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Dusky HRC – President Rich Galetti

Submitted by VP Paul Cantrell

We're midway through hunting season out here in Oregon and while the hunting has been slow, the club is working hard and fast on a variety of events for next year. We have our first annual awards banquet coming up in February followed by a booth at the local Sportsman show. Our hunt test committee is planning for our spring test and we're very excited to have acquired new grounds for the test. We feel we had a very successful first test last year and we're on track to improve that this year. We're starting year 3 and club support has been good but our focus this year is on finding ways to show more value to club members and sponsor some training days focused on youth. We look forward to sharing pictures with everyone of how the HRC movement in Oregon is growing. Until next time, be safe and have fun....

Las Vegas HRC – President Brian Dunlevy www.lvhrc.com

Well, hunting season is winding down and we have had another tough year. Members were active in their pursuit of our feathered friends, but we do live in the desert. Our training days have been well attended as many of our members prepare to run their first HRC Test. The entire club is excited about our upcoming Inaugural Hunt and we hope to have a good turnout.

We would like to thank our Region Field Rep. for coming to Las Vegas to facilitate our judges & handlers seminar. It was great to get the opportunity to meet David Cousineau and we look forward to his leadership and guidance as we host our first HRC test in February. We would like to thank Larry White Jr. and his wife Stephanie as well as Jennifer Hood for coming to the seminar from Phoenix. I am certain they all have a better understanding of our game and look forward to seeing them again in February.

LVHRC will have a few new judges after our event and hope you will take an opportunity to invite them to come and judge your event. We will have a spectacular raffle including a Browning Citori O/U and dinner on Saturday night and look forward to meeting new friends and catching up with some old ones.

Lower Columbia HRC, Deer Island, Oregon - President Elroy Olson

We had a very successful and fun "Fall Festival" to kick things off for our newly found club, we had over 20 dogs and owners attend the fun day which included educating non members as well as members of the HRC organization and what it stands for.

We are now in the works on planning a Judges/Handler Seminar for the early part of the New Year.

We are in the process of trying to get our "I's" dotted and "T's" crossed on the final details for our club's inaugural Hunt being planned for this summer.

Things at times feel slow to start but I believe our ship is about to set sail into a course of full speed ahead into wonderful future! None of this would have been possible without all the support of our club members, Board of Directors and our club officers.

Vicki, there are 4 photos in .jpg format. I did not get captions with them so I suppose the filenames will have to suffice. I'm sending them in a separate email so they don't blow your inbox.

Missouri Headwaters HRC – President David L. French

As the hunting season comes to a close here in Montana, we look back on what for most seemed to be a good year. With the hunting season behind us we redirect our focus to the training and hunt test season ahead of us. While the weather cooperates, we will again be training on the weekends. Please feel free to contact us if you are in the area and looking for some folks to train with. We love seeing new faces.

We are also gearing up for the Great Outdoors Show here in Bozeman on January 29th through the 30th. The retriever club will be hosting a booth at this event along with our counterparts from the spaniel and pointer groups. With any luck, it will help us increase our exposure to the community and help us to educate other retriever enthusiasts as to what the HRC is all about.

We are also in the midst of planning our second hunt test after successfully completing our inaugural event last summer. We learned a lot last summer, and hope this year's will be even bigger and better. Our intentions are to move this year's hunt test up a few weeks and to hold it over the Fourth of July weekend. For those from out of state, this is a GREAT time to visit Montana! We are also in the process of planning our first ever upland hunt at a date yet to be determined. Our club has a flourishing spaniel group that we hope to attract some interest from not only to run dogs, but to assist us with the finer details of planting birds.

If any of you are at all interested in attending one of our events please feel free to contact us for more information. From dogs to fishing to camping, our members are a wealth of knowledge, and we are always eager to share our state.



Youth handler and dog at our inaugural Hunt Test



HR Dennis enjoying the last hunt of the year



Dewey after an early season hunt along the Missouri River

Salt Chuck HRC – President Bill Pearson

The SCHRC Fall Hunt Test was held August 29 & 30, 2009 in a new location – the Comox valley on Vancouver Island. The regular hunt tests and an upland hunt test were run at four separate but geographically close locations. The judges had no difficulty prepare interesting scenarios for the various tests, and judging from the number of smiling faces the competitors enjoyed themselves as well. The club will definitely consider this location for other hunt tests in the future.

There were 43 entries in the regular hunt tests, and 11 entries in the upland hunt test. Entries were from Washington, Oregon, and BC.

The weekend began with a pig roast at the Pearson's. Over 30 people attended – a large part of the pig disappeared very quickly !! Presentations (i.e. large buckets of water) were held at another feast at the Everett's on Saturday evening.

Once again the November training day and Christmas party was a success. We were very fortunate (again) to have picked a day with good weather – and a full day it was. We started running dogs at 9am, and had to start using a second field in the afternoon to ensure that we finished before dark. A hot lunch was served to the spectators and handlers enjoying the hunts.

Older dogs were presented a field in which 2 birds had been planted. The handler and dog were accompanied by one or two shooters. Dogs were expected to quarter, find the birds, sit to flush, and retrieve the shot bird.

Younger dogs were given an introduction to questing and a “pop box” used to remotely launch birds. Judy Teskey (Club Training Coordinator) discussed training methods used to prepare a dog for upland hunting and hunt tests.

Over the years our club has scheduled many hunt tests and training days at Sawallowfiled (the Chemainus River Estuary). Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) recently financed the \$3.2 million purchase of 520 acres of critical waterfowl habitat in the estuary.

The Vancouver Island Retriever Clubs, a consortium of three clubs - Salt Chuck HRC, Pacific Rim CKC and Vancouver Island Retriever Club (field trials) have thrown their support behind the purchase and DUC's “*Wetlands for Tomorrow*” campaign. Salt Chuck HRC has issued a hearty challenge for other Canadian clubs to match our \$5,000 contribution to the “*Wetlands for Tomorrow*” campaign.

Whistling Wings HRC – President Lyn Saunders

Submitted by Bev Gettling - WWHRC Secretary

We are busy getting ready for our Annual Banquet, Silent Auction and General Meeting held in January. We will elect new officers and begin a new year with a new agenda and plans for full year of training and testing. Our members' needs and wants are our priority and some fun-filled times are ahead of us.

Our monthly practices will begin again in February and we all look forward to a prosperous and successful year. Two Hunts have been scheduled in April and August and we are busy getting ready for them. Our website has been updated so click in and see what's in store for Whistling Wings.

And wringing one last day out of hunting season...

Olympic Rainshadow HRC, Quilcene Washington – President Bob Gunther

Northeast Washington Gun Dog Club – President Thomas Blakeney

Interior Alaska Gun Dog Association – President Wes Willson

Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association, Anchorage Alaska – President Kody Bull

Prado Basin HRC, Upland California – President Chris Miller