

Tennessee River HRC – James Couch, President

We have not had a lot of training activity yet as the hot weather has lingered. A few of our members are training with club Pro Bobby Wills early on Friday mornings. Maybe the activity level will increase as cooler weather arrives.

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We met at Ryan's Restaurant in Union City on August 12 and again on September 9. The club was notified that our six (6) new Gunner's Up wingers had been delivered. We now have enough of these units to handle our normal hunt test without using anything else. We were also advised that our new website was up and running and that our new Certificate of Affiliation had been received from HRC...

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By the time this issue of the Hunting Retriever is published, our regular hunt test at Final Flight Outfitters and the combination Deer River Upland quad at Quail Haven will have been conducted. We hope a number of you will have joined us for these events. Several of our members were involved with the Music City hunt test on August 28-29. HRCH Shadow's Lots of Lottie owned by TN River club members Eddie Watkins and Leland Davis, had passed two (2) Grands but needed additional points for her Grand Hunting Retriever Championship title. She earned those in LaVergne and is now a GRHRC. Thorn's Blackdiamond Magic (Coal), owned by club member Greg Robinson, earned her HRCH title at Music City. Bill Pittman served as one of the Finished judges. The attached photo is of the first Standard Poodle Bill had ever had pass.

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The October meeting was held at the Keg Steakhouse in Fulton, Kentucky on October 21. Club President James Couch went over the results of our October 2-3 regular hunt test at Final Flight. Plans were discussed for a Christmas party in Rutherford on January 8.

Club Pros Bobby Wills and J. Paul Jackson participated in Ed Watson's American Retriever Classic (SRS club event) at Mansfield, TN on October 28-30. Club member's dogs they ran were Shadow's Lots of Lottie and Reelfoot Lake's Buddy.

Bobby and J. Paul had 6 of the 12 dogs in the semifinals and J. Paul qualified M & M's Second Time Around (Mulligan) for the 2011 Crown Championship by finishing second.

Bobby and J. Paul also participated in the SRS Huntsville Classic on November 4-7 and had 5 dogs in the semi-finals. They finished second, third and fourth and qualified Maple Creek's Calumet Coyote (Yote - J. Paul) and Nick of Time Jazz Star (Jazz - Bobby) for the 2011 Crown Championship. CAFC AFC Colt 45 II (Colt-Bobby) finished 3rd but was already qualified.



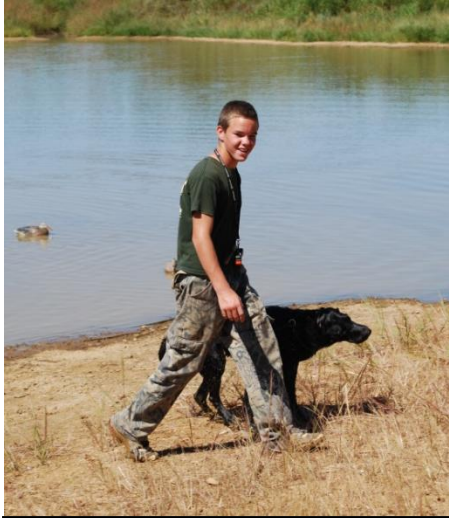
HRCH Websters Red High Heels JH (Layla),
owned by Angie Louter of McDonough, GA

Southern Flight HRC-Travis Bruce

As I'm writing this plans are underway for our 9 1/2 to 11 year anniversary hunt. We've got a great hunt planned, and by the time you read this it'll be in the books. Our members have been busy already this test season judging, running, and working various hunt tests, not to mention still working on next spring's International Grand hunt we're lucky enough to host. Everybody got in a little dove hunting last weekend, with reports from poor to excellent. We made it thru a very rough summer, with temps hot enough to curtail big groups and a lot of work people would have liked to have done. Cooler weather and the training is coming on like wildfire. Now if we'd just get some rain to fill the ponds and ditches back up!

We had our 9 1/2 to 11 year anniversary hunt in September. Thanks to all who attended, worked, and judged a fantastic hunt test. The weather gave us an unexpected surprise with 96 degree temps, but our excellent judging pool took it into consideration and made realistic, challenging hunts that would work in those temps. Special thanks to Ronnie Harwell and Janet Kimbrough for filling in last minute when an emergency prevented 2 of our judges coming up. We were honored with a visit from our original field rep, and lifetime HRC member (and legend), Mr Bobby Williams. Our friend Margo Ellis was a victim of our cruel sense of humor when we explained to her we were filming she and Glen Dye's handlers briefing for the new seminar. Mr. Bobby walked through the crowd, took the gun from her and broke into the famous gun safety rap! Travis Bruce and Johnny Barlow had a foot race for the kids program, complete with air-o-

dynamic streamers and clown shoes... big win for Travis when Barlow tried to knock him down instead of race fair. We collected over 400 dollars for our kids program, thanks to the generosity of our friends and family at the Saturday night banquet. Sunday morning found a judge ill, and I had to fill in. Everyone including TJ (my 12 year old) wanted me to let him run his spooky puppy for her HR on Saturday. Knowing we couldn't make another hunt, I decided to run her.



TJ Bruce coming offline with a smile and the spooky puppy!

But Sunday was a different story... I tossed TJ my keys and he was pimping my ride around the grounds, smoked the season test with spooky puppy, got a started title on another dog, and drove to finished for Steve to run dogs off my truck. I got on him that afternoon for burning so much fuel, and he was like "dude, if you where 12 and someone gave you a truck to drive around and run dogs, you'd went through some fuel too!". Worked out ok, he got the ribbons, and I got to judge with my good friend David Mclendon. We had a fall social the Saturday before Halloween. Bad timing, but the only day we could pull it off. We shot skeet, let the kids carve pumpkins with their 22's, had a hayride for the kids, and brother Gene cooked up some famous wings Vires for letting us have his place again. November found Steve Vires, TJ Bruce, and Mirinda Dye working the waterfowl festival in Drew Ms. They had a big turnout, and really became a crowd favorite when they got kids out of

the crowd to run a dog. Barbie (Mirinida's dog) and Bear (Gene Ragon's dog) did the honors... while Gene and Duck where letting their kids deer hunt behind Vires place. Phillip killed an 8 point, and on Sunday Kyle killed a 9 point, and on Saturday night TJ finally won the month long battle with the beaver he'd been trying to kill! All that shooting those kids have done has paid off, the ducks won't stand a prayer come this juvenile hunt. Everyone is getting ready for duck season, and making plans for our Grand next April.



Southern Flight's Fall Social hayride in motion

People laughed when we had a 9 1/2 to 11 year anniversary. We couldn't decide when to start counting. So we decided that from first hunt test is customary, but we did too much fun stuff before that to pretend it didn't matter. So, 9 1/2 to 11 years. I can only hope the next decade brings us all as many memories as the first one did. Thanks to all that have made it happen!

Special congrats to our new Grand Hunting Retriever Champions. Mike and Katie Blaylock with GRHRCH Coal (got the points he needed at East Arkansas but they have been ducking a wetting!), Clark Kennington with GRHRCH UH Max MH, Craig Fredrickson (with some help from Steve Vires when CF couldn't go to GA) with GRHRCH Gus, and Grand pass to Travis Bruce with UH HRCH Da Juice. Southern Flight was well represented in the last 2 Grands between dogs, handlers, and folks just simply coming to cheer us on. Special thanks to all of family that made these passes possible.

Music City HRC-Scot Marcin

The grounds at Music City HRC's fall test were high and dry in August. Hot, too. Once again we had a record breaking number of dogs running and the tests went smoothly both days. As a side note, the HRC is absolutely serious about handlers coming to the line in hunting attire. Just ask Ty Clenney who had to borrow his gear!



Ty had room for another handler in his camo coveralls

Deer River HRC-Jim Bryant

With our Upland Quad weekend fast approaching, Deer River has been working diligently to ensure that our first upland test in quite a few years will be a fun experience for the dogs and their handlers. And our last two training days have been centered around the Upland as well. The club would like to thank Scott Whitaker for the use of his facilities in Bells, TN. It's been a great place for our members to train their pups. Hope to see you all in Union City on October the 2nd & 3rd.

Deer River HRC is proud to announce the success of our Upland Quad Hunt that was run in conjunction with Tennessee River HRC's regular hunt test on October 2nd & 3rd. We ran two flights a day so it was possible to get the four passes required for an upland title in one weekend. And the majority of the dogs left after the weekend with their upland hunter titles & most of the remaining dogs only require a pass or two for theirs. The weekend was fun and exciting for the dogs and handlers as well as the judges and workers. This was the first upland hunt test many of us had been involved with and it was a blast to watch those dogs flush those live birds. Deer

River would like to take the time to thanks all those involved with making our upland weekend a success. A special thanks goes out to our judges, Tommy Williams, Glenn Dye, Ronnie Harwell & Scott Williams. As well as to The Tanner Family for the use of Quail Haven just outside of Union City, TN. The game preserve made for a great location for these upland tests. We would also like to thank all the members, friends & family that made this weekend possible.



Shawn Littlefield and Richland's Roadside Rendezvous in the blind on their way to a Started title

West TN HRC- Tommy Williams

Our fall test had to be cancelled due to the timing with the grand and the end of hunt test season. We have new dates for next fall. We will be the first part of August now. It will feel like a back to back event for us. We have a Christmas party scheduled for December 3 at the Chisholm Lake Store for all club members. Everyone around here is looking for any mud hole to float a decoy in now. It is going to be slim pickings for water this season. A big congratulations to Jimmy McMahan on earning GRHRCH on club member Mike Simmons's dog Max. We are very proud of all 3 of them. Stay tuned for spring news.

Old Hatchie-No Report