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It's hard to believe that, as the New Year approaches, the sixth year of testing retrievers under the NAHRA concept is soon to become a reality. The early days of NAHRA's existence were trying times. The program was given six months to live, then a year, then the general statement "they can't last much longer." Well, here we are seven years after the spark was ignited and we're still kickin'. We crawled, we walked and now we're running with a full head of steam. Events are up in 1989 by over 40%. We have reached out and touched the outer fringes of the NAHRA world and aided them in organizing new clubs and ultimately holding Licensed Field Tests to add to the ever growing gene pool of NAHRA retrievers. The controversial Invitational event has increased the number of Senior dogs participating by over 60%. Unfortunately, every part of the country does not have equal opportunity in numbers of events during the year because of weather conditions or isolated activity. In 1988, 160 points was the magic number to qualify for the Invitational. In

1989, it appears that 200 points will be needed to qualify for the 1990 Invitational in Covington, Georgia. During the process of qualifying for the Invitational, we have caused our more experienced judges to remain in the points race and render themselves unavailable to local clubs. The Started and Intermediate "Brass Band" program has gone from 30 qualifiers in 1988 to at least 150 in 1989. Still, the Started and Intermediate dogs are overshadowed by the Senior points race. This realization, which is not something that has gone unaware, has caused the Board of Directors to meet and create what they feel will alleviate and generate more activity throughout the country. Beginning in 1991, Regional qualifying events will be held in different geographic locations for all Senior dogs that have acquired 100 or more points in Senior events in 1990. Dogs that qualify at the regional level will go on to the all expense paid NAHRA Invitational in 1991. Three judges will judge at each event and will be selected from different geographic locations. The most exciting news is that all Intermediate and Started dogs that achieve "Brass Band" status in 1990 will also compete on the regional level. Qualifiers at the event will be awarded a certificate showing their accomplishment. The day before the event club delegates will meet with NAHRA officials to voice concerns and have an opportunity to participate in the direction of the national organization. Participation in the 1991 Regional events will be based on the following points earned in 1990. Senior - 100 points, Intermediate - 20 points and Started - 10 points. There is now hope for those of you with restricted activity! I have recently asked clubs to submit dates for 1990 events so we can list them well in advance. I have also urged clubs that need support through training or judging clinics to con-

tact us before the first of the year. A few individuals that have renewed their membership scribbled notes wanting to know if their clubs or part of the country had been forgotten. The answer is no! The number of clubs has grown considerably and most have asked for support when needed. A couple of clubs have complained that they received no assistance. In two instances, clubs made initial correspondence with NAHRA and never followed through to consolidate ideas and select dates for clinics. If your club is telling you that there has been no support from the national organization, it simply isn't so. There isn't a golden goose or a golden egg; clubs need to plan ahead, communicate and make things happen for their members. NAHRA is willing to help. Please call!

The smell of gun oil and the sound of a crackling fire is familiar to most of us. I sometimes wonder if our dogs relate to this sensual experience and recall the past hunting seasons as we do. I'm packing for a judging assignment in Winnipeg which will have a hunting trip wrapped around the event for those who attend. It's a bit early to pull out all the cold weather gear here in Virginia. I've been hunting in a T-shirt for dove and even went through the early duck season in short sleeves. My dog knows I'm preparing for something more than a local hunt. Maybe she senses my excitement or can relate to the gun oil, who knows? She won't be going with me and I don't have the heart to tell her. I'll pack the car tonight and slip out the front door in the morning. I won't be around when she asks Diana where I've gone.

Merry Christmas to you.

May peace and happiness be with you in the coming year!

Sincerely,

Jack Jagoda

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"Ask the Doctor"

Please forward any questions to Dr. Brian Hunter, N. 933 Washington St., Spokane, WA 99201.

Q: My Lab has just been diagnosed as having hip dysplasia, but both her parents were x-rayed and showed no evidence of dysplasia. How can this be if hip dysplasia is an inherited disease?

A: Hip dysplasia, which is a progressive arthritis of the hip joint, can be attributed to a number of factors, both inherited and/or environmental. It is estimated that only about 45% of these factors are genetic.

Which environmental factors contribute significantly to the development of dysplasia is not well known. Theories relating to hormonal imbalances and stress have been proposed but are as yet unproven. Only the effect of nutrition has been studied extensively and it has been demonstrated that diets which maintain slower growth rates reduce both the incidence and the severity of hip dysplasia. Thus pups fed such a diet could have a genetic predisposition towards dysplasia that could be "hidden" from x-ray evaluation. If two such dogs were bred, the re-



Brian Hunter

sulting litter could have an incidence of hip dysplasia as high as 68%. More rapid growth rates per se do not cause dysplasia but do allow any genetic tendency to be more likely manifested.

Consequently, in order to choose pups that have the genetic tendency toward good hips you need as much information as possible about their ancestors. Ideally you should know the status of the hips of the parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, as well as that of litter

mates of those ancestors and of any litters they have had.

Q: Recently my dog has been losing weight but he seems in otherwise good spirits. What am I doing wrong?

A: Unplanned weight loss can be a complex problem with many possible origins. To determine the cause of your dog's condition, first evaluate your feeding program. It should consist of a high quality food, fed at a quantity appropriate for your dog's level of activity. It is difficult to maintain at an optimum weight a dog who is very active, has a poor appetite or is being fed a marginal quality food. You may find that a change to a higher quality, more palatable diet, or an increase in the amount of ration is helpful.

If your dog still will not eat well, or is eating quality foods but still losing weight, the next step is a visit to your veterinarian for a thorough physical exam, fecal check and, possibly, laboratory work. During this visit review your feeding program, including the changes you have tried, with your vet.

It may be necessary to perform several tests in order to completely evaluate digestion, absorption, diseases of the pancreas, intestine, liver and kidneys, and other causes of unplanned weight loss. With this information your vet can recommend what might best help your dog.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Jack:

I hope you don't mind me writing to you using your first name, but it seems through your articles in the NAHRA NEWS that I know you.

My husband Terry and I have been NAHRA members for only 1 year along with our membership in the San Diego Hunting Retriever Club and have enjoyed it along with learning about our retriever, a Lab named Buck, who loves doing what his ancestors did for a living.

I recently became Secretary of SDHRC as our previous secretary moved to Texas. Attached is our monthly newsletter. I am sending it to you our "2 cents" from the Southern California area as per your last article in the NAHRA NEWS. Hope you find it interesting.

Thank you for your help. I will continue to send information about our events in to you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Celeste Smith
Secretary - San Diego Hunting Retriever Club

Dear Celeste:

I enjoyed reading your newsletter. Unfortunately, your club was the only club to respond to my request for input. Thank you! I have extracted Gene Hill's "The XVth Day" from your newsletter. I think our readers will enjoy it.

Jack Jagoda

Dear Editor,

I hear through the grapevine that something is going to be done about the crazy points race for the Invitational. It's about time!

P. L. Ankorage A.K.

Dear P. L.,

I am worried about the leak in national security. Apparently R.A.W. must be on the move again.

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WOLTERS SAYS...



Richard A. Wolters

"JUST ASK FOR RICHARD WOLTERS"

Since I did not write in the last issue of NAHRA news the question arose... Where is Richard A. Wolters? There have been all sorts of rumors. Some said they thought he had joined the AKC hunting test program. Then some concluded that since my home in Virginia had been closed it obviously meant that I ran off with one of a half dozen married women. The rumor I liked best was my running off with Diana Jagoda. Someone was guessing with real style.

Some even had me dead. Let me explain that one! If you really want to know where I have been, I spend three days a week at 45th and Madison Avenue in New York City. For those of you who don't know it... it's the best shopping location in the New York... no, no... in the whole country. That is where the Orvis company has one of the best... no, no... not one of the best... it is the best sporting equipment and clothing shop in the city... no, no... not the city... in the world. Well, that is where I am learning to become a star salesman. Let me explain how that came about!

I finished my fifteenth book. This one will be called *Duck Dogs* and I am not about to start a new one. I decided I wanted to do something I had never done before. Selling at Orvis just hit the spot. So I was at the store when the phone rang. He asked, "Do you carry the Battenkill gun case?" "Yes sir," I answered in my politest tone. "Do you have one in stock?" "Yes sir," I replied. "Good," he said, "I'll come right over." "Ok," I said, "when you

get here just ask for Richard Wolters." There was silence at the other end of the line. Then he said, "Richard Wolters? There used to be a very fine writer by that name. I collected all his articles and read all his books but he must be very old. I am not even sure if he is still alive."

"Come on over and pick up your gun case," I suggested, "and I'll see if I can resurrect Wolters for you."

He came. We exchanged autographs... his on a check and mine on his guncase.

Then we had another happening at the Orvis store. A guy came in and was just looking around. You could tell he was familiar with the stock because he picked up or handled only the new items. One thing I have already learned is that you never ask someone, "Can I help you?" Ninety nine times the answer is, "No thanks I'm just looking." If you say, "Hi, how are you?" they will start a conversation. It worked with this fellow. He started to tell me about a hunting trip he was going to make and was just checking our stock against his. He had so much of our hunting and fishing gear he told me that his wife called him an Orvis junkie. As I left him looking and feeling everything while I helped another customer, I had the distinct feeling he was staring at me. While helping my customer with a great new hunting shirt I glanced over my shoulder and sure enough he was still staring. I went on with my sale and a quick glance to the fellow... he was still at it. As I was about to wrap up the shirt sale he blurted out in a booming voice, "I know where I saw you... You were on TV this weekend with retrievers." Everyone in the store turned and looked at him. He put his hand over his mouth like a scared kid who forgot he was in the public library.

Since I did not write in the last news I've had a lot of time to think about things. I've concluded that NAHRA's most important aim has been accomplished. Our dog work is superb. And it is that good all over the country. I judged in Washington state last month and was really pleased at what I saw in the Senior and Intermediate tests. I remember the first time I was out there, must be four years now, and it was tough going because the dogs couldn't do the work. When NAHRA started the best work was done in Virginia and Vermont. They had been running local gun dog stakes so it was an easy matter to swing over to the rules of NAHRA. All the dogs in just about every area in the country are now doing first class work. The dog work is better, the training is better and so is the judging.

The dogs in Alaska are the hardest to figure out. They only have a few months in the year to train and yet they sent something like seven dogs to the Invitational. Oh yes, that was a great show in Atlanta... one of the best field events I have seen and it was no give away. The Alaska dog and the midwest dog ate it up. Every dog

from way up north and the midwest made the All American Team.

I can remember, only a few years back, when Jack and I were invited to Georgia to help them get started. They had no idea how to put on an event. In those few short years they became masters.

The judging has changed. At first the judges set up trick tests. I think it was something they had to get out of their system. But they soon learned that straight forward hunting tests proved what the dogs could really do and the tricks did not add anything.

Do you know why our organization is so successful? We have not had any fighting or politics. We have been able to maneuver fast when we had a problem. For example, I think the Invitational has been a big mover for us. But even that event has come up with some problems. Read what Jack Jagoda has to say in this issue about the Invitational situation... by going regional it is now solved. Not only that but we are even giving regional recognition to the Started and Intermediate Brass Band dogs.

Oh, did I tell you that the manager of the Orvis store is a member of NAHRA and has a fine, seven month old Lab that retrieved 42 ducks in the short early season. The boss's chest is so big he has to get all new Orvis duds.

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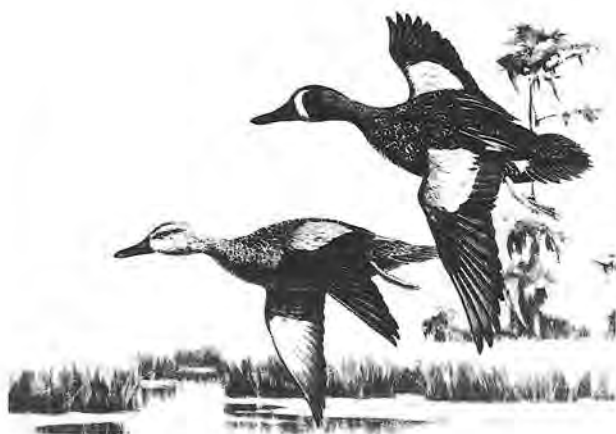


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TRAINING TIPS

by Gary Erickson



"EXTENDING DISTANCES FOR MARKS & BLINDS"

We discussed last quarter the proper way to extend dogs for distance on marks and blinds. To refresh your memory, we were using a football field or a relatively flat field with little cover. We started up close and backed up, always in a straight line, until we were back 100 to 150 yards from the fall.

This quarter we will carry the basic extension training over to the water and into fields with more demanding cover, terrain and obstacles.

First, you must know what are obstacles to a dog in its recovery of a bird. Basically, everything in the field is an obstacle to some degree or another. An untrained dog will skirt obstacles or square them off and end up changing direction and be thrown off his correct path to the bird ending up way out of the area and in deep trouble as far as a judge is concerned. (A dog is usually never marked down by a judge for skirting or cheating; instead a dog is marked down if he doesn't recover from the misdirection created by the obstacle.)

The most obvious obstacles are roads, logs, big clumps of cover, severe changes of cover (grassland to plowed field and back to grassland), severe changes in terrain (flat field through a ditch and back onto the flats), where land meets water or vice versa, sharp angles through or across any obstacle and the further away we are from an obstacle the less likely "Pup" is going to take it in stride.

The less obvious obstacles are subtle changes of cover and terrain, sidehills, cow trails, being back away from the water's edge, expanses of identical cover like alfalfa or stubble where everything looks the same, the location of the bird boxes or previous falls or blinds and the location of the throwers or gunners just to name a few. As you can see, everything becomes a challenge or an obstacle for the dog.

To train "Pup" to take all of these things in stride and to maintain his proper line to the bird is what we are going to work on this quarter.

If it is marks you are extending, you will need a person to throw for you, five or six bumpers or birds, a hunting vest, your whistles, hip boots or waders and "Pup" with his leash and collar. (Extending on blind retrieves requires all of the same equipment with the exception of the person to throw for you.)

We will start by working on the major obstacles but on only one at a time. This all takes a great deal of time and patience. We want to get through this without losing you or "Pup". Let's start with a large field that contains a big log that is 20 to 30 feet long. This big log should be quite obvious to you and your dog. As stated earlier, the further away we are from the obstacle the more likely the dog is going to go around it instead of over or through.

I can hear you grumbling already, "Erickson is trying to make robots out of our dogs by forcing them to jump across a log that is 75 yards out in the field." My intent is not to make your dog a robot and I don't want that to be your goal either. All we are trying to accomplish is to show the dog that he can go over and through things rather than around them to get to the bird.

By working on going straight you simply eliminate a lot of cheating problems that will get you in real deep stuff later on. (STUFF is what you find on your shoes after walking through a cattle feed lot.) Now that we understand each other, let's get started.

We will be using the same philosophy of starting close and backing up as we did in the extension drills. The main difference is that the points of origin will be determined more by the obstacle (in this case the log) or obstacles that we are working on rather than just distance.

Place your thrower or bumpers about 20 yards on the far side of the log. Walk back 100 or so yards and determine a "Goal" point of origin that is going to make "Pup" encounter the log on his way to the bird. (For now, let's make "Pup" take the log straight on. NO ANGLES YET! ! !) Tie a piece of orange flagging on some of the grass at this "Goal" Point of Origin. This is your reference point each time you back up so you will be going in a straight line.

Put your hunting vest and whistles on and get "Pup". Let him "air out". When he has finished his business, put the leash

and collar on him and walk him at heel from the point where the flagging is tied on the grass straight out to the log. Step over the log with "Pup" and blow your whistle once and make "Pup" sit and stay. Tell him to "Mark" for marks or "Take a line" for blind retrieves. Signal your helper to toss the bumper and send "Pup" for the retrieve. Get the bird or bumper from "Pup" before it hits the ground and put it in your hunting vest.

(It is important that you get the bird or bumper from "Pup" before it hits the ground as we don't want to scent the area short of the mark or pile of bumpers. Your hunting vest should hold all five or six bumpers or birds leaving your hands free to restrain "Pup" or to give him a line.)

Now that "Pup" has executed the first retrieve, step back over the log so now "Pup" has to go over the log to make the retrieve. The log should be almost against his chest so there is no doubt in his mind which direction he is supposed to go. Repeat the mark or blind from this point of origin. (As in the extension training, it's critical that you always back up in a straight line as this forces the dog to retrace his steps eliminating any reason for him to veer as he is going back over familiar ground and scent.) Don't worry about "Pup" returning back over the log. We aren't at all concerned with his return as long as it is quick and to you.

If "Pup" went over the log and got the bird, you can back up 10 yards from the log and repeat the retrieve. If not, stay at the log and repeat again. (Remember, it is critical that your helper throws the bumper to the same area each time, you always back up in a straight line and you don't let the bumper or bird drop to the ground when the dog delivers it to you! ! !)

Now, back up in a straight line 25 yards away from the log, if "Pup" did everything right, and let's repeat the mark or the line to the blind. The next point of origin is half way from where you are to the flagging and finally run "Pup" from the flagging.

"Pup" should be running in a straight line the entire 100 plus yards for the bird or bumper and he should be keeping his head up all of the way and he should take the log in stride as he gets to it. If at anytime he tries to go around the log, holler "NO! !" and prevent him from making the retrieve by having your thrower get the bird first or by stopping him with a whistle blast. Then, either bring him back and rerun from the present point of origin or move up to the last successful point of origin (the point he left from and went over the log) and run "Pup" again and quit.

You may not make it all of the way back to where you tied the flagging but that is the goal you are shooting for. Some dogs will make it back that far the first day and some will take weeks to get there. This is where patience comes in and you must have the determination to keep showing

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"Pup" what you want and the old upstairs light will finally come on.

Now, give "Pup" a drink of water and put him up in his crate for a breather and let him think about what he has just accomplished.

Twenty minutes have gone by so get "Pup" out and repeat the entire exercise and then quit for the day. Tomorrow come back here and do the same thing over again. The day after tomorrow, you and "Pup" start 30 yards away from the log and see if he will take it in stride like you have been showing him. If he doesn't do it, move up and show him again what you want.

When he can come right out of the crate and run the mark or blind over the log from where you tied the flagging, it's time to move on to a new obstacle.

When "Pup" finally demonstrates that he understands what you want by taking all of the major obstacles in stride the majority of the time, you can start putting them in combinations with each other. (Seldom do you see more than two or three major obstacles in a dog's path on the way to any bird, so, find marks or blinds with four or five obstacles in "Pup's" path.

Always remember to let the obstacles determine the point of origins. You must first set your final "Goal" Point of Origin and then break down the extending by

running "Pup" from the bird side of the nearest obstacle to the bird. Then, from the "Goal" side of that obstacle. Then, from the bird side of the next obstacle and then from the "Goal" side and so on until you are all of the way back at your "Goal" point of origin.

Once he is taking obstacles in stride when approaching from straight on, you can start working "Pup" on angle approaches to obstacles.

Start this training by taking the obstacle straight on and then gradually moving off to one side or the other to create the angle you want. (Be sure to move the mark or pile of bumpers in the opposite direction you move in! If the log is pointing East and West and you move toward the West end of the log the bumpers or mark must be moved toward the East end.) The most severe angle that a dog should approach and take an obstacle in stride is approximately 45 degrees.

To put this obstacle training in perspective, let's compare "Pup" to a professional football player and you are his coach. Players and coaches spend days, weeks, months and years perfecting talents in preparation for but a few minutes of actual game time each week. Once these demanding single retrievers or sight blinds are taught to "Pup" at a young Started age, they will be used over and over again as "patterns" until "Pup" becomes a polished Master Hunting Retriever.

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"Dwarfism" and Eye Disorders in Labrador Retrievers- Important New Scientific Findings

by Keith D. Stroyan

For many years there has been a known genetic link between eye defects known as "Focal Retinal Dysplasia" and skeletal abnormalities known as dwarfism. The particular combination of symptoms is mainly found in field trial strains of Labrador retrievers. As recently as a special seminar at the Canine Eye Registry Foundation published in 1987, the best scientists could say was, "Unfortunately, it is very difficult to put out sound advice, in terms of breeding. . ." This has changed in an important way.

A study published by Carrig, Sponenberg, Schmidt and Tvedten in the November 1988 volume of the veterinary journal JAVMA has shown that "carriers" of the dwarfism gene can be detected by expert eye exams. Your local veterinarian will not be able to pick this up, but the ACVO specialists who do CERF exams (widely known for PRA check-ups) can detect "folds" in the retina of a carrier dog's eye using special tools. The new findings show that these folds prove that an otherwise normal-looking dog carries the dwarfism gene. (ACVO, American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists, addresses around the country can be obtained from the Canine Eye Registry Foundation, South Campus Courts, Building C, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN 47907)

If your dog has a normal skeleton and does not have these folds on clinical exam by a veterinary ophthalmologist the chances are about 24 to 1 that he or she does not carry the dwarfism gene. Conclusive proof can be obtained by test breeding to a homozygous affected dog, but this involves keeping a blind dwarf dog to breed to and then "sacrificing" the puppies in order to dissect and microscopically examine the eyes. By contrast, the eye exam is a simple procedure that takes only minutes (but must be done by a specialist.) The odds of 24 to 1 are pretty good under those circumstances!

The genetics of the drd (dwarf with retinal dysplasia)-gene are now known. Lab owners can understand it easily by analogy to the color gene. A black Lab can carry the yellow gene and still be black. Such a dog is B-y, heterozygous, on the color gene, meaning it has both genes, black and yellow (one from each parent). Black is dominant, so the dog is black, but when bred to a yellow Lab the dog will produce about half yellow pups. The black heterozygous dog is a "carrier" of yellow. To be yellow a Lab must be homozygous, y-y, on the color gene.

The new findings of Carrig, et al, show that the dwarfism gene is dominant for the retinal folds that a specialist can detect. A heterozygous dog may be functionally fine and several field champions are reported to be carriers. Special exams can

detect the folds. The heterozygous gene has an "incompletely dominant effect," meaning that the extent of visual impairment varies from symptoms an owner might notice down to clinically undetectable folds in one case which could be detected when the dog's eye was dissected and examined under a microscope.

A homozygous drd-gene dog often has severely affected eyes with the retina actually detached and floating. They may have cataracts, persistent hyloid remnants and severe enough additional defects that they are mis-diagnosed in the sense that their eye defects are not attributed to the drd gene. Homozygous dogs are *all* reported to have abnormal skeletons - dwarfism in the sense of front shoulders lower than rear - a sort of 'bulldog' appearance. In other words, drd is recessive for dwarfism. (One dwarfed dog, out of 59, had clinically normal eyes, but all homozygotes were dwarfed and no heterozygotes were.) The new findings also show that this gene is not sex linked.

For years breeders have treated this condition as a recessive - and it is in the sense of its severe effects. The dominant expression of small retinal folds, often unnoticed by the dog's owner, is the new finding. Such carrier dogs may lead a successful life of retrieving, but should not be bred. Now we can find them before we breed them.

Some questions remain. For example, there is a suspicion that carrier dogs tend to be abnormally large. This has not been proved and may never be, since probably many very large dogs are not carriers. Breeders report to me that when they have had litters with dwarfism and severe eye defects, the whole litter affected and with many complications - stillbirths, highly varying size of the pups, difficult delivery. . . The study cited above suggests that some pups in these litters, the heterozygous, should have normal skeletons and only the mild eye defects of retinal folds. I would very much appreciate learning additional information of this kind from breeders. This information might not have been obtained under scientifically controlled conditions, but could help shed further light on an important genetic defect in our friend the Labrador retriever.

My first Lab pup over 6 years ago had drd, I now know. She had to be destroyed after a month of affectionately laying at my feet where she could touch and smell me because of her limited indoor vision. My latest Lab, daughter of a national champion and producer of a top derby dog was just shown to be a carrier by this new test. Her next carefully planned litter won't happen now. Won't you help by passing the word of this new test and sending me your experiences with the problem?

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From The North Country

Of men and dogs and hunting

By Jan Thacker
(Secretary Interior Alaska
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Well, ladies, it's that time of year again. I swear, if someone took away all the calendars and kept me in a house without windows I could still tell it was hunting season just by watching the men in my life.

They start cleaning and polishing all the rifles about June, and trips to the local shooting range to sight them start shortly thereafter. The house smells of Hoppes gun oil, and little piles of camping gear start appearing in corners here and there. They sharpen all the hunting knives, give their boots a dose of Mink Oil, test the camp stove and make three or four dozen trips to the local sporting goods store to stock up on ammunition and other things they need. I'll never understand why, after 20 years of buying hunting gear, the list of things to buy gets longer and more expensive each fall.

But the big tipoff, the major clue, the thing that would convince me beyond a doubt that hunting season was approaching, is the annual beard. When my husband stepped off the plane from Prudhoe Bay the other night, I knew I was about to lose him to the call of the wild. He looked

like a terrorist who'd just come out of hiding. Glancing around Fairbanks, I've noticed there are a lot of men in the same condition. There's nothing pretty about a three-day beard.

This year my menfolk are going to try their hand at duck hunting. It all started when Troy won a dandy new shotgun in a raffle. Any fool knows you can't shoot a duck without having a way to get him out of the water. You have to have a dog to do that. So he bought a Chesapeake Bay retriever puppy, something he'd always wanted. Buying Molly meant vet bills and joining the Fairbanks Retriever Club to get training tips. Training her meant buying leashes, whistles, traveling kennels, bumpers and half a dozen books. Having a puppy also meant buying dog food. Buying dog food led to a bigger dog, and a bigger dog led to a chain-link kennel outside.

One dog was so wonderful it led to a puppy for our son—another Chesapeake he named Remington, after his trusty rifle. Another dog, of course, led to more leashes, dog food, collars and kennels. Two dogs are leading us to the purchase

of another chainlink kennel and a furnace for the garage for the coldest winter days. Eventually I think the rosy path ends at the poorhouse door, and I don't even like duck.

But I'm not really complaining. The nual hunting trips Troy makes with the kids have given them memories they will always cherish. They started going road hunting with him when they were just toddlers carrying little canteens of Koolaid and lunch buckets packed with bolgna sandwiches and crisp fall apples.

Over the years these hunting expeditions have led to a closeness not many fathers and children have. Whether they get any game doesn't really matter. Being out in this beautiful country God made so lovingly and spending time together is more important.

My hunters will come home in a few days, tired and dirty but grinning from ear to ear even if there is nothing in the back of the pickup to show for their efforts. Over the months, until the next hunting season, the stories will be told and retold and the memories warmed up and served to all listeners. The photos will be put in a book to be brought out again and again. And when I look at them I'll see more than just a fun trip they had together. I'll see God's hand in our lives and I'll say a quiet prayer of thanks for the joyful relationship between my children and their father.

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- February 17-18 James River Retriever Club, c/o Diana Jagoda, 35 Misty Lane, Stafford, VA 22554, 703-752-7591, (L)
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- September 15-16 New England Hunting Retriever Club, c/o Terry Bennett, 29 Old Hillsboro Rd., Henniker, NH 03242, 603-428-7967, (L)
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John W. Scanlon, M.D.

A friend and I have a running argument about why the modern duck hunter, especially the urban-suburban dwelling type, needs a good dog. His position is that, for the most part, retrievers are an anachronism in the modern world. He argues that such dogs spend most of their time cooped up in a kennel or, worse, inside somebody's house. These couch canines only occasionally exercise their genetically driven bird-seeking behaviors each year. The rest of the time they just hang out. He thinks it's a crime that the progeny of hard swimming, eager retrieving, keen-nose champions spend their time wearing a red bandana while prowling some condos' green spaces. He points out that kennel life is lonely; unfulfilling for dog and bothersome to neighbors because of the stench, noise and lousy aesthetics of chain link fencing.

This friend rejects my view that trained hunting dogs can become part of the family, provide a measure of household protection (at least sound an alarm) yet, still do a creditable job in the field.

My buddy argues that most of the work of a water dog can be performed by a man in a canoe or at least in a sturdy pair of waders. My retort is for him to try sniffing out a downed bird on land in his canoe. The worst dog's nose is a thousand times better than any human's. But then he notes, with more than a little snickering, that some electronics firm has recently produced a battery controlled retrieving duck decoy. This abomination (my opinion), swims around looking like a spastic mallard drake with a wire basket attached to its front end. This trap can be manipulated to open when the duckdroid approaches downed fowl. On electronic request, the basket's jaws snap shut. The mechanical marvel then swims back to shore with your future duck dinner in its steely grasp. Push another button and Roboduck delivers. The price tag is a nifty \$1,250, about the same as a good started gun dog.

I counter that this machine isn't duck hunting, it's playing with models. Some remote controlled bird-grabber can't nuzzle you in the blind, mooch half your lunch or display tail-wagging, eye-rolling ecstasy when your decoy deployment, duck-calling and shotgun swinging skills have been perfect and a bird is bagged. What happens if your downed bird is on land across the pond? Roboduck is not amphibious.

My friend defeats this logic by pointing out that my proud animal is the same en-

thusiastic pup who leaves wet stains on the Wagoneer's leather and a lingering aroma on clothes long hours after hunting.

So the argument goes; point counter point about the modern hunter and his canine companion. Water-fowling traditions which evolved over centuries are invoked. Fine guns, specially designed boats, hand carved decoys and, of course, carefully trained retrievers have always been part of this sport. Today, however, no one I know hunts ducks with a hand engraved \$40,000 Holland & Holland shotgun. Today's boats are aluminum or fiberglass, powered by relentlessly efficient motors and filled with Coast Guard mandated Styrofoam flotation. Most decoys are plastic, usually molded in Europe or Asia. Are real dogs really necessary?

The prime reason to use a dog is to retrieve downed fowl. Capable water dogs are still the most versatile, rapid, and efficient means to fetch a cripple and not litter marshes with dying birds. The newly mandated use of steel instead of lead shot (to reduce avian plumbism) seems to result in increased numbers of crippled birds. Canoes or mechanical ducks cannot travel over land. A hunter in waders will miss his share because there are places only a dog can reach and a dog's nose can locate. In my view, dogs are essential to water fowling. They conserve the resource. That's right, dogs are a conservation tool! Ducks in possession count towards the legal bag limit. Ducks left in the tall grass or floating in some out-of-sight pothole should also count. But many hunters don't bother to collect them and tally, only birds in the hand. A trained dog gets almost all the game downed. But what about the other times, when gun dog is at home, in your house? How can that training, enthusiasm and careful breeding be used?

A well behaved dog is a joy and a hunting dog must be obedient. In the field an undisciplined, recalcitrant, head strong animal is worse than no dog at all. Further, the family oriented gun dog will act as a live security system to warn that a stranger nears your door. Dogs give love without question and return it tenfold. But how do they use their genetically selected keenness of eye, sharp sense of smell and quick reflexes at home? Do they simply vegetate from one autumn to another?

A few personal observations are appropriate. My dogs always hear family members enter the house. That's how they avoid getting caught sleeping on the couch, leaving only tattling hair to mark transgression. Their magnificent eyesight distinguishes dog biscuit jar from all others on the shelf, no matter how high up. Keen vision easily discerns hunting clothes from work togs. It's almost impossible to leave the house in a camouflage coat! The same sharp eyes also easily distinguishes my kid from all others 100 yards across a soccer field. Just watch the wagging tail!

The redoubtable sense of smell, so necessary in the field, carries over at home too. Sharp nose deftly avoids a worm pill, even when carefully mixed with other chow. It also sniffs out exactly which canine interloper went through the backyard and what time. Personal territorial markers can be efficiently arranged with such information.

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THE XVTH DAY

BY GENE HILL



On the fifteenth day, or thereabouts, God and the Recording Angel were just taking it easy. Spread out beneath them was *The Creation*, and despite last-minute changes, they were feeling rather smug with the way it had all gone; so many miracles sound easier than they really are.

God was especially interested in Adam and Eve. He considered them the centerpiece of the whole scheme, and as he watched them, he got the feeling something was a bit off.

Eve had taken to spending more and more time sitting and staring at herself in one of the pools, fussing with her hair and trying to decide which was her best side. Adam was throwing sticks in the brook and watching them sail away. As God and the Recording Angel watched, Adam threw another stick, walked over to where Eve was working on a braid, and shouted, "Back!", pointing at the stick with his finger. Eve barely gave him a glance as she stuck a large red flower in her hair, and continued to stare into the pool.

The Recording Angel finally broke the silence. "Lord," he said, "something's missing."

"I know," God said, "but I can't quite put my finger on it."

Adam was still standing close to Eve and watching another stick he'd thrown. This time they heard him say, "Back Eve!" As they watched, Eve slowly got up, waded out into the water, and brought back the stick. Just as God was about to smile, Eve swung the stick and broke it against Adam's shin.

"I think he needs a creature that will play with him," God said. He made a quick motion with his forefinger, and the stick that was lying across Adam's foot suddenly became a snake. Adam looked at it for a moment and then got another stick, waved it in front of the snake, threw it a few feet into the water, and shouted, "Back!" The snake looked at Adam in a curious way, then slithered over to where Eve sat and whispered something in her ear. Eve looked up at Adam and made a small circular motion with her finger at her temple. The snake seemed to nod in agreement, and the two of them went off together, leaving Adam standing alone by the edge of the water.

"It's not the right size or something," the Recording Angel said. "It ought to be bigger."

"I've got just the thing," God answered. The rock that Eve had been sitting on suddenly stood up and yawned, showing great shining ivory teeth. God smiled.

"What's that?" the Recording Angel asked.

"Hippo," He said, obviously pleased

with Himself.

Adam could see that the hippo enjoyed being in the water. He got another stick, larger than the one he'd thrown for the snake. The stick made a great splash and Adam watched expectantly as the giant beast slid into the water and disappeared. After almost an hour and no sign of the hippo, except an occasional water spout, Adam sat down on the bank and cradled his head in his arms. He was still sitting there in the fading light when Eve returned with the snake at her side. She was carrying a handful of leaves, which she tried on, looking for Adam's approval. He finally pointed at one she'd discarded and she angrily tore it in half and tossed it in the pool.

"Eve's acting a little cross, Lord," the Angel remarked.

"Well, nobody's perfect," God answered, somewhat annoyed.

It was getting dark when God turned to the Recording Angel and said, "I'm going to hold up the night for a while until we get this thing solved. What's left on inventory for delivery?"

The Recording Angel hauled out a thick scroll and began reading out loud, starting with *aardvark*. God listened attentively but did nothing more than occasionally shake His head, now and then making an outline of something in the earth with the quill-end of a long white feather. At the end of the list, the Recording Angel waited fretfully for God to ask him what a *zygote* was, but He didn't. The Angel was quite relieved; so much of the small stuff tended to look alike.

Suddenly God smiled. "I think I've got it," He said, waving His hand at a small passing cloud, which stopped and rained on the ground where He had been sketching. God began taking handfuls of mud and shaped them this way and that. As He worked, He spoke aloud, as if to give the Recording Angel a lesson in creating.

"It's got to be just the right size; strong, but not so big it's always knocking things over," He said, "It ought to like the water about as much as the land, so we'll give it a nice thick coat and a powerful tail—and even webbed feet!"

"You're not making another duck, are you?" the Recording Angel asked, somewhat anxiously. He knew God loved ducks, but He'd made so many already that it was difficult to tell them apart.

"No, nothing like that at all. This creature has four legs and can't fly. The really important thing is the disposition. I don't want it to ever get cross with Adam. I want it to follow him around and be good company, to please Adam more than anything else. If Adam wants to run, it will run with

him; if Adam wants to play, it will play with him."

God paused for a moment and then said, "I thought Eve would be like that, but maybe I used a little too much rib."

He continued to work with the clay, broadening the head and chest, shaping the leg and tail until they were just so. He looked it over with great care, and then said in a deep and warm voice that more than hinted at His pleasure, "That's good."

The Recording Angel walked around behind Him, "I really like the looks of it, Lord," he said. "What are you going to call it?"

The Lord smiled and said, "A Labrador retriever."

"Won't that be a little hard for Adam to spell?"

"No," He said, "all he has to remember is *i* before *e*."

Then he reached out and touched the clay and said, "Sit." The glossy black hair rippled over the heavy muscles as the Labrador sat, brown eyes sparkling merrily. He seemed to be begging to be asked to do something. God reached for the Recording Angel's staff, broke off a foot or so, and threw it. Then the Lord said, "Back!"

Instantly, the Labrador broke into a full-speed run, tumbled head-over-heels as he grabbed the stick, and brought it back. God threw it again, and the Labrador bounded off even more joyously. When he came back, God and the Recording Angel were grinning like schoolboys. Angel watched her smile; it was radiant in its loveliness.

"Let me try it!" the Recording Angel asked, and threw the stick far across a distant stream. The Labrador leaped into the water, and, almost before they could believe it, was back in front of them, quivering with happiness.

The next day, the Recording Angel and God watched for most of the morning as Adam threw stick after stick and his retriever, seemingly tireless, ran and swam and brought them back with an almost palpable joy. Eve stood off to one side watching them. Finally, she walked over, picked up a stick and threw it. The Labrador sat, watching. When she cried, "Back," he leaped into the air and almost flew into the water. Eve laughed as the droplets wet her. When he returned and gave her the stick, she took it and playfully tugged his ear. The Labrador raised his head and licked her hand. God and the Recording Angel watched her smile; it was radiant in its loveliness.

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"A TRIP TO ATLANTIC CANADA"

September 16 & 17, 1989
Sunpoke Hunting Retriever Club
Fredericton, New Brunswick

by Kent Repka, NAHRA Treasurer

I received a call from Rosemary, our ever efficient NAHRA Executive Secretary, asking if I might be able to schedule a trip to New Brunswick to judge a Field Test for the Sunpoke Club in New Brunswick. My first thought was that I live far enough north now, why would I want to go any further. But, it sounded like an adventure as well as a chance to see what was going on with some of the dogs in Canada. Upon checking, I found that I did have the weekend open and it did sound interesting. I checked the Atlas and found that Fredericton was only three degrees further north than Lancaster, so why not. Little did I know how it would turn out.

Rosemary suggested that I call Don Mac Pherson, their past president to get more details. Don explained that they had a small but very active club and were

planning their first Licensed Senior event along with a Started and a double Intermediate.

As we discussed plans and travel times needed to get from New York to New Brunswick it began to sound more and more interesting. Don threw a little bonus in when he said that we might be able to set up a pheasant shoot providing the airlines and weather cooperated in getting me there a day early. With that thought in mind we both decided that if the club officers approved of my judging for the club, our plan would be set.

We talked again after the next club meeting and all had gone well. Travel arrangements would be made and I would be heading to Canada. I enjoy flying, as a passenger, and have been in most small aircraft as my son is a commercial pilot and I have accompanied him on a few trips when he was with a freight and mail carrier so it didn't bother me when the tickets came through with "PROP" marked. But I did have visions of a bush plane flying me into the outback.

The actual flying time from Buffalo to St. John was only two hours and twenty minutes and the flight out of Boston was on a Dehaviland Dash 8-100 a very comfortable twin turbo prop aircraft complete with a bilingual stewardess, as New Brunswick is an English/French speaking province.

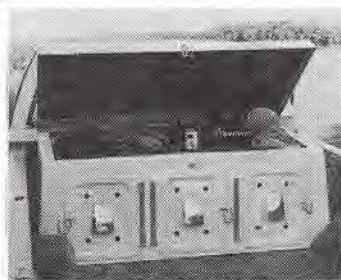
Upon arrival, the customs inspector at St. John was the friendliest one I have encountered in a long time. He must have been the President of the St. John Chamber of Commerce, or a tour guide. As he questioned the arrivals, he asked if they had a place to stay and did they need a rental car to see the sights of New Brunswick.

Don met me at the airport and an hour later we were in Fredericton having a lobster sandwich for lunch.

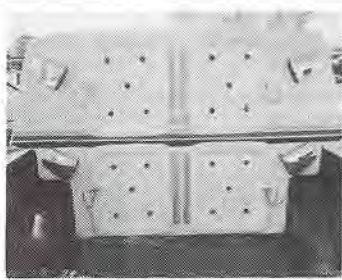
We met with the members of the Field Test Committee that night and viewed the test site, a 400 acre farm with just about any kind of cover imaginable for setting up land and water tests.

In speaking with Tim Doherty, the club President, he said that he hunts on this farm and had not realized all of the potential that existed for setting up tests as we stood reviewing the possibilities. The marsh and pond area that we used for the Senior marks and blind could be used from either side or from one end, but as we stood studying it the first night he didn't feel that it had potential for anything let alone a Senior event. I did my best to try and explain what might be done another time by moving marks, selecting marks for order of pick up or by moving the blind to completely change the test and still use the same piece of real

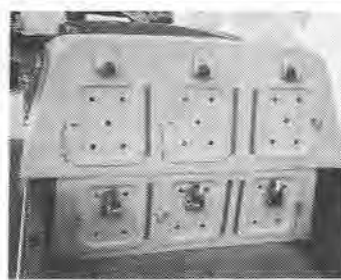
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estate. I believe that some of the members who were apprehensive about running in a Senior now began to realize that their dogs could do the work and they can continue to train for Senior work so that they will be ready to get into the full swing of things next year. I tried my best to remember to share this with them, whenever the chance arose, and I hope that I was helpful in this way.

After setting up the tests for Saturday we returned to Don's home and I met his lovely wife Kip. In discussion over dinner Kip asked if I liked seafood. I said yes and she immediately asked if I had ever had New Brunswick seafood casserole. Never having been there before I had to admit that I had not.

There began the plan for the eating marathon. After a Friday pheasant hunt with Don and his two goldens, Scramb and Frisco (Pepper, the French Brittany had to stay home) and fellow club member Roger Powers and Target we arrived home to a fantastic array of New Brunswick seafood Lobster, scallops, and white fish in a sauce that was superb. Saturday was scallops and Sunday evening was fresh salmon steaks with fiddleheads, a New Brunswick vegetable specialty. I don't know when Kip had time to do anything other than cook over the weekend, but I must admit, with just a little feeling of guilt, that I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Everyone in the club and in the area made this trip a memorable one because they were so friendly and made me feel that I had known all of them for years rather than days. Just a great group of people.

On Saturday morning we began the dog work and successfully progressed through the Started and one Intermediate on Saturday. The day began on the cool side with fog along the St. John River. It got warmer as the day progressed and by mid afternoon it became rather warm and humid. I commented on it being like going from the Arctic to the Everglades in about six hours. But all in all a very pleasant day.

Sunday morning saw heavy rains as we prepared for the second Intermediate and as things moved along the afternoon loomed large in the minds of the handlers as the start of the first NAHRA Licensed Senior Field Test in New Brunswick drew closer. As is true in all cases the dogs were relaxed but the handlers were "uptight". Haven't we all experienced that feeling?

Seven dogs were entered and after a barbeque lunch we got things started with a land triple and a blind, simulating a goose shoot as we had seen geese feeding in the fields around us on several occasions. Tom Eagles and Woody were "lucky enough" to draw number one and set several firsts as the day progressed. They completed the first New Brunswick land triple, land blind, quarter to a flush

and trail using a live pheasant. I said to Tom that he should get a special award and let Woody watch TV Sunday night as they both did an excellent job. Actually, the dog who had run Intermediate earlier seemed to enjoy the Senior work and did even a better job than they had earlier in the day. So much for stage fright.

We moved from the land test to a field on the shore of a branch of the St. John River and set up a quartering test with a pigeon being lofted out of a trap for the flush. We were fortunate enough to have John Goss, a young man who received a college scholarship for skeet shooting, as our official gun. Needless to say we didn't have any "no birds" due to poor shooting.

We then moved across the road to a grassy field with beautiful pheasant cover and released a live pheasant for each dog to see how they would trail a "wounded bird." Again, they all did an excellent job displaying the nose that our hunting retrievers are noted for.

Now that the handlers had sufficiently settled down and saw that a Senior event was just another logical step up from the work they had been training for we went to water and set up a simulated duck hunt for our water marks and blind.

Three dogs qualified to complete the first Senior event in New Brunswick.

Tom and Woody made it, as did Roger Powers and Target. The third qualifying dog was handled by Tammy Caseley and it may be the first Senior dog in NAHRA

and it certainly is the first New Brunswick dog to qualify named Mozart. You can't get much classier than that.

That completed the weekend and the qualifying handlers and their dogs were presented with their ribbons along with a large "helping" of praise from their fellow club members.

I hope that I was able to pass a little information on to everyone over the two days that will enable them to get ready for future events and then come down to the States to start challenging us.

For me, my first trip to New Brunswick was great and should the occasion come up I know that a return trip would be equally enjoyable.

I have only one suggestion and hope that everyone at Sunpoke accepts this constructive criticism. Please refrain from feeding the judges more than three times a day. I can't handle eating five and six of those great New Brunswick meals every day.



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GMHR WR Southland Bullwinkle	Rocky Emery	Maggie	
MHR Tuckahoe Beau of Fairfax	Jean B. Everest	GMHR WR Southland Bomber's Black Lace	B. Lynn Foraker & Trish Jagoda
GMHR Southland Lucky Strike	Jack Jagoda & Joe May	MHR WR Southland Stars and Stripes	Lindy & Seth Hochberg
MHR Southland's Virginia Slim	Ivan Morgan		

—WORKING RETRIEVERS—

REGISTERED NAME	OWNER NAME	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER NAME
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— STARTED DOGS —

REGISTERED NAME	OWNER NAME	REGISTERED NAME	OWNER NAME
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Honest Southland Abe	Charles Hudak	Buffer's Southland Traitor	Gaylord Hoisington
Southland's Blackberry Jam	Ann M. Parris	Southland Black Swan	Harold Campbell
Henry's Airhead Express	Lenny Mastin	Southland Canterbury Annie	Priscilla Tolman
Southland Pagan Too	Kent Repka	Southland Blackwater Teal	Rick Ward & Joy Mathes
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FIELD TEST RESULTS

SUNPOKE HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB
KESWICK, NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA
JULY 1-2, 1989

STARTED I

DOGS ENTERED 6 - DOGS QUALIFIED 3
JUDGES: DON MACPHERSON & BILL DOUGAN

DOG	OWNER
Target - Saucer's Flying Target, LM	Roger Powers
Echo - Skylon My Mischievous Echo, GF	Tim Doherty
Mozart - Mozart, GM	Timmy Caseley

INTERMEDIATE I

DOGS ENTERED 9 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: STERLING WHITE & RICK DOUGAN

DOG	OWNER
Scram - Topbrass Scrambler, GF	Don MacPherson
Sam - Bomerang Samantha, LF	Paul Stewart
Woody - Sugarfoot Riverside Woody, LM	Ken Eagle
Jake - Tema Koke Son, CM	Mac Bongard
Target - Saucer's Flying Target, LM	Roger Powers

STARTED II

DOGS ENTERED 7 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: BILL DOUGAN & RICK DOUGAN

DOG	OWNER
Maggie - Westpeake Maggie, CF	Mac Bongard
Target - Saucer's Flying Target, LM	Roger Powers
Scram - Topbrass Scrambler, GF	Don MacPherson
Echo - Skylon My Mischievous Echo, GF	Tim Doherty
Hia - Hiawatha, LF	Robert MacMillan

INTERMEDIATE II

DOGS ENTERED 5 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: STERLING WHITE & TIM DOHERTY

DOG	OWNER
Jake - Tema Koke Son, CM	Mac Bongard
Target - Saucer's Flying Target, LM	Roger Powers
Bo - Jarrack's Lindall Lobo, LM	John Campbell
Woody - Sugarfoot Riverside Woody, LM	Ken Eagle
Scram - Topbrass Scrambler, GF	Don MacPherson

WESTERN NEW YORK RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.
OAKFIELD, NEW YORK
JULY 1-2, 1989

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 38 - DOGS QUALIFIED 25
JUDGES: RANDALL BUETTNER & LYNN FORAKER

DOG	OWNER
Nitro - Mapleridge Nitro-Express, LM	Joanne K. Smith
Swan - Southland Black Swan, LF	Harold Campbell
Erin - Clancy's Grey-Lassie Erin, LF	Brice R. Lueotke
Prize - Prize, LM	Allan Flinchum, Jr.
Major - Van Lee's Major Malone, LM	Paul J. Rappl
Val - Twin Lakes Vanella Valentina, LF	Trish Jagoda
Nero - Wimberway's An Monte Nero, LM	Sabin Baldoc
Revie - La'Mist Revenee, LF	Jan & Bill McKee
Kodi - Panda's Kodiak Bear Creekwood, LF	Mitchell & Jolynn Cornish
Ellie - Paul's Blackwater Baby, LF	Paul Gray
Choco - Winterpock Prince Choco, LM	Kathryn C. Smith
Axle - Lady Axle Escapade, LF	Jeffrey & Anne Greenspon
Wyatt - Wyatt, LM	David L. Hillman
Chance - Traitor Take A Chance, LF	Shari Hassett
Elizabeth - La'Mist Fancy Free, LF	Theodore R. Smith
Gator - True Grit's Gator, LM	Gaylord Holsington
Mike Abel - Casey's Pride Yasko, LM	Greg Yasko
Kelly - Brookside's Kelly of McAfee, LF	David & Susan Tassey
Lady Bug - Sunny Oaks Lady Bugs Memory, LF	Jan & Bill McKee
Chadler - Murphy's Crazy Charlie, LM	Joann Murphy
Odis - Split-Rock Odis, LM	Daryl Larson
Cannon - Cannon Captaine Choiba, LM	Carl Rathje
Sam - Samuel DeWolfe, LM	Mark Smith
Barker - Sir Barker's Chocolate, LM	Robert L. Jerge
Maggie - Wimberway's O'Magan at Enfield, LF	Cathy Harring

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 40 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: DAVID TASSEY & RICK KURTZ

DOG	OWNER
Bessie - Henderson's GUN Hodas Bessie, LF	David & Lea McCrea
Shieba - Misty Creek Shieba, LF	Jan & Bill McKee
Lightning - Van Lee's Lightning, LM	John O'Brien
Whitey - Applejack's White Lightin, LF	Bill & Lisa Campanelli
Traveler - Tea Town Traveler, LM	Rex Bell
Ivan - Cayuga Creek Ivan, LM	Jim Karr
Doc - La'Mist Doc Holiday, LM	Richard Lombardo
Sam - Rosecrest Mygun, LM	Chuck & Baylei Dile
Jake - Cedar Crest Jake, LM	William Walker
Peaches - Haverhill Golden Jubilee, LF	Martha A. Kenhall
Princess - Princess Daffnie, LF	John Fincher

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 31 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: TONY JANKOWSKI & RON STANDOW

DOG	OWNER
Applejack - GMHR Van Lee's Applejack, LM	T. Stasierowski & J. Jayson
Chico - WR La'Mist Marsh Magic Chico, LM	Tim & Marianne Conlon
Bobbi - GMHR La'Mist Miss Bobbi McGee, LF	Joe & Arch Letta
Jessie - MHR WR Pye's Phantom Charger, LM	Rusty & Sandra Pye
Traveler - Tea Town Traveler, LM	Rex Bell
Mike - MHR Federal Hills Mike EM, LM	Janet Sowers
Jet - MHR Chans Dakota Jet, LM	William Ogorchock
Missey - MHR Want To, LF	Jack & Diana Jagoda
Anna - Creole's Lucy-Anna, LF	Steve L. Richardson
Abbey - WR Dione's Abbey Rose, LF	Shelia & Greg Keyes
Gamekeeper - MHR WR The Gamekeeper of Rockerin, GM	J. McCann & M. DiGregorio

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 30 - DOGS QUALIFIED 16
JUDGES: RICK MITCHELL & PETER KENNEDY

DOG	OWNER
Buck - Riverband's Buckeroo, LM	Steve Reese
Applejack - GMHR Van Lee's Applejack, LM	T. Stasierowski & J. Jayson
Anna - Creole's Lucy-Anna, LF	Steve Richardson
Midgie - GMHR WR Southland Bomber's Black Lace, LF	Lynn Forsaker
Jet - MHR Chans Dakota Jet, LM	William Ogorchock
Tyres - MHR WR Rockerin Willorun Tyres, GF	Joseph McCann
Missey - MHR Want To, LF	Jack & Diana Jagoda
Shadow - WR Super Squaw Shadow, LF	William Ogorchock
Sky - GMHR Royal Hunts Sky High, LM	Thomas Winger, III
Chico - WR La'Mist Marsh Magic Chico, LM	Tim & Marianne Conlon
Bobbi - GMHR La'Mist Miss Bobbi McGee, LF	Joe & Arch Letta
Mike - MHR Federal Hills Mike EM, LM	Janet Sowers
Jessie - MHR WR Pye's Phantom Charger, LM	Rusty & Sandra Pye
Lacey - GMHR WR Lacey J, LF	Trish Jagoda
Centaur - MHR The Centaur Chiron, LM	Roger Lewis
Missey - MHR Mischievous Magic River, LF	Mark & Mary Simpson

FINGER LAKES RETRIEVER CLUB
BALDWINVILLE, NEW YORK
JULY 8-9, 1989

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 43 - DOGS QUALIFIED 16
JUDGES: RICK MITCHELL & JOHN CORDIER

DOG	OWNER
Dixie - S & R's Brunette Dixie Lady, LF	Randy Buettner
Rocky - Double Eagle's Rockbuster, LM	Paul & Jeanne Means
Doc - La'Mist Doc Holiday, LM	Richard Lombardo
Squirt - Fudge Factor of McLean, GM	Dave Lombard
Raja - Russet's Rowdy Raja, LM	Tom & Jody Stasierowski
Zeus - Bert's Zeus of the Finger Lakes, LM	Mary Kay Manna
Annie - S & D Dione's Little Angel, LF	Samuel J. Loomis
Lightning - Van Lee's Lightning, LM	John O'Brien
Capo - La'Mist Capodimonte, LM	Joe & Arch Letta
Whitey - Applejack's White Lightin, LF	Bill & Lisa Campanelli

Annie - Annie Oakley of Windsor, LF Megan & David G.
Nitro - Maple Ridge Nitro-Express, LM JoAnne K. Smith
Chase - The Centaur's Dream, LF Roger D. Lewis
Maggie - Maple Hope Maggi, LF Mark S. Wayne
Pete - Southland's Repeat Performance, LM Trish Jagoda
Mandy - Watercreek's amazin' Mandy, LF Brad & Shelly Lindberg

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 33 - DOGS QUALIFIED 13
JUDGES: TONY JANKOWSKI & RICK KURTZ

DOG	OWNER
Winky - GMHR WR Southland Bullwinkle, LM	Rocky Emery
Bobbi - GMHR La'Mist Miss Bobbi McGee, LF	Joe & Arch Letta
Whitey - Applejack's White Lightin, LF	Bill & Lisa Campanelli
Crackin - GMHR WR Southland Crackin To Go, LF	Tony Leonard
Buck - Riverband's Buckeroo, LM	Steve Reese
Gamekeeper - MHR WR The Gamekeeper of Rockerin, GM	J. McCann & M. DiGregorio
Jet - MHR Chans Dakota Jet, LM	William Ogorchock
Sky - GMHR Royal Hunts Sky High, LM	Tom & Laura Winger
Mike - MHR Federal Hills Mike EM, LM	Janet M. Sowers
Applejack - GMHR Van Lee's Applejack, LM	T. Stasierowski & J. Jayson
Rita - Twin Lakes Lovely Rita, LF	Woody Thurman
Missey - GMHR Want To, LF	Jack & Diana Jagoda

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 33 - DOGS QUALIFIED 4
JUDGES: ALAN KOTTWITZ & RICK OLIVER

DOG	OWNER
Gamekeeper - MHR WR The Gamekeeper of Rockerin, GM	J. McCann & M. DiGregorio
Midgie - GMHR WR Southland Bomber's Black Lace, LF	Lynn Forsaker
Winky - GMHR WR Southland Bullwinkle, LM	Rocky Emery
Missey - GMHR Want To, LF	Jack & Diana Jagoda

MIDNIGHT SUN GUN DOG ASSOCIATION
PORTAGE, ALASKA
JULY 22-23, 1989

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 36 - DOGS QUALIFIED 28
JUDGES: SUE SMITH, ARLO WOODLEE, GENE AGE & AND COKE WALLACE

DOG	OWNER
Trapper - Aliho's Denali Trapper, LM	Elaine Brock
Jessie - Gallagher's Lady Jessica, LF	Rob Mayer
Baby - Ice's Range Phantom Babylem, CF	Jerry Freel
Sonny - Gallagher's Sundance Scenario, LM	Tom Rosen
Colby - Coal Black Colby, LM	Jim Aoki
Knight - The Black Knight of Girdwood, LM	Bill Morgan
Brandy - Timmy's Little Lady Luck, LF	Tim Smith
Tracer - Southdown Risky Business, GM	Gwen Nolin
Nellie - Minichik Nellie, LF	Steve Phillips
Billie - Brian's Evening Jewel, LF	Steve Hoaglund
Magsie - Magneto Magsie, LF	Cory O'Brien
Spoonie - Sonnentag's Spoonie, LF	Scott Connor
Kristy - Kana's Kristy Lynn, LF	Beck Reardon
Dee - Placer's Willow Dea, GF	Steve & Pam Morgan
Cisco - Arctic Cisco, LM	Carol Winters
Frisky - Becky's Frisky Tutka, GM	James V. Sheridan
Coco - Coco, LF	Mike Sage
Sailor - Gallagher's Watergate Sailor, LM	Paul Poorman, Jr.
Sergeant - Sergeant Spirit of Attu, LM	Ron Price
Rosebud - Blue's Redi Rosebud, LF	Tom Jennings
Molly - Molly of the Interior, CF	Troy & Jan Thacker
Sage - Rock Too's Spicy Sage, LF	Ray Hoover
Sugar - Sunnyview's Alaskan Black Sugar, LF	P. Locker III & P. Locker
Sally - North Star's Blazing Sally, CF	Troy & Jan Thacker
Bo - Chief Jay Strong Bow, LM	Rob Jones, Jr.
Niq - Pt. Barrow's Niqaqti, LM	John Trent
Denali - Placer's Denali Prospector, GM	L. A. Rizzo
Chrystal - Northwind's Sparkin Ember, LF	Cory O'Brien

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INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 28 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: DON BIESEN, ANN ROTHE, JIM ANIBAS AND CRAIG GARDNER

DOG	OWNER
Velvet - Diane's Midnight Velvet, LF	Diane Sheppard
Kristy - Kenal's Kristy Lynn, LF	Becky Reordan
Buck - Hiwood's Nakai Powder Buck, LM	Dimitri Bader
Sugar - Sunnyview's Alaskan Black Sugar, LF	P. Locker, Jr.
Pearl - Pacer's Alaskan Pearl, LF	Larry Crawford
Pete - Cannon Ball Pets, LM	Frank O'Brien
Nitro - Honchos Nitro Witches Braw, LF	George Parker
Nick - Linder Lake Nick, LF	Bob Dunn

SENIOR

DOGS ENTERED 12 - DOGS QUALIFIED 3
JUDGES: ANDY LORANGER & DON BIESEN

DOG	OWNER
Jazz - Jazztime, LM	Larry Calvert
Thunder - Chugach Hills Thunderfoot, LM	Larry Calvert
Bitsey - MHR WR Chugach Hills Itsey Bitsey, LF	Anne Stoops & Larry Calvert

THE GREATER PACIFIC NORTHWEST
RETRIEVER TRIAL CLUB
SAUVIE ISLAND, OREGON
JULY 22-23, 1989

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 21 - DOGS QUALIFIED 6
JUDGES: DOUG TRUDEAU AND CANDY MYERS

DOG	OWNER
Chet - Chesterfield Running Rampant, LM	Neil Kykeman
Sunnyview's Obie, LM	Dan Brown
Emberain Autumn Kunung Unika, GF	Lynn Dixon
Harshay - Jake's Harshay of Emi Street, LM	Marty Ebner
Roxy - Willies Wildfire Roxanne, LF	Dan Collier
Brandy - Branded Suncold, GF	Kathy Schultz

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 18 - DOGS QUALIFIED 9
JUDGES: STEVE KIRK AND DOUG TRUDEAU

DOG	OWNER
Cooper - Cooper Creeks Girl, LF	Jim Lewis
Sadie - Sunnyview's Satin Sadie, LF	Mike Ryan
Nikki - Hi Birds Necanicum X-Over, LF	Mark Paden
Hawk - Sunnyview's Tomahawk, LM	Norm Brock
Kala - Sunnyview's Kala Katy, LF	John Ross
Jet - Sunnyview's Just in Time, LM	Mike Whitenack
Star - Starlight on Autumn Wings, GF	Martin Loper
Putts - Memory Lakes Putts and Stuff, LM	Brian Gardino
Bear - Joseph Bear Coachman, LM	Doug Brady

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 23 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: DOUG KOELLERMEIER AND STEVE KIRK

DOG	OWNER
Coco - Lady Coco LeSchoob, LF	Todd Scheuble
Cleo - MHR Cleopatra at Daybreak, LF	Charles Keller
Bud - GMHR Sunnyview's Buddy Jones, LM	Dick Weiner
Watts - Watts High Voltage, LM	Grant Williams
Jezebel - WR Sandlakes Jezebel, LF	Bev McMillan
Buck - GMHR Foggybottom Buckaroo, LM	Douglas Johnson
Jake - Sunnyview's Midnight Jake, LM	Tedd Snodgrass
Majic - MHR Sunnyview's Majestic Knight, LM	Jesse Montague
Breezy - WR Classical Sea Breeze, LF	Steve Elliott
Ninja - Widgeon Creek Ninja, LM	Todd Scheuble
Powder - Sunnyview's Black Powder, LF	Jeff Myers

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 23 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: BRUCE MEREDITH AND RICHARD HIGGINS

DOG	OWNER
Molly - Renshaws Gun Moll Molly, LF	Dan Collier
Breezy - WR Classical Sea Breeze, LF	Steve Elliott
Dutch - Lady Dutch Tieve, LF	Chris Vogelsang
Cleo - MHR Cleopatra at Daybreak, LF	Charles Keller
Watts - Watts High Voltage, LM	Grant Williams
Jake - Sunnyview's Midnight Jake, LM	Tedd Snodgrass

Coach - MHR Sunnyview's Royal Coachman, LM Dick Wainer
Buck - GMHR Foggybottom Buckaroo, LM Douglas Johnson
Majic - MHR Sunnyview's Majestic Knight, LM Jesse Montague
Coco - Lady Coco LeSchoob, LF Todd Scheuble
Kate - MHR Special K Express, LF Mike Cloke

LUMBER RIVER RETRIEVER CLUB
LAUREL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 29-30, 1989

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 30 - DOGS QUALIFIED 16
JUDGES: TRACY SANDERS & DENNIS HICKS

DOG	OWNER
Hanna - Hanna Beau Banna Too, LF	Richard & Kathy Lamocks
Gus - Sir Jakes Angus, LM	Jan Ragsdale Tucker
Bogey - Mister Humphrey Bogart, LM	Gil Gilmore
Maggie - Deep Springs Snappin Maggie, LF	Gil Gilmore
Moose - Harry's Chocolate Mousse II, LM	Bill Harrison
Quincey - Vo's Mister Quincey, LM	Randy O'Neal
Misty - Lady Majestic Misty, LF	Timothy R. Bare
Tar Baby - Black River's Tar Baby, LM	Christopher S. Phillips
Cap - Captain's Fancy, LF	Rhett Miller
Sugar - Banner's Sugar Belle, LF	Charles m. Speegle, Jr.
Magic - Woodstock Waho Midnite Magic, LM	Dennis & Terri Woodruff
Barkley - Temples Poochontas Barkley, LM	F. Waldo Manuel
Prise - Prise, LM	Allen J. Flinchum, Jr.
J. D. - J's Dusty Devil, LM	James Garr
Bo - Do Cephus Osteen, LM	Lawson Gaither
Tabby - Carolina Sunshine Girl, LF	Charles Elmore

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 30 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: BILL CORBETT & JOHN MCLELLAN

DOG	OWNER
Traveler - Tea Town Traveler, LM	Rex Bell
Lady - Lady Angel of the Neuse, LF	Dallas D. Holton, Jr.
Blackjack - Don's Blackjack, LM	Don Molina
Tex - Texas Tar Philmon, LM	Bill Philmon
Rider - Muskrat Run's Pale Rider, LM	Kelly Baggett
Jody - Danny's Little Jody, LF	Danny Moore
Jake - Sir Duke of Duchess, LM	Joe Taylor
Play - Ralph Swamps Playback, LM	Edwin L. McNeill, Jr.

SENIOR

DOGS ENTERED 42 - DOGS QUALIFIED 16
JUDGES: JACK JAGODA & ROY SEALY

DOG	OWNER
Rita - Twin Lakes Lovely Rita, LF	Woody Thurman
Ike - Itchin' Ike of Kinsman, LM	Tom Smart
Holly - Holly's Hallow Eve, LF	Chris Johnson
Zack - Ralph Swamp's Zack, LM	Eddie McNeill
Fellow - GMHR Richard's Fellow, LM	Richard McDonald
Gumbo - MHR Sirs Choice Gumbo, LF	Michael A. Moroz
Jazz - MHR WR Seamlons Smokey Jasmine, LF	John W. Scanlon
Crackin - GMHR WR Southdowns Crackin To Go, LF	Tony Leonard
Hank - MHR WR CJ's Bocephus, LM	Charles & Cathy Jurney
Josh - MHR Josh High Hopes From Jed, LM	Matt Cassidy
Winky - GMHR WR Southland Bullwinkle, LM	Ricky Emery
Sweetie - MHR WR Super Sweetie Whistle, LF	Rocky Emery
Jake - GMHR WR Daniel's Thunder Jake, LM	Donnie Daniel
Bear - Bear's Double Express, LM	Chris Bishop
Midnight - MHR WR Little Rivers Midnight Lace, LF	Phil Codd
Midgie - GMHR WR Southland Bomber's Black Lace, LF	Lynn Foraker

PUGET SOUND RETRIEVER CLUB
BELFAIR, WASHINGTON
JULY 29, 1989

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 21 - DOGS QUALIFIED 9
GEORGE DOTY AND LAVONNE DOTY

DOG	OWNER
Skye - Goldendead's Skye's the Limit, GM	Peter Hampl
Breezy - Sailor's Sailing Seabreeze, GF	Mark & Debra Ragle
Riona - Jaybren's Bonnie Righnach, IWS/F	James F. Brennan
Barney - Raging River Barney, LM	Hal Erickson
Coco - Coco Fudge Face, LM	Bob Bosh
April - Harbortop's Bright April, LF	Nina Mann & Leslie Douglas
Pollo - Apollo Sirius of Tahuya, LM	Harry & Peggy Williams
Tully - Riptide Tule, LM	Mark Lowmiller
China - Blackberry's China Rose, LF	Jeff Getsinger

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 15 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: DAN HOSFORD & GREG MONROE

DOG	OWNER
Jake - Jacobie Tar, LM	Hal Erickson
Sailor - Tabitha's Golden Sailor, GM	Mark & Debra Ragle
Tully - Riptide Tule, LM	Mark Lowmiller
Bunny - Westwind Super Jungle Bunny, LF	John & Tish Brogetti
Starr - Starlite on Autumn Wings, GF	Martin Loper
Kaydee - Sunnyview's Kaydee O, LF	Dennis Fieger
Buck - Sunnyview's Clackamas Kid, LM	Glen & Mary Jo Marttila
Gunner - Gunner Sassafras Choptank, CM	Paul Taylor

INTERIOR ALASKA GUN DOG ASSOCIATION
NORTH POLE, ALASKA
JULY 29-30, 1989

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 24 - DOGS QUALIFIED 15
JUDGES: GENE AGE & TIM SMITH

DOG	OWNER
Spoonie - Sonnentag's Spoonie, LF	Scott Connor
Molly - Molly of the Interior, CF	Troy & Jan Thacker
Billie - Brian's Evening Jewel, LF	Steve & Vicki Hoaglund
Bo - Chief Jay Strong Bow, LM	Robert L. Jones
Peaper - Fennmore Ms. Sheesa Keipar, LF	Steve & Vicki Hoaglund
B - Wally's Bold Borealis, CF	Coke & JoAnn Wallace
Rosebud - Blue's Radi Rosebud, LF	Tom & Gretchen Jennings
Sailor - Gallaghers Watergate Sailor, LM	Paul Poorman, Jr.
Macey - Macey, GS/F	Linda & Scott Jones
Baby - Ice's Range Phantom Babylem, CF	Jerry Freel
Sage - Rock Too's Spicy Sage, LF	Ray Hoover
Sugar - Sunnyview's Alaskan Black Sugar, LF	P. Locker III & P. Locker, Jr.
Tar - Tar of Meshik, LM	S. Sherwood & O. Matson
Maggie - Sidekick's Alaskan Magnolia, GF	Thomas Kinney
Nioka - Sonnentag's NAHRA News Nioka, LF	Larry Foor

INTERMEDIATE I

DOGS ENTERED 20 - DOGS QUALIFIED 10
JUDGES: HAROLD ZIMMERMAN & PHILLIP LOCKER, JR.

DOG	OWNER
Thunder - Chugach Hills Thunderfoot, LM	Larry L. Calvert
Preacher - Mr. Tanner's Pioneer Preacher, LM	Bill Davis
Gorb - Super Gorb of Sherwood, LM	Sid Sherwood
Buc - Anya's Brassy Boss, GM	Steve & Pam Morgan
Spinner - Beavercrest Tailspinner, LM	Dave Goggina
Jazz - Jazztime, LM	Larry Calvert
Velvet - Diane's Midnight Velvet, LF	Diane Sheppard
Jessie - Gallagher's Lady Jessica, LF	Rob Meyer
Duke - Dawson's Duke of Sherwood, LM	Sid Sherwood
Kristy - Kenal's Kristy Lynn, LF	Becky Reordan

INTERMEDIATE II

DOG ENTERED 19 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: BILL DAVIS & ANNA STOOPS

DOG	OWNER
Kristy - Kenal's Kristy Lynn, LF	Becky Reordan
Blaze - Blaze of Glory, LM	Ed Linkous
Nitro - Honchos Nitro Witches Braw, LF	George & Raissa Parker
Spinner - Beavercrest Tailspinner, LM	Dave Goggina
Gorb - Super Gorb of Sherwood, LM	Sid Sherwood
Strauss - Strauss of Fairbanks Alaska, LM	Ed Bodzuch
Sailor - Gallaghers Watergate Sailor, LM	Paul Poorman, Jr.
Rosebud - Blue's Radi Rosebud, LF	Tom & Gretchen Jennings
Velvet - Diane's Midnight Velvet, LF	Diane Sheppard
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Buc - Anya's Brassy Boss, GM	Steve & Pam Morgan

SENIOR

DOGS ENTERED 10 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: TROY THACKER & GENE AGE

DOG	OWNER
Greta - GMHR WR Hiwood Greta, LF	Phillip & Janie Locker
Thunder - Chugach Hills Thunderfoot, LM	Larry L. Calvert
Shauna - MHR WR Shauna of Sherwood, LF	Sid Sherwood
Rusty - Redigo's Rusty Renegade, LM	Harold & Jean Zimmerman
Bitsey - MHR WR Chugach Hills Itsey Bitsey, LF	Anna Stoops & Larry Calvert
Cook - GMHR Hiwood Pacer's Capt Cook, LM	Brian Baines
Jazz - Jazztime, LM	Larry Calvert
Spook - Boo's Black Boomerang, LM	Mike Black

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**ALPENA RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION
ALPENA, MICHIGAN
AUGUST 5-6, 1989**

STARTED

**DOGS ENTERED 5 - DOGS QUALIFIED 4
JUDGES: WAYNE STOCCO & TONY JANKOWSKI**

DOG	OWNER
Otis - Split-Rock Otis, LM	Daryl Larson
Gunner - Tabatha's Top Gun at Spencer, LM	Roberta Perry
Champ - La'Mist Lord Midnight, LM	Mike Feck
Mavrick - Mavrick Ram Jet, LM	John E. Martin

INTERMEDIATE

**DOGS ENTERED 10 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: WAYNE STOCCO & JOHN MARTIN**

DOG	OWNER
Dixie - S & R's Brunette Dixie Lady, LF	Randy Buettner
Bradley - Prairie Island Jackpot, LM	Curtis A. Weber
Nitro - Maple-Ridge Nitro-Express, LM	Joanna K. Smith
Doc - La'Mist Doc Holiday, LM	Richard Lombardo
Trigger - Crowhave Jomar's Trigger, LF	Robert Skuse

SENIOR I

**DOGS ENTERED 11 - DOGS QUALIFIED 4
JUDGES: TONY JANKOWSKI & BRAD LINDBERG**

DOG	OWNER
Gypsy - The Thieven Gypsy Lady, GF	Bill Tidd
Turk - MHR WR Cedar Valley's Hi-Bird Turk, LM	Brent Helgeson
Ukie - MHR Candlewoods Ridge Road Ukie, LF	Paul M. Zelisko
Knute - Knute of Riverbend, LM	John Viren

SENIOR II

**DOGS ENTERED 10 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: BRAD LINDBERG & BILL SEFTON**

DOG	OWNER
Jet - MHR Chans Dakota Jet, LF	Bill Ogorchock
Knute - Knute of Riverbend, LM	John Viren
Keeper - MHR WR The Gamekeeper of Rockerlin, GM	J. P. McCann & M. T. DiGregorio
Bobbi - GMHR La'Mist Miss Bobbi McGee, LF	Joe & Archangel Letta
Ukie - MHR Candlewoods Ridge Road Ukie, LF	Paul M. Zelisko

**VALLEY OF THE SUN HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA
AUGUST 12-13, 1989**

STARTED

**DOGS ENTERED 18 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: GARY ERICKSON, DOUG AMOS, JERRY PARNHAM
& FRANK ESTES**

DOG	OWNER
Honker - Schwarzwnberg's Happy Honker, LM	Mark Kellogg
Ace - Dan's Ace of Spades III, LM	Dan Christensen
Tealah - Shadow It's Tealah, LF	Albert & Natalie Logan
Lucas - Lucas, LF	Don Davis
Case - Tanglewood Blazin Case Lite, LF	Jeff Robinson
Lady - Lolanda's Lady, LF	Rich Egly

INTERMEDIATE

**DOGS ENTERED 9 - DOGS QUALIFIED 3
JUDGES: LARS BARKER & JERRY PARNHAM**

DOG	OWNER
Willie - Blind Shadows Big Willie Boy, LM	Mike Brewer
Maverick - Triaven Highflying Maverick, LM	Jerry & Allison Boosinger
Oprah - Trumaro's Super Tanker, LF	John A. Wabeke

SENIOR I

**DOGS ENTERED 22 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: SCOTT SEWARD & CHARLES BRESLIN**

DOG	OWNER
Billie - MHR WR Lil Billie, LF	Charles Chamberlain
Lacy - GMHR WR Lacy Lee of Lolanda, LF	Lenda Lee Barker
Ninja - Widgeon Creek Ninja, LM	Todd & Holly Scheuble
Pak - GMHR WR Rio Retrievers Super Six Pak, LM	Larry & Mickey Walker

Tar - WR River Kern Tar Baby, LM
Sam - Sure Shot Sam II, LM
Bree - Westwind Oktobriana, LF
Coco - Lady Coco Leeshoob, LF

Larry Downing
Phil Deechena
Todd & Holly Scheuble
Todd & Holly Scheuble

SENIOR II

**DOGS ENTERED 25 - DOGS QUALIFIED 10
JUDGES: TEDD SNODGRASS & LENDA LEE BARKER**

DOG	OWNER
Pete - WR Painter's Peter, LM	Earl & Betsy Gillett
Bree - Westwind Oktobriana, LF	Todd & Holly Scheuble
Coco - Lady Coco Leeshoob, LF	Todd & Holly Scheuble
Rocky - MHR WR Kendrick's Blackjack Rocky, LM	Larry (Coach) Walker
Choice - MHR WR Duck Master's Choice, LF	Charles F. Breslin
Tuff - GMHR Wind River Tuff-E-Nuff, LM	Scott & Gail Seward
Jade - Harmony Joy, LF	Cynthia Parnham
Duck - GMHR WR Duck Master's Noin Around, LM	Charles F. Breslin
Decoy - Boyd's Decoy at Dawn, LM	Sandra Boyd
Tequila - Don Diego's Tequila To Earth, LF	W. Ron Gober

**TIDEWATER RETRIEVER CLUB
FROG LEVEL, VIRGINIA
AUGUST 12-13, 1989**

STARTED

**DOGS ENTERED 32 - DOGS QUALIFIED 17
JUDGES: MIKE HATCHER & SHARON MAY**

DOG	OWNER
Choco - Winterpock Prince Choco, LM	Kathryn Smith
Pooh - Preference Vulcana, LF	Sue H. Cox
Widge - Preference Widgeon, LM	Scott & Sue Cox
Aly - Southland LL's Alaskan Lady, LF	Larry Large
Magic - Woodstock Waho Midnite Magic, LM	Dennis & Terri Woodruff
Prise - Prise, LM	Allen J. Fincham, Jr.
Toby - Toby Barra of Backcreek, CM	C. A. Barra
Yeller - Fordway Yeller, LM	Jeff Ford
Barkley - Temples Pocahontas Barkley, LM	F. Waldo Manuel
Buddy - My Barroom Buddy, LM	Joey & Anne Townsend
Stoney - Stone Earl of Muddy Branch, LM	Jim Little
Piper - Copperfield Pipe Dreams, LF	J. W. Abrams
Belle - Hideaway Acres Cocoa Belle, LF	Don C. Scott
Cricket - Southland Hi Flying Cricket, LF	Charles S. Gibson, Jr.
Drake - Johnson's Carolina Ivory Label, LM	Kenneth D. Honeycutt
Vel - Twin Lakes Vanella Valentine, LF	Trish Jagoda
Misty - Lady Majestic Misty, LF	Tim Bae

INTERMEDIATE

**DOGS ENTERED 32 - DOGS QUALIFIED 9
JUDGES: JOE MAY, CHIP BRIERRE, HANK MILLER III &
CHUCK CUNNINGHAM**

DOG	OWNER
Meg - S & S Meg of Backcreek, CF	G. R. Hopkins
Tara - Tara Gwynn Godsey, LF	Richard S. Godsey
Tuck - Tidewater Tuck, LM	Al Belcher
Jett - RAW's Southland Jett, LM	Jack & Diana Jagoda
Sue - Shooter's Sioux Warpaint, LF	Lee B. Elam
Abby - Westwind's Abby, LF	Andy Dyson
Lexie - Southland Wreckless Lexie, LF	Jeff & Jill Stoneman
Brandy - Sweetwater Brandy, LF	John R. Cameron
Petey - Southland Repeat Performance, LM	Trish Jagoda

SENIOR

**DOGS ENTERED 41 - DOGS QUALIFIED 14
JUDGES: JIM CIMBURKE & LEE ATKINSON**

DOG	OWNER
Winky - GMHR Southland Bullwinkle, LM	Rocky Emery
Muffin - Bama Bran Muffin, LF	Tracy Sanders
Jake - GMHR Daniel's Thunder Jake, LM	Donnie Daniel
Mike - MHR Federal Hill's Mike EM, LM	Janet Sowers
Toby - Fellow's Mr. T, LM	Daryl Cook
Chonnie - Riverbend's Pick A Pepper, LF	Tom & Bunny Rentz
Satan - Little River's Lucifer, LM	Roderick Cleveland
Crackin - GMHR Southdowns Crackin To Go, LF	Tony Leonard
Holly - Holly's Hallows Eve, LF	Chris Johnson
Moses - GMHR Weller's Moses of Antioch, LM	John Weller
Molly - Jubilee Black Tar's Molly, LF	Mark A. Wells
Nuggett - Joe D's Gold Nuggett, LF	Alan Pleasant
Ike - Itchin Ike of Kinsman, LM	Tom Smart
Josh - MHR Josh High Hopes From Jed, LM	Matt Cassidy

**BLACKHAWK RETRIEVER CLUB
LACROSSE, WISCONSIN
AUGUST 19-20, 1989**

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**DOGS ENTERED 17 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: AL RAFETTO & HENRY JOHNSON**

DOG	OWNER
Jessie - Harmony's Jessie Jay, LF	Brad Thies
Ann - Little Anne Kathlee, LF	John O'Malley
Cindy - Brandy's Cinnamon Nugget, GF	Sue Kiefer
Hattie - Glory Bee Hattie, GF	Tim Savor
Jake - Everything's Jake VII, LM	Stephen Waterman
Logun - Viking's Logun Transfer, LF	Kevin & Laurie Funtar
Corks - River Bottoms McCorkle, LF	Kenneth Owl
Mocha - Mocha Alexis Ogden, LF	Donald Ogden
Pix - Wingmaster's Pic of the Pac, LF	L. Bilke & W. Griswold
Chance - Hiwood's Second Chance, LM	Michael Vaughan
Joy - Harmony's Jumping Joy, LF	Tim Melham



STARTED II

**DOGS ENTERED 18 - DOGS QUALIFIED 14
JUDGES: MIKE HECKENKAMP & JERRY PARNHAM**

DOG	OWNER
Megan - Kiefer's Little Friable, GF	Susan Kiefer
Jake - Mukwonago Jake, LM	Thomas Rowland
Keesha - Gallant Twilight Keesha, LF	Galen Shellhorn
Maglo - Magic Jordan, LM	Lize Simmer
Buddy - Viking's My Boy Buddy, LM	Jerry Austin
Jessie - Harmony's Jessie Jay, LF	Brad Thies
Ann - Little Anne Kathleen, LF	John O'Malley
Cindy - Brandy's Cinnamon Nugget, GF	Susan
Jake - Everything's Jake VII, LM	Stephen Waterman
Corks - River Bottoms McCorkle, LF	Kenneth Owl
Mocha - Mocha Alexis Ogden, LF	Donald Ogden
Pix - Wingmaster's Pic of the Pac, LF	L. Bilke & W. K. Griswold
Chance - Hiwood's Second Chance, LM	Michael Vaughan
Joy - Harmony's Jumping Joy, LF	Tim Melham

INTERMEDIATE I

**DOGS ENTERED 11 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: BRUCE MEREDITH & JERRY PARNHAM**

DOG	OWNER
Rambo - Timberdoodle Rambo, LM	Mike Heckenkamp
Tina - Tom's True Mark Tina, LF	Tom & Phyllis DeWitt
Micky - Peter Michael's White Flyer, LF	Joe & Cathy Avery
Cassie - Brees' Black Cassandra, LF	Scott Brees
Bradley - Prairie Island Jackpot, LM	Curt Weber



INTERMEDIATE II

**DOGS ENTERED 12 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: RICK KNUTH & KEITH STROYAN**

DOG	OWNER
Splash - Flash 'N' Splash, LM	David Ward
Tubbs - Sir Wood's Tubbs, LM	Bill Wood
Clancy - Kings Valley Clancy, LM	R. Nelson & F. Thorgren
Rocko - Rocko's Toy Rainbows Delight, LM	Ken & Ann
Micky - Peter Michael's White Flyer, LF	Cathy A.
Cassie - Brees' Black Cassandra, LF	Scott Brees
Bradley - Prairie Island Jackpot, LM	Curt Weber
Jade - Harmony Joy, LF	Cynthia Parnham

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SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 15 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: GARY PRIEM & SPENCER MARTIN

MHR Candlewoods Ridge Road Ukie, LF Paul Zelisko
Knute - Knute of River Bend, LM John Viren
Abby - Hi-Bird Molly's Abecedabra, LF Rick & Holly Knuth
Turk - MHR WR Cedar Valley's Hi-Bird Turk, LM

Tyree - GMHR WR Rockerlin Willorun Tyree, GF Brent Helgeson
Joseph McCann



SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 15 - DOGS QUALIFIED 9
JUDGES: BRUCE MEREDITH & BRENT HELGESON

DOG Parne - MHR WR Parne Girl, LF Jerry Parnham
Expo - Gemco's Ebony Express, LM Mark Miller
Rusty - WR Rusty of Three Rivers, GM Henry & Sandy Johnson
Free - Wingmaster's Frolickun Free, LF Lee & Elliot Bilke
Truckee - Truckee Traveller, LM John Unbehaun
Ukie - Candlewoods Ridge Road Ukie, LF Paul Zelisko
Knute - Knute of River Bend, LM John Viren
Tyree - GMHR WR Rockerlin Willorun Tyree, GF Joseph McCann
Tina - Tom's True Mark Tina, LF Tom & Phyllis DeWitt

PRESQUE ISLE RETRIEVER CLUB
ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA
AUGUST 19-20, 1989

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 19 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: RICHARD MITCHELL & JOHN MARTIN

DOG Dillin - Dillin, LM Terry & Sandy Dunn
Champ - La'Mist Lord Midnight, LM Mike Feck
Ellie - Paul's Backwater Baby, LF Paul Gray
Tawny - Wolfcreek Elijahmoki Tawny, LM Louise J. Johnson
Baron - BonCecil's Black Baron, LM Bill & Siobhan St. Clair
Tasha - Wolfcreek Tasha Lynn, LF Jim Thalman
Max - Attaboy Max II, LM Phillip D. Berg
Otis - Split-Rock Otis, LM Daryl Larson
Demi - La'Mist Demi McGee Markham, LF Earl E. Markham
Ruger - Lord Ruger D'Isola, GM Anthony L. Isola
Belle - Belle VonCecil of Allencrest, LF Bill & Siobhan St. Clair

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 24 - DOGS QUALIFIED 10
JUDGES: PETER KENNEDY & JIM CIMBURKE

DOG Bessie - Henderson's Gill House Bessie, LF David & Lea McCrea
Capo - La'Mist Capodimonte, LM Joe & Arch Letta
Toby - Kresland's King Toby, LM Tom & Karen Simko
Lightning - Van Lee's Lightning, LM John O'Brien
Ory May - Ory May Markham, LM Earl E. Markham
Zeus - Bert's Zeus of the Finger Lakes, LM Mary Kay Manns
Dixie - S & R's Brunette Dixie Lady, LF Randy Buettner
Arfy - Agape, LM Pete Johnson
Jake - Sir Jacob Raleigh, GM Ron Stano
Molly - Vagabond's Midnight Molly, LF Frank & Lynn Gabriel

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 18 - DOGS QUALIFIED 6
JUDGES: JIM CIMBURKE & PETER KENNEDY

DOG Raja - Russet's Rowdy Raja, LM Tom & Jody Stasierowski
Jet - Chans Dakota Jet, LM William C. Ogorchock
Applejack - Van Lee's Applejack, LM T. Stasierowski & J. Jayson
Star - Southland Stars and Stripes, LF Lindy Hochberg
Winky - GMHR WR Southland Bullwinkle, LM Rocky Emery
Sweetie - MHR WR Super Sweetie Wheatie, LF Rocky Emery

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 18 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: WILLIAM SEFTON & JOHN CORDIER

DOG Traveler - Tea Town Traveler, LM Rex Bell

Star - Southland Stars and Stripes, LF Lindy Hochberg
Duke - MHR WR Duke of Patten, LM Charles L. Atkinson, Jr.
Missy - Mischievous Magic River, LF Mark Simpson
Applejack - GMHR Van Lee's Applejack, LM

T. Stasierowski & J. Jayson
Shane - Abilera's Fast Lane Shane, LM Louis Cook
Winky - GMHR WR Southland Bullwinkle, LM Rocky Emery
Sweetie - MHR WR Super Sweetie Wheatie, LF Rocky Emery

RAINIER HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB
CARNATION, WASHINGTON
AUGUST 19-20, 1989

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 30 - DOGS QUALIFIED 24
JUDGES: PERRY BELL & LAVONNE DOTY

DOG Sara - Wyndhaven's Redwick Sara, LF Chris Hamer
Coco - CoCo Fudge Face, LM Bob Boeh
Sadie - Sadie Shades of Ace, LF P. McCaleb
Darby - Sungold Super Brass, GF Chris Carlson
Riona - Jaybren's Bonnie Rieghnach, IWS/F James F. Brennan
Barney - Raging River Barney, LM Hel Erickson
Pip - Lamella Miss Pip, LF Terry McConnoughy
Dancer - Sunnyview's Shadow Dancer, LF Roger Nichols
Callie - Swampwater Callie, GF Randy Ellison
Cassie - Casadora Del Norte, LF J. Holden & C. Hamer
Bratzley - Appollo's Velvet Bratzley, LF Pam & Lauren Chinn
Dylan & Diane

Dolle - RobShar's Hot Salsa, LF Gollehon
Biff - Yorilyn Stardust, GF Sharrell I. Hoffman
Sundae - Black Cherry Sundae, LF Larry Weddle
Kodiak - Briana Chocolate Kodiak, LM Gary Densow
Brandy - Brenda's Brandy Star, LF Kim Thompson
Rielly - Rielly Super Honcho, LM Brenda Williams
Molly - Molly's Miss Molly, LF Dale Gorman
Coal - Coal of Skagit Flats, LM Doug Head
Krystle - Autumn's Krystle Bell, LF Zachary Taylor
Jake - Jakealister Von Rufton, LM Marilyn Mark
Toro - ElJim's Toro, LM Dale Gadois
Jamie - Jamie Leah, LF Eliene & Jim Williams

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 17 - DOGS QUALIFIED 12
JUDGES: PERRY BELL & SANDY HOSFORD

DOG Tully - Riptide Tule, LM Mark Lowmiller
Sailor - Tabitha's Golden Sailor, GM Mark & Debbie Ragle
Buck - Sunnyview's Clackamas Kid, LM Glen & MaryJo Martilla
Teala - Shoreholme Adelhard Whisper, FF Deborah Ulsh
K. C. - K. C. Studly, LM Daryl Hatheway
Kaia - Sunnyview's Kaia Katy, LF John E. Ross
Molly - Sunnyview's Marvelous Molly, LF Jeff Getzinger
Jake - Jacobia Tar, LM Hal Erickson
Kaydee - Sunnyview's Kaydee O, LF Dennis Fieger
Jenny - Nugget's Cot'n Pik'n Jenny, GF Michael & Florence Colby
Gunner - Gunner Sassafras Choptank, CM Paul H. Taylor
Jet - Sunnyview's Just in Time, LM Mike & Faye Whitenack

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 15 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: DEBBIE ULSH & CHARLES KELLER

DOG Magic - Sunnyview's Majestic Knight, LM Jesse Montague
Puff - WR Nick's Kellogg Coco Puff, LF Jack Kendrick
K - WR Sunnyview's Special K, LF Matt Weiner
Buck - MHR Foggybottom Buckaroo, LM Douglas Johnson
Coack - MHR Sunnyview's Royal Coachman, LM Richard C. Weiner
Ace - Chris' Ace in the Hole, LM Chris Hamer
Bud - GMHR Sunnyview's Buddy Jones, LM Dick Weiner & Rick Jones
Jake - MHR WR Sunnyview's Midnight Jake, LM Theodore Snodgrass

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 15 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: ALAN KOTTWITZ & BOYD ULSH

DOG Coach - MHR Sunnyview's Royal Coachman, LM Richard C. Weiner
Jake - MHR WR Sunnyview's Midnight Jake, LM Theodore Snodgrass
Bud - GMHR Sunnyview's Buddy Jones, LM Dick Weiner & Rick Jones
K - WR Sunnyview's Special K, LF Matt Weiner
Magic - Sunnyview's Majestic Knight, LM Jesse Montague
Buck - MHR Foggybottom Buckaroo, LM Douglas Johnson

MANITOBA HUNTING DOGS
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA
AUGUST 19-20, 1989

STARTED I

DOGS ENTERED 18 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: KEITH YETMAN & JOHN STIVER

DOG Reilly - Barclay's Reilly of Tot, LM Paula Perring
Jewel - Lee's Royal Jewel, LF Mercia Bujarski
Maxie - Boulderlane's Maxie, LF Cheryl York
Mackenzie - Nottingham Squeaky Mackenzie, GWP/M Bill & Lorelei Rodko
Indy - Wallingford's Indy Indeed, LM Michelle Lebron
Read - Cochrane Lake's Reed, LM Terry Simcox
Mandy - Mandy, GF Murry Milne
Tosh - Tosh, LM Darcy Freudenberg
Jenna - Barclay's Image of Gin, LF Dave Freudenberg
Mollie - Misty Marsh Mollie, LF Michael Hanan
Abby - Crowriver's Clinchers Abby, LF Rocky Weller

INTERMEDIATE I

DOGS ENTERED 8 - DOGS QUALIFIED 2
JUDGES: ROGER WELLER & BRYAN GAFKA

DOG Drake - Black Drake of Netley Lake, LM Brian Sparks
Shadow - Millridge's Blackthorn Shadow, LM Jim Eccleston

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 4 - DOGS QUALIFIED 0
JUDGES: ROGER WELLER & BRYAN GAFKA

STARTED II

DOGS ENTERED 20 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: BRYAN GAFKA & KEITH YETMAN

DOG Kentucky - Nottingham Squeaky Kentucky, GWP/M Bill & Lorelei Rodko
Bud - Gemco's Budding Romance, LM Cheryl York
Reilly - Barclay's Reilly of Tot, LM Paul Perring
Lady - Heather's Scottish Pride, CF Wallace D. Stewart
Blue - Blue, LM Michael Perring
Maxie - Boulderlane's Maxie, LF Cheryl York
Tosh - Tosh, LM Darcy Freudenberg
Coty - Coty Waldenway, GM Gord & Karen Shute
Mackenzie - Nottingham Squeaky Mackenzie, GWP/M Bill & Lorelei Rodko
Mollie - Misty Marsh Mollie, LF Michael Hanan
Chip - Barclay's Chip of Gin, LM Dr. & Mrs. F. Baldwin

INTERMEDIATE II

DOGS ENTERED 10 - DOGS QUALIFIED 4
JUDGES: MICHELLE LEBRON & MIKE HANAN

DOG Magic - Lakeview Magic Marker, LF Robby Willis
Drake - Black Drake of Netley Lake, LM Brian Sparks
Meg - River Oak Meg, LF Norm Elder
Max - Bruce's Midnight Max, LF John Stiver

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 6 - DOGS QUALIFIED 3
JUDGES: MICHELLE LEBRON & MIKE HANAN

DOG Meg - River Oak Meg, LF Norm Elder
Max - Bruce's Midnight Max, LF John Stiver
Rascal - MHR Mississippi Rascal, LM Roger Weller

AYLETT DUCKS UNLIMITED
WALKERTON, VIRGINIA
AUGUST 25-26, 1989

STARTED

DEGS ENTERED 38 - DOGS QUALIFIED 21
JUDGES: SHARON MAY & GUY TOWNSEND

DOG Omar - Omar Khayyam, CM Gene Byrd
Lucifer - Bigstone Tidewater Lucifer, LM Frank Herbert
Widge - Preference Widgeon, LM Scott Cox
Piper - Copperfield Pipe Dreams, LF J. W. Abrams
Max - Attaboy Max II, LM Phillip Berg
Zeke - Zeke, LM Greg Berkshire
Midnight - Kentucky Moonehine, LM Michael Wood

Katie - Kent Point Lady Katrina, LF
Toby - Toby Barrs of Backcreek, CM
Belle - Belle Von Cecil of Allencrest, LF
Onyx - Gun's Run Onyx, LM
Shelly - Lady Lu-Shell's Bold Venture, LF
Swan - Southland Black Swan, LF
Tessa - Riverbend's Tessa of Gun's Run, LF
Jack - Southlands Black Jack, LM
Carrie - Springfield's Carioca, LF
Baron - Kent Point Black Baron, LM
Chancy - Chancy, LF
Pooh - Preference Vulcana, LF
Ben - Richmonds Sir Benjamin, LM
Pippi - Pippi Ann Longstocking, LF

Frank Herbert
C. A. Barrs
William St. Clair
David Henneman
Lucie Smith
Harold Campbell
Dahne Morgan
Luther Bergstrom
Sandra Garrison
Curtis Hoover
Stuart Matthews
Sue Cox
David Turner
Orvin Kiser, Jr.

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 29 - DOGS QUALIFIED 10
JUDGES: BUDDY EMBREY & JOHN CHEW

DOG
Fanny - Mt. Run Light Fandango, LF
Tuck - Tidewater Tuck, LM
Pepper - Southland Tartu Pepper, LF
Lady - Lady Angel of the Neuse, LF
Buddy - Buddy of Cedar Bush Creek, LM
Pete - Southland Repeat Performance, LM
Meg - S & S Meg of Backcreek, CF
Brandy - Sweetwater Brandy, LF
Rider - Muskrat Run's Pale Rider, LM
Lucifer - Bigstone Tidewater Lucifer, LM

OWNER
Lee Elam
Al Belcher
Marge Samuels
Dallas Holton
William Garrison
Trish Jagoda
G. Hopkins
John Cameron
Kelly Baggett
Frank Herbert

SENIOR

DOGS ENTERED 36 - DOGS QUALIFIED 6
JUDGES: TOM RENTZ & BILL MEDCALF

DOG
Boz - WR Gwens Man Bozworth, LM
Beja - MHR Antsy Beja of Brandywine, LF
Winky - GMHR WR Southland Bullwinkle, LM
Hank - MHR WR CJ's Bocephus, LM
Duke - MHR WR Duke of Patten, LM
Bear - WR Hercules Black Dot, LM

OWNER
Alan Pleasant
Jim Cimburke
Rocky Emery
Charles Jurney
Lee Atkinson
Orvin Kiser

MINNESOTA HUNTING RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION WILLMAR, MINNESOTA AUGUST 26-27, 1989

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 31 - DOGS QUALIFIED 13
JUDGES: ROBIN KLEFFMANN & RANDY LEE

DOG	OWNER
Logun - Viking's Logun Transfer, LF	Kevin & Laurie Funfar
Reggie - Beau's Reginald Von Kauth, AWS/M	Tom Kauth
Dillin - Dillin, LM	Terry & Sandy Dunn
Jewel - Lee's Royal Jewel, LF	Marcia Bujarski
Frank - L & M's Frank of Palmville, LM	Peter & Lynn Dirks
Homer - Frisbie Home Brew, GM	Kevin Gardner
Annie - Eagle Lake Annie, LF	Gene Spaulding
Rockette - Cloud City's Flaming Rockette, GF	Mike & Mary Jo Zenner
Trapper - Full Choke's Trapper, LM	Bill McMurry
Jake - Everything's Jake VII, LM	Stephen D. Waterman
Sadie - Gemco's Palmville Mercedes, LF	Steve Dirks
Rex - Palmville's Cousin Rexanne, LF	Nancy Dietz
Indy - Wallingford's Indy Indeed, LF	Michelle Lebron

INTERMEDIATE I

DOGS ENTERED 18 - DOGS QUALIFIED 2
JUDGES: BRIAN SPARKS & LARRY HANSEN

DOG	OWNER
Bradley - Prairie Island Jackpot, LM	Curt Weber
Tug - Indian Trails Tug of War, LM	Mark Gulick

INTERMEDIATE II

DOGS ENTERED 14 - DOGS QUALIFIED 3
JUDGES: KEITH YETMAN & JON MOLITOR

DOG	OWNER
Bradley - Prairie Island Jackpot, LM	Curt Weber
Bessie - Henderson's Gill House Bessie, LF	David & Lea McCrea
Tocko - Rocko's Toy Rainbows Delight, LM	Ken & Ann Clark

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 16 - DOGS QUALIFIED 6
JUDGES: JON MOLITOR & FRED BENGTON

DOG	OWNER
Turk - MHR WR Cedar Valley's Hi-Bird Turk, LM	Brent Helgeson
Knute - MHR Knute of River Bend, LM	John Viren
Parne - GMHR WR Parne Girl, LF	Jerry & Cyndee Parnham
Brandy - MHR WR Mississippi Brandy, LF	Roger Waller
Rascal - MHR WR Mississippi Rascal, LM	Roger Waller
Tar - Fischer's Flying Target, LF	Pete Fischer



SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 14 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: MIKE HANAN & RANDY LEE

DOG	OWNER
Turk - MHR WR Cedar Valley's Hi-Bird Turk, LM	Brent Helgeson
Ukie - MHR Candlewoods Ridge Road Ukie, LF	Paul Zeliska
Knute - MHR Knute of River Bend, LM	John Viren
Jessie - Cedarvalleys Manhandler, LF	Michael Helgeson
Tar - Fischer's Flying Target, LF	Pete Fischer

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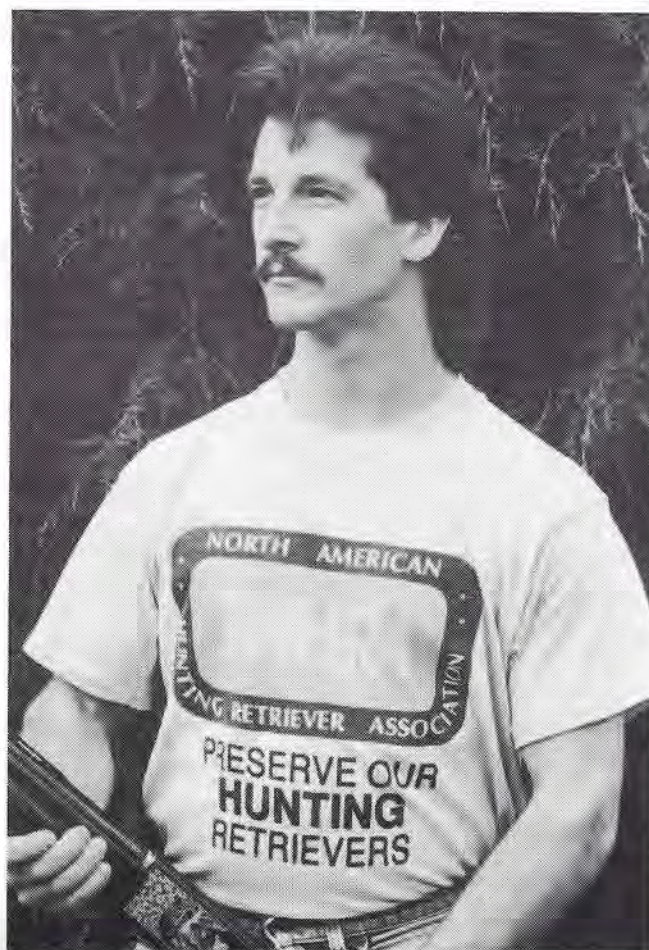
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**DOGS ENTERED 30 - DOGS QUALIFIED 18
JUDGES: ANDY LORANGER & BRIAN BAINES**

DOG	OWNER
Bart - Soldotna's Black Bart, LM	Evan Salmon
Red - Red, GF	Sid Sherwood
Jake - Sonnentags I Don't Know Jake, LM	Gino Del Frate
Tate - Tate, LM	Harold & Jean Zimmerman
Nioka - Sonnentags NAHRA NEWS Nioka, LF	Larry Foor
Jade - Beavercrest Autumn Jae, LF	Duncan Purvis
Sage - Rock Too's Spicy Sage, LF	Ray Hoover
Chrystal - Northwinds Sparkin Ember, LF	Cory O'Brien
Knight - The Black Knight of Girdwood, LM	Bill Morgan
Tuffy - Tuffy, LM	Harry Casebeer
Mac - Northern Star MacMurphy, LM	Bill & Niki Browne
Abby - Sonnentags Lady Abby, LF	John Amundsen
Sugar - Sunnyview's Alaskan Black Sugar, LF	P. Locker II & P. Locker III
Macy - Macy, GSP/F	Linda & Scott Jones
Star - Star, LF	Bob Tamburelli
Rosebud - Blue's Redi Rosebud, LF	Tom & Gretchen Jennings
Molly - Molly of the Interior, CF	Troy & Jan Thacker
Stikne - Stikne River Lady, LF	Kurt Eriksson

INTERMEDIATE

**DOGS ENTERED 30 - DOGS QUALIFIED 6
JUDGES: MIKE JACKSON & DON BIESEN**

DOG	OWNER
Chen - Trailcreeks Hiwood Canada, LF	Andy & Linda Loranger
Gorb - Super Gorb of Sherwood, LM	Sid Sherwood
Kristy - WR Kenai's Kristy Lynn, LF	Becky Reordan
Sailor - Gallaghers Watergate Sailor, LM	Paul Poorman
Deke - Dawson's Deke of Sherwood, LM	Sid Sherwood
Sugar - Sunnyview's Alaskan Black Sugar, LF	P. Locker II & P. Locker III

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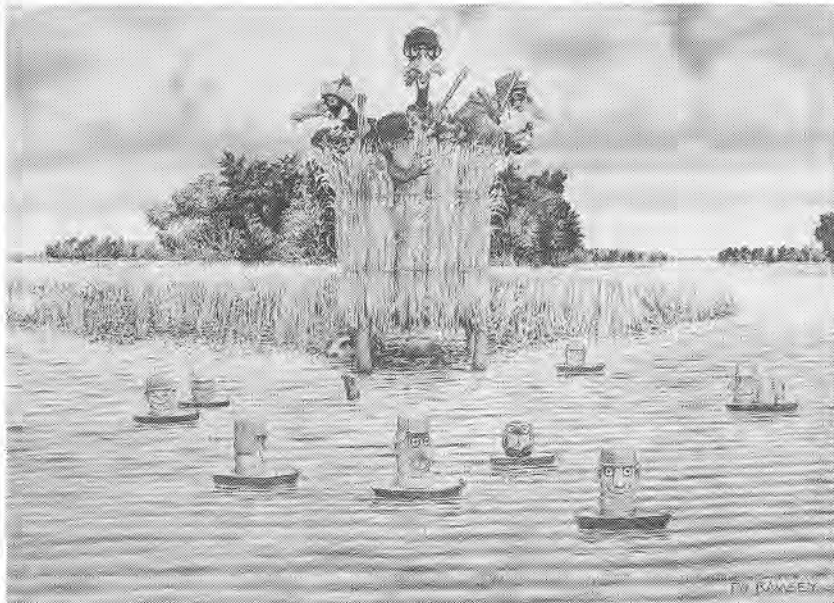
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JUDGES: MIKE JACKSON & DON BIESEN**

DOG	OWNER
Bitsy - MHR WR Chugach Hills Itsy Bitsy, LF	A. Stoops & L. Calvert
Greta - GMHR WR Hiwood Greta, LF	Phil & Jan Locker
Cinder - WR Cinder of Theodore River, LF	Jim Anibas
Thunder - Chugach Hills Thunderfoot, LM	Larry L. Calvert
Preacher - Mr. Tanner's Pioneer Preacher, LM	Bill Davis
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TAKING A "LINE"

(Direction from the handler)

The word "line" crops up often in dog training. First there is the starting line, then the straight line to the bird, and now the term, "take a line" comes in to the picture. If you attend a field trial you probably will hear the term used along with "blind." "The dog took a good initial line to the blind," or "He lined the blind." In a field trial, a "blind" is a bird that is planted, or hidden before the handler brings his dog to the starting line. The dog doesn't know where the bird is, so the handler has to direct the dog to the bird with hand signals. In a hunting situation, a "blind" would be a shot bird that the dog did not see fall.

To retrieve a blind, whether hunting or in a field trial, put the dog at heel facing in the direction of the blind. Put your hand over and in front of the dog's head, aiming, or pointing to the bird. Send the dog with the command "back." The dog should go on the "line" that you have sent him on until he finds the bird. If he gets off the line, stop him with a long blast on the whistle, and handle him back on line, and then back to the bird. Handling will be covered in the next chapter. Before you teach your dog to handle, he has to learn to "take a line."

To teach your dog to "take a line," find a straight road or path two or three hundred yards long. For this part of the training use white dummies. They are easy for the dog to see. Lay out six or eight white dummies, fifteen yards apart, in a line down the road. Walk the dog out and show him the first dummy. Go back to the (starting) line with the dog at heel and place your hand over the dog's head, pointing toward the dummies. Give the command "back" and take a few steps toward the first dummy. That should get the dog started. If he retrieves the dummy, just toss or drop it behind you, line him up and send him for the second one. The dog will probably go to where the first dummy was, see the second one, and go pick it up. When he returns, send him the same way for the third. He should run to where he just picked up the second one, spot the third one and go for it. He will eventually become confident that he will find something if he just keeps going.

The next day set up the line of dummies on the same road, only put them farther apart. Have the first one out about thirty yards. When you send your dog, he will probably take a line to where the first one was the day before, take a quick look, and then continue down the road. If he doesn't seem to know what to do when you try to send him for this thirty yard "blind," go back to the original pattern. Lay out the first dummy so that he can see it and let that lead him to the next.

I have had people tell me that teaching a dog to take a line down a road will cause them to run any road they cross later on. Especially when running across diagonally. To prevent that from happening, start your dog lining on a road as before, then move over in the field parallel to the road, then move farther away and run another. Soon the road will be out of the picture, and the dog will be taking the line that you give him with your hand. After a few days of this, set up similar lining drills out in the field, over creeks, across roads, and through heavy cover.

PROBLEM:

The dog picks up the first dummy, but on the next retrieve he goes back to where the first one was and stops.

SOLUTION:

1. Go to the spot where the first dummy was picked up and send him for the second one from there, just as you did from the first

point. When he picks up the (second) dummy, put the first two dummies back out and start over. It won't take long for the dog to be taking long lines down the road.

Another "lining drill" that I use is called the "wagon wheel." With the dog at heel, drop several dummies in a pile. This pile will be the "hub" of the wheel. Let the dog see the dummies. Then walk the dog fifty yards or so out one of the "spokes" of the wheel. Line him up on the pile (at the hub) and send him for one. Put your hand over his head, give him a "back," and take a couple of steps to get him started. When he retrieves a dummy, get him at heel and walk around the "rim," over to a different "spoke." As you start to move around the circle, just let the dummy slip to the ground where you sent him from (at the first spoke). Move around to the next spoke. Line the dog up on the pile of dummies and send him as before. When he comes back with the dummy, let it slip to the ground as you did with the first. Move on around the circle doing the same thing until you get four or five dummies out. Now take the dog back to the hub, to where the pile of dummies was. Line him up on the spoke that leads to the first dummy that you dropped out on the circle and send him. This is going to be more difficult for the dog, so when you send him, take a few steps with him toward the dummy. You may have to go most of the way with him. Always get the dog to return to the starting point, or the hub, with the dummy. Line him up for the next one (second spoke) and do the same thing. Continue this until he has picked up all of the dummies. Remember to turn and face the next spoke when the dog is twenty or twenty five yards (on the return) so the dog will automatically be facing in the right direction when he comes to heel. He will learn that you are facing the next one. That will help him remember multiple marks later on.

PROBLEM:

The dog refuses to go, acts as if he does not know what you want.

SOLUTION:

The dog probably does not know what you want. Take a few steps when you send him. Keep your hand over his head or in front of him and keep saying "back." If necessary, go all the way to the dummy with him saying "back" all the way out. When he does pick up the dummy, hustle back to the starting line and praise him for the retrieve.

PROBLEM:

The dog runs to the first dummy in the line and then leaves it to pick up the second.

SOLUTION:

I wouldn't fuss over this too much. After the dog picks up the close ones, he will settle for the first one that he comes to. This drill is used to build confidence in the dog. He has to believe that there is a bird or dummy out where you are sending him.

The XVth Day

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"I think I'll make one for Eve," God said.

"Exactly the same?" asked the Recording Angel.

"Yes and no," God replied.

The Recording Angel had made his staff whole again and stood leaning on it for the longest while. Then in a very quiet voice, he said, "Lord, would it be too much to ask you to make one more? Then we could keep it here just to make sure it's perfect."

The Lord smiled and said, "I was thinking the very same thing."

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