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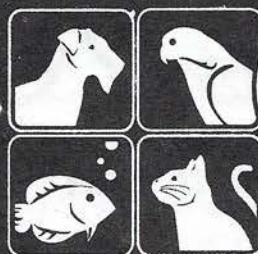
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*Sharon May with Chico May at Rappahannock River Retriever Club,  
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## *The President's Bark*



Fellow Members,

We have finished our first year with the new Board of Directors. It has been a very interesting year to say the least. As president I have come to understand the incredible passion held by the membership of this great organization. The organization has accomplished a great deal in our first official year. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the membership for their understanding and patients in the present Board's inaugural season.

A year ago January we set out to accomplish five specific goals within the year. (Financial accountability, communication improvement, News magazine upgrade, Bylaws and Articles of Association). Outside of a few communication and implementation breakdowns we were able to accomplish what we set out to do. Our organization now has a documented registered set of Bylaws and Articles of Association. Together we have created a

current ongoing accounting system, which not only creates accurate monthly statements for review but also year-end Balance sheet and Income statement reports. You will find our January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2002 fiscal year end report published in the NAHRA NEWS magazine. Although our communication process is a work in progress we feel we have made serious steps to move this issue in a positive direction. Our first step in this process was for all the Board members to travel to as many regions as physically possible to either participate as handler / judge or view licensed field tests. Jim, Roy and myself managed to participate together or individually in 6 NAHRA regions last trial season. I also had the benefit of participating in the Alaskan region conference call with all their club presidents. The NEWS magazine was the last issue to get accomplished within our first year's goals. I will get to the newsmagazine a little later but first let me introduce two significant changes to the Board of Directors.

As of January Rosemary Haynes and Randy Carlson have stepped down as NAHRA Board Members. Rosemary felt it in her best interest to focus all her energies on the administration responsibilities for the organization. Randy had his responsibilities increased at work and felt it in his best interest to too expend all his energies on his new challenges. I would like to thank both Randy and Rosemary for their efforts and hard work. We have added two replacements to the NAHRA Board of Directors. First let me introduce Jeff Smith who hails from Montana. We are

very excited to have Jeff join the Board as he brings 20 plus years experience in both non-profit organizations and running his own business in communications. We are also very pleased to have Bruce Caplin of Connecticut join the Board. Bruce is a practicing attorney in the New York area and brings a tremendous amount of dog and professional experience with him. Bruce worked very close with Roy Sheppard to complete our Bylaws and Articles of Association.

This brings me back to the NAHRA NEWS magazine. Effective January Jeff Smith took on the responsibilities of the NEWS magazine and marketing for the organization. Rosemary is producing this first quarter edition with minor changes in printing and mailing. Jeff will be responsible for the production of the second edition and into the future. Future issues will take on a new look that we are anxious to see. The other major correction needed for the NEWS was to improve on its financial burden to the organization. With Jeff's experience and contacts in this area we are very confident that we will be able to produce a more exciting magazine with a minimum of a break even cost to the organization on the project.

Until next upgraded issue or I see you in the field, I wish you and your four legged friends all the success in what is going to be an exciting 2003 test year.

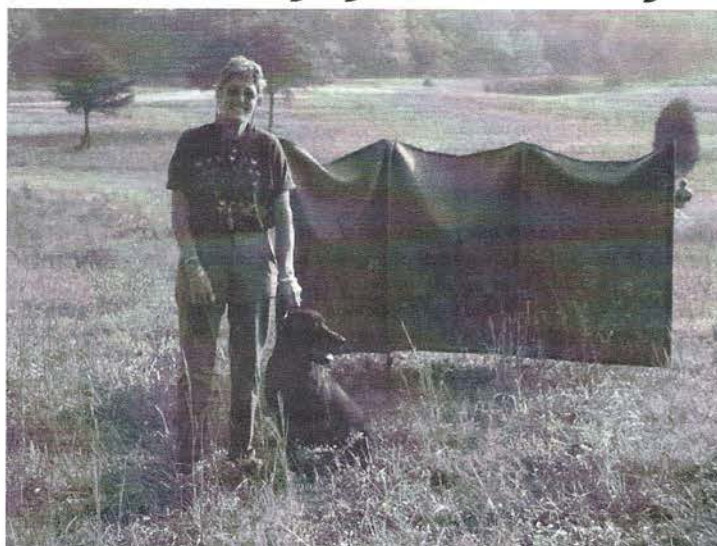
Yours sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dave Cannings'.

Dave Cannings



## *In Memory of Sharon May*



*Sharon May with Chico at the Rappahannock River Retriever Club test, October 2002*

### **By: Phyllis Giroux, DVM**

In the fall of 1980 I attended my very first dog field event. It wasn't a NAHRA Field Test, or a Hunt Test, but something called the Aylett DU Gun Dog Stake. Back in those days we didn't have NAHRA, or Hunt Tests, or HRC. At that time I had a little Chesapeake Bay Retriever puppy named Cedar that I thought was something special. I ran him in the Junior Puppy Event, and was awarded a ribbon by a charming, gracious woman named Sharon May. As a direct result of Sharon's friendly personality and encouragement, I continued to run retriever events, train dogs, and develop a lifestyle that is centered around these great dogs, their breeding and training.

How many others of you out there were introduced to dogs and NAHRA by Sharon? How many of you were captivated by her hospitality, friendliness, and warmth? Always encouraging and complimentary of every single dog, Sharon may have done more single handedly to support our sport than any one else. Two years ago we gave Sharon a little award at the NAHRA Benefit event in Queenstown, MD, for having judged more Started Tests than any other person in the history of NAHRA. Sharon was always a person who gave more than she received, and was always willing to offer her time to come and judge an event for all the clubs on the east coast.

Over the past year, Sharon finally had an opportunity to train a dog of her own, Xena, who quickly completed her Started title. Sharon was working to get Xena qualified for the 2003 Regional, and helping her two daughters with their dogs as well, and even encouraging Joe to get Chico qualified.

We were deeply sorrowed to hear of Sharon's untimely passing on November 24. While her presence will be greatly missed, her influence on our program will continue through time, as she was the role model for all judges at all tests. While we will miss her sunny smile and throaty drawl, we know she has crossed over the Rainbow Bridge to be with her dogs of the past, and to wait patiently for Xena.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Joe and Sharon's family. Thank you for so graciously sharing Sharon with us these many years past.

Phyllis, Jack and the NAHRA family

### **By: Patti Sutton**

To express the emotions one feels, at the loss of someone as special as Sharon May cannot be expressed with mere words. Each of us was so blessed to have known her, though for much too short a time.

Those of you, who knew Sharon, without a doubt, share the same feelings. A wonderful, charming, giving woman whom I believe never spoke a harsh or unkind word about anyone. Always seeing the good in each of us. Quick to make you feel at home and welcome. A smile that included all she came into contact with. Whether quietly from the background, or right in the midst, always willing to help and lend a supportive hand.

To me, a very special friend, loved and very much missed. Our tragic loss has been God's gain. I am sure that she is smiling down on us still.



### **To the General Membership of the North American Hunting Retriever Association,**

Dear Members,

We would like to take this opportunity to respond to the many letters and phone calls that we have received concerning the use of Simulated Birds in NAHRA Licensed Field Tests. We have been listening and would like to tell the members that we realize that this was not handled the way that it should have been.

So to begin with we would like to apologize to the membership for the way that the decision was made and then conveyed to the general members. Very simply, we are sorry. We realize that we could have done a much better job of allowing the members to have input in the decision making process. At the time the decision was made, the Board was faced with a situation that required immediate action. The board made the decision and the rest, as well all know, is history.

The Board of Directors would once again like to clarify our position on the use of Simulated Birds. First of all and most importantly we are not trying to replace the use of live birds in the NAHRA Program. We would never want, nor do we ever expect to see a NAHRA dog obtain a title with just the use of simulated birds. That is not at all the intent of the rule change. The rule change was made to allow the use of simulated birds where clubs felt their use well advised. One example was during the outbreak of Avian Influenza in Virginia in 2002 and potentially again in California with the current outbreak of Newcastle disease. The Board of Directors is committed to empowering clubs with the freedom to meet their local needs and to make their events more successful.

While the health issue is easy to understand, when the discussion starts to involve the quality of birds the issue becomes much more clouded. We will be the first to tell you that we do not have all the answers. Many of those will come over time as we sort out the best use of simulated birds in these situations. The one application that we do feel is warranted is in the case of poor quality birds in the water series. To do the best job of testing our dogs abilities we definitely feel that a high floating simulated bird is much desired over a sinking natural duck or in some cases pigeons. We do not feel that it is fair to the dogs or the handlers to have a dog trying to find a duck that is "floating" below the surface of the water or sitting on the bottom. We especially do not feel that we are fairly testing the dogs if a bird floats for one dog and then sinks for the next. We are positive that the vast majority of you have never shot a wild duck that sank when it hit the water. A duck that dives is not what we are talking about. We are referring to ducks that sink due to a lack of feathers (as is the case many times in the early spring) or a duck that has been thrown so many times that it is saturated with water. This is just one area where the use of a simulated bird might potentially result in a better quality test.

In upcoming NAHRA News we will present some lessons learned from those who have used simulated birds in Field Tests. Hopefully their early work will benefit us all.

Sincerely,

The NAHRA Board of Directors

## **1000 POINT CLUB**

### **GMHR-WR MERCY'S RASCAL RUGER**



GMHR Mercy's Rascal Ruger came to us when he was 3 months old from the breeder, Dan Hosford. Ruger's sire is AFC-NFC-CNFC Chugach Hill's Jazz's Rascal and his mother is GMHR MH Rodey's Momma Have "Mercy". Right from the start Ruger won Rozena's heart. He had a sweet disposition and loved to be loved and Rozena loved to give back. She had a rule that I abided by from the beginning of our marriage, 37 years ago, and that was "no pets in the house". Ruger was an outside dog until he achieved his Grand Master Hunting Retriever title at a little over 4 years old. After that Rozena could resist no longer and Ruger started to have occasional, in house, even at times all night privileges. Ruger has always loved to work. He would get very excited event at the beginning of his leash work. Ruger and I hit it off from the beginning. We just seemed to mesh and this bond grew as his training progressed. From level to level he kept getting stronger. His training progressed very well and he was and is a delight to train. I could not have progressed Ruger to where he is today without the help of my mentor, Dan Hosford. Dan encouraged me to start running field tests. It only took one and I was hooked and so was Ruger; he loves the tests. We seem to know when we go to the line if we're in tune. There is a very strong feeling that we are "one" at the line. And — there were times when we knew we certainly were not in tune!!! And his performance and more times that not, my handling were way off! His great speed and my slow handling cost us a few tests. It didn't take very long for me to realize if I wanted to pass the tests I better get on the same plain as Ruger. We really are a "team". Ruger qualified to go to the RAW / NAHRA Invitational in 1999 in Virginia and 2000 in Edmonton, Alberta and qualified at both along with his mother, Mercy. He also qualified for the last RAW / NAHRA Invitational in Iowa but I could not go. He has done remarkably well and we are very proud of him. Ruger turned 6 years old on October 20, 2002. He achieved his "1000th point at the

Inland Valley Retriever Club field test at Prado on November 30, 2002. Judges were Chuck Rhodes and Joe Cook. They set up a great test for what turned out to be a very special day.

P.S. Presently, Ruger has his "special place" in our house, (but in my den), anytime he desires.



## **NAHRA FIELD TEST RESULTS**

### **NOVEMBER—DECEMBER**

#### **KEY**

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.

#### **THREE RIVERS RETRIEVER CLUB** **KING WILLIAM, VIRGINIA**

**NOVEMBER 2-3, 2002**

##### **SENIOR I**

DOGS ENTERED 23—DOGS QUALIFIED 14

JUDGES: WILLIAM RUSSELL & DONNA RUSSELL  
 MHR FOXGROVE'S AMERICAN WIGEON, NSDTR/M—TONY HUNT; WR DEEP RUN RISKY BUSINESS, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; FLY'N' SOUTHS TRUDY'S SPIRIT, LF—LEE NELSON; WR DEEP RUN CHARISMA, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; GMHR SOUTHLAND REPEAT HI FLYIN, LM—HOWELL SIMMONS; GMHR-WR DEEP RUN RIDE'EM HIGH, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; REBEL RIDGE ZIPPERS DYNASTAR, LF—DON QUACKENBUSH; LONGS RIPPIN BLUE BARRACUDA, LM—ALVIN HATCHER; MHR-WR DEEP RUN AFTER SIX, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; MHR FRENCH'S BAYOU BELLE, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; GMHR-WR DEEP RUN DESPERADO, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; WR MORNING SUN ZMAZING MISS M, LF—BEN & ROSEMARY CONNOR; MHR-WR SATCHEL CHARGED-DA-GO, LM—DAVID FREDERICK; MHR RIVER'S UNANIMOUS DECISION, LM—DAVID INGHAM

##### **SENIOR II**

DOGS ENTERED 20—DOGS QUALIFIED 17

JUDGES: DIANE SHEPPARD & ROY SHEPPARD  
 MHR FOXGROVE'S AMERICAN WIGEON, NSDTR/M—TONY HUNT; WR DEEP RUN RISKY BUSINESS, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; WR DEEP RUN CHARISMA, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; GMHR SOUTHLAND REPEAT HI FLYIN, LM—HOWELL SIMMONS; GMHR-WR DEEP RUN RIDE'EM HIGH, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; REBEL RIDGE ZIPPERS DYNASTAR, LF—DON QUACKENBUSH; LONGS RIPPIN BLUE BARRACUDA, LM—ALVIN HATCHER; MHR-WR DEEP RUN AFTER SIX, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; MHR-WR BICKSLER'S MAJOR, LM—DAVE BICKSLER; GMHR GOOSEPIT'S MIGHTY BLACK JET, LF—JIM VANDERGIESSEN; MHR FRENCH'S BAYOU BELLE, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; GMHR SUGARFOOT'S FIRE & ICE, LM—KURT MORROW; GMHR-WR DEEP RUN DESPERADO, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; WR

MORNING SUN ZMAZING MISS M, LF—BEN & ROSEMARY CONNOR; GMHR MORNING SUN ZENA, LF—KEVIN MCLAREN; WR CHASE'S GOTTA LOTTA MOXIE, LF—MEL MCKNIGHT; MHR-WR SATCHEL CHARGED-DA-GO, LM—DAVID FREDERICK

#### **COPPER STATE HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB**

**ARLINGTON, ARIZONA**

**NOVEMBER 2-3, 2002**

##### **STARTED I**

DOGS ENTERED 15—DOGS QUALIFIED 8

JUDGES: DALE HARMEYER & BILL OUILLETTE  
 LOLENDAS SHINING STAR VEGA, LM—ERIC & CORI STOLTZMANN; HIGH TEST DIXIE DOES DUCKS, LF—BILLY JEWETT; GREENWING DRAKE, LM—JOHN DENNIS; NORTH RIM'S DON DIEGO, LM—DONIS FLAGELLO; GRANITE'S JUMPIN ZACH KOBE, LF—BARBARA SAMPSON; MANSENGREEN JASMINE, LF—RYAN DENNIS; QUARTERMOON HIGHWAYMAN, GM—GLEN & SHARON ROBINSON; CHESTNUT HILLS GRAVEL GERTIE, LF—JIM JASKIE

##### **STARTED II**

DOGS ENTERED 10—DOGS QUALIFIED 6

JUDGES: LENDA BARKER & DIANNE OUILLETTE  
 SADDLEHILL OWYHEE NOEL PALOMA, LF—STEPHEN & JACQUE MILLER; HIGH TEST DIXIE DOES DUCKS, LF—BILLY JEWETT; STARS PRIZE TUG, LM—ROBERT ROBINSON; MANSENGREEN JASMINE, LF—RYAN DENNIS; GREENWING DRAKE, LM—JOHN DENNIS; NR RANDALL PATRICK MCMURPHY, LM—CAROL & KEN EVENSON

##### **INTERMEDIATE I**

DOGS ENTERED 7—DOGS QUALIFIED 1

JUDGES: JEAN WU & JENNIFER HOOD  
 POWER PETE'S BLUE STREAK, LM—BILLY JEWETT

##### **INTERMEDIATE II**

DOGS ENTERED 6—DOGS QUALIFIED 4

JUDGES: RICH MILLER & DALE HARMEYER  
 WATERBORNS QUEEN OF THE DESERT, LF—CAROL BEDOLLA; SHANNARA'S BALINOR BUCKHANNAH, FF—LOUISE MEYER; POWER PETE'S BLUE STREAK, LM—BILLY JEWETT; SR DALLAS'S DARING DREAM, LM—ROBERT & RUBY ROGERS

##### **SENIOR I**

DOGS ENTERED 15—DOGS QUALIFIED 9

JUDGES: LENDA BARKER & DIANNE OUILLETTE  
 LOLENDAS HEART OF DIXIE, LF—JEFF & CHRISTINE HARTLAND; GREEN'S FOREST RANGER, LM—RON & KARLY GREEN; SILK'S GENTLEMAN JACK, LM—RAY & JOANN SILK; LOLENDAS SONORAN SCOUT, LF—ERIK & JILL HOFFMAN; WR TRUMPET'S BLONDE BOMBER, GM—MARY SPARLING; GMHR MERCY'S RASCAL RUGER, LM—ROY & ROZENA HORSLEY; BOSTON'S MEDFORD JOURNEY, LM—ED & LINDA SILVENT; SPIRIT OF THE KODIAK, LM—RICHARD & SHAN MILLER; WR STONYBECK QUEEN OF SCOTS, LF—JAN HEPPER & MARY TRICK

##### **SENIOR II**

DOGS ENTERED 10—DOGS QUALIFIED 3

JUDGES: JENNIFER HOOD & BILL OUILLETTE  
 GMHR MERCY'S RASCAL RUGER, LM—ROY & ROZENA HORSLEY; COPPER KODIAK PIAZZA, LM—DALE HARMEYER; SILK'S GENTLEMAN JACK, LM—RAY & JOANN SILK

#### **SAN DIEGO HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB**

**CHINO, CALIFORNIA**

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**NOVEMBER 16-17, 2002**

**STARTED I**

DOGS ENTERED 19—DOGS QUALIFIED 15  
JUDGES: JOE COOK & DAN LENARD  
STARS PRIZE TUG, LM—ROBERT ROBINSON;  
HADLANDS'S DERBY DUCK DOWN, LM—RANDY  
HADLAND; MATT, LM—DEBORAH LELEVIER;  
GREENWING DRAKE, LM—JOHN DENNIS; TOPPERS  
MISCHIEVOUS MADISON, LF—HOWARD MCDONELL;  
MANSENGREEN JASMINE, LF—RYAN DENNIS;  
TRACER'S TOP HAT KATIE, LF—JACK & LUCINDA  
TERRELL; RADAR WHO'S HUNTING HOO, LM—GREG  
DONAHOO; RETRIEVENS A BREEZE, LF—LISA  
WALTERS; HIGHEST DIXIE DOES DUCKS, LF—BILLY  
JEWETT; SALTY SHORES LADY ZOE, ESS/F—WENDY  
HOOKER; LENNOXLOVE'S RED RIVER TANGO,  
NSDTR/M—KIM SIMONS; FRASERS HIGHLAND PIPER,  
LM—STU FRASER; GRTLND MAXIMUS, LM—AL  
VALLEJOS; FEIST DE LOUPS DU SOLIEL, FTM/M—LISA  
MAZE

**STARTED II**

DOGS ENTERED 19—DOGS QUALIFIED 13  
JUDGES: PHIL OLMSTEAD & STEVE COTE  
STARS PRIZE TUG, LM—ROBERT ROBINSON;  
GREENWING DRAKE, LM—JOHN DENNIS; TOPPERS  
MISCHIEVOUS MADISON, LF—HOWARD MCDONELL;  
MATT, LM—DEBORAH LELEVIER; LENNOXLOVE'S  
RED RIVER TANGO, NSDTR/M—KIM SIMONS;  
HIGHEST DIXIE DOES DUCKS, LF—BILLY JEWETT;  
RETRIEVENS A BREEZE, LF—LISA WALTERS; RADAR  
WHO'S HUNTING HOO, LM—GREG DONAHOO;  
MANSENGREEN JASMINE, LF—RYAN DENNIS;  
FRASERS HIGHLAND PIPER, LM—STU FRASER;  
FAWNHAVEN FASTEST GUN IN THE WEST, LM—PAM  
FELGENHAUER; GRTLND MAXIMUS, LM—AL  
VALLEJOS; FEIST DE LOUPS DU SOLIEL, FTM/M—  
LISA MAZE

**INTERMEDIATE I**

DOGS ENTERED 10—DOGS QUALIFIED 6  
JUDGES: PHIL OLMSTEAD & CHUCK RHOADES  
WATERBORN'S QUEEN OF THE DESERT, LF—CAROL  
BEDOLLA; TYLER TAKES FLIGHT, LM—ALAN BURKS;  
POWER PETE'S BLUE STREAK, LM—BILLY JEWETT;  
BLACKJACK ACEDUCE, LM—JAMES KAHLERT; HUNT-  
N-DOGS SEEK A CAUSE, LM—ROBERT & NITA HUNT  
& STEVE & KATHY STEVENS; YUKON YELLOW INGOT,  
LM—RANDY KILLINGBACK

**INTERMEDIATE II**

DOGS ENTERED 9—DOGS QUALIFIED 5  
JUDGES: DAN LENARD & LAURNA HAMMOND  
BLACKJACK ACEDUCE, LM—JAMES KAHLERT;  
MYSTIC'S FIRE STAR, LM—JOSEPH COOK & JOANNE  
PERLER; TYLER TAKES FLIGHT, LM—ALAN BURKS;  
POWER PETE'S BLUE STREAK, LM—BILLY JEWETT;  
GMHR SURE SHOT "PLAY IT AGAIN" SAM, LM—DON  
DOOLING

**SENIOR I**

DOGS ENTERED 16—DOGS QUALIFIED 4  
JUDGES: STEVE COTE & LAURNA HAMMOND  
GMHR MERCY'S RASCAL RUGER, LM—ROY &  
ROZENA HORSLEY; GMHR BUD'S H,2,O TO GO, LM—  
CHARLES RHOADES; TNT'S SMOKEN JUST A LIL  
RISKY, LF—KATHY & STEVE STEVENS; GMHR SURE  
SHOT "PLAY IT AGAIN" SAM, LM—DON DOOLING

**SENIOR II**

DOGS ENTERED 8—DOGS QUALIFIED 1  
JUDGES: PHIL DESCHENE & CHUCK RHOADES  
GMHR MERCY'S RASCAL RUGER, LM—ROY &  
ROZENA HORSLEY

**VIRGINIA RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION**

**CULPEPER, VIRGINIA**

**NOVEMBER 16-17, 2002**

**STARTED**

DOGS ENTERED 15—DOGS QUALIFIED 11  
JUDGES: JACK JAGODA & BRADLEY SISSON  
GEORGE'S TYRANOSAURUS REX, LM—GEORGE  
BROCK; DEEP RUN BLUE SUEDE SUNSHINE, LF—  
RANDALL & SHARON COCHRAN; KANSAS SALOON  
GAL, LF—SUSAN & MICHAEL HARBROOK; REBEL'S  
KANSAS KATE, LF—SUSAN & CHRISTINE HARBROOK;  
SHARIHIL'S WARRIOR PRINCESS, LF—SHARON MAY;  
TOMAHAWK'S LEVY GATE, LM—TODD NEWSOME;  
MAJIGOLD FIELD OF DREAMS, GF—LESLEIGH COOK;  
SIMERDOWN'S WORTHINGTON, LM—SHEILA REKOW;  
DEEP RUN PATRIOTIC SCHOLAR, LM—HERBERT  
BITTNER; HOOCHIE'S 'LIL DIVA OF SHARIHIL, LF—  
HOLLIE GOODMAN; PLEASURTHYME'S LYRIC, LF—  
SHEILA REKOW

**INTERMEDIATE**

DOGS ENTERED 10—DOGS QUALIFIED 8  
JUDGES: JACK JAGODA & BRADLEY SISSON  
TOMAHAWK'S LEVY GATE, LM—TODD NEWSOME; HD  
DODGE RAM, LM—DAVID SOURS; SR DAISY MARIE  
MAE LEONARD, LF—GREGG & SHANNON LEONARD;  
BAIN'S GINGER BELLE OF SOUTHLAND, LF—PHIL &  
SARAH BAIN; WR CAER BREN'S CRYSTAL WIZARD,  
LM—ELIZABETH ATKINS; WR LITTLE LICKING RUN  
MAGNOLIA, LF—GREGG & JEAN LEONARD; ISLE'S  
TOMAHAWK CHIEF, LM—TRAVIS BRACEY; SR  
WYNDCHIME'S WATERSEDGE WALTZ, LF—  
ELIZABETH ATKINS

**SENIOR**

DOGS ENTERED 18—DOGS QUALIFIED 13  
JUDGES: KEVIN MCLAREN & JOHN WALLACE  
GMHR SIX O'CLOCK SCHOLAR, LM—PHYLLIS  
GIROUX, DVM; FRENCH'S BAYOU BELLE, LF—  
PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; GMHR SILVERBROOK  
REPEAT HI FLYIN, LM—HOWELL SIMMONS; MHR-WR  
DEEP RUN AFTER SIX, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM &  
JACK JAGODA; MHR-WR SACHEL CHARGED-DA-GO,  
LM—DAVID FREDERICK; GMHR-WR DEEP RUN  
DESPERADO, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK  
JAGODA; GMHR-WR DEEP RUN RIDE'EM HIGH, LM—  
PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; GMHR OZ'S  
HIDDEN SURPRISE, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM &  
JACK JAGODA; MHR FLYIN' WILD, LM—TOM AVENT;  
MHR-WR BICKSLER'S MAJOR, LM—DAVID BICKSLER;  
MHR-WR DEEP RUN CHARISMA, LF—PHYLLIS  
GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; GMHR SUGARFOOT  
FIRE & ICE, LM—KURT MORROW; WR DEEP RUN  
RISKY BUSINESS, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK  
JAGODA

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**STARTED I**

DOGS ENTERED 13—DOGS QUALIFIED 10  
JUDGES: ARON WOODLEE & KAREN FOSTER



QUARTERMOON HIGHWAYMAN, GM—GLEN & SHARON ROBINSON; NORTHRIM SPARKLIN KARMA, LF—KRISTIAN & TRAVIS NELSON; POOLE'S BIG ROCK MARLIN, LM—JOHN BRUNJES; NORTHRIMS INCORRIGIBLE COLBY, LF—JENNIFER HOOD; POOLE'S WATER PRINCE WAITING, LM—JOHN BRUNJES; MIRON'S LORD OF THE RINGS, LM—ROGER BANNISTER; STARS PRIZE TUG, LM—ROBERT & CLAUDIA ROBINSON; CEDAR HILL'S TOO KEWL TA KARE, LM—ROGER BANNISTER; GRANITES JUMPIN ZACH KOBE, LM—BARBARA SAMPSON; NR RANDALL PATRICK MCMURPHY, LM—CAROL & KEN EVENSON

#### **STARTED II**

DOGS ENTERED 13—DOGS QUALIFIED 9

JUDGES: RICK KAIL & PHIL OLMSTEAD

SR TRUMPET'S WHIRLING DUN, GF—BILL SPARLING; NR RANDALL PATRICK MCMURPHY, LM—CAROL & KEN EVENSON; CEDAR HILL'S TOO KEWL TA KARE, LM—ROGER BANNISTER; POOLE'S WATER PRINCE WAITING, LM—JOHN BRUNJES; NORTHRIM SPARKLIN KARMA, LF—KRISTIAN & TRAVIS NELSON; POOLE'S BIG ROCK MARLIN, LM—JOHN BRUNJES; QUARTERMOON HIGHWAYMAN, GM—GLEN & SHARON ROBINSON; NORTHRIM'S ALIEN AMONG US, LM—IRIS & TRACE MCCOY; NORTHRIMS INCORRIGIBLE COLBY, LF—JENNIFER HOOD

#### **INTERMEDIATE I**

DOGS ENTERED 6—DOGS QUALIFIED 0

JUDGES: RICK KAIL & DAVE MILLOY

#### **INTERMEDIATE II**

DOGS ENTERED 5—DOGS QUALIFIED 2

JUDGES: ARLON WOODLEE & ED FOSTER

DALLAS'S DARING DREAM, LM—ROBERT & RUBY ROGERS; NORTH RIM'S EN FUEGO DE CABO, LM—MANNY & LINDA SALAZAR

#### **SENIOR I**

DOGS ENTERED 7—DOGS QUALIFIED 3

JUDGES: DALE HARMEYER & ED FOSTER

MHR-WR SURE SHOT "PLAY IT AGAIN" SAM, LM—DON DOOLING; WR TRUMPET'S BLONDE BOMBER, GM—MARY & BILL SPARLING; MHR CHARWIN DIVER DOWN, CC/M—RICK & KATHY KAIL

#### **SENIOR II**

DOGS ENTERED 8—DOGS QUALIFIED 2

JUDGES: KAREN FOSTER & DAVE MILLOY

MHR-WR SURE SHOT "PLAY IT AGAIN" SAM, LM—DON DOOLING; MHR CHARWIN DIVER DOWN, CC/M—RICK & KATHY KAIL

#### **INLAND VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB**

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#### **STARTED I**

DOGS ENTERED 9—DOGS QUALIFIED 5

JUDGES: PHIL DESCHENE & BRIAN CLASBY

SR BLUE KNIGHT SMOOTH FLIGHT, LM—LAURIE AGGAS; NOTOIRE DES OMBRES VALEUREUX, FTN/F—LISA MAZE; MATT, LM—DEBORAH LELEVIER; LENNOXLOVE'S RED RIVER TANGO, NSDTR/M—KIM SIMONS; HANK OF THE PHOENIX SUN, LM—MARY SARMIENTO

#### **STARTED II**

DOGS ENTERED 7—DOGS QUALIFIED 6

JUDGES: CHUCK RHOADES & JOE COOK

NOTOIRE DES OMBRES VALEUREUX, FTN/F—LISA MAZE; LENNOXLOVE'S RED RIVER TANGO, NSDTR/M—KIM SIMONS; SR BLUE KNIGHT SMOOTH FLIGHT, LM—LAURIE AGGAS; OUTLAW'S DIAMOND LILLY HAMMER, LF—CLAYTON SMITH; FEIST DU LOUPS DU SOLIEL, FTN/M—LISA MAZE; MATT, LM—DEBORAH LELEVIER

#### **INTERMEDIATE**

DOGS ENTERED 3—DOGS QUALIFIED 1

JUDGES: PHIL DESCHENE & BRIAN CLASBY

SR TYLER TAKES FLIGHT, LM—ALAN BURKS

#### **SENIOR I**

DOGS ENTERED 5—DOGS QUALIFIED 2

JUDGES: CHUCK RHOADES & JOE COOK

GMHR MERCY'S RASCAL RUGER, LM—ROY HORSLEY; GMHR SURE SHOT PLAY IT AGAIN SAM, LM—DON DOOLING

#### **SENIOR II**

DOGS ENTERED 4—DOGS QUALIFIED 3

JUDGES: PHIL DESCHENE & BRIAN CLASBY

MHR MYSTIC'S DRUID PRINCE, LM—JOANNE PERLER & JOSEPH COOK; GMHR MERCY'S RASCAL RUGER, LM—ROY HORSLEY; MHR CHARWIN DIVER DOWN, CC/M—RICK & KATHY KAIL



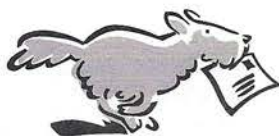
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FROM THE  
**REGIONS**



**NORTHEAST REGION**

*By: Mel McKnight, Northeast Liaison*

As I write, the temperature is 10 degrees below zero here in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom and our training fields are covered with two feet of snow. However, by the time you read this, the fields will be bare, the ice will be gone from the ponds, and some of us will have already participated in field tests in the southern areas of our Region. Season 2003 will be underway at last!

We must note the retirement of Sue Stevens from the Regional Liaison position. Sue was in the post for a long time, at least since 1996. Her enthusiastic dedication to the NAHRA program and support of the Region's clubs is gratefully acknowledged. We look forward to seeing Sue on the circuit more often in the future.

By now, all or most of the clubs have held their annual meetings and the field test schedule for 2003 seems to be firmly in place. The current schedule offers 22 Started, 22 Intermediate, and 20 Senior tests in the Region this season. There should be plenty of opportunities to play the games we, and our dogs, enjoy so much.

The Leatherstocking Hunting Retriever Association has graciously agreed to host the 2003 Northeast Regional on May 31 at Baldwinsville, New York. By definition, this is a Region-wide event to recognize and reward the dogs and handlers that have worked hard in training and testing in the past year.

Let's encourage those who qualify to come to the event and celebrate their accomplishments.

By all accounts, NAHRA was formed at an event in Stowe, Vermont in 1984, and Season 2003 is the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of NAHRA field tests in Vermont. The Lake Champlain Retriever Club is planning a modest celebration in conjunction with their double-everything tests on June 21-22. The organizers hope to have some of the NAHRA founders on hand to participate. This will be a great opportunity to express our appreciation to those farsighted individuals for organizing the sport both enjoyable and valuable in the context of conservation and wildfowl management.

Good training, all.

**2003 DEADLINE SCHEDULE  
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## 2002 Northeast Regional Event

*By: Sue Snow, Acton, Ontario, Canada*

On June 8th the Horseshoe Hunting Retriever Club hosted the 2002 Northeast Regional Event at Luther Marsh in Grand Valley, Ontario Canada. It was with great anticipation that we awaited the arrival of the event, never having hosted a Regional before, worried about the weather and also a new test site for our club. We should not have had any concerns! It was a GREAT weekend!

For those NAHRA members who have traveled north of the border to trial with us before, they knew us for a combination of private and publicly held test grounds. It was decided that a change in our test grounds would be in order to hold the Regional Event. We would host the event at Luther Marsh, a provincially owned wildlife preserve, which was the site of the 2000 Canadian National Amateur Field Trial and is as close to the real thing as possible. The Regional Event was to be run on the Saturday and we would hold a Started / Intermediate / Senior stake on the Sunday.

Saturday morning was bright and sunny (but not too hot) as the dogs and handlers arrived, checked in and headed off to their appropriate test location. The beauty of this area is that we were able to hold all three stakes within a very short distance of the test headquarters for those who were working the event or those that wanted to watch the stakes.

After the day's events, it was back to test headquarters for the Horseshoe Club's world famous (at least in this neck of the woods) rapid retrieve, a wonderful tailgate dinner, our annual raffle and Ducks Unlimited silent auction and the presentation of the Regional ribbons. Despite the distance and concerns about increased security at the border, all dogs and handlers seemed to enjoy themselves being challenged by our judges with 20 out of 23 dogs qualifying in the three stakes. Special thanks go out to our judges - Louise Kohnen & Mike Arthur at Started, Dave Kohnen & Kim Mandarino at Intermediate and Joe Mandarino & Dan Kotarski at Senior.

No event such as this can be held without a tremendous amount of help. Our volunteers for this event, both committee members and trial workers, were willing to jump in and lend a hand where and whenever it was needed. I must also mention our sponsors, who donated prizes for our raffle table or equipment to assist in running the event. To all of those people, I send my sincere thanks.

The selection of Luther Marsh as our test site was such a resounding success that the Executive of the Horseshoe Hunting Retriever Club has decided that this will become the permanent home of our NAHRA trial held each year in early June. We would like to extend an invitation to all NAHRA members to come north and try our event to be held this year - June 7th & 8th. We are sure you will like the test grounds and we know you will have a GREAT time!



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# MINDLESS RAMBLINGS ON THE PERSONALITY OF TRAINING PIGEONS

By: Larry Housman

Pigeons are integral to the training that many of us do, especially we city folk who can't really get or keep ducks, pheasants, chukars, or any other "real" birds. So over the years I have spent quite a bit of time securing pigeons, from many different sources. Mostly I just run around the Inner Harbor in Baltimore City with a crab net and a bag of McDonald's fries and net them early Sunday mornings. I even made up business cards showing my position as a Program Technician with the Johns Hopkins University Urban Pigeon Research Project, which I show to the curious public officials (generally policemen) who wonder what I'm doing out with the winos in the pre-dawn darkness. I tell 'em it's a catch-and-release tracking program and they go away secure in the knowledge not only that I'm doing God's work, but that I unquestionably have a worse job than they. I usually do this the same day I train, so the captives do not hang around my house very long. On the rare occasion when I'm training with a large group and need more than a morning jaunt will produce, there are several pigeon stores in the area (really – they cater primarily to the racing crowd, which is still a fairly big time sport in Baltimore) and they'll sell me their culls for a reasonable price.

In late August I set up a training session for a few folks on the eastern shore of Maryland. Expecting a bigger crowd than ultimately attended, I got several dozen birds from my racing supplier, and headed across the bay bridge. We had a nice training session, with about 5-6 dogs, but the weather was very hot, and we quit early, with the result that more than a dozen of the birds traveled back to Baltimore with me.

I used several of the birds over the next week for sit-to-flush training, all being fly-aways since I was training in a vacant lot next to the local Home Depot (we urban trainers have to get land where we find it – I won't even go into finding water that doesn't have hypodermic needles, wall-to-wall broken glass or 100 years of industrial waste in it) but still had quite a few birds left. I decided that I'd save them for the next Northern Piedmont training session in early September, and donate them to the club for upland training that day. In the meantime, I kept the birds in a cage in my backyard, and since I have all the proper feeders, waterers, etc. they were well cared for, even though I don't actually have the official animal husbandry permit required by the Peoples Democratic Republic of Maryland. Luckily, my neighbors have seen me running around with shotguns at various odd hours, know I own replica civil war artillery, and generally don't want to risk irritating me by reporting my modest eccentricities to the aforementioned public officials.

On to the September training session, and once again it was pretty darn hot, and by the time the afternoon rolled around, nobody felt like running an upland scenario. So back down the Interstate to the big city went the pigeons. At that point I decided that the poor guys had been hauled all over two states, cooped up in a cage for three weeks, and generally done yeoman service in the effort to get an MHR for my pup. So I figured I'd let 'em go, back to the wilds of Harborage (I had also made the mistake of making eye contact with a few of them towards the end, and that was a big mistake for a baby boomer raised on Walt Disney movies).

I opened the door of the cage, and nothing happened! The little avian POW's wouldn't budge an inch. I poked. I prodded. I

turned the cage over. Nothing. I finally had to pull them out one-by-one, and throw them in the air. They then proceeded to flutter around the yard, and landed on the top of my back wall, next to the alley. Where they proceeded to stay. And stay. And stay some more. Now I was willing to acknowledge the fact that their wings were probably a little stiff from being in the cage for so long, so I figured they'd stay the night, and be off in the morning for food, which I was no longer going to provide.

The next morning they were still there, except for two who moved up to my grape arbor. They were walking around in my back yard (which in the city, is about the size of most of your driveways), making themselves at home, and the worst part was that the dog was walking around as well and paying no attention to them whatsoever (apparently he bonded with them when they were in the cage, because he was just a big fuzzy teddy bear to them). I shooed them away, and they just gave me a dirty look and flew back up to a higher spot in the yard. So I went off to work, hoping that they'd be gone when I returned.

Back from work, and only one of them was still there. I figured I was home free, and went to bed early, secure in the belief that my problem was over. Next morning I woke up, and two of them were on my bedroom windowsill, looking at me, and the rest of them were lined up on my back wall, also looking at me. My wife and I were beginning to know what Tippi Hedren and Rod Taylor felt like in that Hitchcock movie which shall remain nameless. Except in the movie, I don't recall guano playing as significant a part in the plot as it seemed to be in my little passion play (you do the visualization for yourself!).

I've also lost much of the respect I had for people that train pigeons to be homers. I always figured it was some mysterious process, only slightly easier than teaching a dog to hold a cast into the wind. Turns out that apparently all you have to do is feed the beasts for a week and they'll turn your place into home faster than a Clinton in Chapaqua.

Well, to make a long story endless, the situation didn't change much over the next week – these guys were now trained homers, and I didn't know what to do about it. The dog was firmly ensconced as their protector, and our cat, who over the years has been a much better hunter than me, is 16 and has just the one tooth left and no front claws, so he wasn't be putting much of a scare into them. I could have shot them with a pellet gun, but Nils had finally passed his first senior, and I didn't want to tick him off by doing in his new little friends until he passed the rest of the tests for his title. Quite the quandary, all the more so because it was totally self-inflicted!

Luckily, over the following two weeks they started to drift away. We went to the Outer Banks for ten days, and upon our return, we were alone at last, and I have stopped hosing off the bricks in the backyard twice a day. A successful duck season has come and gone, Nils Lofgren's Moontears got his MHR, and all is right with the world. Enjoy the remainder of your hunting season, and be very careful what you bring in from the wild – it may be with you longer than you think!





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## ***Announcing New Membership Categories***

### **Introductory Membership**

In an effort to assist clubs in their efforts to recruit more members an introductory NAHRA membership category has been created. First time NAHRA members are eligible for a reduced membership rate of 25 dollars for an individual or 30 for a family membership. This rate is for first time members only and is only available for the first year of membership. Renewal will be at NAHRA's current membership rates.

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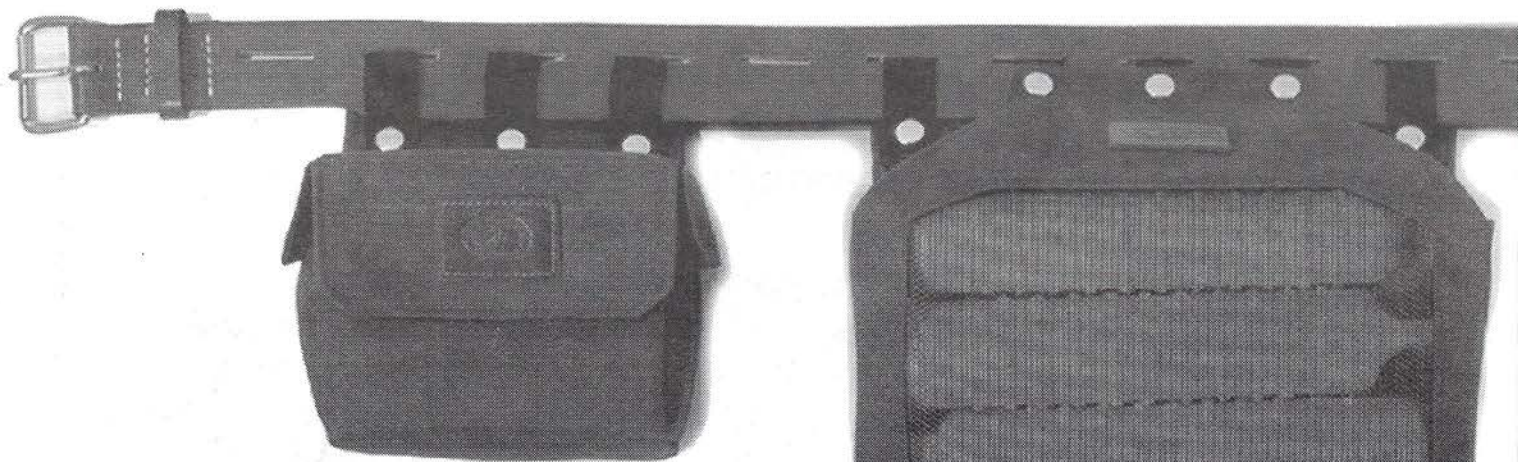
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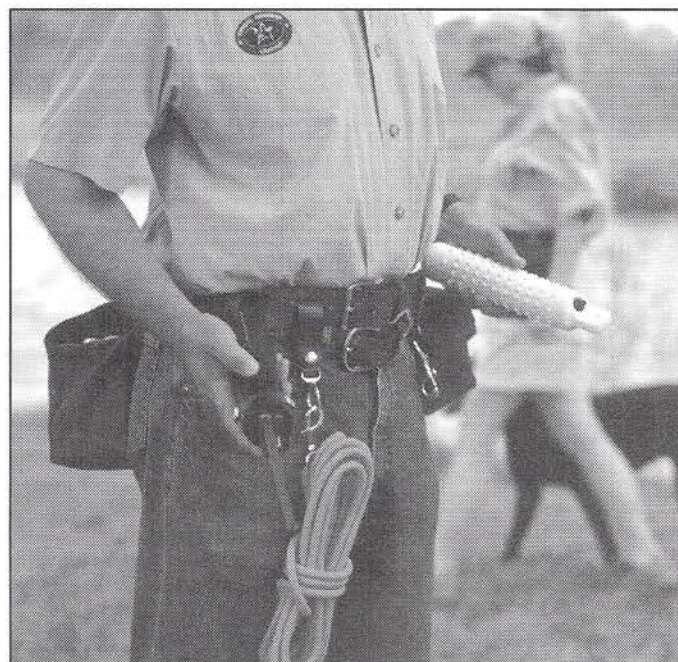
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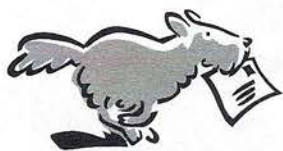
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FROM THE

## REGIONS



### NORTHWEST REGION

*Jeff Smith, Northwest Liaison*

Hi folks,

Thank goodness winter is about over. Like me I am sure most are waiting for spring. Things are all set for the year as far as test dates and once again the Northwest has a pretty full plate.

The Wild Rose Hunting Retriever Club in Calgary, AB is hosting the 2003 regional. The date for that event is July 12<sup>th</sup>. From What I can tell so far it looks to be a first class event. During the week between the regional and the Edmonton test, there will be a Judges clinic and possibly a Handlers clinic. The Alberta Clipper Club will be hosting those clinics. I don't have all the details yet but will for the June NAHRA News.

I had the great fortune of winning the hunt that E-Circle-E so generously donated to the 2002 regional in Spokane. The E-Circle-E is in Meckling, SD. Which is located in the south east corner of the state. The E-Circle-E consists of 3400 acres. 2000

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If you're looking to travel to the Dakotas either this coming fall or in the future you should keep The E-Circle-E in mind. You will be pleased that you did.

You can find more information at <http://www.ecirclee.com/>

I would like to once again thank the E-Circle-E for supporting the NAHRA Regional.

Good luck with the dogs this year. We will see you at the line.





## **The DFT and Me**

**By: Diana Panico Pintel**

The DFT means the Dead Fowl Trainer. It is an object that looks like a duck, but it is not a real bird. The North American Hunting Retriever Association (NAHRA) has now approved it on a trial basis for use at a couple of hunting tests. It has caused an uproar heard round the hunting world. There have been many letters written to the NAHRA about the DFT. The letters I have read are articulate and make many good points. The regional test in Virginia was put on using DFT's only. I think if the hunters who made such strong objections to them would read the comments about the use of the DFT's at the test, they would have a better idea of their usefulness. I have been involved in hunting tests since 1986 and have done some of the training myself. The extreme anger over using these items scares me in that the warm relationship between hunters and their pals is an important part of the whole game of training and hunting. Is it really necessary to come so unglued over the topic?

We have traveled from our home in Chester, California to Calgary, Alberta and to Phoenix, Arizona to participate in AKC and NAHRA hunting events. We have seen beautiful flocks of birds and scenery beyond heavenly. My dogs have always made me proud and sometimes ecstatic with their wonderful work. We would not have had that travel without the tests. We have met great friends and have almost always had fun.

This year we went to the Port of Dewatto in the state of Washington, a very isolated and remote spot of real beauty. We had been there 10 years earlier to the day to finish the NAHRA Brass Band on our now gone Katie girl. It was now time for her granddaughter Bailey to do her stuff and finish her NAHRA brass band. This was to be her fourth straight attempt. I think she was the only show bred Labrador in sight, and on that day she shined like her grandmother before her. Ten years ago I ran her grandma Katie. This year my husband Victor ran our Bailey in the test. We had to be in Canada the afternoon before so we drove at 5:00 pm through Seattle traffic to get to Puget Sound. We got there just at dark. It took 5 hours to go 100 miles, and the traffic had just about done us in. She was running number three at 8:00 am. The first two birds were to be pigeons, and the first fall

was about 100 yards away down into a gully. She was just outstanding. The second bird was a live shot flyer and became a mass of pigeon feathers. Instead of driving to the site, we had to walk a quarter mile in the heat to the water test because they feared dry grass fires. There were three back to back to back 100 yard swims for ducks as big as she was. It was fairly cool for this time of year, but I knew fatigue was going to play into this. The third one was the live flyer. She marked perfectly. I had never had my dogs do such long swims back to back. Victor said she was caught in the weeds and sucking air like the old dogs as she came in with the last monster duck. We drove back to Canada that evening really proud.

The cost of birds and the availability is becoming a problem for some clubs. Personally I don't see the difference between using a DFT and a bumper. The cost to clubs for DFT's is more than birds to start with. In Canada they save their shot birds from the hunting season to reuse. This method results in little or no expense to the club. Everyone likes to see the best bird care possible at the trials. From what I have been told, many animals such as poultry and beef cattle currently raised for food do not now get the best care. Human treatment of pen-raised birds should be a concern for all clubs, and I think it is. I have included in this article the official clarification on the use of DFT's written by Dave Cannings, the president of NAHRA.

I will always train, run trials and work our dogs. It would be great to have friends that also have those goals. The fear of many hunters appears to me to be that their rights to hunt may be infringed upon; this fear seems unfounded. The tests with DFT's do allow the judges to test trainability, persistence and marking. I think an open forum is good, but when people become so angry that they can't talk, nothing gets solved. The family atmosphere of the North American Hunting Retriever Association has always been a plus to keep us going back to their events. Our Bailey lives to retrieve. She is not selective with regard to whether or not she should retrieve birds, dead fowl trainers, bumpers, sticks or balls. She will be at the Southwest Regional with bells on, her high driving spirit going after whatever we send her for.





# NORTH AMERICAN HUNTING RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2003

Updated 3/17/03

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- 15-16 Western Arizona Gun Dogs**, Camp Verde, AZ, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Debra Bouldin, 520-567-9431, dbould@cybertails.com
- 22-23 Delta Islands HRC**, Los Banos, CA, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Laurna Hammond, 530-243-4970, email: laurnah@jps.net
- 28-30 Northern Piedmont RC**, Hiedlersburg, PA, 2ST/2IN/1SR, Larry Housman, 410-837-5873, email: housmanconstruction@erols.com
- 29-30 Rappahannock River RC**, TBA, 2ST/2IN, Bradley Sisson, 703-330-2025, email: gerhardt@erols.com

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- 5-6 Navesink River HRC**, New Egypt, NJ, 2SR, John Lucas, 215-321-4114, email: john.lucas@amersham.com
- 5-6 Southern Maryland HRC**, Cheltenham, MD, 1ST/1IN/1SR, Tony Hunt, 410-263-1840, email: tonyhunt@sundun.com
- 12-13 Shenandoah Valley HRC**, Weyers Cave, VA, 2ST/2IN, Darlene Quackenbush, 540-433-8987, email: daq@rica.net
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- 31-1 Saco River Valley RC**, TBA, 1ST/1IN/1SR, Donna Hammond, 207-625-4825, email: rhammond@midmaine.com
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- 7-8 Horseshoe Hunting Retriever Club**, Orangeville, ON, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Chris Snow, 519-853-1384, email: calleybear@sympatico.ca
- 7-8 Spokane Bird Dog Association**, Espanola, WA, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Pete Belben, email: pbelben@tsunamicomm.net
- 7 Rocky Mountain Regional, Mountain and Prairie HRA**, Denver, CO, 1ST/1IN/1SR, Melody Anders, 303-838-5247, email: manders63@msn.com
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- 7-8 Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association**, Anchorage, AK, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Tim Baker, 907-783-3156, Fax: 907-267-2434, email: tim\_baker\_ak@hotmail.com
- 13-15 Central Flyway HRA**, Minot, ND, 3ST/3IN/3SR, Sheri Lien, 701-839-0522, email: centralflywayhra@yahoo.com
- 21-22 Lake Champlain Retriever Club**, Panton, VT, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Kenneth Bora, 802-863-1576, email: kenneth.bora@verizon.net
- 21-22 Alberta Clipper HRA**, Edmonton, AB, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Lois Aitken,

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- 21-22 Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association**, Anchorage, AK, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Tim Baker, 907-783-3156, Fax: 907-267-2434, email: tim\_baker\_ak@hotmail.com
- 28-29 Treasure Valley HRC**, Payette, ID, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Laura Kinney, 208-250-8808, email: Laura\_kinney@msn.com

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- 9-10 Colorado Hunting Retrievers**, Denver, CO, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Mike Wentworth, 303-287-2745, email:



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- 9-10 **Puget Sound Retriever Club**, Port of Dewatto, WA, 1ST/1IN/1SR, Tim Lockard, 360-598-3818, email: tlockard@linknet.kitsap.lib.wa.us
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- 23 **Club du chien rapporteur de la Mauricie**, Baie-du-Febvre, Quebec, 1ST/1IN/1SR, Gerard Bergeron, 819-378-1938, email: bolduc.daniel@tr.cgocable.ca
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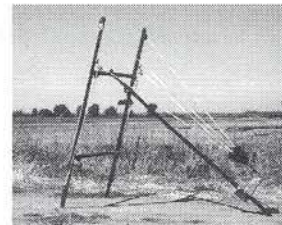
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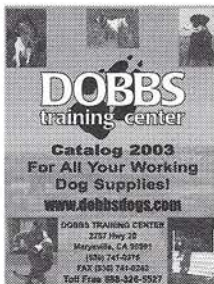
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## FROM THE REGIONS



### ***SOUTHWEST REGION***

***By: Roy Horsley, Southwest Liaison***

*(Special report on the LVHRC field test February 22-23, 2003).*

Decisions! Decisions! Decisions! What to do? What to do? We have all been there individually, with our work, our families, our hobbies and..... with our hunting retriever or gun dog clubs. To reach an intelligent "Decision", we weigh the facts, the impacts, the positives the negatives, etc. and then we make the "Decision" and hope for the best. The Las Vegas Hunting Retriever Club was faced with making a "Decision" recently regarding their annual field test. The New Castle Disease found in Southern Nevada, primarily Clark County, instituted a "No Bird Movement". Meaning no pigeons, ducks, pheasants, anything with feathers could be moved within the quarantine area and no birds could leave or enter. What were we going to do? What were our alternatives? First, we could cancel the test. That seemed the best solution. The Nevada Veterinarian in charge, Dr. Thain, of the Agriculture Department, and the Nevada Division of Wildlife in Las Vegas, Fred Henson of law enforcement in charge of permits were very helpful and encouraging stating they would do every thing they could to assist us and the possibility of using birds may be possible. They just had to get the permit system in place. This was the later part of January. So as a club we decided to go ahead with the test. Premiums had already been mailed. The New Castle Hot Line was checked daily. As February approached and not much progress the club started looking at other alternatives. The use of Dokens or "simulated birds" was discussed at length. The majority response was not "NO!" but Hell No! Ok. So..... back to square one. Again the discussion turned to "simulated birds". A letter was written to NAHRA explaining our dilemma and the club asked for authorization to use DFT's. I found out quickly that there is a procedure in place that clubs need to follow if they have a need to use DFT's. I received a letter stating such and that the NAHRA board of directors would have to discuss our situation and put the decision to a vote. Which they did. I received an e-mail from each board member expression their concerns. They were very understanding of our dilemma, offered suggestions and give the club their support. Meanwhile the New Castle Task Force was conducting weekly inspections all over the county. The Anderson Dairy at Hidden Valley conduct VIP pheasant hunts during the year and under the quarantine, could not use their pheasants. The inspections revealed their birds to be clean. NDOW said we could use their birds and issued the club a permit to hold a field test on the Overton Wildlife Management Area. We contacted the manager and made arrangements to purchase pheasants for our test. Great! We had birds. We still could not use ducks or pigeons. The club planned to use pheasant for all series of the test at first. Knowing that pheasants would not be very good to use on water the discussion came back to using the DFT's or simulated birds on the water series only for the Intermediate and Senior Stakes. Retrievers at Intermediate and Senior level should

retrieve what ever they are sent to retrieve. The club decided to use simulated birds only on the water series.

The club made an effort to inform every handler and all the judges prior to the test that simulated birds were going to be used in the water series of the test for Intermediate and Senior stakes and that handlers could receive a full refund if they so desired. Not one handler asked for a refund. The Judges were very cooperative and set up the tests using their experience and expertise and the use of simulated birds were greatly minimized on the water series.

I went into detail regarding LVHRC and their test due to the rumors floating around on the internet forums. Now you have heard "the rest of the story".

I want to make it very clear that the LVHRC does not plan on using DFT's in any future test unless a similar situation arises. The Club was between a rock and a hard spot and thank goodness for DFT's, a great test was enjoyed by all handlers.

LVHRC held their test as scheduled. It was very successful. Simulated birds were used very sparingly and only on the water series. I never heard one complaint. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Especially the dogs.

The club appreciates the support from NAHRA and the Southwest Region.

The president of NAHRA, Dave Cannings attended the test on Saturday to watch his dog Hunter run. Handlers had an opportunity to talk with Dave as I did and are excited regarding the future activities of NAHRA. Jeff Smith, a member of the Board of Directors trained at Overton one week prior to the test and one week after. I had an opportunity to visit with Jeff. I feel he is a great shot in the arm for NAHRA and for the NAHRA membership. He is very committed and has some exciting projects in the works. Jeff spoke to the handlers at our Saturday night dinner. He was very informative and answered several questions.

The Kerns HRC had a very successful test the first week end in February. Gordy Wise and his club were very organized. Great grounds. San Joaquin HRC held their test on March 1&2. I wasn't able to attend but a few LVHRC members attended and said it was a good test, I believe the word "Meaty" was used. Congrats to Larry Brown and his officers and staff. Western Arizona Gun Dog will be holding their test on March 15-16. I would like to thank Brent and Debra Bouldin for their perseverance for keeping the WAG test going. A good example of what a few members can do. They put on a great test in a unique setting at Camp Verde, AZ. Delta Islands will hold their test on March 22-23 at Los Banos.

For those who haven't gotten the information on the South West Regional, Central Coast will be hosting. It will be held on July 5-6 at Camp Roberts.

In closing, as the new Southwest Liaison, I would encourage members to get back to or continue having fun in your clubs. Create activities that will increase membership and motivation. Don't worry about the NAHRA administration. We are in good hands. Let's support the program we all have enjoyed for so many years, for many more years to come.







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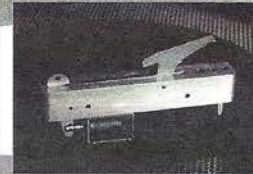
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# Guide to Choosing Your Next Labrador Retriever Puppy

By: Rick Steenhoven

## 1. *Choosing the Breeder*

Choosing the breeder is one of the most important elements of having a healthy, well behaved, well socialized, well-mannered dog. Some basic questions to pose to a breeder that you are considering buying a puppy from;

- A. Do they offer a written guarantee for their puppies?
- B. Has a veterinarian thoroughly checked every puppy?
- C. Have BOTH parents had their Eyes certified by the CERF?
- D. Have BOTH parents had their Hips certified by OFA or PENN Hip?
- E. Can they provide detailed health records for the parents?
- F. Do the Parents Hunt? And are they well disciplined? Are they titled?
- G. Have they had their dewclaws removed, been wormed and received puppy shots?
- H. Have they been introduced to pigeons or other live birds by at least 6 weeks old?
- I. Have they been introduced to water and taught to swim by at least 7 weeks old?
- J. Have they been introduced to gunshots by at least 6 weeks old?
- K. Is the Kennel/Facility Clean, and Sanitary?
- L. Do the breeders have a list of references from prior breedings?
- M. Have they maintained and provide health records for each puppy?
- N. Do they speak and act like experienced breeders?
- O. Do they provide a certified copy of a pedigree for the puppies
- P. Do they breed dogs professionally, or just to make a few bucks on the side?

An answer of "NO" to more than a couple of these questions could mean that the breeder is not up to the standards that you should be looking for when choosing your best friend and hunting companion for the next 12-14 years. The first step in selecting your next "super-pup" is to locate some reputable breeders. These reputable breeders will very likely command a significant amount more for their pups than the average "backyard breeding". Most of these backyard breedings greatest credentials are "parents hunt", or "great nose", or "AKC". Some even state "pedigree". Every breeder should provide you with a certified pedigree for that litter. These type ads are found in every newspaper-classified section across the country. Always be very cautious in choosing your breeder. An extra couple hundred dollars up front is a very good insurance policy against several hundred dollars spent on health concerns or products of bad breeding. Not to mention the heartbreak of spending 2 years of time, money and effort into training and caring for a dog only to find him coming up lame at a couple years old because of the product of a bad breeding. Hip dysplasia is a very serious problem in many breeds (to include the Labrador Retriever). The best defense is against these hereditary health concerns is good breeding.

## 2. *Evaluating A Pedigree*

A pedigree is merely a document showing the family tree of your dog. Any purebred registered dog can have a pedigree. The American Kennel Club (AKC) is one entity that maintains registration records and registers purebred dogs. The United Kennel Club (UKC) and the Canadian Kennel Club (CKC) are two other recognized registries. The most common registry in the United States is the AKC. Pedigrees can be provided by any number of entities, some of which include all known titles regardless of which organization awarded them. These are by far the best pedigrees to evaluate a puppy, as they are all inclusive rather than restricted to one entity. There are a number of entities that award titles to dogs for specific accomplishments. Some of these entities are; North American Hunting Retriever Association (NAHRA), North American Versatile hunting Dog Assoc. (NAVHDA), Pointing Lab Association, the AKC, the UKC, etc.



When evaluating a pedigree, you want to look for a few basic elements. One important element of a pedigree is the Field Titles. A pup with a large number of Field Titles in its pedigree is much more likely to exhibit better instinctive hunting traits than one without such proven lineage. It should be noted that a pedigree obtained from the AKC will only show field titles awarded by the AKC. Therefore, Canadian Field Champion titles will not appear on an AKC pedigree, and vice-versa. Some typical Field titles seen on pedigrees are; Field Champion (FC) Amateur Field Champion (AFC), Canadian Field Champion (CFC), Grand Master Hunting Retriever (GMHR), Master Hunting Retriever (MHR) National Field Champion (NFC), Master Hunting Retriever, Working Retriever (WR), Started Retriever (SR) Master Hunter (MH), Senior Handler (SH), etc...

Another important element that can be evaluated by a pedigree is to see if line breeding or in-breeding has been performed. Although there are a very small number of people who condone line breeding and in-breeding, it is generally a very-frowned upon practice. For the novice, line-bred or in-bred pups should be generally avoided.

### **3. Picking Your Puppy**

Now that you have chosen a breeder and a particular litter of puppies, its time to choose your pup. The first questions needed to be posed to yourself; Do I want a male or a female? Do I want a larger or smaller conformation dog? Do I want a laid back temperament, or do I want a tightly wound dog? Do I want a more dependent or independent dog. Basically, you need to decide in your mind, based on the duties and lifestyle the dog will be assigned, just what kind of a dog you are seeking.

If you have done your homework well, and are dealing with a reputable breeder, this is the time to ask their input. If they are indeed good breeders, they have already been looking at the temperaments of the individual puppies. Since they have seen them in action daily, they have a better idea of which puppies are becoming the more dominant and which are more submissive. They can tell which ones are extremely birds, and which ones are brave verses a little more timid. By communicating with your breeder just what you are seeking in a puppy, you should be able to get adequate feedback to assist in making your decision. The reason the breeder or caretakers input is so important is because they see them every day, and can detect their patterns. The problems with a brief visit to pick a puppy are that you may be experiencing this puppy on any given period of his sleep-eat-playhard-lay around cycle. Just because you see one puppy acting very laid back at any given moment may not indicate that is his normal behavior pattern. He may just be getting wound down. Hence, the importance of the breeders/caretakers input. The next test for any hunting dog is to see how they respond to a taped winged pigeon. Some puppies will jump right in and drag them around, where some might have an interest, but are not quite ready to jump in and grab it. Another good test is to call the puppies from a distance and see which respond well in coming to you. Bear in mind that when puppies are first let out of the cage, they come readily, but after a while of romping, they tend to not come to you so quickly. The more time you can allocate to spending with the available puppies, the better chance you will have at evaluating their individual potential for your own purposes.

Now that you have made your selection, take super pup home and start bonding with him. The payback will be 100 fold back to you. Puppies, as well as adult dogs need to have attention, mental & physical stimulation, love, affection, and a warm dry shelter to sleep in. If you have done your homework correctly you are well on your way to many years of wonderful hunting and outdoor experiences together.

Happy Training!

*Editor's Note: Rick Steenhoven owns and operates North Country Kennels in Parker, South Dakota*





# NAHRA 2002 Profit & Loss Statement

*Jan - Dec '02*

## Ordinary Income/Expense

### Income

Fees	80,826.88
Sales ( Inc'l NAHRA NEWS ads )	5,147.00
Services	587.31
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>86,561.19</b>

### Cost of Goods Sold

Cost of Goods Sold	319.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>319.00</b>
<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>86,242.19</b>

### Expenses

NAHRA OFFICE	9,268.44
Promotional items	4,794.60
2001 Payroll Taxes	6,826.67
Professional	1,062.60
Purchase Dell Computer	3,108.86
NAHRA NEWS	12,375.72
Postage and Delivery	4,711.43
Office Supplies and Printing	5,115.55
Payroll Expenses	
Office payroll	47,017.36
Payroll Tax	3,652.83
<b>Total payroll Inc'l 2002 Taxes</b>	<b>50,670.19</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>97,934.06</b>

**Net Ordinary Income ( LOSS ON OPERATIONS )**  
(11,691.87)

**Other Income**

**Other Income**

10,000.00

**Net Income**

**( LOSS )**

**(1,691.87)**



## **News from the NAHRA Board**

Greetings:

I hope this note finds most of you out from under the winter weather or at least seeing the promise of spring. Its been a wet winter here, fortunately the birds did not seem to mind.

I am pleased to have a few new things to tell you on the NAHRA front. First is the creation of a title for the 1000 Point Dogs. NAHRA has recognized these 46 terrific canine athletes in the past, however we have not awarded them a title. Given the level of training and performance required to achieve 1000 points that seems a shame, It is with great pleasure that we announce the creation of the title Master Champion (MC). If you are the owner of one of NAHRA's 1000 Point dogs we would very much like to have a picture of your dog for inclusion on a web page we are creating that honors these dogs accomplishments. Watch for further developments on the recognition of these finest examples of the NAHRA program in the upcoming year.

In an effort to help clubs attract new members and to encourage new handlers to join NAHRA rather than pay the non-member entry fee NAHRA has created an introductory membership rate. First time NAHRA members are eligible for a reduced membership rate of 25 dollars for an individual or 30 for a family membership. This rate is for first time members only and is only available for the first year of membership. Renewal will be at NAHRA's current membership rates. Further to encourage the participation of youth members and to ease the financial burden on young adults participating in NAHRA a Young Handlers category for those 21 years of age or under is available for 20 dollars. Young Handlers will be eligible for this rate and renewal at this rate until they no longer meet the age criteria.

The past year has been rewarding for me in my role as Vice-President/Secretary. I was able to travel around the country quite a bit and meet a lot of great people and see some really fine dogs. Just so no one gets the wrong impression, the NAHRA Board travels at its own expense and is no way reimbursed or compensated for this travel. As a part of my travels I have been honored to be asked to judge in 4 different regions. The dog work is surprisingly uniform across the regions, yet the local specialties born of the hunting environment in which the dog lives really shine. I have had some great times telling dog stories and exchanging views on the memberships needs and wants. It can be pretty easy to forget why we all do this sometime, I know I am guilty of this myself and was harshly reminded of that this year with the loss of a dog who has been with me since I began running NAHRA. Ashley was a blast to run and while independent and occasionally pretty rude could turn out some great performances from time to time. Losing her and remembering the tests we ran, the judges who I shared a laugh with and the people we met put me squarely back where I belong. We do this for fun, our dogs and ours. As you stand at the line this year and watch the results of your training, take the time to really enjoy the company of your partner and the fellowship of your judges and fellow handlers, that blur breaking cover ahead of you is reason enough.

Be well and hope to see many of you this year.

**Jim Vandergiessen**  
**For the NAHRA Board of Directors**



# TITLES

## STARTED HUNTING RETRIEVER

BAIN'S GINGER BELLE OF SOUTHLAND, LAB, F, 4/14/2001, J. PHILIP BAIN JR. & SARAH V. BAIN; BLACKJACK ELI'S ANNIE, LAB, F, 5/13/2001, JAMES SCOTT ELLIS; CEASARSCREEK'S PROUD HUNTER, LAB, F, 10/6/1999, ROB NEW; CHANCE OF GUNFIRE, LAB, M, 9/19/2000, JAMES J. O'CONNELL & LINDA F. O'CONNELL; CINNAMON, LAB/GOLDEN, F, 9/25/1997, LOREN ERICKSON; DEEP RUN MOOSE THE DEUCE, LAB, M, 9/13/2001, STEPHEN DUNAWAY & ELIZABETH DUNAWAY; FLYWAY CEILIDH, LAB, F, 8/22/2001, JOHN & VICKI CLARKE; GEORGE'S TYRANOSAURUS REX, LAB, M, 5/11/2001, GEORGE D. BROCK & INGRID R. BROCK; GRANITE'S JUMPIN ZACH KOBE, LAB, F, 8/30/2000, BARBARA A. SAMPSON; GREENWING DRAKE, LAB, M, 10/29/2001, JOHN G. DENNIS & RYAN J. DENNIS; HIGHEST DIXIE DOES DUCKS, LAB, F, 10/8/2001, BILLY W. JEWETT; HOWARD'S YELLOW MISS MOLLY, LAB, F, 5/9/2000, HOWARD G. MESSERER; KERRYBROOK'S RED WHITE & BLUE, LAB, M, 11/10/2001, PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; LADY TEAK OF LONG LAKE, LAB, F, 5/25/2001, LYLIA RAPELJE; LENNOXLOVE'S RED RIVER TANGO, NSDTR, M, 3/21/1997, KIM SIMONS & TERRY SIMMONS; POOLE'S WATER PRINCE WAITING, LAB, M, 10/23/2000, JOHN BRUNJES & KRISTINA J. BRUNJES; RANDALL'S HOUSE O' WINDSOR, LAB, M, 6/25/2000, RORY BERGES & LORI BERGES; RETRIEVENS A BREEZE, LAB, F, 10/13/2000, LISA A. WALTERS; REVILO RK'S SWEET ACECAPE, LAB, F, 6/28/1997, PHYLLIS GIROUX DVM & JACK JAGODA; RIVER RIDGE LOUIE'S MORGAN, LAB, F, 9/17/1999, BRUCE M. WILLIAMS & LYNN M. WILLIAMS; SCARLET'S SOUTHERN CHARM, LAB, F, 4/21/2000, STEVEN E. DRUIETT & SALLIE H. DRUIETT; SILVERBROOK'S MARSHWATER MADNESS, LAB, F, 10/13/2001, STEVEN E. DRUIETT & SALLIE H. DRUIETT; WAYSIDE'S BABE ON FIRE, LAB, F, 1/12/2001, BARBARA R. LINDSAY

## WORKING RETRIEVER

BAIN'S GINGER BELLE OF SOUTHLAND, LAB, F, 4/14/2001, J. PHILIP BAIN JR. & SARAH V. BAIN; CHOCOLATE THUNDER DOWN UNDER, LAB, F, 5/20/1997, JOAN ST. HILAIRE; FLYWAY CEILIDH, LAB, F, 8/22/2001, JOHN & VICKI CLARKE; LITTLE LICKING RUN MAGNOLIA, LAB, F, 2/24/2000, GREGG T. LEONARD & JEAN M. LEONARD; POWER PETE'S BLUE STREAK, LAB, M, 5/14/2001, WILLIAM R. JEWETT; TYLER TAKES FLIGHT, LAB, M, 10/29/1999, CLYDE A. BURKS

## MASTER HUNTING RETRIEVER

BICKSLER'S MAJOR, LAB, M, 8/20/1996, DAVID M. BICKSLER; CHASE'S GOTTA LOTTA MOXIE, LAB, F, 7/20/1997, MELVIN E. & MARIA P. MCKNIGHT; CHOCOLATE THUNDER DOWN UNDER, LAB, F, 5/20/1997, JOAN ST. HILAIRE; DEEP RUN CHARISMA, LAB, F, 11/2/1998, PHYLLIS GIROUX DVM & JACK JAGODA; DEEP RUN RISKY BUSINESS, LAB, F, 1/31/1998, PHYLLIS GIROUX & JACK JAGODA; POCO GRANDE'S STORMY RAG MAN, LAB, M, 8/22/1995, JOHN E. COWLBECK; REBEL RIDGE ZIPPERS DYNASTAR, LAB, F, 2/15/1998, DON QUACKENBUSH

## GRAND MASTER HUNTING RETRIEVER

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