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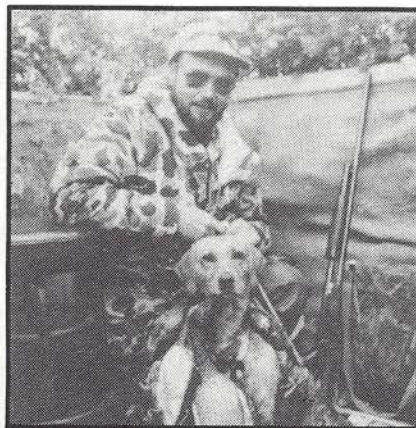
President's Bark

New Year. New ideas. Commitments and resolutions. A time to be retrospective as well as forward looking. Wring out the old and ring in the new!

First a recap is in order. 1985 witnessed NAHRA progress at a truly astounding rate. January saw us projecting twenty events and when the snow settled on New Year's Eve, 34 very successful events in 17 different states had come to the 1 ----, UH, point of origin! A nice fat 70% increase over projections. Total entries averaged close to 90 per event with several nearly doubling that figure, and that's not counting James River's immensely successful February licensed test which was one of the best attended retriever field events in history.

Judging Seminars blossomed throughout the U.S. and Canada in 1985 with Annie, Tar, Penny Rose, Jack and Bomber, among others, performing near Winnipeg, Fredericksburg, Bakersfield, Washington, D.C., Columbia, Erie, Cedar Rapids, St. Cloud and Spokane. If you missed the traveling ad show in '85 take heart because Penny and I kick off the new season March 22, 23 back in Spokane! Additionally, plans are underway with the National Rifle Association for other NAHRA/NRA retriever seminars nationwide in 1986.

After another mini snafu with the U.S. Postal system, renewals hit the mails in early December. Many had never received the original fourth class mailing. So much for saving postage when you're talking memberships. The good news is that renewals are rolling in at between 25 to 50 per day. Similarly



club renewals, even with many annual meetings not scheduled until the end of February, are also crowding the post office. Even with the advent of two rival organizations it appears that the season should see us start with approximately 75 clubs in more than 30 states and provinces. That's down some from the 90 of last year but what is significant is that nearly all are actively holding NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field Tests. We're confident in our expectations for 100 events in '86! What's even better is that 1986 should see the advent of licensed events in Canada!

1985 also gained prominence in that it saw NAHRA crown its first Master Hunting Retriever, Trieven Thunder Annie owned by Diana Jagoda and ably handled by Jack Jagoda. Before the year ended "Annie" was joined by Ivan Morgan's Southland Virginia Slim, Jean Everest's Tuckahoe Beau of Fairfax and Bruce Jackson's Mama's Boy Buck. 1986 will see many others join this exalted company.

Not all of 1985, of course, was a rose petal strewn path. Problems did arise, members had difficulty receiving the NAHRA NEWS on time; we lacked a primary communication network with our individual members, and rules great-

ly restricted event revenues of affiliated clubs. Remembering that we're the Little Retriever Club That Does we've resolved to improve these performances in 1986.

First, everyone must realize that we're totally a volunteer outfit with the exception of 1 secretary, no member is paid for any service. We do darn good on a tight budget and the NAHRA NEWS is an informative communication. It is on occasion late because it's sent fourth class mail and sometimes we've got to put food on our own tables first. First Class postage and a paid staff would improve all that but we feel that money can be better spent elsewhere. What is being done is that the indomitable Richard A. Wolters has accepted the task of writing a monthly newsletter to all members. It's not going to be long but it is going to be informative and should nicely bridge the gap created by the quarterly publication schedule of the NAHRA NEWS. The first of these is on its way to you now. We think you'll like it.

Secondly, to provide additional revenues to clubs holding licensed events and to build enthusiasm among members and participants the Directors in January initiated two important rule changes. First, for the first time ever NAHRA will license a class for dogs not yet ready for Started. No title points will be awarded but puppies successfully completing the program will receive handsome ribbons and a great boost as they enter the Started and other events.

Additionally, the Directors decided not to deny Started and Intermediate Certificates and points to dogs and owners simply because they successfully completed a more difficult event. Henceforth, the successful completion of a licensed Intermediate event will not

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Letters, nasty, thoughtful, and otherwise, to the Editor.

Book Editor:

I never have gotten my NAHRA NEWS on time. You guys are great and have a fantastic program, but how can I know what's going on-on time?

L.O. - California

Dear L.O.:

Check out El President's column in this issue. A new monthly newsletter is being instituted to supplement NAHRA NEWS, nothing fancy, just straight from the hip. vintage Richard A. Wolters!

Ed.

Dear Editor:

I read the story on the Labrador Retriever in the magazine *Connoisseur*. I believe in you guys for trying to save Retrievers because I have two of them—Smokey and Bandit.

I love them very much and always will. I want you to try and write in your book that a 13 year old kid named Tim Ferriss from Kodiak, Alaska is trying to help.

Tim F. - Alaska

ear Tim:

What can we say? You're the greatest!

Ed

Dear Editor:

I have heard from several sources that NAHRA will no longer allow AKC registered dogs to participate. Does this mean that only dogs registered with NAHRA are eligible?

W.H. - California

Dear W.H.:

NAHRA is not a breed registry. We do provide Field Test Numbers (FTN) for unregistered dogs, those from unaccredited registries, or those from unaccepted breeds, but rest assured if your retriever is registered with the AKC, UKC, Boykin Spaniel Society, CKC or American Field, he can participate without getting a FTN. Ed.

Dear Editor:

I am the first time owner of a dog, a four month old Standard Poodle.

If your organization includes poodles in your description of hunting and retrieving dogs, I would like to join and support your efforts. I would like to

learn more about sports that include retrieving with my dog.

K.E. - California

Dear K.E.:

Why not join anyway? With a FTN you may participate and you and your dog will fulfill your wish to learn more.

Ed.

WING TIPS

Pigeons and other birds often are carriers of viruses and bacteria which are communicable to humans. Don't take any chances while around your bird pen where fluttering wings often stir up more than old Six Pack. Wear disposable plastic gloves and face respirator. You'll feel a little foolish but no one but Six Pack and the birds are going to see you and they already know what you look like! Better safe than sorry!

While on the subject, remember that pigeons are easiest to catch in winter

just after a fresh snow has blanketed their normal food sources. Bait a trap at your local feed store or grainery with some nice yellow cracked corn and a set or two will keep you and Six Pack in birds for several outings. Usually the leaving, with the manager, of a quart or two of Dick Wolters famous milkshakes will guarantee a welcome for you and your traps.

Winter is also a great time for those of us in less temperate times to train. You don't need Dick's lawnmower to beat a trail to practice some lining drills and the snow covered frozen surface of

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prohibit a dog from finishing its Started program and similarly the completion of a Licensed Senior event will not prevent a dog from finishing either Started or Intermediate. Club revenues are certain to increase as is member participation.

A year of licensed events have taught everyone there are no cheap points in NAHBA.

So there you have it. The past year nicely recapitulated and resolutions for the New.

We'll continue to listen, we'll respond and together we'll finish crafting the best hunting retriever program ever!


Ned Spear

Master Hunting

NAHRA is both pleased and proud to provide biographical sketches for the following retrievers who have successfully completed the demanding require-

ments for the title Master Hunting Retriever, and are now entitled to carry the coveted prefix MHR in



MHR TRIEVEN THUNDER ANNIE

Owned by: Diana Jagoda
12-22-78, Lab, F, AKC, SC685700
Sire: FC-AFC-CFC Trieven Thunderhead
Dam: Trieven Dreamboat Anny
Breeder: Jay and Val Walker
Owner: Jack & Diana Jagoda
35 Misty Ln.
Stafford, VA 22554

Annie was purchased from Trieven Kennels in Oregon. She is a full sister to FC Trieven Taking A Chance and FC Trieven Twenty Twenty.

At 14 weeks old she began running puppy stakes and placed in every trial she entered. She became the four state (Penn-Del-Mar-Va) puppy champion in 1979. In the Spring of 1981, Annie won the Virginia State Gun Dog Championship. Later that year, Annie was sent with Junnie Harris, a professional trainer, from Port Royal, Va. Annie remained with Junnie for close to two years and became an AKC Qualified All-Age dog.

In the winter of 1982, Annie returned home for the hunting season and was bred to FC-AFC Itchin' To Go. This breeding produced MHR Southland Virginia Slim. After her litter, Annie retired from field trials but continued to run Gun Dog stakes and became the High Point Gun Dog in the Penn-Del-Mar-Va area.

Annie then began running NAHRA Field Tests and in 1985 became the first Master Hunting Retriever (MHR) in the nation.

Annie bunks under our bed at night and guards my desk at the office during the day. She plans to take a few months off after the hunting season to raise another family. She has just been bred to NAFC-FC Trumarks Zip Code and is due to whelp in Mid-Feb.

A better hunting companion and loyal friend is hard to find.



Bryan Jones & Ginny

MHR SOUTHLAND VIRGINIA SLIM

Owned by: Ivan Morgan
3-14-83, Lab, F, AKC, SD864371
Sire: FC-AFC Itchin To Go
Dam: MHR Trieven Thunder Annie
Breeder: Jack and Diana Jagoda
Owner: Ivan Morgan
1105 F Spring Street
Silver Spring, MD 20910

This time two years ago I was fortunate enough to find Ginny, my black Labrador Retriever. After the trials and tribulations of having many dogs sent in from different states, at enormous cost, just to find that they were not suitable, I was about to give up. In desperation I answered an ad in the Washington Post for a seven month old started Lab. The type of hunting I do is in the marsh and without the aid of a Retriever it would be virtually impossible to find the birds.

I met with Ginny's breeder and trainer, Jack Jagoda, left him a check for Ginny, and off we went for our three day trial period. Her first real experience with live birds was that same week in the marsh. She was not yet trained for hand signals, but just to retrieve on sight. She retrieved everything she saw; in the water and in dense marsh. Needless to say Jack never received his dog back, and I likewise never reclaimed my check.

Shortly after, we hunted for geese out of a pit blind. She had never seen or retrieved a goose before that day; she made twelve retrieves. Being only seven to eight months old at the time it was a little difficult -- but she handled it.

Now, after two years of training she responds to hand signals, blind retrieves, and whistles. She is not only my hunting dog, but also my companion when hunting. She is very affectionate, and extremely willing to hunt and retrieve. She is very well behaved in the house, in the kennel, and in the blind.

My congratulations to Jack Jagoda for breeding such a fine animal and to Bryan Jones for all his efforts in training and finishing her as a Master Hunting Retriever. These two men are both certainly a tribute to the Hunting Retriever.

I am looking forward in the near future when I will breed Ginny. I hope to then produce several outstanding hunters.

Retriever

ont of their names. All have acquired at least 100 points in Licensed NAHRA Hunting Retriever Field

Tests and each has demonstrated outstanding ability in both upland and water work.



Bryan Jones & Beau

MHR TUCKAHOE BEAU OF FAIRFAX

Owned by: Jean B. Everest
6-5-82, Lab, M, AKC, SD545145
Sire: Tuckahoe Clinchco Jake
Dam: Dimples Darlin
Breeder: Marilyn J. Pocock
Owner: Jean B. Everest
8519 Doyle Drive
Alexandria, VA 22308

MHR Tuckahoe Beau of Fairfax, earned his Master Hunting Retriever title by qualifying at the Palmetto Retriever Club Field Test in November. Beau was sired by Tuckahoe Clinchco Jake, "Big Jake" of Southland Kennels and owned by George R. Pocock. Beau was purchased at the 1982 D.U. auction sponsored by the Fredericksburg, Virginia Chapter of Ducks Unlimited by Mrs. Jean B. Everest. Little did she and her husband, Frank, know what a fine Labrador Retriever they had purchased. At twelve weeks old, Beau was sent to Bryan Jones of Gun Dog Kennels in Spotsylvania, Va. Bryan has been training for ten years and the last six as a professional. Beau lives at home with Jean and Frank during the hunting season and returns to Bryan Jones in the off season. Beau is a truly versatile Retriever, quartering and flushing quail and pheasant, retrieving dove, and waterfowl. After a good days hunt Frank and Beau retire to the warmth of their cabin. While Frank chats with his friends, Beau rests on his masters goosedown coat listening to every word. When Beau is at home he stays inside and is the perfect gentleman, greeting guests, playing with the grandchildren and lounging on the oriental rug. Beau is a fine companion and versatile hunting dog.



Bruce Jackson & Buck

MHR MAMA'S BOY BUCK

Owned by: Bruce Y. Jackson
4-20-81, Lab, M, AKC, SD804896
Sire: Doc of Boykin
Dam: Danae's Teal
Breeder: William Lindler
Owner: Bruce Y. Jackson
Rt. 1, Box 119A
Boykin, S.C. 29128

Buck was given to me by a friend from Boykin, S.C. when he was 6 months of age. He is a result of line breeding with hunting dogs including Luke of Boykin who belonged to me. Luke was responsible for several hundred gun dog pups throughout the Southeast. Buck is a family pet as well as a very versatile hunting dog. He has sired several litters of pups including 4 tri-color litters. Some of his pups have already placed in started and intermediate NAHRA licensed Field Tests.

Intermediate Hunting Retrievers

BERRY'S BLACKWATER MAGGIE

Owned by: George Berry
9-2-84, Lab, F, AKC, SD185077
Sire: Southland Lucky Strike
Dam: Trieven Gone With The Wind
Breeder: John Jagoda, Jr.
Owner: George S. Berry
115 Forbes St.
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
Handler: Bryan Jones

LUCAS MORGAN OF FAIRFAX

Owned by: John Cameron
5-12-84, Lab, M, AKC, SE061406
Sire: Pipers Packin' Pistol Pete
Dam: Wanawin Apple Jack
Breeder: Rick Hunsucker
Owner: John Cameron
13504 Pendleton
Ft. Washington, MD 20744
Handler: Bryan Jones

SHANNANDOAH'S FREE SPRITE

Owned by: William Argabright
4-19-79, Lab, M, AKC, SC664113
Sire: FC-AFC Mon Tour De Force
Dam: Hobby Horse's Ruddy Duck
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Wolters Says

I went to an old fashioned traditional Gun Dog Stake and it left me with a rather good taste in my mouth about NAHRA. Our influence to test a dog for his hunting ability was very evident. The influence is also creeping into the AKC Licensed Field Trials. We are now seeing them use duck calls, many more dry shots, more retiring guns and even running out of boats. The completion of the whole thing is looking a little more like hunting.

The Gun Dog event was not held under NAHRA rules. It has been a traditional stake with the club. They have been doing this gun dog trial for the last fifteen years or more. They keep this event going because they have club trophies with a lot of history behind them. Although the club runs very successful NAHRA Field Tests and licensed trials the old gun dog stake is done because of popular demand. The fact is that this is the event I reported on in Gun Dog Magazine that helped get the whole NAHRA movement started. The part that pleased me so this year was four years ago when I went to the event it was just a watered down field trial. It had more to do with field trials than hunting. This years event running under the old gun dog stake rules was truly hunting situations. In other words, the philosophy of the old gun dog stake has changed with NAHRA's influence.

There was no opportunity for the handler to bring his dog to line and point out where the birds would be coming from. In the first test the dog was placed twenty or more feet away from the handler in a natural depression. When the dog looked out across the pond he saw nothing...no bird boys...no guns. The handler could not help his dog because he was seated in his own blind. Distance of falls were truly hunting situations and the whole game had a hunting look about it...even the weather was lousy.

On the second test the handler sat his



Richard A. Wolters

dog down in front and to the left and then he lay on the ground away from the dog. The handler with his gun was covered with a camouflage netting and then the action started...just like Texas style goose shooting.

The things that pleased me were more from the judging standpoint than the dogs. Don't misunderstand that...the dogs did very well sitting out there on their own. I saw some fine work. The thing that pleased me was that the judges were thinking hunting. It was very obvious that the scenario's for this game were influenced by NAHRA. Judging was still based on the field trials...but rightly so. This was part of the game we were playing. For example on one bird my Tar swam across the pond, ran the bank and nailed the duck. That might be ok for NAHRA but not ok for the traditional gun dog stake. The judges were looking for something closer to field trial precision...Tar should have swam direct to the bird although he was back to me faster than if he would have swam all the way. Fine. As I say I understood the game we were playing that day. But the pleasing part was that it was hunting tests that were being used as the vehicle to find that field trial precision.

There was another factor that interested me and I think that we of NAHRA have to address this fact. I believe it was first expressed by Gary Erickson out in Washington State. We have put together a whole set of rules on what should happen out in front of the dogs. We have paid no attention to what the point of origin looks like... looking back to the dog. But in this gun dog stake they did pay attention. Judges did not sit behind the dog and handler like a couple of sun bathers on a beach. They were to the side or behind cover. Blinds for the handlers were very real. The total look of the whole field was hunting except over at the cars I was making eyes at the girls.

I guess what I am trying to say is something we knew about NAHRA in the beginning. Judging is going to be the strength or failure of this program. This is one reason why the AKC plan is weak. They have no judging standards and the knowledgeable people in their game will come from the field trial sector. I'm again not knocking field trials but it just "ain't" our game. People who are setting up NAHRA field tests this year must give serious thought to the selection of judges. I at one time had tried to get a system where a committee could over-ride a judge if he set up a test that was not following the "book" and spirit of hunting tests. I was out-shouted at a meeting and knew deep down that those who opposed what I was suggesting were right. The judges must have final word on the tests...so the committee that chooses the judges are on the spot to make the right choice.

Judging will make or break any retriever field work, be it Licensed AKC, NAHRA, HRC or AKC's new program. We of NAHRA have understood that from the beginning. Judging seminars are important and we require each judge to be a member of NAHRA and take a written test. There is not much more we can do except rely on the judgement of the selection committee. My observation is that we are doing fine in that area but we must keep it up.

WING TIPS ...continued from page 5

a nearby lake or pond or nearby field is an ideal place to play "walking baseball." For once you'll be able to remember where the dummy is located!

Don't overdo work when it's cold and especially when it's aggravated by wind. Too much activity on a cold day

is disadvantageous to handler and dog. Keep some high energy snacks available and don't forget to ensure that Six Pack has clean, warm, dry bedding for apres workout.

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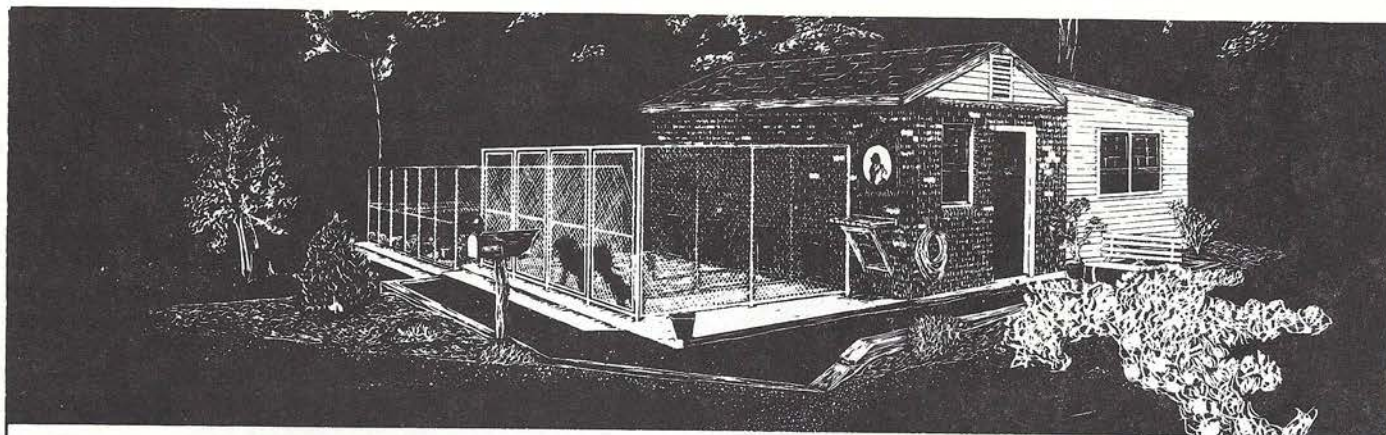


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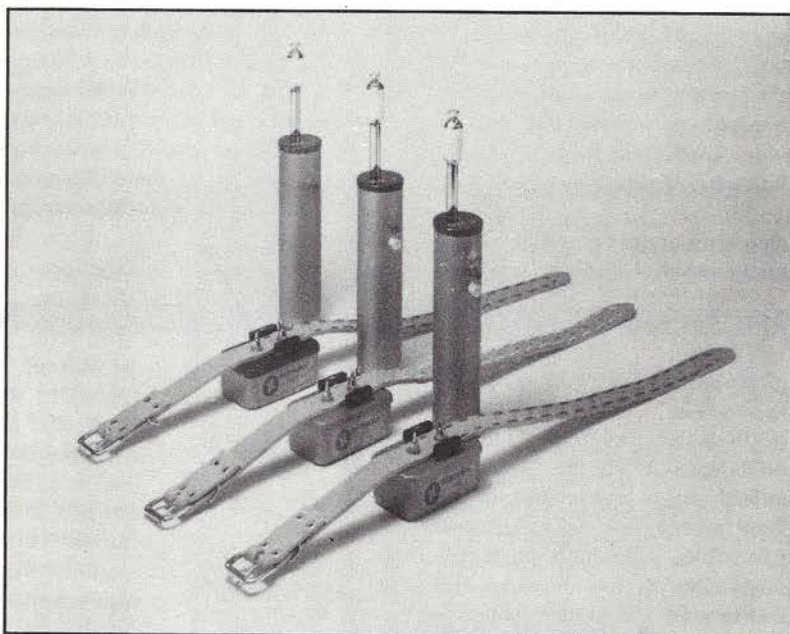
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Wolters Resigns From Gun Dog... Newsletter Starts

Richard A. Wolters, who won the Dog Writers Association of America Award, Columnist of the Year, for his work in Gun Dog Magazine, has resigned from that post.

For the first 3 years of that publication, when it was owned by David Meisner, the magazine fought hard for a Retriever testing movement for breeding purposes. The need was to save our Retrievers from the fate of the other hunting dogs, like the Cocker Spaniel and Irish Setter, who have become popular pets and are no longer hunters. Mr. Meisner lent \$5,000.00 to get a testing program started. NAHRA was born and Wolters award winning columns reported the progress.

The Stover Publishing Company, who bought gun dog is made up of men who have a limited background in hunting and dogs.

It's a business venture for them and a new experience in publishing. They asked Wolters to no longer write about the NAHRA Hunting Retriever Program, saying they wanted no controversy in the magazine. They asked him to confine his writing to training. Wolters feels to do so is only a rehash of what he has been writing all these years in his books. With ½ million copies in circulation, the trainers can get this material in full there. . .not rewritten piece-meal every other month in a magazine.

To continue receiving news about the NAHRA Program and news expanded to the HRC and AKC Programs, Wolters will write a monthly newsletter to be sent to NAHRA members.

The Editor

Tidewater Retriever Club

The Tidewater Retriever Club was founded in 1975 by a group of individuals who saw the need to establish an organized club made up of fellow hunters and dog owners. By doing this they hoped to encourage conservation through well trained Hunting Retrievers, by sponsoring field events and training clinics where owners could gauge their dogs abilities and for themselves to learn about training techniques. In September

of 1985 Tidewater Retriever Club hosted the first in a series of Hunting Retriever Clinics sponsored by the National Rifle Association and NAHRA. The club is currently made up of seventy-five members and is still maintaining its founders objectives for the advancement of the Hunting Retriever.

When the North American Hunting Retriever Association (NAHRA) came into being, Tidewater was the first

established Retriever club to vote in favor and to affiliate with it in July of 1983. On March 8-9, 1986 Tidewater will sponsor a licensed NAHRA Field Test near Richmond, Va. If you are interested in entering your dog and need further information concerning the event or the Tidewater Retriever Club, please contact:

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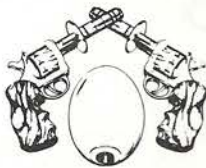
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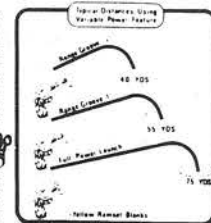
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BLACKWATER GUN DOG ASSOCIATION AUGUST 24 & 25 1985 QUALIFYING SCORES

STARTED

Judges: Barry S. Buckley, Michael A. Finckbone,
Dogs Entered 26 - Qualified 6

DOG	OWNER
Prlina's Ivan II, Ches. M.	Corky Krollman
Streak of Gold Casey, GM	Brian & Sue Peternal
Dakota Corky, LM	Brand Windmiller
Dale's Prince Charles, LM	Bob Peterson
Chris Mars Jake, LM	Gary Carlson
Ebony Ann of Cohasset, LF	Betty Prestidge & Pete Carlos

INTERMEDIATE

Judges: Pete Carlos, Rick Knuth
Dogs Entered 12 - Qualified 3

DOG	OWNER
Baron Image Super Saint, LM	Larry Moline
Dale's Prince Charles, LM	Bob Peterson
Sampson Robs Boy Wonder, LM	Rob Prestidge

SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON RETRIEVER CLUB October 5 and 6, 1985 QUALIFYING SCORES

STARTED

Judges: Doug Trudeau, Bruce Meredith
Dogs Entered 27 - Qualified 10

DOG	OWNER
Flying Tiger's Inca, LM	Robert Ruggeri & Olwen Morgan
Normandy Black Baron, LM	Laura Steward
Normandy Anchor Steam, LM	M. Michelle Steffen
Sealock's Pegasus, LF	Carol & John Sealock
Lady Calamitty Kathryn D., LF	Blair Phillippi
Adelhard's Darotitus, Flat-coat, M	Deborah E. Ulsh
Piper's Rose of N.E.O.K., LF	Brent Paradiso
Erickson's Misty Dee, LF	Dennis Erickson
Sir Shane Lad, GM	Kolleen Kell
Scrimshaw Godspell, LM	Franna Gerber

INTERMEDIATE

Judges: Paul Kerr, Alan Black
Dogs Entered 9 - Qualified 1

DOG	OWNER
Dawn's Satchmo, LM	Joseph Ward

SENIOR

Judges: Paul Kerr, Alan Black
Dogs Entered 5 - Qualified 1

DOG	OWNER
Natural Winner's Babe, LF	Steven J. Stubbe

NATIONAL CAPITAL CHESAPEAKE BAY RETRIEVER CLUB October 6, 1985 QUALIFYING SCORES

STARTED

Judges: Charles Hayden, Jack Jagoda, Joseph May,
Thomas Mouer, Larry Sutton
Dogs Entered 50 - Qualified 33



DOG	OWNER
Duke Barrett, LM	Jack D. Barrett
Relions Ruddy Ducks Liza, Ches. F	Christina Jones
Southland MS Molly B, LF	Joan & Luther Bergstrom
CH Spotswood Storming Buck, LM	Frank L. Darling, Jr.
Trieven's Ragtime Lady, LF	Elizabeth Britton & Mahmette Clodfelter
Smokehill's Childge Remi, GM	Erick & Ruth Low
Trieven's Sunshine, LM	Jack Byrum
Tigers Handsome Cub, Ches. M	Donald & Barbara Jackson
Blawenburg Buckeye Boomer, LM	James J. Daubert
Graden's Karma, Ches. F	Milly B. Welsh & Jack Rayhart
Royal Smoke of Angel Alley, LM	Pat Fenstermacher
Lucas Morgan of Fairfax, LM	John Cameron
Kentene Slipper of Hollymill, LF	D. Gayle Hensley
Lady Candy of Greenbelt, LF	Brian Prigg
Patrick's Cork of Southampton, LM	John L. Barb
La Thunder Rue, LF	Christina Jones
Gold Wing Go For It CD, WC, GM	Jane Wilson
Graden's Grateful, WDX, CDX, Ches. F	Milly B. Welsh
Zachariah Zeppelin, Ches. M.	Carrie E. Stanovich
Southland Skipjack, Ches. M.	John Cameron
Quilquest Celene Moon Magic, Flat-Coat, F	Robert N. & Ruby A. Wiles
Son-Ray's Goldust, LF	Raymond & Sonja Doran
Davenport's Black Beau, LM	Will Davenport
Southland Bullwinkle, LM	Rockwell Emery
Macho Beau Picot, LM	Dean Picot
Laurel's Lucky Chestin, Ches. F	A. Doyle Grantt, Jr.
Rakestraw's Goose Down Dandy, LM	Ken Rakestraw
Shamrock Acres Balmora Woody, LM	Michael Ball
Gingers Sister Sage, LF	Christina Jones
Western Shore Max Force, LM	Irene & Richard Fink
Kodiak's Mocha Kai, LM	Walt Sides
Hambrook Blackberry, LF	Gary & Lisa Strang
Landsend Anything Goes, Ches. F	Timothy H. Begley

PALMETTO RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

November 23 and 24, 1985

QUALIFYING SCORES

STARTED

Judges: William R. Corbett, Floyd Chassereau,
Michael J. Crow, Curtis Jones
Dogs Entered 78 - Qualified 42



DOG

OWNER

Doll Malarky Black Lightning, LF
Golden Nicholas of Rob-Lyn, LM
Sharihil's Summer Sarie, LF
Bay, Ches.
Southdown's Crackin To Go, LF
Shannondoah's Highland Hero, LM
Lacey, LF
Chesbrooks Misty Dawn, Ches. F
Ila Chip Cucurbit, LF
Trapper Sultan of the Swamp, LM
Hershey Bear Joy, LF
Southdown's Super Nifty, LF
Smokehill's Childe Remi, GM
Blackwaters Solid Gold, LM
Martin's Annie Laurie, LF
Christina Lee Walpole, LF
Big Mountain Spring Ben, LM
Son-Ray's Gold Dust, LF
Sharla's Carolina Clipper, LM
Carolina Thunder, GM
Banjo Son of Buck, LM
Super Niner Sasha, LF
Sly Rascal, LM
Bebe's Sly Boone, LM
Pooreboys Mick, LM
Samson Midnight Dean, LM
Charleston's Cracker Jack, GM
Sandy Bay Splash, LF
Shad's Carolina Sport, LM
William's Sweet Cody, LM
Ruddy Ducks Sunshine Bandit, Ches. M

Instant Coco's Black Magic, LM
Super Chase of Live Oak, LF
Bingo of Bethel, LF
Carolina's Ready Reserve, LM
Whisper Swamps Zack, LM
Que Jub-Tar Jake, LM
Hick's Kojack Retreat, LM
Atlanta Lady Griffin, LF
Diane's Delight Judd, LM
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Dennis Hicks
Happy Fitzgerald
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John Carmichael

INTERMEDIATE

Judges: Kirk Burns, Mike Fagan
Dogs Entered 41 - Qualified 14

DOG

OWNER

Lucas Morgan of Fairfax, LM
Shannondoah's Free Sprite, LM
Shad's Carolina Sport, LM
Martin's Annie Laurie, LF
Riverbend's Aunt Jamima, LF
Fergie's Happy Time, Ches. M
Berry's Black Water Maggil, LF
Carolina's Rosanna, LF
Pooreboys Mick, LM
Lacey J, LF
Swift Creek's Little Boy, LM
Carolina Gun Smoke, LM
Lady Scroffon of Gwynn, Ches. F
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Garrett T. Leahey
Nathan S. Newton



SENIOR

Judges: Lewis W. Brothers, Jr., J. Joseph May, Jr.
Dogs Entered 26 - Qualified 19

DOG

OWNER

Berry's Black Water Maggie, LF
MHR Trieven Thunder Annie, LF
Tricolor Halvers, LM
Carolina Gun Smoke, LM
Swamp Cabbage Jazz, LM
Gator Point Cherokee Chief, LM
Mama's Boy Buck, LM
Southland Virginia Creeper, LF
Riverbend's Pica Pepper, LF
Evergreen's Jet Powdered, LF
B.J's Bubba, Ches. M
Southland Bullwinkle, LM
Ticker Tape, LM
Tuckaloe Beau of Fairfax, LM
Fergie's Happy Time, Ches. M
Southland Lucky Strike, LM
Swift Creek's Little Boy, LM
Dawg, LM
Miley's August Ginger, LF

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GREAT SOUTHERN HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB, INC. DECEMBER 28-29, 1985 QUALIFYING SCORES

STARTED

Judges: Joe May, Sam Shoemaker
Dogs Entered 62 - Qualified 29

DOG

OWNER

Royal Duches Ruby, LF
Golden Nicholas of Rob-Lyn, LM

Mike K. Fowler
Charles L. Young
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Charleston's Cracker Jack, C.D., GM
 Gator Point Chocolate Souflee, LF
 Big Hollows Illini Chief, LM
 Dell Malarky Black Lightning, LF
 Hicks KoJack Retreat, LM
 Pocotaligo Coffee, Boykin Spaniel, F
 Ebony's Ynakee Clipper, LM
 Orion Krugerrand, LM
 Duggaps Yellow Gold, LM
 Carolina's Ready Reserve, LM
 Ralph Swamp's Zack, LM
 Gator Point's Mr. T, LM
 Beaver Creeks Kodiak, LM
 Fool's Gold, LM
 Goose Down's First Chance, LF
 Thornfield's Cayman, Flat-Coat, M

Old Claiborne's Black Jack, LM
 Adams English Balck Mariah, LF
 Reagan Hunter Caverts, LM
 Mile High Magnum, LM
 Christina Lee Walpole, LF
 Trapper Sultan of the Swamp, LM
 Cody Maiden of the Marsh, LF
 Nell's Oscar DeCanyon, LM
 Pekay's March Through Georgia, GF
 Tealbrook's Chocolate Chip, LM
 Tealbrook Calcutta, LF

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 Albert J. Joyner

INTERMEDIATE

Judges: Jack Jagoda, Jeff Joyner
 Dogs Entered 18 - Qualified 7

DOG

Adams English Black Mariah, LF
 Southlands Super Duck, LF
 Poore Boys Mick, LM
 Carolina's Rosanna, LF

Benjamin of White Eyes, LM
 Shannondoah Beggar Bush Buie, LM
 Gator Point Chocolate Candy, LF

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SENIOR

Judges: Elizabeth Rentz, Dr. Martson Jones
 Dogs Entered 13 - Qualified 3

DOG

Fergie's Happy Time, Chessie M
 Southland Lucky Strike, LM
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What NAHRA Means To Us

By Luther Bergstrom

When I first thought of writing this I was going to title it "What NAHRA Means to Me" but that would not have been accurate. NAHRA has affected the whole family—my bird boy (and wife) Joan, my dog Molly and me. It has brought a new focus to our days. At 16 months, with lots of teamwork, Molly is a NAHRA qualified started dog and ready to begin Intermediate.

Molly had her first real opportunity to hunt ducks, geese and pheasants during seven full days of hunting in Kansas recently. I'm proud to say she did the job. She brought back the birds. During these days of hunting I saw the culmination of months of training and felt the joy of knowing that our working together is what made it possible. I know I'm



prejudiced but I thought my chest would burst with pride watching the beautiful job she did.

When I began with this little nine-week old pup, I could not have dreamed of the new experiences she would bring to our lives. I read all the books and gratefully listened to a lot of advice and continued day by day, week by week to build on each new achievement. It was not an easy task because of a demanding job and the area where we live. Creativity was necessary in locating suitable training locations, setting up scenarios, and obtaining birds to train with. At first I took Molly to the office every day and went out at intervals to work with her. She loved it and this definitely made my days more interesting. My

boss, co-workers, and friends probably thought I was crazy at times because of some of the extremes I would go to to accomplish this new dream but I soon learned you can make the time and find a way if the desire is there. My neighbors deserve an apology for all the early morning whistle blowing and Joan my thanks for her early and late day assistance.

Compared to most, I am a novice hunter and Molly is the first dog I've ever trained. With the kind and helpful advice of the members of the James River and Tidewater retriever clubs and the NAHRA field tests I have been able to train a fine hunting retriever and family companion. Through NAHRA Joan and I have met some fine folks and made good friends. I couldn't begin to thank all the people who have helped me but I would like to make special mention of the dedicated judges and marshalls and their assistants who make it possible for the clubs to hold NAHRA Licensed Field Tests and who support this worthy organization.

Richard Wolters told me I had a noble breed. He couldn't have said it better. The bottom line, however, is the group of people supporting and working to maintain the hunting retrievers—they are a noble breed as well. Joan and I thank you all.



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- April 19, 1986 - Vancouver Hunting Retriever Club, 1348 Mills Rd., R.R. No. 2, Sidney, B.C., VBL 351 Approved
- April 19, 1986 - Great Southern Hunting Retriever Club, 825 Bo Jones Rd., Covington, GA 30209. Tom Rentz (404) 787-3511 (L)
- April-May, 1986 - Aylett Ducks Unlimited - Joe May, Walkerton, VA 23177 (Date not set) (L)
- May 10, 11, 1986 - Southeast Washington Retriever Club, Franna Gerber 2222 Enterprise, Richland, WA 99352 (L)
- May 17, 18, 1986 - Lake Champlain Retriever Club, Dick Corbierre, 262 Sunset Hill Dr., Williston, VT 05459 (L)
- May 31 & June 1, 1986 - Spokane Bird Dog Association, Gary Erickson, Route 1, Box 221-6 Medical Lake, WA 99022 (L)
- May 31 & June 1, 1986 - Minnesota Hunting Retriever Association, Pete Fischer, Box 262, Avon, MN 56310 (L)
- June 7, 8, 1986 - Westchester Retriever Club, Harvey Gardenier, R.D. No. 1, Box 85 Holsapple Rd., Dover Plains, NY 12522 (L)
- June 21, 22, 1986 - Blackwater Gun Dog Association, Michael A. Finckbone, 100 Oak Bend Dr., Grand Rapids, MN 55744 (L)
- July 12, 13, 1986 - Finger Lakes Retriever Club Archangel Letta, 849 Route 21, Shortsville, NY 14548 (L)
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- August 23, 24, 1986 - Minnesota Hunting Retriever Association - Pete Fischer, Box 262, Avon, MN 56310 (L)
- August 23, 24, 1986 - Aylett Ret. Club - Joe May, Walkerton, VA 23177 (L)
- September 1986 - Western New York Ret. Club - Tom Stasierowski, 12070 Valley Lane, East Aurora, NY 14052 (L)
- No Date Set - National Capitol Chesapeake Bay Ret. Club - Tim Begley, 2716 Bellview Ave., Cheverly, MD 20785 (L)
- September 13, 14, 1986 - New England Hunting Ret. Club, Peter Spear, 167 South St., Concord, NH 03301 (L)
- September 20, 21, 1986 - Spokane Bird Dog Association - Gary Erickson, Route 1, Box 221-6 Medical Lake, WA 99022 (L)
- September 27, 28, 1986 - Presque Isle Retriever Club - Tony Jankowski, 1715 Bryant St., Erie, PA 16509 (L)

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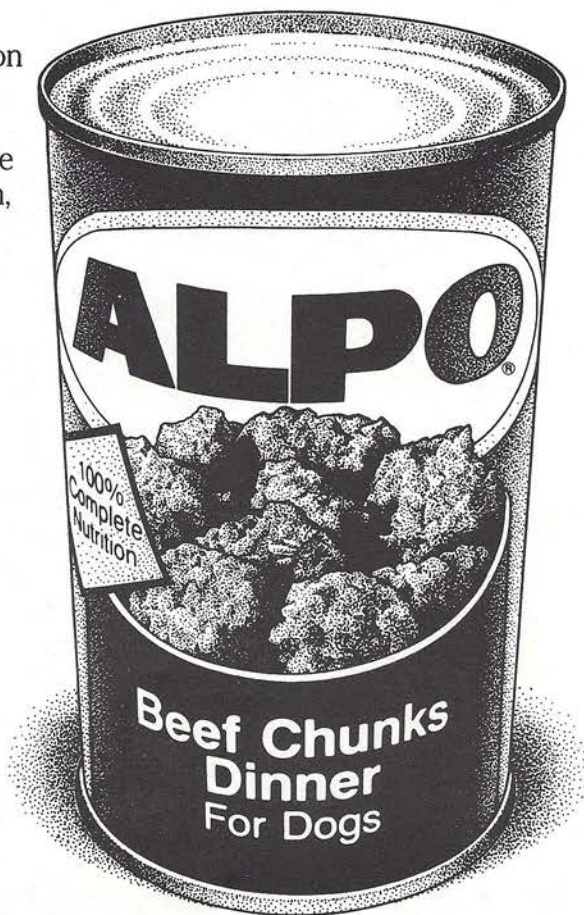
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