

**Deer River HRC. President-Jim Bryant. Submitted by Jeremy Browning, Secretary**

The members of Deer River HRC have been busy training and running spring hunt tests across the region. The club held monthly meetings/training days at Horns Bluff Refuge on March 19<sup>th</sup> and again on April 16<sup>th</sup> at Scott Whitaker's farm near Bells, TN. Deer River has 4 new members: Jacob Williams, Grant Newell, Art Heun, and Matthew Watson. The fall hunt test committee is busy working out the details for our fall hunt test which will be held the last weekend in September.

One of our junior members, Daniel Carter, received a puppy through HRC's YRP program. He was presented with the puppy at the Friday night banquet at the Grand. His call name is Drake. The club would like to wish Daniel and Drake the best of luck in training and preparing for upcoming hunt tests.

**West TN HRC- Tommy Williams, President**

Included in this article is a couple of pictures of buildings on Chisholm Lake next to the Mississippi River. One picture depicts the top of the pavilion where we register dogs at our hunt test (headquarters). The other picture is my cabin which Jo Ellen and I lived in for 11 years. At the end of the rise of the Mississippi River (48.0 feet on the Memphis Gauge) my cabin had water touching the edge of the roof. The pavilion was almost completely under. Every cabin at Chisholm Lake got water damage except for 2. Most cabins received extensive damage. Our fall hunt test will be in August at Chisholm Lake and the water will have receded by then (hopefully). Come run your dogs at our August 13-14, 2011 test and view for yourself how much water was in our bottoms. The Chisholm Lake Store survived because it floats. We have marked the height of the water at its highest point. Forked Deer Electric Company cut off the electricity to our site because the bottom light wires were under water.

Since our last report, many of our club members have been running dogs in hunt test and the Grand. The Grand was held in Grenada, MS which made it convenient for our members to go and give it a shot. Many members made it through the Second Series which entitled them to receive a ribbon. Most went home after the third series, but a few made it to the end. One member (Scott Greer) PASSED five of his eight dogs he carried. Our experience at the Grand was Great and most of us will be back to try it again.

We lost a very good friend in HRC this spring. Bob Holmes of Trenton, TN was an excellent HRC Judge and he will be missed. We are beginning to lose some of the great ones. Time moves on, but let me close with an old saying "Someday, TODAY will have been a LONG TIME AGO." Make each day count. Hope to see you soon.

**Music City HRC- Scot Marcin, President**

For the second year in a row, record rainfall forced the Music City Club across the road at Pooles Knob for the May hunt test. The overflow of the lake created new bodies of water for the Started dogs to run in and challenged the Hunt Test Committee as they set up tests for four Finished flights and two Seasoned flights. The good news was that the rising gas prices did not seriously dampen the number of entries or the enthusiasm of the handlers and the temperatures were balmy.

Garrett House one of our young handlers got his first started passes with 2 dogs, Craig Malugin got his first started passes and Brandie Malugin got her first 2 seasoned passes.

Thanks to all of the judges and handlers for supporting our club.

### **Southern Flight HRC- Travis Bruce, President**

The 50th Grand is in the books, and what a great time we had hosting it. We had a ton of our members, and friends from West Tennessee, Old Hatchie, Hurricane Lake, and Colorado River work this Grand and we all had a ball doing it. A chance to merge our Grand family with our Southern Flight family and I think a good time was had by all. While I'm proud of everyone who had a part, no matter how big or small, I got to give special props to Glen Dye for all his tireless work before and after to make this event so special. Thank you Glen, I love you and there is no one I'd rather work beside you (except for the 50 other people that killed themselves for the Grand! ha!). On a related note, Charles Drew had fun. He told us so.

I was honored with an honorary lifetime membership at our Thursday night shrimp boil. One of the greatest honors of my life, to be recognized by the best dog club in world and be forever a part of it. Thank you all.

Special props go out to outgoing treasurer Mike Blaylock. Mike (and Katie) have been a huge part of our club and our success. Mike could actually make reports that I could understand where the money is, and where it's going, and that is no simple matter. Chris Powell has some big shoes to fill to keep the cheese straight so we know what we're doing!

Mitchell Harville has stepped up to be our new secretary. I'm sure he'll do a great job, but he has got some big shoes to fill too. Chris Powell has done an outstanding job for us. It takes several people who do paperwork and money to overcome how bad I am with both! These guys are top notch.

We're searching for grounds for our fall hunt test. Chris Powell will chair it, and Chuck Wagner will be secretary. With those two having the reins, it's going to be another fantastic hunt. Thank you guys for your hard work.

Memorial Day weekend will be gone by the time ya'll read this. Expect a full report on our Tower Of Hope event in the next article. Thank you, Charles Dwyer, for bringing this organization to us, and chairing this event.

We've got our kids day and our field judges and handlers seminar coming up soon. Expect pictures and reports on those as well.

### **Old Hatchie HRC- Jason Christopher, President Written and Submitted by Randy Wright**

Spring fever for Old Hatchie HRC has gotten everyone in a cold sweat! Dead bird backs and water marks! Gotta love it!

I would like to start with a sincere thanks to everyone who participated in our spring test. The results were phenomenal with a lot of pink paper earned! The dedicated hardworking members who came together to put it on and the handlers, trainers, owners and judges who made it one of the best spring tests in our clubs history thus far. It takes a lot of time and patience to switch back to hunt test mode after a long hunting season. And let's not forget our loyal four legged companions who make it all worth it, pass or fail with their constant desire to please. The test grounds were perfect, tests were challenging but fair and the weather was perfect for the dogs as well and the participants all made for a great weekend out! I know that a few buckets of water were dumped on some happy faces Sunday afternoon as well! We had two club members whose dogs earned their HRCH titles, Ann Denice and Rick Graves. Congratulations guys on a long journey finished!

Also many more passes earned by traveling participants. We had a total of 125 dogs compete this weekend an awesome showing.

Fellowship and camaraderie between everyone attending and a magnificent display of skill by our web-footed friends created a great atmosphere. On a personal note, I would like to mention a little more about the dogs. After all they are the center of the attraction, however at times aren't given enough credit for the values they display everyday that we, as human beings, could only hope to achieve in life. Honor, Loyalty, Respect, Discipline, Drive, Character, Faithfulness, and above all, Love. Let us always be considerate of this each and every time we take our dogs to the field or duck blind.

Looking ahead with high anticipation to our fall hunt test September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> held at one of our member's farm in Selmer, TN Jeff and Linda Brewer. Again hoping for another fun, exciting and successful test. Thanks again to everyone.

**Tennessee River HRC- James Couch, President**

Lately we have been experiencing record high waters. Our neighbors and training partners have been affected by this. Many acres of farmland are underwater which are also part of our club members' training grounds. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected.

We had to cancel our spring hunt due to low entry numbers. With the close proximity of the grand and the timing, many handlers' wallets and physical stamina were low and depleted. It is just the way the calendar happened to work out. We look forward to our fall hunt and seeing some great friends and making some new ones. As for now, we are bracing for the summer heat and helping with some flood clean up shortly.

We would like to wish club member Bobby Wills good luck at the SRS Crown Championship.