

Tennessee River HRC – James Couch, President

Most TN River HRC members are not training these days due to the heat. Only the pros and hard core amateurs are working in the hot weather and those are getting out really early and running mostly short stuff.

Club member Bill Pittman was among the judges for Tri-States spring hunt at Evansville, Indiana and Music City's spring hunt at Pooles Knob Wildlife Management Area at LaVergne, Tennessee. Club President James Couch attended the national meeting in Memphis on June 11-12.



Pictured L to R, Leland Davis, Bobby Wills, and Bill Pittman. Bobby Wills is presented a special award by TN River HRC for his victory at the 2010 SRS Crown Championship.



Members of TN River HRC at the monthly social/meeting.

Club members met at the Sassafras Restaurant in Union City on June 19 for a social gathering to thank and reward the members for the work and support given the club during the 2009 Fall Grand and spring hunt test, a short meeting to give updates on recent activities and for a special presentation to Bobby Wills in honor of his winning the 2010 Super Retriever Crown Championship. Those present included President James Couch and wife, Bobby and Helen Wills, Greg Robinson and son, Art and Evelyn Heun, Gary and Ann Pennell, Leland and Tajuanna Davis, Neilly and Debbie Allen, Jana Watkins and son, Bill and Sue Pittman and Jan and Bill Harrison.

TN River HRC is hosting our regular fall hunt test at Final Flight Outfitters on October 2-3 and Deer River HRC is having an upland hunt at Quail Haven on the same dates in lieu of their regular fall test. Check in for both the regular test and the upland test will be at Final Flight Outfitters, 5933 Martin Hwy,

Union City TN 38261.

Southern Flight HRC- Travis Bruce, President

I'd like to say it's summertime and the living is easy... but it's hot! Training is limited to small groups, early and late, and you have to be careful in the heat. The last 2 years, June has been hot and we've had great July and August weather. Hope that trend continues.



Regional Running Rules Representative
Billy Luckey at the training line.



Jeremy Browning and Milo prepare
to release for the bird.



Spike Jones does his best to maintain a
professional disposition while manhandling
such a beast!

SFHRC recently hosted our first Kids Kamp day. Incredibly successful, we managed to have 61 kids there and introduce a lot of them to the outdoors for the first time. We had 5 stations set up, and split the kids into groups so they could rotate the field. Steve Vires from Online Labs, Baker McCool our new pr rep, and Ronnie Harwell ran the dog station, where the kids saw a finished set up, and then they each got to run a dog on a single mark. TJ Mallet did the duck calling station, and in 30 minutes had those kids ringing hi balls... a lot of handlers need to take his lessons! A whole crew of Barlows manned the gun station, with punt guns, black powder, a 70 inch barrel 870, and then the kids shooting bb guns. The archery station was manned by Hunter Place outdoors, with Mark, Mitchell, and PJ Harville, and skinny James had the kids shoot bows like pros. MDFW

spared a warden to spend the day with the kids, where they learned about duck id, some basic laws and biology, and got to see the lights and sirens on a GW truck... hopefully it was a lesson so it's the only time they see that! Brother Gene Ragon cooked dogs and burgers, and our longtime friends Brim's Snack Foods provided chips for everyone. Delta Waterfowl sent boxes of stuff, and the local Oxford chapter gave away 2 \$250 scholarships to the kids. Hunt em up.com came thru wonderfully, as well as all our national sponsors and hrc national and members themselves. The event wouldn't have happened without Craig Fredrickson (CF) and his son Tucker (TF) heading it up, with a huge amount of help from Baker McCool, and Johnny Barlow. Johnny was also provided the grounds, and had everything looking perfectly for the kids. Banners, sign in tents, directing traffic, a moon bounce, heck it looked like a Mississippi verison of Disneyland! Definitely the best thing we've ever done, and everyone felt 100% rewarded for their time and effort. HRC has announced anyone wanting to host a youth event, get with Glenda Mitchell as the foundation has monies set aside to help offset some of the costs, and our sponsors want to be involved. A win- win for everything. Of course CF, Baker, or myself would be glad to discuss what we did, and if we can provide any guidance to a club interested, we'd be glad to help.

Recently our friend Ronnie Harwell lost his Jumper dog from spinal cord injury. Jumper fell from the truck at a recent hunt test. Myself, and our crew where devastated, as this was Ronnie's return to getting to have some fun instead of just working for us all the time. We sent the word out, and held a wake Memorial Day weekend for Jumper. We had over 40 folks at the wake, cooked up some shrimp and crawdads, and between the donations sent in the mail, on hunt secetary.com, and raised in person, was able to purchase Ronnie a brand new puppy (which he named Memory, for the memory of all his friends Jumpers introduced him too), and donate the extra funds to the hrc foundation. Sometimes when everyone is hurting, doing a little something nice for someone makes everyone feel better. And this fit the bill extremely well. Plans are being made for our fall hunt test, which just so happens to be our anniversary hunt. We never could decide when we should start counting, from the first meeting, to when we chartered with HRC, or our first hunt test. So we're just calling it our 9 1/2 to 11 year anniversary hunt. We're going back to our grounds in Hernando, and Tony Stafford is going to chair, and Chris Powell (assuming the dang honeymoon is over and we can get him back!) is going to pull secretary duties. We're planning our biggest and best hunt ever, with lots of stuff for the kids and big kids to do!

Planning for the spring Grand we're lucky enough to get to host next year is well underway. It's incredible the time and effort already put into this, and we're still 9 months away. Special thanks go to Mike Botts for taking the time last week to spend an entire evening helping us make sure we're on track to give everyone the best Grand we possibly can.

Music City HRC- Scot Marcin, President

Avery and Music City HRC sponsored a three day training seminar with Chris Akin and Scott Greer at the Poole Knobs grounds June 25th - 27th. Both Scott and Chris are part of the Avery Team WaterDog, and are exceptional trainers as well as seasoned competitors.

This was a great way for Avery and Music City to give back to the sport of dogs and to get more people involved in all aspects of retriever training. Whether you run HRC, AKC, SRS, or other venues, it was a great opportunity to observe what you see in the training videos up close and personal.

Seminar participants ran Beginners, Transition, and Advanced set ups, and many people just came to watch despite the heat. We had great participation for this event despite the heat.

Our Fall HRC test is August 28-29--Come see us!

Deer River HRC-Jim Bryant, President

Deer River HRC is looking forward to our Quad Fall Upland Hunt Test, October 2&3 in Union City Tennessee, that will be run in conjunction with Tennessee River's Fall Regular Hunt Test. We are thrilled to work with the Tennessee River Chapter and are making our final preparations for the upland test. We also had another great training day on the 3rd of July at Scott Whitaker's place in Bells, TN. We started the day out at 6:00am to take advantage of the cool morning and to let everyone spend the rest of the day with family and friends. The test were set up with the guidance of some of the more seasoned members were fun and challenging for both the handlers, as well as the dogs.

Old Hatchie HRC-Jason Christopher, President

I trust everyone is enjoying / enduring this hot summer weather! We only have a few months left till we get to see if our pals were paying attention in the hunting offseason. Thanks to everyone who attended our spring hunt test; also a huge thanks to the judges! We had an awesome turnout and really enjoyed the weekend. We had a great turnout at the recent judges/handlers seminar as well. Thanks to Johnny Barlow for presenting us with that. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

West Tennessee HRC-Tommy Williams, President

Our club will have a regular hunt test on October 9 & 10, 2010 at Chisholm Lake Outing Club. Bob Holmes is going to judge Seasoned for us once again so everyone come out and see him. He has not judged in over 3 years and it will be good to see him again. The grounds for our hunt test is Mississippi River Bottom Land and should be challenging and fun. The test will be realistic and mimic an actual duck hunt. If you are not going to the Grand, come out and join us.

Another note: We have elected new officers at this time and they are Tommy W. Williams, President / Mike Cox, Vice-President / and Jo Ellen Williams, Secretary/Treasurer. Our club is healthy and more and more people are becoming interested. If you are within the Covington or West Tennessee area and looking for a good club to join, call Tommy Williams at (731)221-8125. He will be more than glad to talk with you.

We will be having a summer social soon as the weather permits. Just a little warm at the moment to have anything outdoors. Our Club Pro's are training early in the mornings to get their dogs worked because of the heat. But, you know what, it will soon be fall and the hunt test season started. Hope to see you in October. Thanks.