to set up some very challenging tests. We had a great hunt and a memorable social. GRPHRC is known for a great social and for a lot of special items that we give away. If you have never experienced one you need to come. Thanks to all the members who helped out.

Our club members have been busy training and it has paid off. Pictured are Gary Henning and Pro Chris Jobman who presented the Grand Pass Ribbons to Gary from the 2006 Spring Grand that was held in LA during our social. HRCH UH Riparian's Ebonstar Lean Jake, "Jake" did a great job and is on his way to a Grand Title. This past Spring titles awarded were Lynn Quadhamer, HR Faith, Gary Henning, UH Jake, Rick Meyer UH Abbey, Matt Gideon, HR Hope, Paul Bishop, HR Dutch, 500 Point Club Julie, Jack Lindstrom HRCH Famos Amos, and Chris Rector HR Tide.



Congratulations to all of these hard working members. We also want to thank all of the members who were able to make our hunt test a great success. Also thanks to all who traveled to Overton, we hope you had fun and plan on seeing you again next year.

Now it's time for all of our members to gear up for upcoming tests, make it to the wrap up meeting and prepare for a great summer. Good Luck to all fellow HRC members with your future hunts. Good Hunting!

Great Plains Hunting Retriever Club also participated in a unique service project. In April, the City of Kearney Park and Recreation department in cooperation with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and Cabela's sponsored the "Kids Fishing Workshop". The club was invited to provide a retriever training demonstration and a simulated duck hunt. The kids and their parents seemed to appreciate the opportunity to see some good dog work.

Laramie Peak HRC – President, Matt Kelley, Douglas, WY, lazkbirdogs@yahoo.com: Laramie Peak HRC is in the development stage. I am in the process of contacting potential members so we can have our first meeting. I, Matt Kelly am the President; Alan Case is the Vice-President and Lisa Kelly is Sec./Tres. When we have our first meeting I hope to get things organized so that we can have our Preliminary Hunt late this summer or early fall.

Panhandle HRC – President, Bill Spitzer, Rapid City, SD, dabullnbill@rushmore.com: The members of Panhandle HRC have been busy training for the test season. We are also in full preparation for our test to be held this coming June. Pres. Uncle Bill received his first seasoned passes on his up and comer Tank, Pat Johnson is inching closer to getting his HRCH on his new pup Ruff, and Chelsae Riggs keeps pumping out finished passes with Ranger. Our Vice Pres and local pro Chris Jobman of Flatlander Kennels attended the Spring Grand with 5 dogs and was quite successful passing 2, taking 2 to the 4th series and 1 to the 3rd series. Making him the first Nebraska handler and trainer to ever pass the Grand! Receiving their first Grand pass were HRCH UH Eba Roll The Dice (Dice) owned by Libby Milroy and

HRCH UH Riparians Ebonstar Lean Jake (Jake) owned by Gary Henning! Also having an outstanding week by making it to the 4th series were HRCH UH Princess Bridgett Golden Amber Ace (Bridgett) owned by Kathy Jobman and HRCH UH Ramblin Man's Jade of Honor (Jade) owned by Tony Solie and making it to the 3rd series was HRCH UH Heldt's Mr. Strike 3 Your Out (Striker) owned by Lee Ann Heldt. This was Jade and Striker's first attempt and did an outstanding job! Hopefully soon there will be GRHRCH in the state of Nebraska. Good luck to everyone this hunt test season and remember, train hard and train smart! Good Luck!



Platte River HRC – President, Ted Brewer, North Platte, NE: We just finished up our spring Back-to-Back Hunt and want to thank every handler that handled a dog! We couldn't do it without you all!

We so appreciate all the out-of-state handlers that made the trek. We had handlers from New Mexico, Kansas, South Dakota, Wyoming and Colorado! We had great weather, great tests and great food.

Our club members are always wonderful and many pitched in for every task. Thanks goes out to the following: Steve Brewer: chef, judge, and all around helper! PJ Richards: photographer and auction manager! Chris Richards: helper and general good egg! Jay Richards: helper and judge! Jerry and Lois Brewer: grand chefs and master lunch makers! Bill Spitzer: Puppy stake master of ceremony! Tom and Maxine Lingeman: helpers! Jim Ellett: generator and light provider and helper! Rick Freeze: Master Helper!!! You were everywhere!! Lyle and Karen Duling: marshal and helper!

Thanks to all those who judged!

Randy Coffman, Lynn Quadhamer, Ron Green DVM, Mark Powell DVM, Joe Citta, Lee Ann Heldt, John Klomp, David Heldt, Ted and Steve Brewer, Bill Spitzer and Jay Richards. You guys and gals were so wonderful to volunteer to help us and we love you for it.

We had a successful hunt although our numbers were down. The food was fabulous as always and we hope everyone had a glorious time and that you will come back again next year!!!

I so enjoyed seeing everyone and thanks for making the Hunt Secretary job fun!

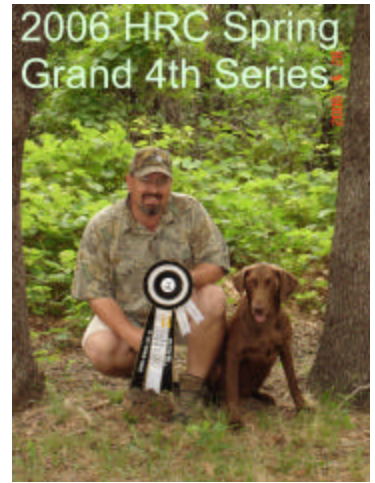
Platte Valley HRC – President, Bill Quinn, Golden, Colorado, www.PVHRC.com: Hunt Chair, Tom Osborne and Hunt Secretary, Lee Ann Heldt, for our spring test have the final plans done and entries are out. All test arrangements are in order and we can only hope for good weather during the test.

Platte Valley will host the Region 13's Annual Meeting that will be held the night before the test at Indian Meadows.

Platte Valley is fortunate to have Larry Davis in our club who has served as a Grand Judge at the 2006 Spring Grand that was held in LA. We all would like to thank him for taking on this job and representing our club and our Region and look forward to hearing stories about his experiences.

We would like to congratulate Tom Herman with Grits for making it to the 4th series at the 2006 Spring Grand and also Lee Ann Heldt's dog, Striker handled by Chris Jobman for making it to the 3rd series.

Congratulations to Platte Valley HRC member, Lee Ann Heldt for her newly appointed position of Public Relations Representative for Region 13. Lee Ann has been a club officer for the past four years and has served our club well. We know that she will do a great job in this new position. We would like to extend a big thank you to Barb Newsome who stepped down from this position. She has worked hard for our Region giving up many hours of her spare time!



Members have been taking advantage of our training days at our various training grounds. We have set up different members each day to lead the training sessions. This seems to be working out pretty well and is giving us a variety of ideas for training techniques.

Roadrunner HRC – President, Hugh Simpson, Los Lunas, NM, jdogs3nm@aol.com : The Officers and members of Roadrunner HRC would like to thank, and welcome Lee Ann Heldt as the new PR Rep for Region 13. We also wish to thank Barb Newsome for a great job as the outgoing PR Rep, and wish her well in the future.

RHRC would also like to welcome the new clubs to Region 13 and all their members. We hope to see and meet all of you in this upcoming HT season. Please call upon RHRC for assistance with Judges, and/or equipment. Speaking of Judges, RHRC is bringing a couple of new Judges in this season, and advancing a couple others. If you are inclined to Judge, don't wait to be asked by your officers, bring it up! If you have any experience at running dogs, and are otherwise qualified, I imagine a letter of recommendation would be forthcoming.

In the meanwhile, RHRC members are back at training, and traveling to judge for other clubs, and to run their dogs. We hope to have a couple of group training days/fun hunts this summer and maybe a Singles Marathon, which we haven't done in a few years. Good testing to all.

Salt Valley HRC – President, Robert Campbell, Lincoln, NE, Robert.Campbell@netnet.net: This past January - February 2006, a handful of experienced hunters who understood the value of a well-trained retriever met over dinner to form Salt Valley HRC. After numerous club meetings and assistance by all of the club membership, SVHRC is now officially on the HRC books.

First and foremost I would like to extend a well deserved thank you to club members:

Mr. Kirk Steffenson, Mr. Troy Bailey, Mr. Mark McElroy, Mr. Tom Jenson, and Mr. Tadd Barrow for volunteering their time as club officers and knowledge of retriever training. In addition SVHRC would like to extend a major thank you to Barb Newsome and Claudene Christopher for their contributions to our club. Both went above and beyond the call of duty in helping our club become a reality. Finally, a thank you goes out to the Elkhorn Valley HRC and Great Plains HRC members who have answered numerous club upstart questions and drove many miles to help out during our training days. HRC is truly one big supportive family. Kudos goes out to the HRC organization.

SVHRC's first club training day on April 1, 2006 was highly successful with over 20 handlers and dogs in attendance. It was

a true pleasure to put faces with names and of course watch some talented retrievers at all skill levels. To see photos of the club's inaugural training day log onto: <http://www.bjacked.net/LuvToHunt/forums/phpBB2/index.php> scroll down the Web page, and click on the heading [Salt Valley HRC](#).

A handful of members were able to attend the Elkhorn HRC hunt first part of April held near Norfolk, Nebraska. If you've never been to this hunt they have some very nice grounds. Not to mention they roast a full pig for the banquet! Troy Bailey and his yellow Lab Cass took home two passes and two ribbons at the Started level. Kurt Earl and his young male lab Elway attended the Sunday hunt and also walked away with a pass and a ribbon. Congratulations go out to both handlers and the dogs for all the hard training work to achieve those milestones.

The Salt Valley HRC's second club training day was held on Saturday, April 29. Handlers were greeted with rain that lasted through-out the day. With handler spirits unaffected by the weather a land and water series was established for the dogs. It was apparent folks have been training since the last training day as most if not all the dogs improved and did quality work.

Our club membership continues to grow weekly and future discussions will be taking place regarding membership drives and a possible Preliminary Hunt in the spring of 2007.

Good luck to all HRC handlers and their dogs the remainder of the season. Our club looks forward to shaking hands with many of you in the near future.

Southern Colorado HRC – President, Ron Ross, Pueblo West, CO, ross.ronald@comcast.net:

John Klomp's dog, Dutch is a star! Dutch played the role of Annie. Pierr Kenyon of the Pueblo Chieftain wrote, 'John Klomp deserves high marks as "dog handler.' You've got to see it to believe it". It is rumored that the star will be giving paw prints at our next regional event!

The hunt test season is in full swing in our region, members and dogs are training hard in anticipation of passing and obtaining points and ribbons toward various titles. Our training days are about to wrap up and we have about twenty dogs taking part.

Our club is working with Colorado State Parks to secure a training and possible future hunt test site at the old Valco ponds along the Arkansas River. If this comes to be, we will have a site that only our club can use, but also a great place to train.

Jim Davis from our club, was selected to judge the Spring Grand, and has just returned from this event. We all know Jim was excited about this opportunity and will be looking forward to hearing some stories about his experience.

We are all looking forward to the upcoming regional meeting at Indian Meadows, May 19th and the hunt tests, the following days. Our club would like to congratulate Lee Ann Heldt for being selected as the new Region 13 Public Relations person. See you at the hunt.

PVHRC member, Tony Adams' son, Zach, received a puppy from the HRC Youth Program at the Southern Colorado's Back-to-back Hunt

test in March. It was presented to him by Richard Trotter of Kaufman, Texas. We would like to extend a big "thank you" to Richard for Zach's new puppy.

Western Colorado HRC – President Rick Hunter, New Castle, CO, rick1735@hotmail.com:

I would like to congratulate club member Rick Gottschalk on his first HRC pass! Hope this is the first of many. I would also like to thank Central Rockies for the wonderful upland hunt test that I had the honor of attending. We on the Western Slope continue to appreciate the help, patience and support of the Region 13 staff and all the Front Range clubs. Hope every one has a pleasant hunt test season and look forward to seeing you at the Regional Meeting.

