

## Region 14 March 2010

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### Las Vegas HRC – President Brian Dunlevy [www.lvhrc.com](http://www.lvhrc.com)

I write this report as the dust settles and members recuperate from our inaugural hunt test. Our prayers for safe travel to all the HRC family and handlers that made the trek to Las Vegas have been answered. The club cannot begin to express our appreciation to the region members and handlers that came from all over the western United States to attend.

Judges from Oregon, Nevada, Louisiana, Texas, and Arizona were here to help establish a foothold for HRC here in Nevada. The judges were both patient and understanding in helping those new to the HRC game. We had handlers from Washington, California, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Idaho, Arizona, Utah and even Ontario, Canada. Thank you one and all. We even got a little rain on Saturday, and when you only get 2” of rain a year that counts as another blessing. Sunday dawned a beautiful day in Southern Nevada with warm temps a slight breezes. The tests went well both days and handlers had the opportunity to work their dogs with live birds (Geese) in the fields and (Coots) on the water.

The dinner was well attended, and congratulations to Elroy Olson, President of the Lower Columbia HRC in Deer Island, Oregon for purchasing the winning raffle ticket for the Browning Citori. We even had an opportunity to show some new folks to HRC what happens when you title in this game. There is hope that the HRC movement will continue to expand here in the deep southwest with Salt Lake City and Phoenix currently targeted. We were able to grandfather some judges that will prove to be an asset to any test, so do not hesitate to give them a call if you are looking for judges. A very special thank you to our National President, Jim Reichman, and his wife Edna for their participation in making our inaugural test a huge success. Not 100% sure, but Jim may have been in the casino’s Saturday night, he looked a little blurry eyed on Sunday morning, be sure and ask next time you see him, and Edna was able to get in some “shopping” on Saturday as well.



Kerri Payne suffers through another title bath.



LVHRC President Brian Dunlevy makes Oregonian Elroy Olson a very happy man. Winning the big prize made the long trip extra-worthwhile!

### **Dusky HRC – President Rich Galetti**

Submitted by VP Paul Cantrell

We're off to a great start this year in the Dusky club. We had an HRC booth at the local sportsman show to promote the club and that went very well in helping bring awareness to the club and HRC. Our first training day of the year was held this month and we had a great turnout. We had many new folks attend the event and we're excited about having new members so excited to start playing dog games. 2 of them even joined the board membership. Our annual banquet was held with our first ever awards being handed out and a new board was voted in and excited to continue driving the club growth. HT planning is underway and we're excited to have a full year of training and club fun ahead.

Until next time be safe and have fun...

### **Northeast Washington Gun Dog Club – President Thomas Blakeney**

Submitted by VP Doc Erickson

As the Northeast Washington Bird Dog Club enters its second year, we are looking forward with great anticipation to the future.

In September we had a club meeting to discuss last year's successes. Mark and Alyson Burlington, owners of our training grounds at Burlington Ranch, put on a great feed of fresh Crabs and Salmon with all the trimmings for the members in attendance.

We recently had our Spring meeting to discuss and put together plans for 2010.

We will be having weekly informal training days and once a month, we will be having Picnic Tests to prepare for upcoming Hunt Tests. We will also be hosting a combination Demonstration day - Picnic Test in early May. This will be advertised in our area in order to show people what trained retrievers are capable of doing and hopefully gain new members for our club. Things are coming together for our Spring HRC Hunt in mid May. Planning is also underway to hold a Quad Upland Hunt in early Autumn.

### **Missouri Headwaters HRC – President David L. French**

Things are sure starting to look like spring here in MT and slowly but surely we are gearing up for another great summer. We've moved our Hunt test date up a few weeks to the first part of July, so please take note of that if you plan on attending. We are also in the process of planning our first upland test to be held just before bird hunting starts in the state. Should provide us with a great opportunity to test our dogs training before we start the real thing.

I have to take a moment and Congratulate one of our members. Kerri Payne has recently put HRCH titles on two of her dogs while attending the Las Vegas Hunt test this past month. Congratulations Kerri, and good luck to you and Margo at the Spring Grand!

Again for anyone that finds themselves in the Big Sky state, please don't hesitate to look us up. We have a dedicated group that trains just about all year long, and we always welcome newcomers to our group.

### **Salt Chuck HRC – President Bill Pearson**

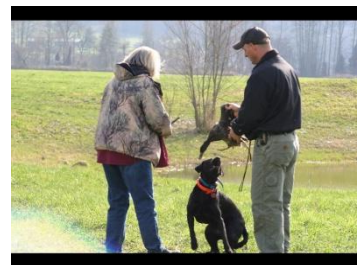
The mildest winter in a long time as been a boon to training here in lotus land. Our dogs have been in the water since mid January and we are looking forward to the upcoming season. Club members had productive hunting seasons. Our club president Bill Pearson and the Everetts made a trek to Vanderhoof for geese. The Everetts did some pheasant hunting in the interior as well while Bill travelled on to AB. George and Nonie Lambert travelled to Alberta after geese and pheasants. Although the ducks were not as plentiful locally, many club members still managed to fill their freezers.

The club has been active with training days. Our training day/AGM in January was well attended and we are planning an upcoming spring training day in March. Our spring hunt weekend has changed and will now be on the May 22 weekend. We look forward to seeing returning friends and making new ones.

### **Whistling Wings HRC – President Andy Fontenot**

Submitted by Bev Gettling - WWHRC Secretary

The first practice of the new year was well attended. We had the dogs and their handlers split up into two groups. For the new puppies we showed our members, many of them new to the club, how to run marks, how to force to a pile and how to help your dog hold the bumper and fetch. Then for our older, more experienced dogs, we had them run seasonal and finished set ups and helped each handler with specific problems they were having with their dog. We served up a delicious lunch and the weather was perfect. All in all it was a good practice and everyone had a great time. We look forward to another practice in a couple of weeks and plan to add a lot of features, i.e. decoys, lay out blinds and dog stands so the dogs get to see and experience real hunting scenarios. In the future we will also add to our practice agenda safe gun handling. We are off to a good start with our practices and we are putting the final touches on our upcoming April Hunt test. We hope this good weather holds for our Hunt Test. April is so unpredictable. Those of you in the South come west and experience a Hunt test in the Pacific Northwest. We'd love to have you.



We even wore our puppies out!!



**And recovering from their hunting season...**

Olympic Rainshadow HRC, Quilcene Washington – President Bob Gunther

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

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