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GMHRCH/HRCH Silverbrook's PJ's Prince Toby

What's Inside?

Jim VanderGiessen's work kept him very busy this Fall. Hunting and NAHRA had to take a back seat. But volunteers have taken up the slack.

This issue has important news for the organization. The 2008 Richard A. Wolters/ North American Hunting Retriever Association Invitational Field Test will be held in June near Minneapolis. The judges have been selected and they have written some information about themselves for this issue.

Two new 1000 point dogs are also featured in this issue. This is certainly a wonderful accomplishment that we can all take pride in.

New Regional Directors are also announced. The torch will soon be passed to energetic new people who we expect to do much to move NAHRA forward.

In September, the Board met by conference call and approved the "Hunter" stake between Started and Intermediate. We tried hard to accommodate the concerns we heard during the year-long pilot phase of the stake, so we will not require clubs to offer it. However, we heard a lot of support for the stake and hope it serves to help people make the transition from Started to Intermediate. "Hunter" will have a title, HR, but we hope it will lead to many more successful WRs.

Real hunting dogs like Danielle Moore's featured in this issue are the backbone of NAHRA. Thanks Danielle, we know you'll have that WR in '08.

The MidWest Region is sponsoring a booth at the huge "Pheasant Fest" trade show in Minneapolis in January. We expect to distribute literally thousands of NAHRA brochures to the many hunters who attend.

This is the 9th ON TIME NAHRA eNews in a row thanks to Sandy, Doug, and many volunteers. I've been pleased to help with that the last two years and look forward to participating in NAHRA in new ways in the future.

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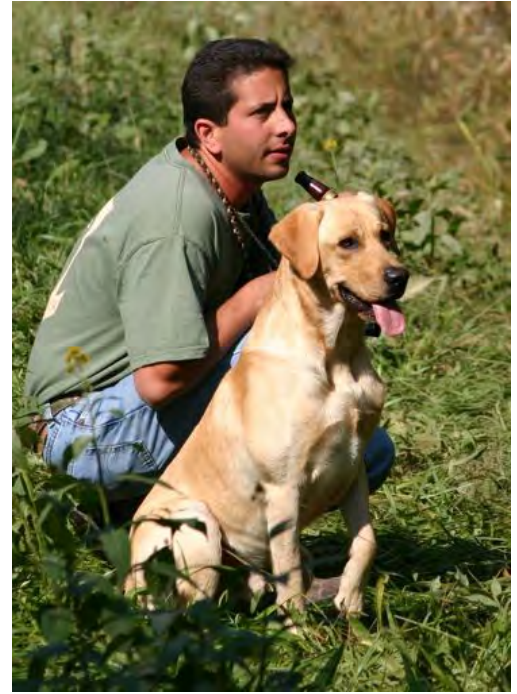
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GMHRCH/HRCH Silverbrook's PJ'S Prince Toby

by
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How do you describe your best friend and companion?

We got Toby from Trish Jagoda of Silverbrook Kennels in Virginia; he was all of 5 pounds when we picked him up. There was so much snow that year, I didn't think he would know how to pee on anything but snow. Toby and I spent every minute together that winter, I took him to work with me, to the bank, the post office and even took him upland hunting. He didn't actually hunt but he loved dragging around those pheasants by the tail. That Winter I was introduced to NAHRA by my buddy Bob Sipila who has a 1000pt dog named Scooter. Bob and I went out every day throwing marks for the dogs; I couldn't believe how fast Toby picked it up. The incredible thing was that all the playing in the hallway of my house that winter actually paid off. Toby brought back the bumper and delivered it to hand every time. We also followed Richard Wolter book, Gun Dog. Me being the competitive type wanted Toby to do everything the same as his dog Tar, wasn't easy but we did it. The one think I will say about Toby is that he is a retrieving machine.

Toby was only 4 months old when he received his first NAHRA started pass, what a thrill! That same day we also

failed our first test. I think we got the most out of the failure that weekend. It was a great learning experience. Tom Moore judged that test and Tom has haunted us all the way up the ladder. Tom is a great judge and we love running under him, (thanks Tom for always challenging us). From there he achieved his MHR Title at 14 Months and his GMHR at 19 Months. Now at 4 years 9 months of age he passed his 50th senior test at Old Dominion Retriever Club in Virginia to give him his 1000th point. That last 20 points wasn't easy though. A truck hit Toby only 3 weeks before that test. Doctors didn't think he would be recovered so quick as to even be just running around. When I took Toby in 2 weeks after the accident they gave him the ok to go. See what happens when you buy a knot heat from Virginia they're too stubborn to even think they're injured. We ran that weekend under a close watch, but I think he knew what was going on and just ran his heart out. It was a great thrill and accomplishment for the both of us.

In addition to running field test and hunting all over the country, Toby is a great dog at home. All the kids in the neighborhood come over to see him. They think if they keep throwing the ball long enough they will wear him out. I

think their parents send them over for Toby to wear them out. When company comes over he will do everything in his power to get someone to throw for him, its an obsession. Other times he can be found sleeping in my chair with the cat. Overall he is everything we could of asked for in a dog, loyalty, love and Respect.

Toby, Christine and I would like to thank Bob Sipila and Scooter for getting us to buy our first lab and spending hours throwing birds for us, Trish Jagoda of Silverbrook Kennels for putting up with us and showing us the way. Trish went the extra mile for a guy she did not know and was a royal pain in her ass, we have become great friends, Dino and Dawn DiPaola for all the fun and crazy times on the road and keeping my wife company and sane, all the people at HHHRA and Navasink who threw birds for us especially Kim Schiller my training buddy, Scott Unkel and his family and last but not least Frank and Valerie Plewa who gave me a reason to keep training even when I knew they would come up with something I did not train for. Thanks to all the people who made this possible.

Kali's 1000 Point Title

by
Jeff Riebling



As I write this article, I am trying to figure out where to start. I began in NAHRA was about 14 years ago. I joined the Northern Piedmont Retriever Club, as I wanted to make a practical hunting dog out of my Golden Retriever, Sandy. So, on a cold, wintry, January day with about a foot of snow, my love of dog handling began. This testing thing wasn't for me. Now I am far removed from that notion.

Slowly in time I started to think Sandy could do this testing thing. Eventually, Sandy earned her Working Retriever title. It was a struggle, mostly because of all the mistakes I made with her. And as they say I was hooked!

Buster, my second dog, came to me when Sandy was 5. He was put to rest, due to an unfortunate incident at the age of 3. Buster had just received his Senior title, and really seemed to be coming into his own.

About 5 months after his passing, Trish Jagoda contacted me to inform me that she had a litter on the ground. She felt one of these females was just what I was looking for. Silverbrooks Ravin' Rebel, Kali, in so many ways has been that and more. Kali has always had Sandy's laid back personality around the house. Often

times you will find her on our bed or in the living room lying on the lounge chair. She is a wonderful loving pet. But preparing to take her training, testing or hunting, and a different dog emerges. She comes unglued, bouncing around the house and clinging to your side until you get her into the truck! She has all the drive and determination you could ever ask for.

Fortunately, for her, I had the chance to refine my training skills, as well as my ability to read dogs, with Sandy and Buster. As good as they were or were not, each of them taught me a little more about dogs and even more about myself.

I have enjoyed the journey Kali has taken me on. Her achievement of 1000 points came to be this year at the NE Regional test under Trish Jagoda and Bill Whiteford. I can't say 1000 points has always been the plan. My original goal was a GMHR, but she was just under 3 years of age when she received that title. So, I started to think, lets see where this goes.

Kali has opened the doors to a lot of great friendships and hunting partners in her 6+ years. We also learned to work as a team together. Her personality has endeared her to those that have come to know her both at the line and away from

it. I am glad she has been patient with me even when I wasn't with her. She has always given 110%. I guess I am rambling, but as I reflect on her NARHA career, it has been quite a journey!

I am so very proud of this special dog and cannot thank her enough for what she has been to me. Kali and I owe a special thanks to a lot of people. First, to my wife Cheryl thanks for allowing us to chase this accomplishment. My daughter Faith thanks for going out and tossing bumpers, sometimes begrudgingly, when the house was warmer or dryer!! Hats off to the judges and bird throwers who gave of their time so we could earn our ribbons. An extra thank you to the judges we did not pass under. After licking the wounds of my pride, you gave us homework to do! Trish thanks for giving me a wonderful companion in Kali. Frank, I thank you for never letting us except good enough! You pushed us to achieve better all the time and ATTACK the blind.

In closing, Kali you have been a gift from God. You are an outstanding athlete and a great friend. It has been an honor to hunt and test with you. You have far exceeded any dreams I could have had, thanks for enriching my life. You are a true champion!!



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Seminar on How to Give a NAHRA Judge and Handler Clinic

with Brad Lindberg

Sponsored by the NAHRA MidWest Region
at a Location TBD
Saturday 8 March 2008
in South Central Minnesota or North Central Iowa

In March 2008 the MidWest Region will sponsor a seminar aimed at helping our more experienced people learn how to give effective judging and handling clinics. Everyone is welcome, but this will be oriented toward people with judging experience.

Brad Lindberg, with 96 NAHRA Judging points and an Invitational Judging assignment to his credit will lead the seminar.

Our plan is for the folks who have attended the clinic to then in turn offer clinics around our Region. We will have one person from a local club team up with an out-of-town judge. Some clubs will want more elementary clinics aimed at helping

handlers understand what judges look for, while others will want clinics to help train new judges and keep existing judges “on the same page.”

The power point materials prepared by the Hosford committee in '06 and Brad's own materials will be discussed to help people excerpt manageable sets of their own materials for various purposes.

We don't have a firm date yet, but keep an eye on www.nahranews.org.

2008 Invitational Judge Randy Carlson

It was 1970 and the weekly edition of American Sportsman was on Saturday afternoon (at that time, the only outdoors television show). As a passionate outdoorsman at 12 years old, I never missed an opportunity to learn more about hunting and fishing. The episode was Phil Harris, Bing Crosby, and Richard Wolters with a black lab, in a duck blind somewhere. One of them knocked down a bird and Richard sent his dog for the retrieve, and then proceeded to direct him to the bird with a series of whistle and arm commands, which left me astounded. That show was truly a defining moment for me, as I made a promise to myself that someday I would train a lab to do the same.

I was fortunate enough to meet and befriend Richard Wolters when I lived in New York. NAHRA was a young organization then and I quickly became

involved. Every Friday evening it was pack up the truck and head off with our friends to run the next test. When we moved to Nebraska we met the great folks at HPHRA in Cheyenne, WY, made new friends, and continued to be active in NAHRA. In April 2007 we moved back to central Pennsylvania to be closer to family.

I am an ardent bird hunter and fly fisher, and couldn't imagine a household without at least one lab to liven things up. Cathy and I have trained our dogs one at a time, reading the books, talking to friends, and joined local retriever clubs and NAHRA, and learned through trial and error. I love to chase both upland birds and waterfowl and have lived in Vermont and New York where I became active in NAHRA in 1986, and lived in Nebraska for six years where the definition of incredible waterfowling

may have been written. Hunting, fishing, water, and retrievers have always been an integral part of my life. NAHRA Hunt Tests were the perfect year-round extension of the sport.

I have trained by own retrievers and progressed them through each level and have run in and helped to coordinate Invitationals in the past. I enjoy judging at tests and watching other dogs as much as my own, and am always amazed at the athletic ability of our dogs. Judging an Invitational is a very important responsibility and not one that I take lightly. It is recognized how much time and effort each of us puts into training, culminating with qualifying to run in a NAHRA Invitational. My co-judges and I will strive to give you a fair, challenging, and fun test at the 2008 NAHRA Invitational.



2008 Invitational Judge Larry Dusanek

I was raised on a farm in eastern Iowa. We always had a herding dog on the farm. Dad trained all of our dogs. I got my first dog when I was eight. It was a rat terrier and came from a neighbor. She became my first hunting dog. The only magazine, other than farming types, we received was Sports Afield. I always looked at the ad section hoping to find my first real hunting dog. When I was twelve, I saw an ad for a lab pup in Omaha, Nebraska. I used some of the money from my 4-H calf and purchased my first Lab. I had no idea what I was doing when it came to training. I took a lot of lessons from dad and ended up with a decent hunting dog, but, by no means the kinds of dogs we see today. I've been learning ever since and hope I never feel that I have it all.

I have had the privilege of owning a number of great hunting dogs. Most of my early years were spent working with dogs as a meat hunter. In 1970, we moved to Mason City, and our family became acquainted with a gentleman who ran field trials. At the time, my brother-in-law was living with us, and he really wanted to get more involved with the dogs. We both starting learning and training more than hunting. That led to

participating in some club trials and a few derbies. This was my first association with a professional trainer, and it proved to be more of a learning experience than all the books.

Over the years, I've had many opportunities to become acquainted with several other very knowledgeable individuals. A few years later, we moved to Chicago where work started to interfere with my hunting passion. We became dog "poor" for about six years. Since moving back to Iowa in 1993, we got back into hunting and dogs. We started running some AKC events and then, by chance, when looking for a pup, was introduced to NAHRA by Keith Stroyan. It didn't take long for us to understand the difference between the two groups. Since we joined NAHRA, we have had a limited relationship with the other organizations. We always look forward to attending NAHRA tests because of the folks who will be there and the friendly atmosphere that is always present. I believe NAHRA has the best program and people.

I've been a hunter all my life. Growing up, we had an extended family in our home that included a great grandfather

and two great uncles. Between them, my father and my grandfather, I can't remember a time when I was not hunting. I shot my first rabbit when I was six and will never forget my first experience with a shotgun. Since retiring three years ago, I hunt as much as possible. I made my first trip to Canada duck and goose hunting this past fall and hope to make many more. I still have some dreams of going to the Dakotas for grouse and to the south for quail.

I really enjoy running dogs and have been planning on running RAW for the past two years. My female has not cooperated the past two years, but this was to be the year that she would not be in season. However, when I was asked to judge RAW, my plans changed again. I feel this is the biggest honor one can receive from this organization. I am looking forward to working with the other judges in setting up fair and interesting tests. The grounds are magnificent and should make for great testing scenarios. I know we will all do our best to make this one of the most enjoyable and challenging testing experiences.



2008 Invitational Judge Joseph Cook

My name is Joseph Cook; I live in Orange County California. First, I want to thank the Four Points Retriever Club and the R.A.W. committee for inviting me to be one of the Invitational judges.

My wife, Joanne, and I have been involved with Labrador Retrievers for almost 18 years. We started out with obedience competition, and then moved on to hunt tests. We are also active in our local breed club and have shown our dogs in the conformation ring. We have also bred Labs. Presently, three labs own us.

Over the years our dogs have competed and earned titles from Started through GMHR. We are also active in the AKC hunt test program, where we have put master hunters on several of our dogs.

I have been a NAHRA judge for 12 years. All of my experience has been on the west coast, so I am looking forward to judging in a new area. I also judge AKC hunt tests.

When I am not working or training my dogs, I work for the USC School of Medicine as a radio-chemist/cyclotron

specialist in the nuclear medicine program.

Finally I would like to thank several people who without their help and mentoring my wife and I would never have become involved in this program, Dianne and Bill Ouillette, Howard and Clarene Slinkard, and Phil Deschene.



2008 Invitational

Alternate Judge

Bob Riggs

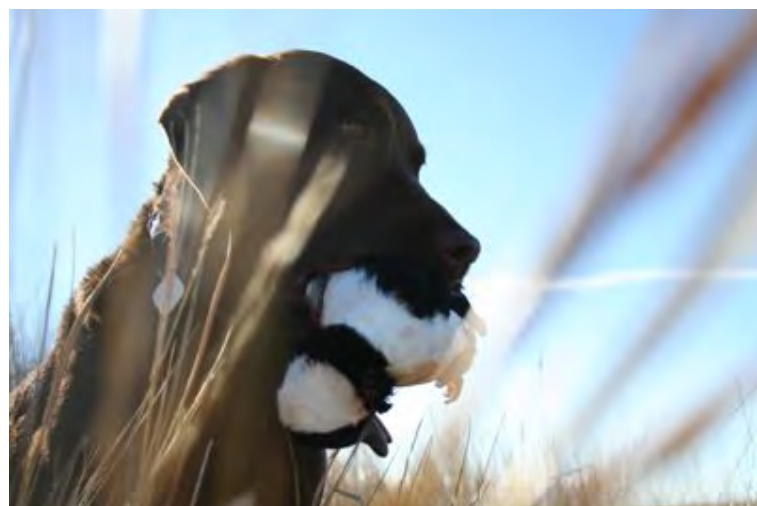
Bob's biography is in the Regional Reports below. Bob will also take over as NAHRA MidWest Region Director in February 2008.



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You're going to do what with that horse!?

by
Danielle Moore



“You’re going to do what with that horse!?” My mom exclaimed when we brought our 9 week old Chesapeake Bay Retriever, Pocket, home in Nov of 2005. “We might hunt ducks with her,” Dustin and I replied.

The reason for the confusion - we’d never duck hunted before in all our years in Northwestern Ontario. However after moving to Calgary to go to school and then deciding to make Okotoks, AB our home we needed some hobbies. First on the list was getting a dog. After tons of research and finally picking a breed and breeder we then picked up Pocket. When speaking to the breeder, companion/family pet was the main objective with the hunting a possibility. So we brought Pocket along as a pet with basic obedience and some knowledge of what’s expected in the blind. We also decided to get a second CBR and brought home Dozer in Aug of ’06.

Well after a few times out in ’06 we were bit by the hunting bug early on! Pocket did very well that first season as we all limped along in learning the ropes. This spring we decided we couldn’t make it the whole summer till duck hunting and decided to try our hand at hunt tests to help us train the dogs, get them more experience and just for the fun of it. This past testing season of NAHRA was invaluable for all of us and we would not be having the season we’re having right now without it! We were humbled by the amazing dog work that we saw and how much we had to learn, but great club members, training days, judges and a great program have helped us to that next level- and although the work is far from done, we now know where we need to go and what it will take to get there. Pocket titled in Started and Dozer got a great jump start for his first hunting season.

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Here's a recap of our 2nd Alberta waterfowl season:

Opening Day, Sept 8th. We were up bright and early as I don't think any of us slept and we were raring to go. So we load the dogs up, check all the gear and head off to a river hoping the scouting we'd done was going to pay off. Boy did it ever! First light and the birds were flying through the spread and Dustin knocked down a teal. We sent Pocket for the first bird and Dozer watched with anticipation for his chance. Well, then nothing really flew. So I grabbed Pocket and we head out down the river to flush and maybe bag a few. Ya not a good choice for me, but Dustin was dropping birds left, right and center for Dozer! He even got his first taste of a cripple and chased it down with enthusiasm and style and proudly pranced back to Dustin delivering his prize. I knocked down one and when we got back to the boys I was given a smug look by Pocket that stated she was not impressed with being stuck with me! I ended up bagging a few more before we called it a day with 11 ducks in the bag, teal and some pintails.

Our season was then put on pause for wedding festivities and a honeymoon but the day after we were back it was on again!

The beginning of Oct treated us very well with awesome weather and lots of ducks! We brought out 3 other buddies from home and hooked them with the bug too! Dozer came with us for a few more hunts but was tied out and only sent on really easy swim retrieves as he blew his CCL some time ago and was awaiting surgery. Training sure paid off and thank goodness we're preparing for WR. With 4 gunners on a regular basis there were multiple doubles and quite a few blinds that last year would have probably been retrieved by two legs with dog in tow.

This yr has been a much dryer and quieter season! A few highlights of October was an



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amazing trail by Pocket on a wounded teal I winged that landed in the hay field behind us about 100yds away. The teal was retrieved about 300yds away and blew one buddy away as he had pretty much given up hope and thought there was no way Pocket could find it!

It was hilarious as this bird ran all over the country and then circled back and tried to head to the water and exposed itself in the short grass with Pocket hot on it's tail - it zigged and zagged and she was right behind with her head down when suddenly she snorts, peeked up and couldn't believe she was almost on it, then she pounced and brought me back my very much alive bird!

Pocket also chased a swimming teal down that swam out of sluicing range; another hunting buddy thought it was a goner, but Pocket swam out, tracked it down, tired it out and then dove under after it. It's a great feeling when that natural drive comes out and the dog shows you what she's made of. She made some wicked marks, chased a ton of cripples (can you say clay shooting before the season next year) and last light retrieves that made us all proud.

We took my brother out with us one night and that was just awesome to be in the blind with him and it was great to see him get his first bird.

November was actually pretty slow around here as it was unseasonably warm. We chased some locals and had a few good shoots but were also busy chasing deer and didn't tally too many until the end of the month. We also took Pocket out upland hunting and this dog sure has a nose! She made some nice flushes but there was some bi-ped shooting error and at times a young excited dog thought she knew better and could bag her own - note to self to train on steady to flush!

December is here now and wahoo it's cold! Not a lot of open water so when we find some it's on! The ducks are flying well, decoying great and the big mallards are down! We've gone out the past few weekends and although it's cold we're

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nailing the ducks and Pocket is still as willing as ever to get in the water and bring them home! She's covered in ice by the time we leave but still sad to go and tries to hang back and hopes some more come up the river. Both times out we've had multiple gunners and with the birds coming in we've had to send her on some pretty hard blinds. Not to let us down though Pocket is handling amazingly and picking up the blinds very quickly and

efficiently! I think she's finally putting the training and hunting together and that is one special feeling!

We've had such a blast hunting waterfowl and made some awesome memories. I don't think we could be happier right now (unless Dozer could have joined us in the blind more often) and can't wait until next season. One thing is for sure, there isn't a 'maybe' in our vocabulary anymore!

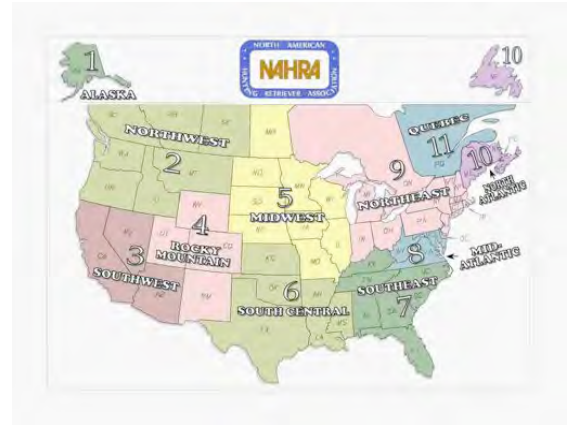


Danielle's Boys



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Reports from the Regions



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I have been active in a NAHRA club ever since my father started running dogs. First I was at the events to shoot the live flyers, after that I was promoted to gun captain of the Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association and decided to get a dog of my own, a few years later I had my first MHR.

I have been married for 6 years now, and have a daughter age 7 and son age 5. I am a Project Engineer for a HVAC Controls company. Between my family, dogs, and work, I enjoy the hunting opportunities Alaska and other states have to offer.

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 Alaska
 R.D.

I continued on the board and was elected Vice President and for the last 3 years have been President. I now have my 2nd dog which I am still running at the senior level.

If elected to RD I would hope to get other Alaska clubs re-started in NAHRA, as well as getting good ideas and feedback from other clubs throughout the NAHRA Regions. I think promoting NAHRA is very important, especially to the younger generation.

When I am not running dogs I also judge NAHRA tests. I am a fully pointed judge in each category.

Kody was un-opposed, so he won!



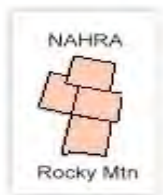
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Greetings and Happy Holidays from the Rocky Mountains!

2007 was a difficult year for our region, but we're looking to do some rebuilding in 2008. We have a Pro lined up to do a training seminar for us; I'll release the dates and details when

we finalize. I need some help putting some people together in Colorado, but I think we have enough of a core left to have one viable club. Things in 2008 are going to be fun and light, so come have a good time.



Keith Stroyan (until February)

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There's a lot in store for NAHRA in the MidWest Region for 2008.

In January, the Region will host booth #959 at Pheasant Fest in St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a "trade show" put on by Pheasants Forever that is expected to draw 30,000 visitors.

Terry Hora has organized volunteer workers from across the Region to work

the booth and give seminar presentations. These workers are coming at their own expense. The Region is paying for the booth, Four Points RC is sponsoring the insurance, and NAHRA printed copies of the "Briefly About NAHRA" brochure that I wrote. NAHRA Vice President, Sandy Zandlo, will be there as well.

In March, Brad Lindberg will lead a seminar on "how to give a NAHRA

judging and handling clinic." Folks are welcome from the whole continent. The plan is for attendees to in turn give clinics across the Region during the year.

We have a busy calendar of events and in June, Four Points RC will host the Invitational with help from the whole Region. We hope to see many of you there.

R.D. Election

2008 is also an election year in the MidWest Region. In my call for nominees, I only received one: Bob Riggs. Bob has been a dedicated NAHRA supporter the last few years and gives his answers to the questions I planned to ask all the nominees below.

I am impressed with Bob's answers, especially his offer to do more marketing for NAHRA. One thing we need is an advertising director. I hope Bob and

Chris will fill the bill. That could act to promote NAHRA and generate much needed revenue for further marketing efforts.

Since Bob has IT skills, I gladly turn over the MidWest Region website and hope he will take an active role in the NAHRA site.

One thing I have tried to encourage is the development of a complete eOffice with ePay and eEntries for NAHRA. Bob

doesn't yet see a need for that, but I guess he hasn't been a Field Test Secretary yet!

Bob says he will improve communication, so I guess he feels I haven't done so well. I look forward to reading his first issue of NAHRA eNews in March. Communication via the websites and eNews is important, so I have decided to let him have a try at it by not running. Good luck, Bob.

Bob Riggs

Indianola, IA

I have been employed by the Principal Financial Group in Des Moines Iowa for 12 years spending the first eight as an IT developer and the last four as an IT Project Manager. I grew up in southern Iowa at a time when Iowa was the pheasant capitol of the US. Needless to say I spent much of my youth chasing ringnecks around the Iowa landscape as well as other game that southern Iowa has to offer such as quail, turkey, deer and waterfowl.

Growing up we hunted with labs, but with little to no training there main purpose was to hunt the cover that me and my hunting partners either couldn't or didn't want to venture in to. After graduating from the University of Northern Iowa I acquired my very first lab and my first training book 'Game Dog'. We had some success and both learned a lot in his first year but a career change and more time in college left him not nearly as good as he could of been, but a solid hunting partner none the less. After settling in on a career and a marriage, my wife and I bought an acreage thirty miles south of Des Moines. Shortly after, I was on the lookout for another lab. After finding a litter, the breeder mentioned that he was associated with NAHRA and recommended that I see what it had to offer. That spring I traveled to Diagonal Iowa to watch a NAHRA test and was hooked. I met some nice folks there that gave me some encouragement and talked me into giving NAHRA a try.

I ran my first NAHRA test in the spring of 2001 and since then have run test all throughout the Midwest. In the early years of my experience with NAHRA there were very few tests in our Region so I also got involved with AKC, titling two dogs in AKC hunt tests. As family commitments grew and so did NAHRA activity in the Midwest Region I had to make a choice on a single venue. It was a simple choice for me to choose NAHRA, although I consider any organization that allows you the opportunity to sharpen the skills of your retriever well worthwhile. I currently have three labs that have run or are currently running NAHRA hunt tests and that spend many days with me in the fields and marshes during the fall.

I began judging in 2004 and have found that to be a very rewarding experience, as well as helping me tremendously with my handling and training skills. I have judged NAHRA events from Minot North Dakota to Pennsylvania and have really enjoyed those experiences with the dogs as well as the handlers. I am the current president of the Midwest Retriever club and have been since 2005.

I truly believe that the NAHRA program prepares a dog for the field in a manner far superior to any other. The members of NAHRA that I have had a chance to meet from across the country have truly represented the NAHRA ideals and all have a common thread of being sportsman and conservationist.

One of the things that was taught to me growing up was to always leave something better than you found it. I believe that the MW Region and NAHRA is growing stronger every year and that there is still tremendous potential to keep growing. I would like to help NAHRA realize that potential and hopefully leave it better than I found it.

1) What are the current strengths of the Region and how will you build on these?

I believe the current strength of the MW Region is it's members. We have had tremendous growth over the last several years due the hard work and dedication of the members. I think one of the growing pains that our region has experienced is that we have not taken full advantage of pooling ideas and resources. I believe that the region would be stronger if the members from all clubs within the region worked together on a much more regular basis.

2) Which of the Regional Director duties will you emphasize?

I think one of the things that must be emphasized is marketing and development. It seems that NAHRA has always been a well kept secret. One of the things that I believe in very much is that as an organization you must always be working to grow bigger and better. It is a fact that with any type of organization that there will always be a certain percentage of attrition due to various reasons, and NAHRA is no different. If we do not constantly look

for new opportunities to show others the value of NAHRA then we will not grow. Bringing new people into the program is invaluable as is what keeps it alive and growing.

3) What are the things you will work to improve in the Region?

I will work to improve the communication and partnership between the different clubs within the region in hopes of leveraging what all of the clubs have to offer.

4) What can the Region do to help build the overall NAHRA program and how will you lead this effort?

By making ourselves stronger as a region we will make NAHRA stronger as an organization. As a region we have the opportunity and responsibility to make sure our voices are heard at the national level. I will work to encourage and establish an open line of communication from the club level to the national level and with the other regions.

5) NAHRA H.Q. could use electronic modernization: an eOffice with online payment, eEntries, etc. How can the Region help with the initial set-up investment?

I have a difficult time talking about an investment into any initiative before fully understanding what the issues and obstacles are. I think where all of the regions could help is in determining what the pain points of the current process are and help identify potential solutions to those issues. I would expect for all of the regions to have input and work with the Board to build a road map to a more modern office. I believe that there are some things we could do in the short term to move to a more modern state but I don't know that NAHRA is in a place to do anything on a grand scale at this point.

NOTE: I disagree with Bob. Rosemary and I spend countless hours keeping NAHRA information up-to-date. Payments on line would be a boon. An eEntry service from NAHRA HQ could have many benefits for clubs and bring in those entry fees to the organization rather than giving them away with the ads they generate. We need modern database management Clubs in our region should contribute. KDS.



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No report



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Frank Plewa is retiring as NE RD. He has done a wonderful job and deserves the thanks of every NAHRA member. He certainly has mine. (I'd send it along with his favorite emicon, but I can't find the shot glass one ;-0.)

Stay involved Frank, NAHRA still needs you.

No report from Tom.



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No report

Started Titles

ASHLANDS THE PRINCESS SASHA, LAB, F, 7/4/2005, DANIEL SWEENEY; **AUTUMWYND MIDNITE N JORJA**, LAB, F, 9/19/2005, MARIE P. BABIN; **BEEFBARK'S CHEWED SHOE**, LAB, F, 1/6/2006, ROGER & SHANNON WILKINS; **BOMBER TOP GUN**, LAB, M, 5/15/2006, DAVE PIECZARKA; **BRANCHWOOD LADY GODIVA**, LAB, F, 12/24/2003, MARCIE A. BAER; **BRANCHWOOD MOMMAS LITTLE MAN**, LAB, M, 12/24/2003, MARCIE A. BAER; **CEDARBAY'S TRUE BLUE**, LAB, M, 6/27/2005, VICKI SHEPARD; **CHABLAIS BENJAMIN**, LAB, M, 3/7/2006, JEAN FRANCOIS GAUTHIER; **COLD CREEK'S SPLASH'S MOXIE**, CBR, F, 2/28/2006, MICHAEL BARD; **COSMO'S FAITHFUL BAILEY**, LAB, F, 10/29/2005, CHRISTINE A. VOLK; **DEEP RUN HOLLYWOOD JETTA**, LAB, F, 7/12/2004, JESSICA CAMM & KERRY J. CAMM; **ELIHUS CREEK TAZMANIAN TWISTER**, LAB, M, 12/27/2005, KAREN L. DEMAN; **ESLANA FOXGOLD PUSHY LADY**, GOLDEN, F, 11/20/2003, YVONNE MANGAN; **FINN OF ROAN IRISH**, LAB, M, 5/11/2000, KATHLEEN CONNOR & LAURA J. BARMORE; **GOLDENDREAMS TORCH OF FOXGOLD**, GOLDEN, M, 6/1/2004, YVONNE A. MANGAN; **GRACY'S MOLLY DOLLY**, LAB, F, 1/22/2005, PAUL ALLEN & DELL ALLEN; **GREENVALLEY GENERAL'S MINDY**, LAB, F, 6/15/2006, MARY E. GREEN;

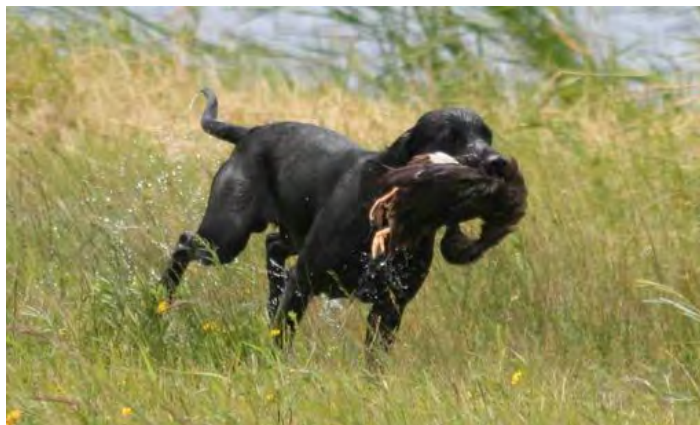
GROUSEMOOR FROZEN IN TIME, FCR, M, 12/23/2004, LINDA BROX & HELEN K. SZOSTAK; **HALEYS HOOKTAIL DUCKDOG CASSIE**, CBR, F, 12/18/2004, RICHARD SHIELDS; **HARBORWYND MOON AT MY WINDOW**, GOLDEN, F, 9/4/2003, LISA C. POWELL; **HERITAGEWEST'S DIESEL BOSS**, LAB, M, 10/6/2004, JASON HAYES; **IRONWEED BOOM BOOM BUTTERFLY**, LAB, F, 7/4/2001, NANCY EISAMAN; **IRONWEED'S LADY ABIGAIL**, LAB, F, 1/15/2006, DAVE KOSLOSKY & GEORGINA KOSLOSKY; **KIOWA'S CHIEF MEDICINE MAN**, GOLDEN, M, 2/22/2006, DARIN CLARK; **KYME EVIAS**, LAB, F, 3/6/2005, JAMES KARAMOUZIS; **LARANIE'S RAVEN KORA OF ARMAGH**, LAB, F, 3/23/2006, LARRY WHITE JR. & STEPHANIE WHITE; **MALLARDSWAY ON YOUR MARK**, CBR, F, 9/20/2005, DANIELLE MILLER & DUSTIN MOORE; **MCCURDY'S FINE FETCH FIDDLE**, LAB, M, 11/21/2005, RUSSELL MCCURDY & LORI MCCURDY; **MCFARLANDS' GENUINE MURPHY BEL**, LAB, F, 12/17/2006, DARIN MCFARLAND & SARAH MCFARLAND; **MCFARLANDSTYLISH STELLAHAYSEED**, LAB, F, 1/28/2007, DARIN MCFARLAND & SARAH MCFARLAND; **MIDNIGHT RIDE AT FOXHAVEN**, LAB, M, 3/14/2006, KEITH MYOTT; **MISTY WATERS AURORA BOREALIS**, CBR, F, 8/22/2003, DEBRA BRENNAN & ROBIN BRENNAN; **MISTY WATERS NORTHERN LEGACY**, CBR, F, 8/22/2003, DEBRA BRENNAN & ROBIN BRENNAN; **MONTANAS ROWDY RUDY**,

LAB, M, 12/6/2005, DOUGLAS C. ROWDEN; **MORNING SUN CONTESSA OF BANCO**, LAB, F, 8/19/2005, WILLIAM BIRKHOFFER & GEORGE ANN BIRKHOFFER; **ORION'S TWIN HILLS REMINGTON**, LAB, M, 7/6/2004, LAWRENCE DUNNING; **PATTONS BLACK DUKE OF SUSSEX**, LAB, M, 12/7/2006, GEORGE A. SCHILLER; **RACCOON RIVER'S SMOKIN COOP**, LAB, M, 3/12/2004, SCOTT KEMBLE & MICHAEL SCOTT; **RAMBLIN'S JAZZY JEWEL**, LAB, F, 10/3/2004, ROBERT C. MALONEY & KATHIE M. MALONEY; **REBELTOES DIZZIE LIZZIE**, LAB, F, 4/12/2006, MRS. JOAN M. HILTS & MR. DAVID E. HILTS; **ROBNIIE'S BAILECOR AT GLENDAIR**, LAB, F, 10/19/2004, KATHLEEN CONNOR & BONNIE ANTHONY; **SHADOWMYST INDIGO SNOW**, LAB, F, 1/23/2006, JULIE A. REEVES; **SWAMP WATER CHIEF DUCK HUNTER**, LAB, M, 9/13/2005, CARLEEN S. DRUIETT; **THE BUSSES THUNDERING JET**, LAB, M, 10/23/2005, WILLIAM BROWN III & MICHAEL SCHARF; **TIA MARIA AND JACK**, LAB, F, 2/18/2006, JOHN GARDINER; **TIDEX SCOTT**, LAB, M, 8/25/2002, MARC POULIN; **TRACE OF A TRUE BLOODED TRIBE**, LAB, M, 5/19/2006, RODMAN LUCAS & TOM MOORE; **TREASUREHUNT'S ELECTRIC TRILL**, LAB, F, 2/14/2003, MARGARET S. MASANOTTI; **T'S BLACK CINDER OF WINTON**, LAB, F, 9/27/2006, RICHARD A. WINTON

Working Retriever Titles

ADOPHER'S TABOR FINE, LAB, M, 11/3/1997, ANTHONY FINE; **BELLE SHAIN'S LAW AND ORDER**, LAB, M, 2/21/2005, EUGENE SWELLA JR.; **BERTRAM THIBODAUX ULYSSES "BTU"**, LAB, M, 11/8/2004, SUSAN HARTSOE & JOSEPH HARTSOE; **BOMBER TOP GUN**, LAB, M, 5/15/2006, DAVE PIECZARKA; **CHESTERGLEN'S TOP GUNNER**, LAB, M, 10/20/2004, WILLIAM EVERLY & JENNIFER EVERLY; **FOX HAVEN'S WITCHY WOMAN**, LAB, F, 10/26/2002, TERRY SCOTT & LAURIE SCOTT; **GRACY'S MOLLY DOLLY**, LAB, F, 1/22/2005, PAUL ALLEN & DELL ALLEN; **GRANDVIEW TIGGER OF CAROWAY**, CBR, F, 10/25/2003, DENNIS SEABRIGHT & THERESA SEABRIGHT; **HIHOPES SIR LOIN OF ANGUS**, LAB, M, 8/1/2003, DONALD K. MORGAN; **KCK DOIN THE LOCOMOTION**, LAB, F, 12/13/2001, KAREN M. DUTY; **MORNING SUN CONTESSA OF BANCO**, LAB, F, 8/19/2005, WILLIAM BIRKHOFFER & GEORGE ANN BIRKHOFFER; **MOUNTAIN'S TOP RIVER DEVIL**, LAB, F, 5/15/2004, BRUCE G. MOUNTAIN; **NORTH STAR'S DEUCE OF**

DIAMONDS, LAB, M, 6/30/2006, MICHAEL TOME; **SOLO OF FOXHAVEN**, LAB, M, 12/16/2004, TERRY SCOTT & LAURIE SCOTT; **WHITECLIFF VINTAGE BRANDYWINE**, NSDTR, F, 5/14/2004, SUSAN WRIGHT



Master Hunting Retriever Titles

FRISBIES ALL TERRAIN TYSON, GOLDEN, M, 8/15/2002, STEVE KUYPER; **GRANDVIEW TIGGER OF CAROWAY**, CBR, F, 10/25/2003, DENNIS SEABRIGHT & THERESA SEABRIGHT; **MILLENNIUM RIDGERUNNER**, LAB, F, 11/18/2001, GREG SCHULTHEIS; **MOUNTAIN'S TOP RIVER DEVIL**, LAB, F, 5/15/2004, BRUCE G. MOUNTAIN; **SHOHOLA PEARL**, LAB, F, 6/12/2004, KEITH D. STROYAN; **TAYLER'S AUTUMN GOLD**, LAB, F, 10/3/2005, GREG DOUGHTY & DEB DOUGHTY

Grand Master Hunting Retriever Titles

FIRESTORM BELLE'S AMAZING GRACE, LAB, F, 4/9/2002, DANIEL T. HOVE; **IOWA RIVER GABBY**, LAB, F, 5/18/2004, TERRY HORA

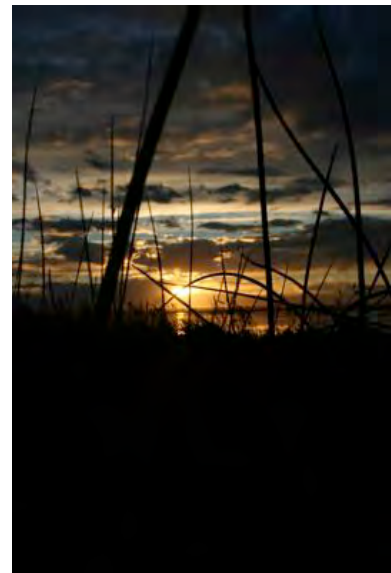


Grand Master Hunting Retriever Champion Titles

MIDVALE ACRES RISEN BELLE, LAB, F, 4/6/1999, DANIEL T. HOVE; **SILVERBROOK'S PJ'S PRINCE TOBY**, LAB, M, 12/8/2002, SCOTT LEONESCU & CHRISTINE LEONESCU; **SILVERBROOK'S RAVIN REBEL**, LAB, F, 6/11/2001, JEFFREY A. RIEBLING



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L = Labrador Retriever

G = Golden Retriever

C = Chesapeake Bay Retriever

F = Flat-Coated Retriever

CC = Curly-Coated Retriever

AWS = American Water Spaniel

IWS = Irish Water Spaniel

ESS = English Springer Spaniel

B = Boykin Spaniel

P = Poodle

BC = Border Collie

NSDTR = Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

FTN = All other ineligible breeds; unregistered breeds

M = Male

F = Female

All events are single events unless designated.

Midwest Regional

Midwest Retriever Club

Maxwell, Iowa

August 17-19, 2007

*(Dogs in Italics are Regional Qualifiers)***Started I****Dogs Entered:** 25; **Dogs Qualified:** 13**Judges:** Mike Muench & Terry Plagman*Mallorys White Bear, LF – Gary & Mary Reid;**Dutch James Francisco, LM – Todd**Francisco; McFarlands Precious Penelope,**LF – Darin McFarland; Wapsi River's Upland**Drake, LM – John & Beverly Taylor; OGF**Miss Ellie, LF – Doug Dodge; Sid XI, LM –**Darin McFarland; Okoboji Game Farm's**Doppler Radar, LM – Mike Anderson; Baier's**Lady Gabrielle, LF – Fritz Baier; Raccoon**River's Smokin Coop, LM – Scott Kimble;**Great Plains Who Can I Turn To, LM –**Trapper Jahn;**McFarlandStylishStellaHayseed, LF – Darin**McFarland; McFarlands Genuine Murphy**Bel, LF – Darin McFarland; OGF Spunky, LF**– Doug Dodge***Started II****Dogs Entered:** 11; **Dogs Qualified:** 9**Judges:** Greg Monroe & Rick Steenhoven*Wildrose Sheldon's Liberty, LF – Dick**Sheldon; Hass' Co Co, LF – Keith Hass;**Robins Ruby Sue, LF – Robin Heins;**Blackhawks Top Trucker, LM – Hunter**Burke; OGF Spunky, LF – Doug Dodge;**McFarlandStylishStellaHayseed, LF – Darin**McFarland; Great Plains Armed &**Dangerous, LF – Trapper Jahn; McFarlands**Genuine Murphy Bel, LF – Darin McFarland;**Jumpin Them Ducks Baird, LF – Keith Hass***Intermediate I****Dogs Entered:** 11; **Dogs Qualified:** 5**Judges:** Chuck Lenze & Dick Sheldon*OGF Black Chrome, LF – Doug Dodge;**Baier's Mighty Waldimar, LM – Fritz Baier;**Cedars Field Blazing Tucker, LM – Darin**Wesphal; McFarlands Precious Penelope,**LF – Darin McFarland; Special K's Gentle**Ben, LM – Phil & Karen Hines***Intermediate II****Dogs Entered:** 6; **Dogs Qualified:** 3**Judges:** Greg Monroe & Rick Steenhoven*Cedars Field Blazing Tucker, LM – Darin**Wesphal; Baier's Lady Gabrielle, LF – Fritz**Baier; Special K's Gentle Ben, LM – Phil & Karen Hines***Senior I****Dogs Entered:** 12; **Dogs Qualified:** 8**Judges:** Todd Francisco & Kirk Rice*MHR Murphys Chevy Bel Air, LF – Tom &**Caulie Murphy; OGF Black Chrome, LF –**Doug Dodge; Iowa River Gabby, LF – Terry**Hora; GMHR Cedar's Edge Raiders Mis**Abby, LF – Dan Tongen; Shohola Pearl, LF –**Keith Stroyan; MHR Firestorm Belle's**Amazing Grace, LF – Dan & Patsy Hove; WR**Mountain's Top River Devil, LF – Bruce**Mountain; MHR WR SR TNT Baileys**Dynamite Drake, LM – Troy Tilleraas***Senior II****Dogs Entered:** 16; **Dogs Qualified:** 7**Judges:** Rick Steenhoven & Greg Monroe*GMHR Midvale Acres Risen Belle, LF – Dan**Hove; Shohola Far-Da-Go Lulu, LF – Keith**Stroyan; Zoe Jane Francisco, LF – Todd**Francisco; Iowa River Gabby, LF – Terry**Hora; WR Frisbie's All Terrain Tyson, GM –**Steve Kuyper; WR Mountain's Top River**Devil, LF – Bruce Mountain; Shohola Pearl,**LF – Keith Stroyan***Senior III****Dogs Entered:** 15; **Dogs Qualified:** 14**Judges:** Chuck Lenze & Mike Muench*WR Mountain's Top River Devil, LF – Bruce**Mountain; Shohola Pearl, LF – Keith Stroyan;**Zoe Jane Francisco, LF – Todd Francisco;**MHR Gamecr Waterway Just Plain 'OI,**AWS/M – Sue Liemohn, Pam Boyer & Linda**Hattrem; DHC Is Zeus On The Wapsi, CM –**Dan Cram; WR Frisbie's All Terrain Tyson,**GM – Steve Kuyper; Iowa River Gabby, LF –**Terry Hora; OGF Black Chrome, LF – Doug**Dodge; Nighthawks Carolina You Go Girl,**AWS/F – Lois McCracken; GMHR Holzingers**Chai Latte, LF – Dinah Harlow; MHR**Firestorm Belle's Amazing Grace, LF – Dan**& Patsy Hove; Mallorys White Bear, LF –**Gary & Mary Reid; GMHR Cedar's Edge**Raiders Mis Abby, LF – Dan Tongen; Worth-**It Shohola Zeke, LM – Keith Stroyan***Spokane Bird Dog Association****Espanola, Washington****August 25-26, 2007****Started I****Dogs Entered:** 12; **Dogs Qualified:** 8**Judges:** Steve Fox & Paul Swenson*Awrey's Lil' Miss Sure Shot, GF – Kent &**Debbie Walker; Maggie May, LF – Ken**Johnson; Killarney's Little Fireball, LF –**John Gilbert; Mallardway On Your Mark, CF**– Dannielle Miller & Dustin Moore; Lewcol's**Armagh Holy Terror, LM – Tedd Snodgrass;**Smoke On The Water At Fox Haven, LM –**Laurie & Terry Scott; "T's" Black Cinder of**Winton, LF – Richard & Martha Winton;**Chrysos Wild About U, GF – Barbara Feyh***Started II****Dogs Entered:** 13; **Dogs Qualified:** 8**Judges:** Paul Allen & Alan Black*SR Dutchess of Rock Point, LF – Jim &**Renee McGlocklin; Mallardway On Your**Mark, CF – Dannielle Miller & Dustin Moore;**Smoke On The Water At Fox Haven, LM –**Laurie & Terry Scott; Jet-A-Of-Oha, LM –**Steve Hanning; "T's" Black Cinder of**Winton, LF – Richard & Martha Winton;**Maggie May, LF – Ken Johnson; Spring Creek's 5-Star Adventure, LF – Judy & Jeff Cornell; Critter Creek Worth A Million, LF – Joan Sharpless***Intermediate I****Dogs Entered:** 11; **Dogs Qualified:** 9**Judges:** Steve Fox & Paul Swenson*SR Gracy's Molly Dolly, LF – Paul Allen;**Last Act of Defiance, LF – Bob Trapp;**Caerleon's Black Eyed Daisy, LF – R. Alan**Black; Montana Jacks Cooper Roo, LM –**Jack White; SR Brians 44 Magnum Monster,**LM – Brian Welch; MHR Black Forest Casey,**LM – Dwight Erickson; Fox Haven's Witchy**Woman, LF – Laurie Scott; North Country's**Blackwater Deke, LM – Terry Hunt; Earl's**Blackleaf Double, LF – Judy & Jeff Cornell***Intermediate II****Dogs Entered:** 10; **Dogs Qualified:** 7**Judges:** Paul Allen & Alan Black*North Country's Blackwater Deke, LM –**Terry Hunt; Fry Creek Boomer's Drake, LM –**Shawn Summerkamp; Last Act of Defiance,**LF – Bob Trapp; Killarney's Little Fireball, LF**– John Gilbert; Earl's Blackleaf Double, LF –**Judy & Jeff Cornell; SR Stoney Cosmics**Cinder, LF – Paul Swenson; Fox Haven's**Witchy Woman, LF – Laurie Scott***Senior I****Dogs Entered:** 17; **Dogs Qualified:** 10**Judges:** Darcy Brunas & Jim McGlocklin*GMHR Storms Rippin Black Thunder, LM –**Carl Strebe; WR Awrey Semper Copper**Redcloud, GM – Kent Walker; MHR Vistas**Black Beauty Makenna, LM – John Kinnard;**GMHR Sunrise Over Killarney, LF – John**Gilbert; MHR North Country's True Spirit, LF**– Rick & Robin Steenhoven; MHR**Waterland's Nitro Charged Hurricane Holly,**LF – Bob & Sandi Boeh; SR Taylors Autumn**Gold, LF – Greg & Debra Doughty; GMHRCH**Magic's TNT Explosion of Winton, LF –**Richard & Martha Winton; MHR Starwonders**I Wish I May, LM – Howie & Bonnie Boyda &**Marilyn Shaw; MHR Starwonders I See**Tonight, LF – Howie & Bonnie Boyda &**Marilyn Shaw***Senior II****Dogs Entered:** 19; **Dogs Qualified:** 8**Judges:** Carol Ramsay & John Kinnard*GMHRCH Magic's TNT Explosion of Winton,**LF – Richard & Martha Winton; MHR**Marshes Call Raging River, CM – Tim**Lockard; MHR Revilo Maya Springtime**Delight, LF – Darcy & Wendy Brunas; MHR**Starwonders I See Tonight, LF – Howie &**Bonnie Boyda & Marilyn Shaw; GMHR Rock**Points Duke of Black Forest, LM – Jim &**Renee McGlocklin; SR Taylors Autumn**Gold, LF – Greg & Debra Doughty; MHR**Waterland's Nitro Charged Hurricane Holly,**LF – Bob & Sandi Boeh; GMHR Storms**Rippin Black Thunder, LM – Carl Strebe***Mid Atlantic Retriever Club****Bealeton, Virginia****September 1, 2007****Started****Dogs Entered:** 8; **Dogs Qualified:** 8**Judges:** Phyllis Giroux, DVM & Fred Perini*Morning Sun's To The Limit, LM – Kevin**McLaren; Hailey's Hooktail Duckdog**Cassie, CF – Richard Shields; Morning Sun*

Liza, LF – Kaylee McLaren; **Branchwood Momma's Little Man**, LM – Marcie Baer; **Cameo Woodcreek Magic Moment**, GF – Pam Simmons; **Deep Run King Creole II**, LM – Chris Bowlin; **Mariner Triumph at Woodcreek**, GM – Pam Simmons; **Deep Run Hollywood Jetta**, LF – Jessica & Kerry Camm

Intermediate

Dogs Entered: 8; **Dogs Qualified:** 5
Judges: Phyllis Giroux, DVM & Fred Perini
GMHR Morning Sun Zena, LF – Kevin & Wendy McLaren; **MHR Irvine's Morning Sun Madison**, LF – Cary Irvine; **SR Morning Sun Josie**, LF – Kevin & Wendy McLaren; **Morning Sun Contessa of Banco**, LF – Bill & George Ann Birkhofer; **SR Tablerock's Last Action Hero**, LM – Wendy McLaren & Alayne Hartuniewicz

Northeast Regional

Hudson Highlands Hunting Retriever Association
Montgomery, New York
September 8-9, 2007

(Dogs in Italics are Regional Qualifiers)

Started I

Dogs Entered: 32; **Dogs Qualified:** 23
Judges: Ted Givens & Char Givens
SR Priority Blue Water Raider, LM - Christine H. Miller; **SR Northstar's Midnight Son**, LM - David Armstrong & Theresa Armstrong; **SR Bomber Top Gun**, LM - David Pieczarka; **SR Chief's Lady Chester of Gunsmoke**, GM - Donald I. Dillon II; **SR Broadbill Buster**, LM - Eric & Dana Johnson; **SR Harvest Thyme's Blazingstar Apache**, LM - Cheryl & Jeff Riebling; **SR Harvest Thyme's Tanks-A-Lot**, LM - Cheryl & Jeff Riebling; **SR Elihus Creek Tazmanian Twister**, LM - Karen L. Deman; **Patton's Black Duke of Sussex**, LM - George Schiller; **Harborwynd Moon at My Window**, GF - Lisa Powell; **SR Captain's Bride Lieutenant's Pride**, LF - Marquita Kaminsky; **SR Greenvalley General Mindy**, LF - Mary Green; **SR Greenvalley General Sue**, LF - Mary Green; **SR Silverbrook's Cool Hand Luke**, LM - Michael Morris; **Heybern's Quarterback Sneak**, LM - Nancy & Lyla Rudgers; **Misty Waters Aurora Borealis**, CF - Robin & Debbie Brennan; **Misty Waters Outlaw Josie Wales**, CF – Robin & Debbie Brennan; **SR Wingshot's Sweet Coco Bay**, LF - Salvatore Garofalo II; **SSD Wildcat's Timber 'Triever**, LF - Thomas Johnston Jr. & Karen Johnston; **Silverbrook's Barley Boy**, LM - Mike Baum; **Swampwater Chief Duck Hunter**, LM - Carleen S. Druiett; **Silverbrook's Sky's the Limit**, LF - Patricia Jagoda; **Cedarbay's True Blue CGC**, LM - Vicki Shepard

Started II

Dogs Entered: 15; **Dogs Qualified:** 11
Judges: Tom Moore & Jon Vernam
SR Chief's Lady Chester of Gunsmoke, GM - Donald I. Dillon II; **Patton's Black Duke of Sussex**, LM - George Schiller; **Orion's Twin Hills Remington**, LM - Larry Dunning; **SR Greenvalley General Mindy**, LF - Mary Green; **Heybern's Quarterback Sneak**, LM - Nancy & Lyla Rudgers; **Caora Con's Caladonian Torc**, BC/M - Patricia Kuchma; **Misty Waters Aurora Borealis**, CF - Robin & Debbie Brennan; **Swampwater Chief Duck Hunter**, LM - Carleen S. Druiett;

Silverbrook's Barley Boy, LM - Mike Baum; **Silverbrook's Sky's the Limit**, LF - Patricia Jagoda; **Cedarbay's True Blue CGC**, LM - Vicki Shepard

Intermediate I

Dogs Entered: 18; **Dogs Qualified:** 9
Judges: Tom Moore & Jon Vernam
Adopher's Tabor Fine, LM - Anthony Fine; **SR Chesterglen's Top Gunner**, LM - William Everly & Jennifer Everly; **Dobers Ridge Storm Trailer**, LF - Henry DuBois; **WR Fowl Weather's Fully Charged**, LF - Jacquelyn Lutskus; **WR Remington Shot Flyer Rebel**, LF - Eddie Ang & Lucy Ang; **Bertram Thibodaux Ulysses "BTU"**, LM - Susan Hartsoe; **Whitecliff Vintage Brandywine**, NSDTR/ F - Susan Wright; **WR Scout's Ada Mae**, GF - Todd Clickner; **Born to Retrieve EZ Cash**, LM - Julio Garcia-Laffitte

Intermediate II

Dogs Entered: 11; **Dogs Qualified:** 8
Judges: Ted Givens & Char Givens
SR Chesterglen's Top Gunner, LM - William Everly & Jennifer Everly; **Dobers Ridge Storm Trailer**, LF - Henry DuBois; **SR Bomber Top Gun**, LM - David Pieczarka; **SR Greenvalley General Sue**, LF - Mary Green; **Whitecliff Red Hot Animation**, NSDTR/F - Susan Wright; **Whitecliff Vintage Brandywine**, NSDTR/ F - Susan Wright; **Kyler's T-N-T Express**, LF - Tom Rourke; **Born to Retrieve EZ Cash**, LM - Julio Garcia-Laffitte

Senior I

Dogs Entered: 20; **Dogs Qualified:** 14
Judges: Patricia Jagoda & Bill Whiteford
GMHR Welly-Bob Fetch-It Emmett, LM – Bruce & Lynn Caplin; **GMHR-I Susquehanna's Fowl Weather Decoy**, LM - Dave Henderson; **GMHR-I Fowl Weather's Cornfield Commando**, LM – Francis & Valerie Plewa; **GMHR South Hills Little Big Man**, LM- Gene Taillie; **GMHR-I Sir Diesel Tank Schiller**, LM- Jefferson & Kimberly Schiller; **GMHR Screamin' Lady Windjammer**, LF - Michele J. & Paul J. Rapp; **MHR Northstar's Canadian Beauty**, LF- Paul Young & Anne Young; **GMHR Dasha Iwonka's Little Girl**, LF- Iwona Normyle; **GMHRCH-I Northern Flights Mist On The Water**, CF- Debra Brennan; **MHR Silverbrook's Jazzin' Jersey Girl**, LF- Scott Leonescu & Christine Leonescu; **GMHR-I Silverbrook's PJ's Prince Toby**, LM- Scott Leonescu & Christine Leonescu; **MHR-I Astraglen Wild Thing**, LF- Jon R. Vernam; **MHR-I Wildcat's May Be Able**, LF- Thomas Johnston Jr. & Karen Johnston; **GMHR-I Silverbrook's Ravin' Rebel**, LM- Jeffrey A. Riebling

Senior II

Dogs Entered: 25; **Dogs Qualified:** 17
Judges: Roy Sheppard & Diane Sheppard
SR Harvest Thyme's Tanks-A-Lot, LM - Cheryl & Jeff Riebling; **GMHR-I Fowl Weather's Carbon Copy**, LM - Francis R. Plewa & Valerie Plewa; **GMHR-I Susquehanna's Fowl Weather Decoy**, LM - Dave Henderson; **GMHR-I Fowl Weather's Cornfield Commando**, LM – Francis & Valerie Plewa; **GMHR-I Silverbrook's Ravin' Rebel**, LM- Jeffrey A. Riebling; **GMHR-I Sir Diesel Tank Schiller**, LM- Jefferson & Kimberly Schiller; **WR Remington Shot Flyer Rebel**, LF - Eddie Ang & Lucy Ang; **GMHR Screamin'**

Lady Windjammer, LF - Michele J. & Paul J. Rapp; **WR Mt. Nebo Twelve Gauge Magnum**, LM - Michael F. Minchhoff; **MHR Northstar's Canadian Beauty**, LF- Paul Young & Anne Young; **GMHR Dasha Iwonka's Little Girl**, LF- Iwona Normyle; **GMHRCH-I Northern Flights Mist On The Water**, CF- Debra Brennan; **GMHR-I Silverbrook's PJ's Prince Toby**, LM- Scott Leonescu & Christine Leonescu; **MHR-I**

Astraglen Wild Thing, LF- Jon R. Vernam; **MHR-I Wildcat's May Be Able**, LF- Thomas Johnston Jr. & Karen Johnston; **GMHR-I Wingshot's TNT Ms. Tique**, LF – Tom Rourke; **MHR-I Diamond Brooks Lucky Chance**, LM - Wayne Goodrich & Dale Goodrich

Navesink River Hunting Retriever Club
New Egypt, New Jersey
September 15-16, 2007

Started I

Dogs Entered: 5; **Dogs Qualified:** 5
Judges: Debra Brennan & Janice Easterbrook
Storm's Chance of Rain, LF – Christopher Giardina; **Deep Run Divide and Conquer**, LM – Christopher & Carolyn Glatz; **Hunting Buddy of Swan Lake**, AWS/M – Donald Gardner; **Trace of a True Blooded Tribe**, LF – Tom Moore & Rod Lucas; **Pattons Black Duke of Sussex**, LM – George Schiller

Started II

Dogs Entered: 4; **Dogs Qualified:** 4
Judges: Robin Brennan & Scott Unkel
Storm's Chance of Rain, LF – Christopher Giardina; **Deep Run Divide and Conquer**, LM – Christopher & Carolyn Glatz; **Trace of a True Blooded Tribe**, LF – Tom Moore & Rod Lucas; **Pattons Black Duke of Sussex**, LM – George Schiller

Intermediate I

Dogs Entered: 6; **Dogs Qualified:** 0
Judges: Robin Brennan & Scott Unkel

Intermediate II

Dogs Entered: 6; **Dogs Qualified:** 3
Judges: Debra Brennan & Janice Easterbrook
Bomber Top Gun, LM – David Pieczarka; **SR Windmere's Elemental**, LF – John & Elizabeth McGuire; **SR Whispering Pines Summer Mint Julep**, LF – Rodger & Eileen Parkhurst

Four Points Retriever Club
Clear Lake, Wisconsin
September 15-16, 2007

Senior I

Dogs Entered: 13; **Dogs Qualified:** 4
Judges: Travis Lund & Larry Willson
Great Daze 20 Oz Copper, LM – Christopher & Kay Lambert; **GMHR Cedars Edge Raiders Mis Abby**, LF – Dan Tongen; **Dr Jodies Haley Abby Jane**, LF – Mike Schmall; **GMHR Holzingers Chai Latte**, LF – Dinah Harlow

Senior II

Dogs Entered: 15; **Dogs Qualified:** 5
Judges: Dan Tongen & Jason Skyberg
MHR Abby Go Lucky IV, LF – Larry Willson; **MHR Firestorm Belle's Amazing Grace**, LF – Dan & Patsy Hove; **Great Daze 20 Oz Copper**, LM – Christopher & Kay Lambert;

GMHR Holzingers Chai Latte, LF – Dinah Harlow; **Vermillion River Canis Major**, LM – Larry & Fern Willson

Shenandoah Valley Hunting Retriever Club Weyers Cave, Virginia
September 22-23, 2007

Started

Dogs Entered: 9; **Dogs Qualified:** 6
Judges: Patti Sutton & Mike Reed
Blue Ridge Paint It Black, LM – Gregory England; **Haleys Hooktail Duckdog Cassie**, CF – Richard Shields; **Finn of Roan Inish**, LM – Kathleen Connor; **Lee's Old War Horse**, LM – David & Heather Sours; **Morning Sun Liza**, LF – Kaylee McLaren; **Arrowroots Have No Fear**, CF – Doug Wood

Intermediate I

Dogs Entered: 9; **Dogs Qualified:** 7
Judges: Patti Sutton & Mike Reed
Gainesfield's It's My Turn, LF – Milton Johnston; **Morning Sun's Constellation**, LF – Michael O'Connor; **Peakview's Mr. Big**, LM – Naizr Adam; **SR Morning Sun Josie**, LF – Kevin McLaren; **SR RagMan's Sans Souci Bertie**, LM – John & Kathryn Cowlbeck; **Morning Sun Contessa of Banco**, LF – Bill & George Ann Birkhofer; **Major Jake XI**, LM – Harry Ford

Intermediate II

Dogs Entered: 9; **Dogs Qualified:** 5
Judges: Tom Johnston & Cary Irvine
SR Maddie's Appalachian Ragdoll, LF – John & Kathryn Cowlbeck; **Peakview's Mr. Big**, LM – Naizr Adam; **SR Morning Sun Josie**, LF – Kevin McLaren; **SR RagMan's Sans Souci Bertie**, LM – John & Kathryn Cowlbeck; **Morning Sun Contessa of Banco**, LF – Bill & George Ann Birkhofer

Senior

Dogs Entered: 17; **Dogs Qualified:** 10
Judges: Tom Johnston & Cary Irvine
GMHR KCK Rocket Girl, LF – Patricia Jagoda; **GMHR-I Indian Creek Ajax**, LM – Milton Johnston; **Daze Em Deep Beaver Kate**, LF – Brian & Lisa Ellis; **GMHR Silverbrook's Starlight Madness**, LF – Patricia Jagoda; **MHR KerryBrooks III**, LM – Fred Perini; **WR-SR Deep Run Roustabout Rowdy**, LM – Michael & Lisa Vencille; **GMHR Silverbrook Amazing Sparkleboy**, LM – David Venne & Tracy Stueve; **Zeke of Silver Creek**, LM – Wendy Bonello; **Silvercreek's Maryland Mischief**, CM – Joe Nolan; **Born 2 Retrieve E Z Cash**, LM – Julio Garcia-Laffitte

Northern Piedmont Retriever Club
Newville, Pennsylvania
September 28-30, 2007

Started I

Dogs Entered: 12; **Dogs Qualified:** 12
Judges: Valerie Plewa & Troy Tillerias
Zeus of Mount Olympus, LM – Steven Crittenden; **Storm's Chance of Rain**, LF – Christopher Giardina; **TTF Tintoview Gabriel**, LF – Duane Mayberry; **Misty Waters Outlaw Josie Wales**, CF – Robin & Debbie Brennan; **Grady Choco Mousse**, LM – Martin McGarry; **Mt. Nebo's Ironman Streak**, LM – Megan Minchhoff; **The Busses Thundering Jet**, LM – William Brown III & Michael Scharf; **Swamp Water Chief Duck Hunter**, LM – Carleen Druiett; **Orion's Twin Hills Remington**, LM –

Larry Dunning; **Stone Bluff Hot Todder**, CM – John Smith; **SSD Wildcat's Timber Triever**, LF – Tom & Karen Johnston; **Harvest Thyme Union Jack**, LM – Lance Lawyer

Started II

Dogs Entered: 11; **Dogs Qualified:** 6
Judges: Bruce Jenkins & Travis Lund
Storm's Chance of Rain, LF – Christopher Giardina; **The Busses Thundering Jet**, LM – William Brown III & Michael Scharf; **Stone Bluff Hot Todder**, CM – John Smith; **Mt. Nebo's Ironman Streak**, LM – Megan Minchhoff; **Swamp Water Chief Duck Hunter**, LM – Carleen Druiett; **Harvest Thyme Union Jack**, LM – Lance Lawyer

Intermediate I

Dogs Entered: 6; **Dogs Qualified:** 2
Judges: Bruce Jenkins & Travis Lund
Chesterglen's Top Gunner, LM – Bill Everly; **North Star's Deuce of Diamonds**, LM – Michael Tome

Intermediate II

Dogs Entered: 6; **Dogs Qualified:** 2
Judges: Valerie Plewa & Troy Tillerias
Kyler's T-N-T Express, LF – Tom Rourke; **North Star's Deuce of Diamonds**, LM – Michael Tome

Senior I

Dogs Entered: 28; **Dogs Qualified:** 17
Judges: Travis Lund & Troy Tillerias
Zeke of Silvercreek, LM – Wendy Bonello; **GMHR TTF Miss Belle of Deerfield**, LF – Bruce & Kitty Jenkins; **GMHR Windmere's Over the Top**, LM – Dorothy Waldrep; **SR Harvest Thyme's Tanks-A-Lot**, LM – Cheryl & Jeff Riebling; **GMHR-I Raven's I Jump For Joy**, LF – Bill Whiteford; **MHR Glendower's Dakota Gunner**, LM – John Corman; **GMHR-I Raven's Smokin Cinder**, LM – Bill Whiteford; **GMHR Susquehanna's Fowl Weather Decoy**, LM – Dave Henderson; **MHR-I Wildcat's May Be Able**, LF – Tom & Karen Johnston; **GMHRCH Silverbrook's Ravin Rebel**, LF – Jeff Riebling; **GMHR KCK Rocket Girl**, LF – Patricia Jagoda; **GMHR-I Fowl Weather's Carbon Copy**, LM – Frank & Valerie Plewa; **GMHRCH-II Silverbrook's Rockin Raven**, LF – Bill Whiteford; **Millennium Ridgerunner**, LF – Greg Schultheis; **GMHR Silverbrook's PJ's Prince Toby**, LM – Scott Leonescu; **GMHR-I Fowl Weather's Cornfield Commando**, LM – Frank & Valerie Plewa; **Total Recall**, LM – Wendy Bonello & Patricia Jagoda

Senior II

Dogs Entered: 27; **Dogs Qualified:** 15
Judges: Robert Patton & Dave Combs
GMHR TTF Miss Belle of Deerfield, LF – Bruce & Kitty Jenkins; **GMHR Windmere's Over the Top**, LM – Dorothy Waldrep; **SR Harvest Thyme's Tanks-A-Lot**, LM – Cheryl & Jeff Riebling; **GMHRCH Silverbrook's Starlight Madness**, LF – Patricia Jagoda; **GMHR-I Raven's I Jump For Joy**, LF – Bill Whiteford; **Boss's King of the Hill**, LM – Greg Schultheis; **GMHR-I Silverbrook Amazing Sparkleboy**, LM – David Venne & Tracy Stueve; **GMHR-I Raven's Smokin Cinder**, LM – Bill Whiteford; **GMHR Susquehanna's Fowl Weather Decoy**, LM – Dave Henderson; **WR Fowl Weather's Fully Charged**, LF – Jacquelyn Lutskus; **GMHR KCK Rocket Girl**, LF – Patricia Jagoda;

GMHR-I Fowl Weather's Carbon Copy, LM – Frank & Valerie Plewa; **GMHRCH-II Silverbrook's Rockin Raven**, LF – Bill Whiteford; **GMHR-I Fowl Weather's Cornfield Commando**, LM – Frank & Valerie Plewa; **Total Recall**, LM – Wendy Bonello & Patricia Jagoda

Senior III

Dogs Entered: 26; **Dogs Qualified:** 18
Judges: Jim VanderGiessen & Steve Harkness
Zeke of Silvercreek, LM – Wendy Bonello; **Boss's King of the Hill**, LM – Greg Schultheis; **GMHR-I Silverbrook Amazing Sparkleboy**, LM – David Venne & Tracy Stueve; **GMHRCH-I Northern Flights Mist on the Water**, CF – Debra Brennan; **GMHR Silverbrook's Starlight Madness**, LF – Patricia Jagoda; **GMHR-I Raven's I Jump For Joy**, LF – Bill Whiteford; **GMHRCH Silverbrook's Ravin Rebel**, LF – Jeff Riebling; **GMHR-I Raven's Smokin Cinder**, LM – Bill Whiteford; **GMHR KCK Rocket Girl**, LF – Patricia Jagoda; **GMHR-I Fowl Weather's Carbon Copy**, LM – Frank & Valerie Plewa; **Bertram Thibodaux Ulysses BTU**, LM – Susan & Joseph Hartsoe; **MHR Glendower's Dakota Gunner**, LM – John Corman; **Born 2 Retrieve E Z Cash**, LM – Julio Garcia-Laffitte; **Millennium Ridgerunner**, LF – Greg Schultheis; **GMHR Silverbrook's PJ's Prince Toby**, LM – Scott Leonescu; **GMHRCH-II Silverbrook's Rockin Raven**, LF – Bill Whiteford; **GMHR-I Fowl Weather's Cornfield Commando**, LM – Frank & Valerie Plewa; **Total Recall**, LM – Wendy Bonello & Patricia Jagoda

Southern Maryland Hunting Retriever Club
Cheltenham, Maryland
October 6-7, 2007

Started

Dogs Entered: 23; **Dogs Qualified:** 20
Judges: Carol Lewis & Mario Cilia
Deep Run Mustang Sally II, LF – Richard Shields; **Mariner Triumph at Woodcreek**, GM – Pam Simmons; **Trace of a True Blooded Tribe**, LM – Tom Moore & Rod Lucas; **Haleys Hooktail Duckdog Cassie**, CF – Richard Shields; **Car-Rae's Dynasty DeGrasso**, FTN/F – Carol Lindquist; **Zeus of Mount Olympus II**, LM – Steven Crittenden; **Everetts Butch Is Trouble**, LM – Stan Staneski; **Branchwood Lady Godiva**, LF – Marcie Baer; **Echo's Hot Tamale**, LF – Connie Raynor; **Deep Run Mighty Raider Day**, LM – William Day III; **Ashlands The Princess Sasha**, LF – Daniel Sweeney; **Branchwood Mamas Little Man**, LM – Marcie Baer; **Deep Run Hollywood Jetta**, LF – Jessica & Kerry Camm; **Cameo Woodcreek Magic Moment**, GF – Pam Simmons; **Everett's Java Fix**, LF – Andrea & Edmund Kinsler; **Orion's Twin Hills Remington**, LM – Larry Dunning; **Everetts She Ain't No Angel**, LF – Roger & Sonia Everett; **Caer Bren Water Lilly**, LF – Jackie Mischou; **Victory's Diligent Mariner**, FM – Jim Beliveau & Judy Gladson; **Waterspook Paint It Black**, LM – Denise & Paul Balides

Intermediate

Dogs Entered: 7; **Dogs Qualified:** 6
Judges: Carol Lewis & Mario Cilia
DND's Orion of Everett, LM – Dora Newman & Donald Heffelfinger; **Hollywood Shiloh**, LM

– Kerry Camm; **Haleys Hooktail Duckdog Cassie**, CF – Richard Shields; **Droopy Dewey Dew Drop**, LF – Vicki McCormick; **Lady Katie of Broadcreek**, LF – Rob Whittington; **SR Greenwing Harvey Wallbanger**, LM – Norma Mote

Senior

Dogs Entered: 20; **Dogs Qualified:** 11
Judges: Kevin McLaren & Cary Irvine
Total Recall, LM – Wendy Bonello & Patricia Jagoda; **GMHR KCK Rocket Girl**, LF – Patricia Jagoda; **GMHR-I Silverbrook Amazing Sparkleboy**, LM – David Venne & Tracy Stueve; **GMHR Silverbrook’s Starlight Madness**, LF – Patricia Jagoda; **GMHR Silverbrook’s Ravin Rebel**, LF – Jeff Riebling; **WR Grandview Tigger of Caroway**, CF – Denny Seabright; **Born 2 Retrieve E Z Cash**, LM – Julio Garcia-Laffitte; **Victory’s Clear Sailing**, FF – Judy Gladson; **Silver Creek’s Maryland Mischief**, CF – Joe Nolan; **MHR Valhalla’s Jager Von Hundemer**, LM – James Hundemer; **GMHR Silverbrook’s PJ’s Prince Toby**, LM – Scott Leonescu

Old Dominion Retriever Club
Heathsville, Virginia
October 27, 2007

Intermediate

Dogs Entered: 5; **Dogs Qualified:** 5
Judges: Diane Sheppard & Roy Sheppard

Southland Yankee Clipper, LM – John Thornton, Jr.; **Silverbrook’s Smoke on the Water**, LM – David & Ann Mellender; **Born 2 Retrieve E Z Cash**, LM – Julio Garcia-Laffitte; **Charlsdans Double Tot O’ Grog**, LM – John Keenan; **Swamp Water Chief Duck Hunter**, LM – Carleen Druiett

Senior

Dogs Entered: 15; **Dogs Qualified:** 9
Judges: Diane Sheppard & Roy Sheppard
GMHR Silverbrook’s PJ’s Prince Toby, LM – Scott & Christine Leonescu; **Total Recall**, LM – Wendy Bonello & Patricia Jagoda; **Born 2 Retrieve E Z Cash**, LM – Julio Garcia-Laffitte; **GMHR-I Silverbrook’s Amazing Sparkleboy**, LM – David Venne & Tracy Stueve; **MHR WatersEdge Lord Montague**, LM – Roger & Elizabeth Atkins; **MHR Zeke of Silver Creek**, LM – Wendy Bonello; **Kingston’s Hells Bells**, LF – Denise & Paul Balides; **GMHR Silverbrook’s Starlight Madness**, LF – Patricia Jagoda; **GMHRCH Silverbrook’s Ravin Rebel**, LF – Jeff Riebling

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2008 Richard A. Wolters /North American Hunting Retriever Association Invitational Field Test

by Darin Westphal

As the hunting season continues to wind down, the shift slowly starts to transition from hunting to training. Goals for 2008 start to become formulated and the voice of judges reading off your dogs name during a ribbon ceremony start to ring in your head.

With the snow and cold here in the Midwest starting to force many people into near hibernation, others continue to feverishly plot the course of the 2008 Richard A Wolters (RAW) Invitational.

The Invitational committee has been set and the wheels have now been in motion for some time in order to run a seamless, eventful and unforgettable field test. NAHRA's 2008 Committee members are:

Travis Lund: Co-chair
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 Patsy Hove: Secretary
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 Mike Schmoll: Marketing Director
 Larry Willson: Field Captain
 Jason Skyberg: Marketing
 Dan Tongen: Bird Steward

Not to mention the countless other volunteers that will all play a role in ensuring that all participants and spectators have a successful experience. The NAHRA MidWest Region made a major commitment at their Fall meeting and we welcome NAHRA members from across the continent who might want to help in some way either before or during the event.

The schedule has since been finalized with training grounds opening up Monday June 9 and handler orientation being Wednesday June 11 on a riverboat cruise with the banquet later that day at the Lake Elmo Events Center (<http://www.lakeelmoeventcenter.com/>).

Handler Orientation will be held on a private charter that morning on the beautiful St. Croix River designated National Scenic Waterway (<http://www.andiamo-ent.com/>). This will provide the handlers with a gorgeous backdrop to both relax and enjoy as judges and committee officials go over the weeks events and answer any questions.

Kelley Farm and Cattle Company will play host to the 2008 RAW. Home of close to 2950 acres which is broken down into 1750 acres of land (55 separate fields), 600+ acres of lakes, ponds and wetlands and 600+ acres of woods. These grounds have hosted countless NAHRA, HRC, AKC Hunt

Tests, specialty events and NAVHDA Invitationals. The grounds will be top notch, offering judges with an endless array of possibilities for all portions of the senior level tests.

ON THE HORIZON:

Sponsors! The RAW committee is getting set to distribute some marketing brochures in an effort to obtain sponsorships at various levels. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a sponsor, please contact our Marketing Director Mike Schmoll at mike@kindstrom-schmoll.com.

Raffles- The Outdoorsman raffle is almost finalized and will be released soon with some awesome prizes. Tickets will be \$10/per with a discount of 3/\$25. When this is ready to roll, you will find ticket purchase information on both the RAW website and also posted at <http://www.nahranews.org/>. It is also anticipated that there will be a Hunters Raffle that will include the chance to win one of many guided hunts throughout the country.

Please continue to monitor all announcements/news and everything RAW related on the 2008 RAW website: www.nahraraw.com .



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