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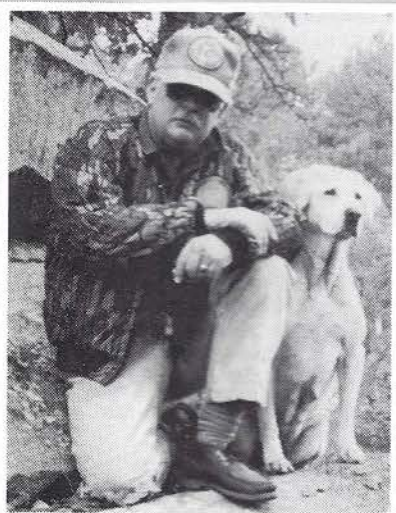


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by Jack Jagoda



1991 will be remembered as the year of the war in the Gulf and hard times economically for many people. A slow gradual recovery is predicted by many experts. Businesses large and small have closed their doors for the last time.

The NAHRA program experienced what appeared to be an unusually strong start in 1991 with the introduction of the Regional Field Test concept. A rather daring venture considering the reports of the general economic condition. As the season progressed it was apparent that the Regionals would be the highlight of the year. We held our own in 1991 and actually finished with an increase in membership, new clubs and revenue. NAHRA was able to move into commercial office space in December. Local NAHRA members helped haul our belongings, paint and wallpaper. We are open for business and quite confident by early indicators that we are going to experience an extremely healthy season. Our phone num-

ber has changed to 703-221-4911 and the FAX number is 703-221-8438.

The Northeast and Southeast NAHRA benefit tests raised over \$15,000 the last three months of 1991. The Great Southern Hunting Retriever Club sent in \$500 and issued a challenge to other clubs to match their generous contribution. San Joaquin Hunting Retriever Club and Aylett Retriever Club equalled the sum. I was quite impressed that some of the smaller clubs were able to make contributions. The size of the donation is often the measure of success. Some of the small clubs emptied their treasury to lend a hand. The sincerity in which the help was given only typifies the type of organization you have created.

The NAHRA print program has been a success. The initial costs of printing and gearing up for the project have been met. A print will be given to each Regional host club to use as a fund raiser for their event.

As with any organization, we get our complaints along with the compliments. We attempted to organize a network of regional coordinators seven years ago to open a line of communication between NAHRA and its members in several regions of the country. It was a disaster! We have matured as an organization since then and now is the time to try again. Early in June of last year I requested that our eight regions select an individual to represent them. Finally the process is complete. NAHRA met with these Regional Liaisons, as they are to be called, to brief them on the responsibilities they have offered to accept. Each region will have a meeting prior to April 1st of 1992. Every club is required to have a representative at this meeting. Annually, the Regional Liaison will be selected from the clubs within the region. There will be many topics to discuss. Judging clinics, regional host clubs, fund raisers, clarification of running rules, selection of judges and a more stringent code of ethics for our field tests will head the list. Each region will fund their own meeting and be responsible for sending their Regional Liaison to a national meeting later in the year. We are looking for positive input with detailed, workable solutions along with any recommendations.

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Aylett Retriever Club had the first all women judging team in November. I was the chairman of the test and many local experts thought I was simply a sucker for a pretty face. Others called it a political move. Each of the judges had handled dogs in the Invitational which I felt was an impressive prerequisite for selection. There was merit to all the accusations. I don't want you guys to think I abandoned you, quite the contrary, I just realize that women hold the purse strings.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear NAHRA News,

By the time this is read our hunting season will be over and our club members and their dogs will have completed another productive year with even more confidence and valiant retrieves than last year.

The North Idaho Gun Dog Association (NIDGA) was born two years ago with lots of intent from 9 very hard working people. We now boast 35 or so members who are involved in all aspects of hunting and training, from the Pointing dog owners to the Retriever owners who make up the present majority.

In May of last year we held our first Licensed NAHRA event at CATALDO IDAHO and had a very enjoyable time. This year's Licensed event is planned for the 6th & 7th of June at the same location and needless to say, you're all invited.

Event though our club is small in comparison we have worked hard to improve our dogs abilities in the field and the NAHRA program has been very instrumental in that goal.

This year our club members have earned some bragging rights that we think you folks at headquarters should know about.

When the "NAHRA NORTHWEST REGIONAL" takes place on June 13-14, 1992, the NIDGA will be sending "9" qualified dogs to compete, 4 Started and 5 Intermediate. In conjunction with this, we also have "2" Senior dogs qualified for the NAHRA Invitational to be held in May of 1992. That's a total of 11 dogs from a club only two years old with approximately 35 active members, 25 of which are enthusiastic retriever lovers. This shows how important and enjoyable this program is to the sport of bird hunting.

We are very proud of our members accomplishments and the hard work involved in reaching their goals. We anticipate next year will be even bigger and better.

That brings us to the second and most important reason for our letter. This club would like to thank NAHRA and everyone involved for producing and maintaining a standard by which our dogs can gain in the ability to become a more productive means of game conservation.

This type of program could very well become the backbone of future hunting privileges for our grandchildren and their grandchildren as well.

With due admiration,
N.I.G.D.A.

Dear Editor,

I regret not making time to thank Rosemary, Gary and yourself in letting all know that the package with the videos had already arrived.

It was a very nice experience reviewing the videos, there is a lot to learn and a lot of training to do.

We are planning our first NAHRA event by mid February.

Will be in touch as soon as we establish the final date for our first event. We are a small Club, but if we can be of help, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Donald Davis
Association Mexicana, A.C.

Answer to letter in the last NEWS.

To Joan Parris

Dear Joan:

I got a kick out of your letter to the editor in the last NAHRA News. You sure don't give Richard, my friend, much credit. The clothes you ridiculed were Italian breeks designed by Beretta, knee socks by Hermes' of Paris, an Orvis tattersall shirt, a hand made tie, a Holland and Holland hat, shoes by Gokey and shooting glasses by Protective Sight Inc., excellent for marking the falls. He was ready if it rained with a Lewis Creek wax cotton coat, and glove leather lined, rubber, French knee boots by Aigle. The NAHRA hat that he changed into after he ran me was the only production item, but the colors were custom. Oh yes, being that he is a very shy person, you would not have known that his unmentionables were production produced also...but were from Brooks Brothers. He was just trying to bring a little sartorial elan to your game.

Another thing you got wrong, you said that he sold books from the tailgate of his Explorer. He has never, but never carried books or ever sold books at a field event. That would be gauche and maladroit.

Sincerely, (rit by paw)
WR Duck Soup

Dear Editor:

Thanks for the introduction to NAHRA. While new to the game, I have found the experiences, people and dogs something I'd be proud to be a part of. Your efforts and those who contribute to the promotion and growth of this organization should be congratulated. It is a first-rate operation. I am enclosing my renewal dues for 1991 and upgrading to Sponsor this year so that I, too, can in some way contribute to NAHRA's future. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Jeff Hadlock

Dear Mr. Wolters:

I have read your column in the second and third quarter "NAHRA NEWS" and wanted to write. As you can see, I am from the Northeast but I have some suggestions and comments to make.

First, how can the Northeast participate in a judges clinic? If the Northeast is having so many difficulties, perhaps a required clinic would help. I would like to see a clinic in either Massachusetts or Connecticut or even New Hampshire if the cost to hold it was not too prohibitive.

My husband and I are fairly new to NAHRA, but are very interested. The first year my husband ran a dog at a NAHRA event, he was disqualified for an infraction of the rules. We had never received a copy of the rule book so he did not know that he was not allowed to touch the dog at the line. The next year we had read the book from cover to cover. Now we try to tell all new club members to read the book from cover to cover. Perhaps extra rule books should be made available at trials for non-members running dogs and for anyone who has lost or not received a copy.

We have enjoyed attending tests this year and will be entering more next year.

Sincerely yours,
Mable E. Wheeler

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed please find an application for NAHRA membership for the Wild Rose Hunting Retriever Club, Calgary, Alberta Canada. This is a new club formed specifically to promote the training of hunting retrievers and to hold NAHRA hunting retriever field tests.

At present, we have seventeen members, ten of which are members or former members of the Westwind Sporting Dog Club which has been holding licensed NAHRA tests for the past four years. All members have participated in these tests, either organizing, working, competing or all of the above. Three of our members are on the NAHRA judges list. Several of our members have been actively involved with working retrievers for many years, i.e. hunting, CKC field trials and working certificate tests, as well as the NAHRA events.

At this time, we are also applying for a Licensed Hunting Retriever Field Test (application enclosed). Because of our past experience, the membership is very familiar with all aspects of organizing and conducting NAHRA tests and we are looking forward to holding an event in July, 1992.

We hope that both of our applications are acceptable. Please advise if further information is required.

Best regards
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Secretary

Wild Rose Hunting Retriever Club

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Dear Editor,

I am writing this in response to your "Wolters Says" column in the third quarter, 1991 issue. I was fortunate enough to compete in the 1991 Southwest Regional where I had the opportunity to meet and talk to Richard Wolters. I made sure that I had my books, written by Mr. Wolters, for him to autograph. I have a great deal of respect for the man! Not just for what he has done for NAHRA but also for what he has done for all of retriever training.

After reading his article I could not believe what I had just read. The way he wrote about the complainers and snivelers. Come on Richard, get real! There are complainers everywhere we go and personally I don't like to hear people complain either. These people you were snubbing for the most part were dues paid members. Hell'uva way to maintain membership and gain new members. Just tell them to be happy with what they got and don't complain? Wrong!! The Constitution gives us the right of expression. We are losing our rights all the time - let's not lose that one, too.

Richard has written some wonderful articles and some great books. He should stick to doing that and not answering complaint letters. After all, some of those "complaints" and so called "sniveling" may be warranted. Remember Richard, you're writing about dues paid members, the very backbone of the great organization called NAHRA.....

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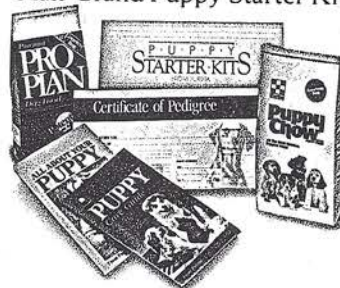
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Questions from Our Readers

Q: My yellow Lab has had dry, itchy skin for about a year and a half. Recently, I started giving her one vitamin A 10,000 IU pill a day. Is vitamin A safe to give daily? She also has dandruff frequently. Are there any vitamins or supplements that are good for such dry skin?

A: Vitamin A is a fat-soluble vitamin that can be stored in the body. Accordingly, tissue levels will increase with time and could reach a toxic level depending on the dog and the dose given. In general, dog foods have a sufficient amount of vitamin A, so supplementation is unnecessary.

If your dog is eating a high quality commercial dog food, its dandruff and itching probably are not due to a vitamin deficiency. Your dog may have allergies. You should see your local veterinarian.

Q: Can you tell me the difference between retinal dysplasia and progressive retinal atrophy? Are both conditions hereditary?

A: Both retinal dysplasia and progressive retinal atrophy are common conditions in domestic animals, especially in dogs. In most instances, they prove to be hereditary traits.

Retinal dysplasia occurs as a malformation of the retina present from birth in several breeds of dogs: Labrador Retrievers, Samoyeds, Cocker Spaniels, English Springer Spaniels, Bedlington Terriers, Sealyham Terriers, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, for instance. In most cases, the condition does not progress beyond the degree of severity present at six weeks of age. But in some dogs, the malformation is extensive enough to result in seriously abnormal vision associated with retinal detachment present from birth. The inheritance of retinal dysplasia in different breeds varies. In some, it appears to be simple recessive. In others, the inheritance pattern is more complex and uncertain.

Progressive retinal atrophy is a condition that results in degeneration of the retina in numerous breeds of dogs at different ages. Initial clinical signs include night blindness, which progresses over a variable length of time, and then complete blindness. In the few breeds in which progressive retinal atrophy has been studied, the inheritance appears to be by recessive mode. In two breeds, Collies and Irish Setters, an early-onset form of progressive

retinal atrophy, which blinds the dogs by one to two years of age, has been shown to actually be a form of retinal dysplasia. Unfortunately, there are no diagnostic tests to determine carriers other than test breeding for progressive retinal atrophy.

Q: What causes fatty tumors in dogs?

A: The cause of canine fatty tumors (lipomas) is unknown. However, lipomas are most commonly seen in older (over seven years), overweight bitches.

Q: Is inherited (idiopathic) epilepsy caused by a dominant or a recessive gene?

A: What little study has been done on inheritance and idiopathic epilepsy would support a recessive form of inheritance—not dominant.

Q: My two-and-a-half-year-old-Lab has an undescended testicle and may have to undergo surgery. Is surgery worth the risk of possible anesthesia-related problems?

A: According to Dr. John W. Ludders, associate professor of anesthesia at Cornell, there appears to be no actual data that clearly compare the risk of anesthesia and abdominal surgery versus not removing

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Wolters Says...

by Richard A. Wolters



BOTH DUCK AND RICHARD GET A LITTLE LEARN'N'

At ten months, Duck passed his fourth Intermediate and I, as his grandfather was pleased as punch with his WR title. I never ran a dog in either Started or Intermediate before. When Tar got into the NAHRA program he was about a year and a half old. Many of the handlers at that time were putting their dogs into both Senior and Intermediate events to get the extra points. I figured Tar was a Senior dog and that is where he should run. So, Duck has been my first experience with these events. Oh, I have judged many of them, but I soon learned that running and judging are two different cats.

I never did put Duck in Started. After the first event I saw that it was a waste of time for both of us. He was steady at five months and learning to handle by then.

Since he nailed every mark and handled like a robot in his first Intermediate, I figured it was a piece of cake. What I had not figured on was the judging!

To pass his four events he had to enter seven. In one of the seven, young Duck put himself out on the water blind...he wanted to go play with the bird boy who had lots of birds and good smells about him. In the other two events, Duck had some judge's "error" to contend with. One of those errors I brush aside as the judges not understanding an Intermediate dog and the NAHRA concept...There is no place in tricking a dog...especially inexperienced dogs. About the other error... what do you think?

Because of my handler's error in the land series, Duck and I went into the water series weak. My error on the land series happened after Duck nailed the first mark. I had sent him up hill for the second one. He went off course and I stopped

him. I gave him an over and he took it. I thought, wrongly, that he was short of the bird...I tried to stop him to give him a back. No way...He blew through about four whistle blasts. Stupidly, I tried to stop him instead of paying attention to the fact that he had the bird "in his nose." He ran hard and swooped up the pheasant. Rightfully so, or maybe rightfully so, because of my errors, Duck and I were told that we were weak and had to do a top job in the water work...we were invited back and just hanging on. No real problem yet, but I started to wonder if the judges were judging me or Duck. He brought both birds back...fast!

The water work started with a blind. Duck had a whistle refusal...another handler's error. I had no right to try to stop him six feet from the far bank. When he hit footing he stopped and took the next whistle and cast. He took one perfect, long back cast to the bird. I was somewhat elated. Not bad for an Intermediate pup. He was then invited to do the water double. He nailed both birds. Then he was dropped, two hours later after all the dogs had run.

I was told by the judges that since he had refusals on land and the one on water he was dropped.

I told the judges that they accepted the land work with the provision that Duck do a top job on the water. They could not go back on their word and Duck did the great job they wanted. They insisted it was the one water refusal that did it. They neglected to see that of the 22 dogs, there were only three good jobs on the water blind and Duck was one of them. Only those three dogs took an initial line to the blind...no other dogs did that. They all swam to the island ten yards away and ninety degrees off the line to the blind...yet the judges qualified fourteen of those dogs, plus the two others who had a good line. Besides, if a dog messed up on the water blind, they were not invited to do the water double. Duck was invited back and did one of the best marking jobs. He is a marking fool! With an impressive one cast blind...he was thrown out??? No handler or dog needs that kind of judging!

I had trained with Richard McDonald the week before the event. He felt we were ready. He asked Jim Cimburke what went wrong. Jim, who is known to call a spade a spade, in stronger language, told him Duck had done a real fine job and he could not understand it.

I just walked away from the judges...and then slipped a few whistles myself. But Duck saved the situation and passed his next three Intermediates with flying colors. He ended his Intermediate career with a one whistle water blind once again.

Obviously, the problem was inexperienced and badly qualified judges. From then on, I was very cognizant of the Intermediate judges. Here were my observations:

Although Lee Atkinson was the judge that dropped Duck when he goofed in that early water blind, he was the most

compassionate judge I've seen. He was concerned about the dogs getting the best possible break. If the handler was new to the game, he spent time talking to them before they ran to get them settled down. Lee is a kind thoughtful man and it showed from his judge's chair.

Jack Scanlon and Janet Herbert set up good tests and let the dogs do their work. The dogs that were dropped did it to themselves. There was no question on the part of handlers whether the dog made it or not. Watching the judges work, you could see that they were very patient.

Sterling Rutherford and Richard Lemocks were also very good. They explained not just a scenario, but what they expected an Intermediate dog to do and not do. They really understood their own tests. I like one thing they said on what I thought was a rather tough water blind, "Don't get upset if your dog has some problems. If they didn't, they would be running in Senior." You knew when you went to the point of origin what was expected and the judges gave you a few words of confidence...Duck did that blind on three whistles...he sure fooled me.

The thing that was common to all three sets of these judges is that they were more than pencil movers. I had the distinct feeling that they were looking at the dogs' work more than the score sheet. To judge a dog is more than predetermining that X number of whistle refusals and the dog is out...or that X yards from the fall of a mark is out of the area. That is not fair to a high powered dog, and gives the advantage to one that is slow, with no style. Intermediate dogs are in a stage of development.

I have a lot of respect for Richard McDonald and his knowledge about young dogs, so I asked him his views on the Intermediate dog. Here is what he had to say:

"With an Intermediate dog you will expect to get some whistle and cast refusals. If you didn't, you would be running the dog in Senior. You are looking for a dog with style who can remember two birds and can run a fifty yard blind. As far as I see it, a whistle refusal or two, or a cast refusal or two, is better than the standard, because the first fifty yards is the hardest part of the water blind. To me, if you can get a dog to do the first fifty yards with a partially established line, it just takes practice, training and work to have them do the 100 yards.

"Everyone seems to think that the event they run in is more advanced than it is. Senior handlers seem to be a little more lenient on Intermediate dogs, because they understand they're not polished. People in Started think the Intermediate dog is the greatest thing in the world, because they do not have an Intermediate dog as yet. When you are impressed with something, I think you get the impression that it is better than it is.

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COMING EVENTS

KEY

ST = STARTED
IN = INTERMEDIATE
SR = SENIOR

1 = SINGLE
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"You are looking for style in the Intermediate event, because they are the dogs that have to take pressure to go on and make it in Senior. These Intermediate dogs have to show a lot of energy and retrieving desire. In theory, an Intermediate dog is where the majority of our breeding stock for the hunter is going to come from, because there are more of them out there in the breeding pool. Like I say, you take an Intermediate dog into a duck blind or a dove field, how many hunters out there have dogs that can do the work an Intermediate dog can do? Intermediate dogs

are already 90 percent better than the dogs people hunt with.

"I was talking to someone the other night about this. I think it was Rex Bell. Usually the Intermediate handler has only the one dog, they are real nervous when they are running, and they get a judge who is sticking it to them. I think that Intermediate people probably get short-changed more from judges than anyone else in our program.

"You take a dog that handles on a mark on land or water and say he hacks up the water blind a little bit, and does not qualify...Well these are hunting dogs, where the primary goal is to get the bird back. If you have a dog that can pick up two birds and have to handle on the memory bird, then take the dog to water and do a blind, even with a refusal or so, you have a nice hunt-

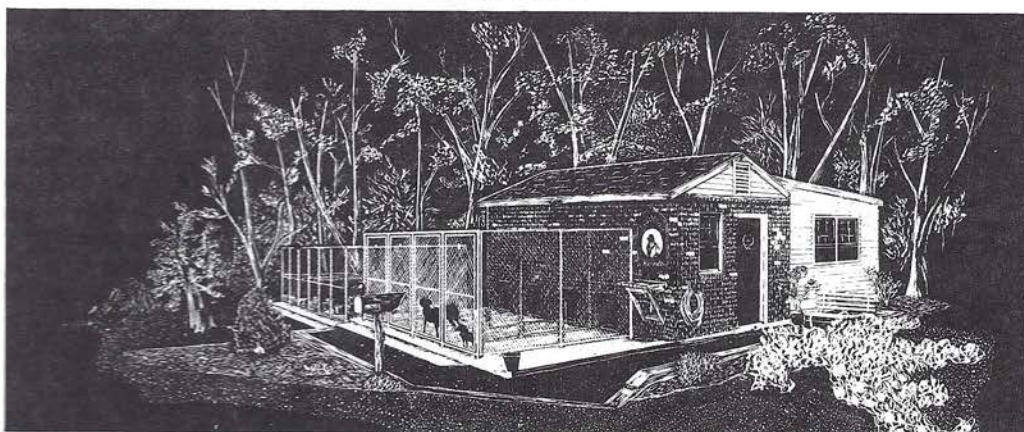
ing dog. And that is what we are trying to build.

"In some ways I think we are losing our sense of direction, and I am one that is guilty of it. As a professional trainer, I show up at an event with a real nice pack of dogs, and the judges see my dogs run, and say that is the way it should be done. I should not be setting the standard for the judges. It is the hunting ability that should be setting the standard. If my dogs will pick up the marks clean, do a real respectable blind and the judges say that is what we are looking for...anything less than that is at the standard or below...then the little guy, who the game was intended for, with his one dog, doing his own training is being short-changed. Judging is more than setting up good tests. Think about it!"

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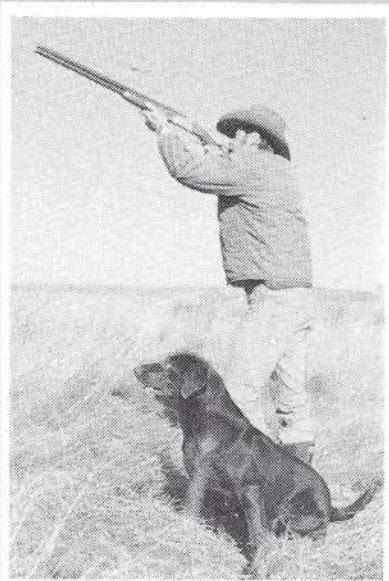
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TRAINING TIPS

by Gary Erickson



HANDLING (Part Two)

As I stated in the last issue of the NAHRA NEWS, There are two parts to any blind retrieve be it land or water. First and most importantly is the initial line that the dog is commanded to take. How far your dog carries this initial directional cast can mean the difference between a few whistles or hacking the hell out of the blind.

The initial line is so critical that most judges base half of the scoring for the blind on how well the dog responds to this directional cast. The dog has to make it at least halfway to the blind, regardless of the distance, before many judges will award you with the first five points.

To get the remaining five points, your dog must either line the blind or answer every whistle and take every cast. It isn't so much the number of whistles you use to get the blind but the number of whistle and cast refusals in relation to the number of whistles used. Of course, the conditions at hand, like running water or high winds, are always taken into consideration by competent judges.

Now that you have thoroughly drilled your dog on "lines" we can get started on the handling part of a blind retrieve. Handling is the "Overs", "Backs" and "Come Ins". Keep in mind that you have to continue mixing in the lining sessions during the time you are doing the handling sessions. One "lining" session for every five "handling" sessions will keep your dog sharp on his lines and his handling.

Its extremely important that you have the self-discipline to keep "Six Pack" on a narrow path to the blind. The imaginary path to the bird should never be more than roughly ten yards wide.

Many trainers constantly drill their dogs on 100 plus yard "Overs" but, realistically, if your dog is so much as 30 yards off his line to the blind, do the judge, yourself and your dog a favor and pick the S.O.B. up.

Before you can begin the handling training, "Six Pack" must be proficient with "Sit", "Stay" and "Come". If he can't sit, stay and come you can't teach "Six Pack" to handle.

My dog is always on a long check cord during these handling drills as I may have to prevent him from picking up the wrong

bumper. I begin the handling training in the yard and I start with the left "Over".

Take one bumper in hand and walk your dog at heel to the middle of your yard. Stop and blow one sharp blast on the whistle to put your dog at "Sit" and "Stay".

BY BLOWING ONE SHARP WHISTLE BLAST EVERY TIME YOU WANT YOUR DOG TO SIT AND DEMANDING THAT HE INSTANTLY COMPLIES, YOU ARE PREPARING THE DOG TO SIT AT THE WHISTLE BLAST WHEN HE IS RUNNING OUT ON A LINE FOR THE BLIND.

Command your dog to stay and walk out in front of him 5 to 10 yards. Turn and face your dog. Blow one sharp whistle blast and toss the bumper out about 15 yards straight out to the left of your dog. Extend your left arm straight out from your shoulder, with the palm of your hand facing your dog, and command "Over" when you dog is looking directly at you.

THE PALM OF YOUR HAND IS ALWAYS OPEN AND FACING THE DOG SO YOU AND YOUR CAST ARE MORE VISIBLE TO HIM. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR DOG IS LOOKING AT YOU BEFORE YOU SAY "OVER". YOU WANT TO BE SURE HE KNOWS WHICH DIRECTION YOU WANT HIM TO GO.

This "Over" command is new to your dog and he may just sit there looking at you, the bumper or off into space. Do anything you can to get "Six Pack" to make the retrieve. Get excited and side step to your left with your arm still extended and keep repeating "Over" until he goes!

If he still won't move, use the same command you use to release him on a marked retrieve. (Most people use the dog's name for releasing him on a marked retrieve and the command "Fetch" or "Back" for sending him on a blind.) If

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"Six Pack" is released for marks with his name try saying, "Six Pack, Over". He should leave when you use the release command and be on his way as you say "Over". That's fine for now, it's just important that we get him to move.

WHEN HE PICKS UP THE BUMPER, LET HIM KNOW THAT HIS RESPONSE PLEASED YOU!!! PRAISE HIM!!! Then, call him into heel and praise him again. Now, put him at sit and stay with one blast of the whistle and walk out in front of your dog. Repeat the whistle blast and toss the bumper 15 or 20 yards out to the left of your dog. Give the hand signal, palm towards your dog, and command "Over".

Repeat this "Over" cast 15 to 25 times and quit for this session. The nice thing about teaching short "Overs" is that you can do five or six short "Overs" to every 100 yard "Over". Plus, the more frequently you repeat a command the quicker your dog will learn the correct response to the command.

Do as many of these sessions a day as you have time for but remember to give your dog water and a 15 or 20 minute break between every session. After 30 or 40 of these left "Over" sessions, you can start conditioning the right "Over".

For the right "Over", do exactly the same as the left "Over" except toss the bumper straight out to the right of your dog. Extend your right arm straight out from your shoulder, with your palm facing your dog, and command "Over".

DO NOT COMBINE THE LEFT AND RIGHT "OVERS" UNTIL YOU HAVE DONE 30 or 40 SESSIONS OF THE RIGHT "OVER". It will take you a little longer to teach the right "Over" as you must also mix in sessions for the left "Over" as well as "lining" sessions. Do a left "Over" session and a "lining" session after every three or four right "Over" sessions.

After "Six Pack" has been thoroughly drilled on his left and right "Overs". Take two bumpers in hand. Bring "Six Pack" to heel and blow one sharp whistle blast putting him at sit and stay. Walk out in front of your dog 5 to ten yards and again blow one sharp whistle blast. Toss one bumper straight out to the right of your dog. Each bumper should be 15 to 20 yards away from your dog. (Your dog is not to make the retrieve until you have commanded him to do so.)

Extend whichever arm you wish, palm out towards your dog, and command "Over". Always have "NO" on the tip of your tongue as you want your dog to go only in the direction you have indicated. STOP HIM WITH THE CHECK CORD IF HE GOES IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!

Once he retrieves the bumper you directed him to, call him in and walk him at heel back to where he started from. Blow one sharp whistle blast to make him sit and stay. Walk out to the front of your dog and toss that bumper back to where it came from. Extend your other arm and give the other "Over". BE READY TO HOLLAR "NO" AND GRAB THE CHECK CORD IF YOUR DOG GOES IN THE WRONG DIRECTION!!!!

After you have done 40 or 50 sessions of the combined left and right straight "Over" drill, it's time to condition the angle "Back".

You may be asking yourself, "Why bother teaching four extra casts (left and right angle "Back" and left and right angle "In") when you can recover any bird using just left and right "Overs", a straight "Back" and/or the "Come In"?

If you correct the dog's line with an "Over", you must follow with a "Back" or "Come In". That means another whistle. That may not seem like much, but if you have to correct a dog's line 5 or 6 times using only the four basic directional casts, you are going to end up blowing 10 or 12 whistles instead of 5 or 6. You be the judge!!!!

For the angle "Back", toss a bumper 15 or 20 yards to the left of your dog and back behind him at a 45 degree angle. Extend your left arm above your head and out at a 45 degree angle and vie the command "Back". REMEMBER THE PALM OF YOUR HAND FACES YOUR DOG WITH EVERY CAST AND NEVER GIVE THE COMMAND UNLESS THE DOG IS LOOKING DIRECTLY AT YOU!!!

Now, try an angle back to the right. Work just one bumper at a time until your dog understands what response you expect, then, bring both bumpers into play. Be sure to periodically refresh your dog's memory with straight out left and right "Over" and "lining" sessions. One "Over" and/or "lining" session for every five angle "Back" sessions.

The straight "Back" is taught in exactly the same manner as the four other casts except that the bumper is thrown 20 or so yards directly over the dog's head and behind him. Use either your right or left arm extended straight above your head, palm facing your dog, and command "Back".

Because we have done so many repetitions of the "Overs" and angle "Backs" before we taught the straight "Back", if we extend our right hand straight over our head, the dog should spin to his left, your right, and go back for the bumper. Vice versa for the left hand extended straight over your head.

This directional spin back on a straight back cast can save you a whistle and/or keep you out of trouble when dealing with suction type blinds. Always give a directional cast away from or out of trouble. If the suction is to the right of the dog, give a left "Over", a left angle "Back" or a left straight "Back" depending on the position

of the dog in relation to the suction and the degree of suction involved.

Many times a dog runs over or past the blind on the upwind side and must be handled "In" to make the retrieve. The "In" is also used when you get two cast refusals. (The dog is concerned that you may be calling him in for a whipping and it's usually enough worry to stop his disobeying.) After he comes a few feet towards you, stop him with another whistle and cast him in the appropriate direction.

The "In" is the easiest to teach but don't forget to do it. Put your dog at sit and stay with the whistle blast. Bumper in hand, walk out in front of the dog 15 or 20 yards and blow one blast. Toss the bumper out towards your dog. Blow the "Come in" whistle (Tweet, Tweet, Tweet). Your arms should be extended straight out in front of you with palms up. Pull your hands straight down to your knees. Straight out, straight down, straight out, straight down with every blast of the "Come In" whistle.

Your dog is at sit and stay and you have blown the whistle and walked out in front of him 20 or so yards. Blow the whistle again and toss the bumper out 10 yards at a 45 degree angle between you and your dog to your right. Angle your right arm down and out from your waist, palm facing the dog, and blow the come in whistle. Do just the opposite for the angle into the left.

Old "Six Pack" now knows how to respond to all eight directional casts flawlessly. Put a bumper at each one of the eight different cast directions (Straight "Back" behind the dog, both 45 degree angles "Back", both "Overs", both 45 degree angles "In", and straight "In"), place "Six Pack" in the middle and PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!!!

ALWAYS BLOW YOUR WHISTLE ONE BLAST BEFORE YOU LEAVE YOUR DOG AND REPEAT THE ONE BLAST PRIOR TO GIVING YOUR DIRECTION CAST. BE SURE YOUR DOG IS LOOKING AT YOU BEFORE YOU COMMAND HIM TO GO FOR THE RETRIEVE. HE CAN'T POSSIBLY GO IN THE CORRECT DIRECTION IF HE DOESN'T WATCH YOUR CAST!!!

All of this running and concentration can take its toll on any dog. You must keep things interesting. It doesn't hurt to exchange the bumpers for dead birds once in awhile. Even exchanging the bumpers and dead birds for live shackled birds can bring your dog's interest back to a fever pitch. KEEP YOUR DOG INTERESTED IN TRAINING!!!!

"Six Pack" must first learn that one whistle blast means stop and sit no matter what he is doing BEFORE we can combine the lining and handling drills. You've probably done a thousand repetitions of blowing the whistle once to get him to stop and sit beside you but it takes a little more than that to get him to stop and sit when he's on a dead run.

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I like to use the German pinch collar and the check cord to teach "Six Pack" what stopping is all about. I put a pile of bumpers 50 or 60 yards out and run a couple of lines to the pile. Then, about the third or fourth trip out to the pile, I blow the whistle one blast and stop him with the check cord when he's about halfway to the pile. **BE SURE TO HAVE GLOVES ON WHEN YOU ATTEMPT THIS!!!**

From this point on, anytime you blow the whistle and "Six Pack" doesn't immediately stop and sit, it is your responsibility to run him down, take him back to where he was when you blew the whistle, jerk him to a sit, repeat the whistle blast, return to where you were when you first blew the whistle and repeat the whistle before you cast him.

Now that we have "Six Pack" consistently stopping at the whistle blast and taking our casts we can do a variety of drills to condition "lining" and "handling" together. Keep in mind, the biggest mistake a trainer makes doing these big pattern drills is forgetting how much ground the dog is having to cover. **REMEMBER, FOR A FIFTY YARD RETRIEVE YOUR DOG HAS TO RUN AT LEAST 100 YARDS TO COMPLETE THE TASK.**

The lining pattern drill that I like the best is called the "Compass" or "Wagon Wheel". The pattern visualizes an old wood spoked wagon wheel. This pattern drill can be run from the axle point out to a ring of bumpers along the perimeter of the wheel or from the perimeter or the wheel to a pile of bumpers at the center or axle.

However, for explanation purposes, I'll liken this pattern to a compass. This line pattern drill teaches the dog to concentrate on the precise direction indicated by your hand. He is to go only in that direction and nowhere else.

Start out easy with a pile of white bumpers in each direction (North, South, East and West). Place them 50 to 100 yards out and just run lines from the center of the compass out to each pile of bumpers. Or, put a pile of bumpers at the center and walk around the perimeter of the compass and run lines to the center from the N, S, E, and W.

Split these four bumper piles or points of origin in half adding the NW, SW, NE and SE. There is now a total of eight lines. This tightens the angles between each line forcing the dog to concentrate more and more on the direction indicated by your hand.

Once "Six Pack" has learned these eight lines, shorten them up to 35 yards away from the center and place an orange bumper halfway between each of these lines but out 60 or 70 yards establishing and outside ring of orange bumpers and an inside ring of white bumpers.

We now have white bumpers at N, S, E, W, NE, NW, SE and SW at 35 yards from the center and orange bumpers at NNE, ENE, NNW, WNW, SSE, ESE, SSW and WST out of 60 yards or so. The object is to get "Six Pack" to retrieve all of the orange bumpers (ONE AT A TIME). He will have to run a line for a bumper he can't see while passing a white bumper to his left and one to his right. As he passes through the inner ring of white bumpers, be ready to stop him, if the suction proves too much for him.

To get him to do it correctly, you may have to move out of the center of the compass and in the direction of the orange bumper you are trying to get "Six Pack" to recover. Initially, you may even have to move out to the white bumper ring until the dog learns that you are not completely nuts.

Now old "Six Pack" will start believing in you and paying even greater attention to the direction you are indicating with your hand. You are also teaching him to avoid the suction of the inner white ring of bumpers. Once you can get him to consistently perform this pattern as lines, you can send him for an orange bumper on the outside ring to stop and cast him for a white bumper on the inside ring.

Other pattern drills for conditioning lining, stopping and handling are the "T" (like baseball but the dog is sent from home plate and the pitchers mound is 50 to 75 yards away), the Double "T" (home plate to pitchers mound is 50 yards and then another pitchers mound and additional first and third base out at seventy five yards and second base out at 100 plus yards).

These same pattern drills, once thoroughly conditioned on land can also be utilized on water.

For more information about training blind retrieves, contact your local professional trainer or purchase the book called "Training Retrievers to Handle" by D. L. and Ann Walters.

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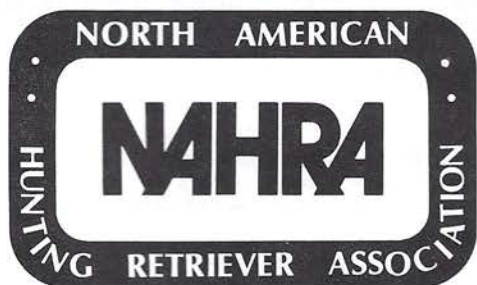
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by Keith Stroyan



The duck and pheasant openers have come and gone. They were wonderful. Many more fine days await me this fall, if I can find the time away from work, but the opening days are special, particularly with three fine dogs and good human friends. I guess the anticipation and preparation make openers stand out in my memory over the years. My dogs and I train all year up to these days. Then it's the time for the real thing.

How did the NAHRA program serve me on the openers? The retrieves this year weren't anything like NAHRA tests. There were only two kinds, retrieves too easy for any NAHRA Started Test and ones too hard for any NAHRA Senior Test, nothing in between. The ducks fell close in the open water or light cover - just singles. Tough breaking tests passed, but not much challenge as marks. The pheasants fell in chest-deep switchgrass, three at long distances. One retrieve was a double with a runner. My friend shot one and I shot the other. Mine glided out 100 yards and my friend didn't even shoot his until it was over 100 yards across a ditch from the flush. We were hunting opposite sides of the ditch and my dogs and I worked the birds up a hill away from the ditch before they flushed. How did the NAHRA program serve me? We got every bird and the toughest ones were birds we wouldn't even have seen without trained dogs.

NAHRA served me well on the openers, though the specific details weren't "The

Standard." I honestly don't think triples are 'typical' in terms of my hunting, but a really tough double sometimes is. The Senior Tests I've seen this year do indicate what I want in a hunting dog. An open triple is no big deal for a good marker and it does test memory. A dog sure needs memory after hunting up a runner on a tight long double in switchgrass.

My two year old Nell is my best all around hunting dog. She finished WR this year and got one Senior. She's a real eager brat, so she failed a couple, too. But ribbons aside, the raw talent and sheer joie de vivre usually shines through. As she matures, she'll be a rock solid NAHRA Senior dog, but to my mind, WR is the true hunting dog title, anyway. We should keep our heads screwed on straight about Intermediate tests - keep em' clean and basic. That will show us who's got the hunting dogs. We should strive toward realism, but the NAHRA Tests I'm seeing at least test what's needed in a good hunting dog. All except for one thing.

The fast action of tests contrasts sharply with the long pauses of hunting. My high-roller top NAHRA dog Vico is my worst hunting dog. The worst of three good dogs, but still third. For one thing, she has health problems. For another, she's "independent." We don't duck hunt much and she whined thru all the calling. Now listen guys, it wasn't my bad calling, she's used to that. She wanted to hit the water exactly

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THE NEW GENETICS

by John W. Scanlon, M.D.



Genetics has advanced light years from the time when most scientists of that discipline counted fruit flies in a jar. Today gene splicing and matching, DNA probing and other sub cellular inquiries have shed considerable light on the inherited human potential. Recent scientific discoveries in this area may hold interest for NAHRA News readers.

For example, it has been conclusively proven that three traits, formerly thought to reside on the Y-chromosome, are not located on the male genetic identifier at all! Indeed, they have never been found in any chromosomal material studied. This trio previously thought to be masculinely inherited are the ability to make love, shoot a gun and train a gundog.

That's right! Despite chauvinistic biases and piles of good 'ol boy tradition to the contrary, males are not born with any of the abilities listed above! Neither are women. Each are learned requiring physical and emotional attributes honed by repeated practice.

This editorial will not focus on love making or shotgun swinging. Perhaps another time, under other circumstances, this editorialist might be cajoled into revealing personal views about those topics. I prefer to discuss now the non-intuitive nature of gundog training.

The following are five axioms which may help to guide thinking about this issue.

Axiom Number One: Trainers are made, not born.

It might be an advantage if your father and grandfather worked with hunting retrievers, but any benefit here really involves early environment, not genetics. Making mistakes under expert supervision, observing correct training methods and learning a few tricks of the trade can certainly help anyone. And, because hunting and dogs naturally go together, childhood exposure can develop a deep and abiding love for both. Even so, trainers need to be trained and handlers need experience. I've never seen a newborn arrive in this world wearing a whistle lanyard.

The majority of wannabe retriever trainers first start by getting a dog. Then they buy a book, often one of Mr. Wolters excellent treatises. They read the text, begin to train their pup and suddenly realize, "I can do this. It's easy!!!" At this juncture Ego pumps up. By the way, Ego has clearly been identified as occupying a large portion of the Y-chromosome. There's a lot on the X, too!

Ego reasons something like this, "After I've simply read a book and applied it's lessons, little Phideaux sits, comes and heels very easily. I must be a "natural" dog trainer." The fact that Phideaux's ancestors learned to sit, come and heel for forty generations, as well as to retrieve everything in sight, carries little weight. Ego is now in control. Early success breeds enthusiasm and more than a little arrogance.

Axiom Number Two: When training, handling, or talking about a dog, leave your Ego at home.

What the neophyte trainer/handler really needs at this point is to join a retriever club and/or get with an accomplished dog professional. Lessons given by an unschooled trainer can produce dog faults which take a long time to correct, even for a good pro.

The retriever club experience will clearly show that there are dogs and trainers at all levels of experience and expertise. The beginner quickly understands that there are as many ways to train a dog as their are people to train them. But the newcomer also learns some easily mastered training basics and recognizes the several stages through which most hunting retrievers must pass if training and experience are to progress well (the NAHRA program).

Remember though, Ego, that ugly beast, can still wreak havoc! It can blind a new handler into not seeing the difference between training and testing. The Ego whispers, "If that guy's dog can do triples, why can't Phideaux?" A good pro, or an experienced amateur, can point out inherent dangers in pushing an inexperienced dog too far too fast.

Axiom Number Three: Some problems can only be solved by a professional dog trainer.

The pro's objectivity, if nothing else, facilitates training and "repairs". But how is the pro to be used? The answer is as a teacher, but not only for the dog. Consider those hefty monthly fees as tuition for your personal education about dog training. Because it's your dog and your money, there is great motivation to learn. If the dog is just dumped at the pro's, then picked up in three months, you will never maximize this experience. You, the pro and your dog must become a partnership. Work with the dog and the professional. Everyone will be better off.

Axiom Number Four: If it isn't fun, you aren't doing it right.

Unless you are into the hunting retriever business to make money (almost an impossibility) or to solve some hidden agenda (ego aggrandizement, revenge, book research), your basic motivation must be personal enjoyment. When a training session sours, walk away. Come back another day. Don't take it out on the dog. If a testing situation doesn't go right, let it be. There'll be other tests. The bond between you and your dog is what's important. Cherish it.

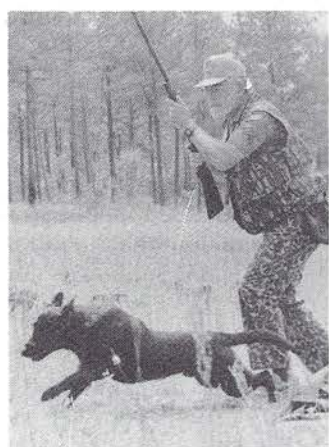
Axiom Number Five: Join NAHRA. You'll meet lots of folks with similar genetics.



Pictured above is Kelly Salladay and her pup Rowdy. Kelly, a member of Western Arizona Gun Dog Club and Quail West, is one of several young handlers who have taken advantage of the club discount for handlers under the age of eighteen. A discount of \$10 is offered by the clubs as an incentive to expand the NAHRA concept to our younger generation. We would like to see other clubs doing the same.

Of Handlers, Judges & Dogs

by Chuck Breslin



Questions?

"You really have a stylish, handsome dog. Who is he out of?" "What do you feed her, rocket fuel?"

When a judge utters these complimentary words, the handler knows his dog has failed. He may ask himself, "Are the judges telling me to take the drive and style out of my dog?"

After the test is over, after the awards, after the raffle and tailgate, the judges may meet at the local watering hole. They will question their test so that they can do better next time. Was our test above or below the standard? Were our scores appropriate for the level of test difficulty? Were we fair to all the dogs? Responsible judges know that good judging comes from experience and experience is often the result of poor judgment.

It would be great if all the judges took the time and effort to ask themselves the appropriate questions before the test. Can we take advantage of any unique conditions such as standing cover, wind rows, bailed hay, cut corn etc.? What are the dogs likely to do? Can a dog recover from this test? Can the dog see the marks against that background? What is the appropriate test sequence for the grounds, existing conditions and weather? What is it I want to test? Does the test have balance? Do harsh breaking birds test marking ability? Do long dead birds test steadiness? Is the test sensible? Should the handler be visible to the dog during the blind retrieve? How about during the marked retrieves? Is this test appropriate for a hunting dog? Is the test within the

rules? Would I like to run my dog in this test?

These questions may keep some judges from saying to themselves: "I'll show the handlers that I really know dogs. I'll set up a test the handlers will always remember." The handlers may never forget. The judges will wonder what upset the handlers.

Intermediate judges set up a land marking test that included five birds shot from a blind. The handler, who was in the blind with the shooter, pointed the shotgun at the birds. The dog was in front of the blind. The dog was to pick up any two birds as a double marked retrieve and then quarter to find the other three birds. This test just didn't work. The dogs that didn't break wouldn't quarter because they knew where the birds were. The handlers never forgot this test. Neither did the judges. They gave this test lots of thought and discussion. They have become popular and well respected judges.

Judges set up a very harsh breaking and honor test. Two dogs came to the point of origin together, one dog on each side of the blind at the water's edge. Both dogs were on the line for the water marked and water blind retrieves. The dogs alternated between working and honor. They threw and set multiple live ducks from the blind between the dogs. The working dog ran right in front of the honor dog. The judges set up this test because breaking dogs annoyed them during the waterfowl season. This is a legitimate concern of the judges and an appropriate area of testing. How often do you hunt with two dogs outside the same blind? Would this test eliminate the stylish dogs? Is it safe to run a dog with a fresh shot duck in front of a strange honor dog? Is it fair to honor a blind retrieve? Is it permitted?

Larry Walker, a professional trainer from Arizona, gave some advice to a gag-

gle of new judges years ago. He said every test should contain a difficult bird; not a bird beyond the rules or standard, just a difficult bird. The degree of difficulty must correspond to the level of the test (Started, Intermediate or Senior). The purpose of the difficult bird is to test the dogs training and ability to recover. The difficult bird could be any bird: a mark, a blind, a diversion or a trail. Many judges believe this advice is still very valid.

Why do all the dogs look bad in some tests? Are all the birds very difficult? Are some tests so easy that they do not test the dogs adequately? Do both extremes damage the judges' and NAHRA's reputation?

How fair is the test? Do blown-up or badly damaged birds provide a fair judgement of hardmouth or sticking? Should a dog fail for munching a chicken paddy? Should a dog retrieve a rotten bird? Do some hunters train their dogs to leave rotten birds? Is the condition of the birds the judges' responsibility, or the club's responsibility, or are both responsible?

Many different things happen in hunting tests. Some situations can be anticipated and some come as complete surprises. Frequently the judges must make an immediate decision. These decisions cannot be perfect. Is the decision fair to the dogs and handlers? Does it follow the rules?

A dog lines the blind retrieve. Should the dog get another test to prove it can handle? Is handling a requirement?

A dog picks up all the marks without a handle. Should the dog get another test to prove it can handle on a mark?

A dog hunts tight and proves perseverance on a marked retrieve. Does it deserve a lower score than a dog that pins the mark?

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SOUTHWEST...

by
Lenda Lee Barker



NAHRA ... You've Come A Long Way!

Well, on the last NAHRA news article I said I would write about the 'Good, the Bad and the Ugly.' It's time to write about the 'Good'.

Just think how many good friends across the country you have made since joining NAHRA. Isn't it nice to know people in all parts of the United States? A lot of those nice people are kind enough to invite you to their homes when you have traveled a long way. Being how expensive hotels are these days, it certainly is a asset to the pocketbook, too.

Now what about that pretty pup you got a while ago. Sure, you'd probably still take him/her training a little so you could hunt but would you 'really' spend as much time as you do now? Face it, you work harder with your hunting dog now and if you come home with a ribbon from NAHRA, that's just icing on the cake.

I already mentioned friends across the country but what about in your own back yard? I'm sure you've picked up several close friends not only to train with but

now you probably have a few more hunting buddies. Perhaps those new friends know some new hunting spots you never even knew about. And...what about the wife or husband that doesn't hunt but now has someone to talk to while their spouse is running dogs! Boy, aren't you glad you got involved in this NAHRA program!

A lot of articles talked about bad judging last time but let's take a look at a great moment at a NAHRA trial.

Two judges from one side of the country are judging a Started series at another part of the country...a little girl about seven or eight is running an eighty pound Chesapeake. The dog has done great work all day. It was down to the last series where the dog had to run across a small sloping terrain, cross a old dirt road and pick up the bird. Well...the starting line was only about sixty feet from where many trucks were parked and the dog, after pinning the bird, decided that's where he should go. The little girl yelled and blew her whistle and yelled but the 'Chessy' stood on the tailgate 'with the bird in his mouth' and figured he was just where he belonged.

It was a touchy moment for judges and spectators. At the end of the trial, we all wondered what would happen to that little girl. There was hardly a dry eye in the crowd and you couldn't hear anything above the ovation when that little girl was given her ribbon. This was a day of good tests, good judging and good sense.

The dog had done a great job, the girl was just a little too young but good judging and common sense made everyone happy.

Every year there are more and more women running dogs in NAHRA (...what do you want...of course I have to mention about women...ha! ha!). Probably one of the nicest things I've found running dogs on the West Coast is the courtesy. A lot of women probably feel like I do, I'm a woman first and a dog handler next. Oh, don't get me wrong...I take my dog handling as serious as any handler out there! The nice part is that the men in the West treat women with respect. At least as far as I'm concerned. When you're running dogs (especially in the Senior event) you better be

able to go where the test is, carry the gun like any good gun handler and get just as dirty as everyone else. The nice part is...when the day is done and the trials' ended, it's nice to be a woman again.

Look at this year's Invitational...there will finally be a woman judging. It took a lot of controversy at the 1991 Invitational but it now has become a reality! Women are good handlers, good hunters and of course...good judges.

Do I sound a little 'women oriented'? Well, I suppose I am. I'm definitely not a 'liberated woman' who thinks I can do everything as well as men or don't want my chair pulled out or my doors opened. No, I'm still too old fashioned for that.

I guess like most women handlers, I just want to be respected 'as a woman doing something I enjoy' just as much as a man does.

Before I get carried away here, I just want to say, "Keep it up ladies," it's so good to see more women out there!

NAHRA should bring out the best in us. Sometimes it does the opposite. Sometimes we get too carried away over small incidents and too serious over rules. Rules are the most important aspect of any event. They are the foundation that keeps a program going.

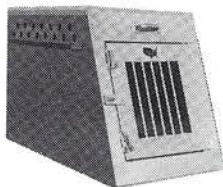
But...they are written with the concept that judges and handlers will allow for circumstances and unpredictable events. If everyone takes a moment to smile, a judge takes a few minutes to talk and laugh, I believe everyone will find that running NAHRA can be fun.

At the Invitational two years ago, a good judge took a moment to make this handler laugh. What a great feeling that was! He knew a good smile is worth a thousand 'silences'.

"Thank you judge!"...if only everyone could loosen up a little and realize it's supposed to be 'fun' out there too!!!

NAHRA is growing so fast these days. It has to be terribly hard to keep up with everything across the country. If everyone pitches in, works hard and helps try to keep things in order, I believe there is no stopping the NAHRA program. Keep it up...You've Come a Long Way!

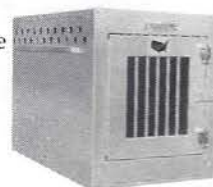
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Living with a dog that has elbow dysplasia

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Dr. Lust has advice on dealing with this situation. Buffered aspirin or other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs are usual treatment for osteoarthritis, and although they do help relieve the pain, they do not reverse or improve the underlying disease—that is, the osteoarthritis itself. In addition, the medication can cause serious stomach upsets, including ulcers. It is also advisable to limit strenuous exercise and jolts to the joints. Reducing the dog's weight by restricting food intake will also ease stress on the affected joint. Walking is beneficial, but the dog should be kept warm and dry. If the elbow joint is injured in some way, applying crushed ice in a plastic bag can bring relief. The ice should be held on the painful joint for up to 10 minutes or until this becomes uncomfortable for the animal. The procedure should be repeated, however, when possible.

Dr. Lust repeats a point owners of dogs with hip dysplasia have no doubt heard: Any dog affected with elbow dysplasia should not be used for breeding. Pups born of affected dams or sires will also be at increased risk of developing elbow dysplasia.

Update on canine brucellosis

In March 1988 we reported the results of research done by Paul Nicoletti, DVM, of the University of Florida. That work showed that treating brucellosis with antibiotics could effectively control the disease if the drug was given early in the course of infection and, as important, given to all dogs that had been exposed to the causative agent, *Brucella canis*. That was certainly good news, because the previous options were either sterilization or euthanasia when an epidemic of brucellosis swept through a kennel.

Dr. Nicoletti has just completed a study of antibiotic control of brucellosis in four kennels and in a number of privately owned dogs. He again concludes that drug therapy is an excellent alternative to euthanasia of dogs with brucellosis. The high rate of apparent cure, 81 out of 86 dogs (94 percent), is not only better than that of the earlier study but also better than the rates in other published reports. Dr. Nicoletti believes that his high cure rate is due to the longer therapy period he instituted—a two-week regimen of antibiotics.

Treating all dogs, whether they test negative or positive for the infection, remains an important part of the plan to eliminate the infection from large kennels. An additional plus: Dr. Nicoletti thinks it is likely that treatment may prevent development of the disease in dogs in the incubation phase of infection.

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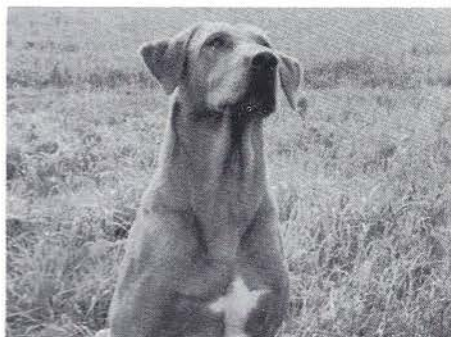
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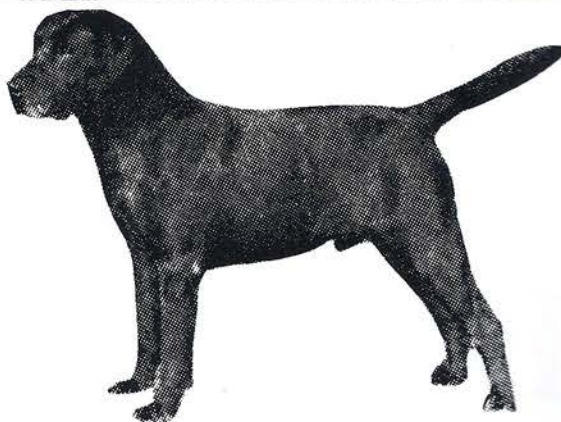
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Sunnyview's Casleu at Daybreak (Charlie & Kathy Keller) Qualified 1992 Started Regionals

Sunnyview's Raven Beauty (Hal Hansen) Qualified 1992 Started Regionals 4 straight.

Sunnyview's Maggie (Rick Jones) Qualified Started Certificate back to back.

Sunnyview's Misty Midnight (Bob Schmidt) Qualified Started Certificate back to back.

Sunnyview's Tall Henry (Mike & Cindy Warn) Qualified Started Certificate.

Sunnyview's Duke of Aces (Ted Curtis) Qualified 1991 Started Regionals.

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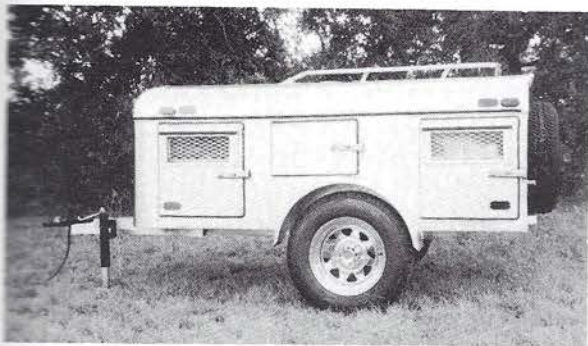
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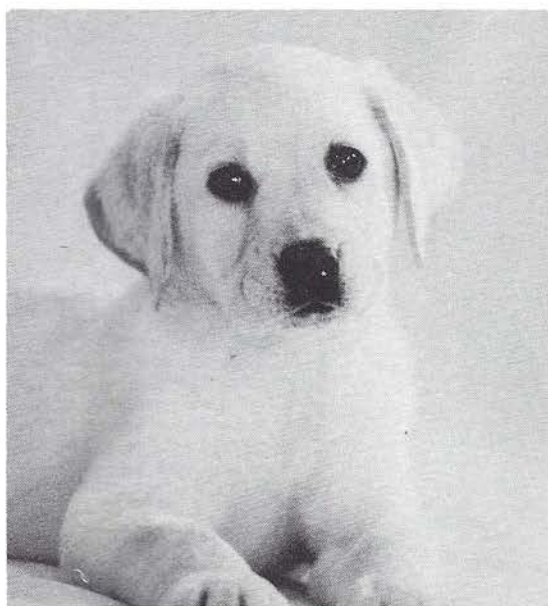
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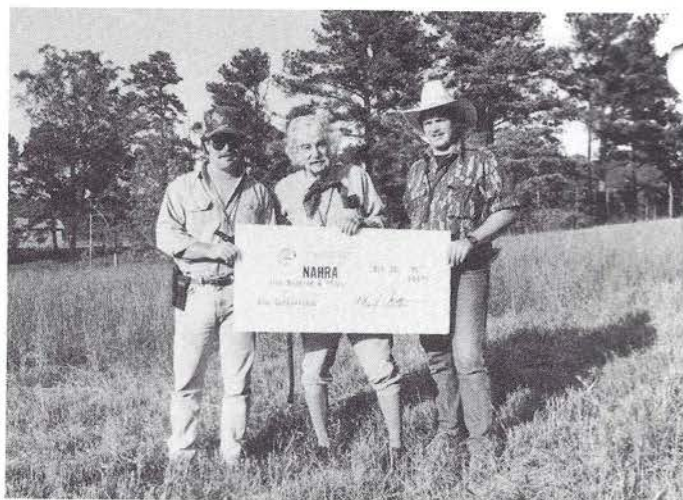
Great Southern Hunting Retriever Club Creates NAHRA Sponsorship

by Becky Mills

In addition to exciting dog work, the gorgeous setting of Starrsville Plantation near Covington, GA, and Indian summer weather, the Great Southern Hunting Retriever Club's NAHRA licensed fall field test was capped by a gift. Great Southern president Mark Sutter presented NAHRA with a \$500 check from the club.

"NAHRA has done so much for Great Southern and the breed," says Sutter. "We are financially stable and we wanted to give something back to NAHRA. By creating the sponsorship, we hope to get other clubs to join us. Hopefully it will do some good."

Sutter made the presentation at the Saturday night fund raising auction during the October 26-27 test.



GSHRC vice president Bruce McCullers (left) and president Mark Sutter (right) presents check to NAHRA representative Richard Wolters (center).



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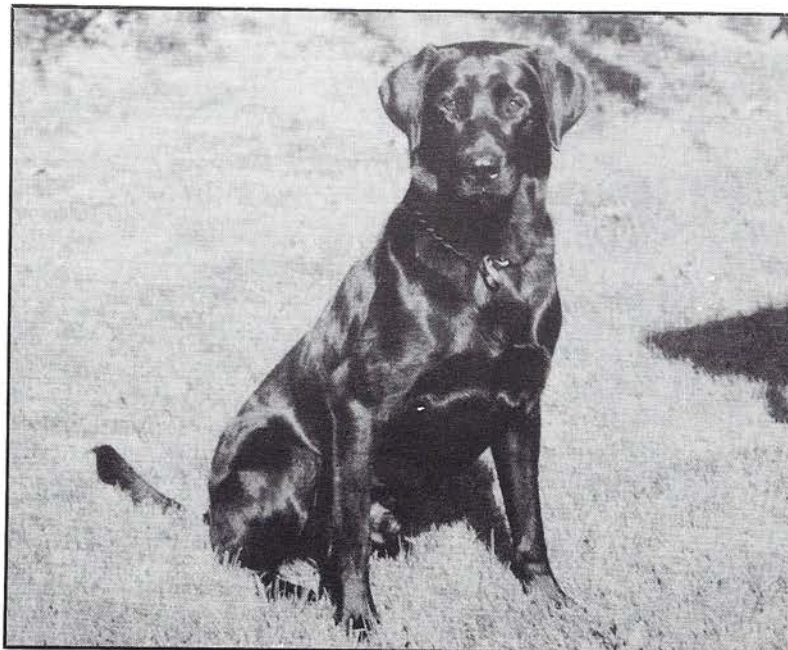
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Take a Walk on the Wild Side

by Sandra Pye

Now that the 1991 season has ended and 1992 is upon us, I've had time to sit back and reflect over the past year. I've had the opportunity to train retrievers, handle them in hunt tests and last but not least, the experience to judge them. And what an experience it has been.

I thought I had heard every excuse there was on why a dog did not qualify or what a terrible test it was until I had the opportunity to judge. I've heard excuses such as, "This mark is too -- short, the rule book says...." or "My dog's never seen this many decoys, do you hunt with this many decoys when you go hunting?" Let's remember folks that when the call backs are given and the ribbons are being handed out and you feel like you've been unfairly judged, maybe your dog didn't do quite as good as you remembered from the first series. Maybe, you did have cast refusals or your dog was out of control when he stumbled over or picked up the bird. Remember that although we're competing against a standard, we're simulating hunting. In hunting you have to real-

ize that time is of the essence when further game is coming in. At some point in time, we'll all qualify a dog that maybe we felt shouldn't have.

I have had the experience of bad calls and sometimes didn't agree with the judges decision but then the world's not perfect either.

On the long trip home, you have time to reflect and realize that the judges did give up their weekend to judge all of us when they're not getting paid to do this. They could be here running their own dogs or not here at all. You really have to take your hat off to them for giving up their free time.

Next time you don't agree with a judges decision, instead of calling the NAHRA office to complain, call and request a judges' application or attend the next judges' seminar. Go ahead, take a walk on the wild side. Walk in a judge's shoes for one weekend. It's an experience you'll long to repeat.

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3 seconds after my buddy started calling in the blind next to us. She's a handful in the pheasant field, too, but she put up more birds than anyone on the opener. NAHRA Tests don't have time to include the long waits between birds that we see in the field and marsh. They can't test manners of the long boring waits in a duck blind, but Vico's manners cost her the Invitational and that's what makes her my worst. A day afield with Vico is still better dog work than most hunters ever see. She's more than earned her MHR-WR and can prove it in Test, marsh or field, but her weaknesses and strengths both come thru in the NAHRA Tests. The lack of boredom in Tests isn't realistic for hunting, but the basic evaluation is still right for Vico.

Roxie is a different matter. Roxie hates Tests, but loves to hunt and train. Roxie is timid and soft. The pressure of Tests bums her out. She's fun to train, but you have to go slow. Roxie finished WR years ago and had quite a struggle finishing MHR last year. I don't know how many Senior Tests she gave up on the very last bird, far less the number she blew earlier. She would get more and more confused and worried as the Test went on. The last bird would bring an expression that said to me, "I just can't do it boss. Please let me back in the van. Those people are watching me." Despite this, Roxie is a good hunting dog and NAHRA has served both her and me well over her 8 years. She's more than a good pheasant dog, probably the best I've seen in typical Iowa cover. Nell can out-do her in big cover, but Roxie is methodical and experienced. Until Nell, I didn't think there was a retriever with a nose even close to Roxie's.

Roxie is a sensible dog. She'll hunt all day and be so tired when you make her quit that she can hardly eat, but she paces herself early. She takes it easy and only shifts into high gear when her nose tells her to. Vico has a total warrior mentality. Barbed wire fences don't even slow her down if there's a bird. Vico will run full blast 'till she drops. I had to carry her a half mile on the pheasant opener when she did drop. She's half my weight, but she's also my friend. I usually have one major surgery bill per year on her chest's war with old Iowa barbed wire. Except for experience, Nell combines the best of Roxie's nose and Vico's speed and determination. What's more, she has unsurpassed stamina, is as smart as Vico and cooperative to boot. The joy you see in Nell at a NAHRA test shines in the field or marsh.

How did the NAHRA program serve me on the openers? Each of my dogs has benefited from NAHRA Tests. Their progress was different, as were their strengths and weaknesses. By and large, the evaluation at tests was right for all-around hunting. More than this, we have fun preparing for and running NAHRA tests. NAHRA Tests have made me and all my dogs the best hunting teams we can be. We may be able to improve our realism at NAHRA tests, but we're on target. The program serves the hunting retriever and her handler well. I can't imagine a program that could enhance the openers any better than NAHRA at its best.

I would like to thank the NAHRA organization for all they have done for Duchess, and the entire retriever breed in the Oklahoma and Texas region.

*WR Ginger's Duchess of Oklahoma
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The Best Midwest NAHRA Test of 1991

by Keith Stroyan

NAHRA had a terrific 1991 in the midwest. Manitoba and Iowa ran nice tests. Two new clubs in Oklahoma put on good tests, though officially I guess they're not midwest region. Lake Country Retriever Club was back on their outstanding grounds south of Minneapolis. Blackhawk Retriever Club hosted the Invitational, the Regional and an excellent Fall event. But the best NAHRA Test of the year was the Minnesota Hunting Retriever Association event at Pete Fischer's Shooting Preserve near Albany, Minnesota in August. The grounds, the tests, the dogs, the people all were tops.

The 'competition' for best was tough. Blackhawk and Lake Country both have excellent grounds and experienced clubs. I enjoyed the Stillwater, Oklahoma event because the grounds were quite different. Their stump pond induced my year and a half old to invent a new category: water quartering. After a nice 30 yard initial line on the blinds, she decided to quarter up every stump in the Lake. The gallery had a great time watching, but finally the judge said, "Could you pick up your dog?" I responded, "I don't think so." And he said, "Why don't you give her a back." I did and it worked; she came in after a while. Stillwater's most different aspect, though, was ticks that bite outright without anesthetizing your skin. That didn't place them first.

Iowa's second intermediate water test was run out of boats in a soybean field. As we ran, the water was rising and covered the road we had driven in on. Hard to imagine that heat and drought would kill my seedling prairie and 500 new trees a month and a half later. Our earlier event near Burlington was the last on those grounds. A good test, but sad occasion. We've had many good tests there and don't feel we detract from nesting. NAHRA has many friends, but some enemies, too, down to 'conservation officers' who don't see the value in a trained retriever even enough to compromise on minor issues and work out fair use. I wish all the energy that has gone into bellyaching about tests in the past could be directed to public awareness. There isn't much need to complain about tests in our region now, so maybe it will.

What I remember about Lake Country's test is a nice cattail pond and a BIG boat. A month after the Stillwater disaster, Nell ran an intermediate blind to do her daddy (NAFC/FC Candlewood's Super Tanker) proud. Sneaking down to a wood-

land pothole almost blew my fuse and it sure primed Nell's pump. She was out to the blind before the judge could open his book.

Nothing else 'special' sticks out in my mind, because what is 'ordinary' at Lake Country is EXCELLENT.

Blackhawk out-did themselves in 1991. The Invitational was superb. I can still see Vico 'nailing' the land marks and breaking on the water marks... She ran a nice test except for one mistake with an excited handler who didn't have the sense to reheel her and settle her down... Marks are her long suit, but excitement is her short suit... I didn't see much of the Regional outside Intermediate, because I was judging. Nell's test dog blind was sub-standard. The working Intermediate dog work was terrific and we had a lot of fun with two days to run. I missed the first day of Blackhawk's fall Test, but got there Sunday morning in time for Nell to run 'buy dog' on the final Senior water test. Her flyer ran in the cattails, but she still finished the triple with style and ran the blind like a real senior dog. It's a long way from Stillwater to LaFarge, 700 miles or so, and it's a long way from 18 months to 22 if you work with a talented pup.

MHRA 'won' the 'competition' for best NAHRA test. Pete Fischer's place has grounds that are hard to beat. The view of the pond north of his kennels sticks out in my mind - just spectacular. I remember high wind on a side hill, making a tough land blind and the same wind hooking Vico into a 100 yard water blind without a whistle. She blew the land marks the next day and I never will know why. I guess she overheated. The happiest moment of the Test was seeing the look on the faces of an eight year old and a four year old. My retired test timid dog Roxie ran the Beginner test with Roger Weller's daughter handling. They met in the afternoon and took a liking to each other. A little practice, then three short singles made eight-year-old bliss in an old eight-year-old and satisfied accomplishment in a four-year-old handler.

Fact is, there's no prize or contest for best NAHRA test. It's a non-competitive event. The good news is that all the midwest clubs are up to the highest standards. There have been little slips, we can always improve, but the tests, mechanics, judging and social events are uniformly good with occasional streaks of excellence. Thanks to all. See you in '92.

Giving Credit Where Credit's Due by Dan Hosford

As in all sports, any individual motivated enough to become proficient has at their fingertips a vast amount of information and knowledge from hundreds of books. But as you and I know there is no single book or collection of books that can even begin to teach that individual how to prepare for all the problems or situations they'll encounter during the training of a GUN DOG.

The ability to confidently and proficiently handle these training situations can only be done through years of experience.

It makes no difference what training skills a person may possess from AMATEUR to PROFESSIONAL, at some time during their training career they WILL need the assistance of someone who has already been confronted with and corrected the problem at hand. More than likely this individual will be seeking the advice or help of a PROFESSIONAL Dog Trainer with the experience, skills and patience to explain or possibly correct the situation.

Once the problem has been corrected and the team is back on course, the professional is often times forgotten until the next

problem arises.

It's not that this makes a lot of difference to the general public, but it does make a difference to the person giving his or her time to assist with a particular problem or just guide the individual to the proper avenue of training for a special dog.

Many trainers, myself included, owe a good portion of our present reputation to the advent of the NAHRA organization and the Licensed Hunting Retriever Tests. I however, owe even more to a PROFESSIONAL TRAINER from Parker, Arizona. This gentleman taught me the refinement skills necessary to become a proficient and consistent dog trainer.

Anyone can read enough books to become an instructor, but few have the ability to teach.

This is my way of saying how important it is to remember where we learned our skills, and not to forget the person who took the time to teach them to us.

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JUDGES ...

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Gunners shot a live flyer at a hundred yards in a Senior test. When the dog reached the crippled bird, it flushed. The gunner shot and killed the bird with the dog in hot pursuit. The dog retrieved to hand. What do you call this and how do you grade it? What if the handler tried to stop the dog and it did not stop? What if the handler did nothing? What if the Handler could not see the dog or flush?

The senior rules say that a dog may be handled on marked retrieves (Plural). Should the dog get a lower score if the handle is quick and crisp? If so, how much lower? How much lack of memory or marking ability is a failure?

A dog took a good line for a mark. Before the dog reached the area of the fall, it turned and picked up another mark. Is this a switch?

A dog established a hunt for a mark but didn't find the bird. The dog started to leave the area. The handler stopped the dog and handled it back to the fall. Is that a switch?

The judges planted the blind before the start of a senior marking test. A dog took a great line for the mark. Just before the dog reached the fall, it turned toward the planted blind. The dog obviously got a snout full of the blind bird. The handler stopped the dog and handled it to the fall. Should the dog get a lower score on its

marking test because it honored its nose when the wind changed direction?

A handler has just completed a series and the dog did a great job. The handler threw the last bird retrieved as a happy bird for his dog. He is still at the point of origin and still under judgment. Many judges in the Southwest instruct the handlers to keep the birds off the ground and carry them out of the field. Should the judges chastise the handler and give the dog a lower score? Should the dog fail? Should the judges expel the handler for unsportsmanlike conduct? What if the judges did not give the handlers any instructions regarding the birds?

The judges instructed the Senior handlers to shoulder and point their shotgun at the bird when it flushed in the upland test. This is a proper requirement. Many handlers did not point the shotgun but their dogs did qualify. When asked how much they penalized the dogs, the judges said, "no penalty" only one handler pointed the shotgun." Should the dog get a lower score if a handler fails to follow the judges' instructions? If not, is it fair to the handlers that do?

A dog did an excellent series; there was applause by the gallery. The dog retrieved a stick that looked like a training bumper. Should the dog pass? Should the dog fail? Should the dog have a rerun? What would you do if you were hunting? Should the judge instruct the handler to send the dog to retrieve the bird? Would that be a recast? Would it be different if the dog re-

trieved a training bumper instead of a stick?

A dog made the retrieve. The dog delivered the bird to hand. When the handler received the bird, it fell to the ground. The handler inadvertently continued his motion and picked up the bird. Should the judge warn the handler? Should the dog fail? Should the judge instruct the handler to drop the bird so that the dog can complete the retrieve? What if it happens more than once?

A handler deliberately struck the dog across the head with the shotgun barrel to ensure the dog would not break during the water marking test. The dog did not yelp. It did not break and it did make the retrieves. Is it a controlled break? Should the dog fail because the handler touched the dog? Should the judges pass the dog and expel the handler from the category for striking the dog? Should the judges fail the dog and expel the handler?

There are few, if any, perfect answers to these and many other questions. There is justification for many different answers; there are some terrible answers. Judges must make tough decisions. Everyone will not agree with the judges' conclusions. Two judges may see the situation differently. They must resolve that difference. Judges have no instant replay and they will make mistakes.

The judges have donated their time and have traveled a long distance to judge the test. They would rather run their dog. You

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VETERINARY CORNER

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undescended testicle. Dr. Ludders's experience over many years has convinced him that the risk from anesthesia and abdominal surgery in a young, healthy dog is quite small, especially when compared to the long term potential risks of leaving the testicle in the abdomen. Furthermore, Dr. Ludders is not aware of any sensitivities to anesthesia on the part of Labrador Retrievers as a breed. If the dog is healthy, surgery is recommended for an undescended testicle.

Q: My 10-month-old female Golden Retriever has been diagnosed with exocrine pancreatic insufficiency. Can you give me any information on this disease?

A: Exocrine pancreatic insufficiency is a disorder in which the pancreas gland does not produce the enzymes necessary to help digest food. The undigested food within the intestine usually results in diarrhea. And because dogs with exocrine pancreatic insufficiency cannot benefit from the food they eat, they often lose weight despite a good appetite.

Although many causes of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency have been suggested, a genetic disposition to the disorder is reported in German Shepherds.

Fortunately, most affected dogs can be treated successfully by supplementing each meal with commercially available pancreatic enzymes. Lifelong treatment is generally necessary. However, some dogs with exocrine pancreatic insufficiency who do not respond to enzyme supplementation alone may have concurrent intestinal bacterial overgrowth requiring antibiotic therapy.

JUDGES

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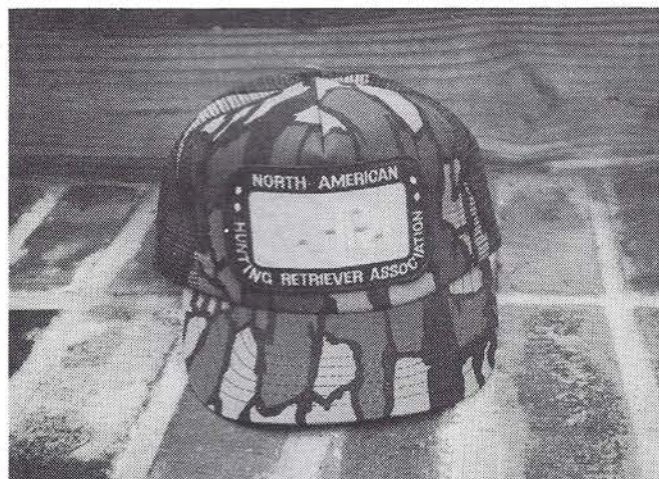
may prefer another type of test or different use of the grounds. You aren't the judge today. Did you turn down the judging assignment so you could run your dog? Have you applied for approval as a NAHRA judge?

After the test, pass or fail, give your support to those judges that are fair and unbiased. Give your support to those judges that follow the rules and abide by the NAHRA purpose and concept. If the judges do not, then let the club know the problems. It was the host club that selected the judges. You spent your time and money. You and your dog deserve fair and unbiased judgement in an appropriate test, set up and judged according to the rules.



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F = Flat-Coated Retriever
CC = Curly-Coated Retriever
AWS = American Water Spaniel
IWS = Irish Water Spaniel
ESS = English Springer Spaniel
B = Boykin Spaniel
NSDTR = Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
FTN = All other ineligible breeds; unregistered breeds

PATUXENT RIVER RETRIEVER CLUB PRINCE FREDERICK, MARYLAND OCTOBER 5-6, 1991

STARTED I
DOGS ENTERED 31 - DOGS QUALIFIED 14
JUDGES: MARGE SAMUELS & JANET HERBERT

DEKE OF NANJEMOY CREEK, LM - Kerry & Kathleen Camm; JENA JUSTIEU HIWOOD, LF - Daniel Schweikart; REMINGTON BELET PARKER, LM - Ronald Parker; TARA SAGE OF MUDDY BRANCH, LF - Jeff Timmons; KOBE OF DOVE HILL, LF - John Simmonds; SILVERBROOK MASTERS TOUCH, LF - Wendy Patton & Trish Jagoda; IMPETUOUS JENAH, LF - Frank Plewa; GENOA'S BREEZE, LF - Kim Mandarino; SWEET AIR BUSTER BROWN, LM - Jerry Bolt; GENERAL JEOPARDY LEE, LM - Rick Giles; CANDLEWOODS PRINCESS IZADORE, LF - R. Patrick McCarty; CEDAR MOUNTAIN'S JESSIE, LF - Frank Emory; JENNY'S PRECOCIOUS LADY, LF - Kim Mandarino; BROCKETT OF SOUTHLAND, LM - Peter Mulcahy

STARTED II
DOGS ENTERED 31 - DOGS QUALIFIED 20
JUDGES: RON SAMUELS & GENE BYRD

KOBE OF DOVE HILL, LF - John Simmonds; OAK GROVE SAMSON, GM - Thomas Spraggins; MOUNTAIN RUN ROCK SOLID, LM - Skip Courtney; SOUTHLANDS COMMANDER CODY, LM - Jeff Hadlock; SILVERBROOK VA BLACK GOLD, LF - Trish Jagoda; SOUTHLAND'S TAR BLU OF CALVERT, LM - Kevin Nash; SIR NESTLE CRUNCH OF DUNKIRK, LM - Fred Perini; KINTORE RIP'N BLUE THUNDER, LM - Beverly Brinker; REMINGTON BELET PARKER, LM - Ronald Parker; SILVERBROOK MASTERS TOUCH, LF - Wendy Patton & Trish Jagoda; KENT POINT'S BEST BET, LF - Chris Ciardi & Lisa Baynard; TIDEWATER TUCKAHOE II, GM - Gregg Adams; GENOA'S BREEZE, LF - Kim Mandarino; CANDLEWOODS PRINCESS IZADORE, LF - R. Patrick McCarty; TARA SAGE OF MUDDY BRANCH, LF - Jeff Timmons; GENERAL JEOPARDY LEE, LM - Rick Giles; SWEET AIR BUSTER BROWN, LM - Jerry Bolt; JENNY'S PRECOCIOUS LADY, LF - Kim Mandarino; IMPETUOUS SHENAH, LF - Frank Plewa; GOLDLEAF'S FIREGROUND SNIFFER, GF - Robert Costa

YADKIN RIVER WATERFOWL & RETRIEVER CLUB STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA OCTOBER 5-6, 1991

STARTED
DOGS ENTERED 19 - DOGS QUALIFIED 10
JUDGES: MARGO MYERS & JEFF ALLEN

BUCK'S PRIDE OF OAKDALE, LM - Bill Littleton; GUNNER'S GOLDEN CHASE, LM - William New; LANCER, FTN/M - Tommy Dunaway; BILL'S ROCKY CREEK BARON, LM - Bill Allison; COOK'S BABY RUTH, LF - Kearns Little & Jay Carr; LEE'S DIXIE DEB, LF - Henry Plummer; BOBBY'S BLACK DOC, LM - Mark Gentry; RARIN'-TO-GO'S HAVE MERCY, LF - Bryan Maxwell; LORD BULLOCK OF AUGUST, LM - Alexander & Susan McAllister; RARIN'-TO-GO'S WILD CARD, LM - Bryan & Laura Maxwell

INTERMEDIATE
DOGS ENTERED 24 - DOGS QUALIFIED 16
JUDGES: GIL GILMORE & BOB HAMMAKER

PICKENS CREEK RAZZMATAZZ, LM - Dan Henderson; BEGGIN' BLAKE'S EZ TO GO, LM - Ken Norris; DUTCHMANS OLE PAL, LM - Jeff Allen; SCANLON'S SMOKIN SASQUATCH, LM - Jack Scanlon; SIR DUKE OF CANTERBURY, LM - Russ Mann; GEORGIA BELL II, LF - Rick Phillips; PATCHWORK FARMS BULL BRAMBLE, LM - Alex Cramer; MAGIC MAGGIE MAE III, LF - Gene Anderson; OWNBY'S EMMA LOU, LF - Phil Ownby; ZACHARY LORD OF BERKELEY, LM - Gene Anderson; CLEMSON'S COVE HUNTER'S JAKE, LM - Kearns Little; LANCER, FTN/M - Tommy Dunaway; JAMMER BY JOSH, LM - Karl Hehl; ROGER'S KING TUBBY, LM - Roger Luper; GRANDDADDY JIM'S MAX, LM - Jim Bryson; BAY CREEKS LAST STRAW, LM - David Johnson

SENIOR
DOGS ENTERED 34 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: TONY LEONARD & PHILLIP FREEMAN

GMHR WR CJ'S BOCEPHUS, LM - Charles & Cathy Jurney; MHR MARTIN'S DARK DRAKE, LM - Martin Thorne; GMHR WR WATERSPLITTER, LM - David Foulk; GMHR FROGRIDGE MIZ ETHEL, LF - W. Baldwin; VAN LEE'S CAPTAIN BLACK, LM - Kevin Shannon; GMHR WR GWENS MAN BOZWORTH, LM - Gwen Pleasant; MHR WR SUTTER'S KAHLUA KELSEY, LF - Mark & Jane Sutter; BLACK RIVER'S JUBILEE, LF - Roger Switzer; WR SUTTER'S GOLD GAMBLE OF JESSIE, LF - Mark & Jane Sutter; GMHR CHIEF EBONY BLAZE, LM - Scott Clark; MHR MOLLY HUNTER II, LF - Kenneth Robinette

SAN DIEGO HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB CORONA, CALIFORNIA OCTOBER 5-6, 1991

STARTED
DOGS ENTERED 16 - DOGS QUALIFIED 3
JUDGES: CHARLES RHOADES & JIM WEBB

CLANSMANS BOLD PENNY, LF - Bill & Nancy Van Sickle; RENSHAW'S RAGTIME JAZZ, LF - Dan Collier; GIVENS GOTCHA LOOKIN CASEY, LF - Tim Everett

INTERMEDIATE
DOGS ENTERED 12 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: PHIL DESCHENE & NANCY RUSK

SPRING VALLEY RIG, LM - Alice Woodyard; SANDCRESTS MIDNIGHT LIBERTY, LF - Robin Pemberton; SHOT GUN PESO OF DEERWOOD, LM - Laurie Batson; SUGARS DYNAMITE EXPLOSION, LF - Christi Precup; VERA LEFT HAND, GF - Alice Woodyard; LUCAS MCCAIN III, LM - John Stewart; WESTWINDS WANGO TANGO, LM - Steve & Lori Carpenter; VICTORY SLEW, LM - Dana Sabraw

SENIOR
DOGS ENTERED 20 - DOGS QUALIFIED 6
JUDGES: MARK JACKMAN & CHARLES RHOADES

MHR JIMKATS WATEROTTER WILLARD, LM - Jim Pry; MHR SURE SHOT SAM, LM - Phil Deschene; GMHR DUCK MASTER'S CHOICE, LF - Charles Breslin; GMHR DUCK MASTER'S NOSIN AROUND, LM - Charles Breslin; MHR SIZZLIN SUZIE QUE, LF - Jim Pry; WESTWIND BLUE WATER TEAL, LF - Steven Dubiel

OCONEE HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA OCTOBER 12-13, 1991

STARTED
DOGS ENTERED 17 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: ALLEN RHINEHART & SANDRA PYE

DUKE OF PATTEN PRINCESS POKO, LF - Chuck Eirschele; OPENING DAY KATIE, LF - Eric Bryant; GRANDMASTER DUKES' OTTER, LF - Charles Webb; WELIKA PIPER'S EXPRESS, LF - Randy Knight; DOMINIQUIS, LM - Andy Anderson; J.R.'S PLAY TOY FESTUS, LM - Beth & Ryan McKissick; WATEROAK'S JAKE, LM - R.S. Swanson; LAMIEL'S CAPTAIN KID, LF - Laniel Chapman; DAVIDSON DANA'S DANDY DIXIE, LF - Powell & Dana Andrews; LADY BLUE XXXV, LF - William Bond; SARAH'S GYPSY BREEZE, LF - Jack Noonan

INTERMEDIATE
DOGS ENTERED 10 - DOGS QUALIFIED 7
JUDGES: TOM RENTZ & JANE SUTTER

JAMMER BY JOSH, LF - Karl Hehl, Jr.; SOUTHLAND THUNDER ANNIE, LF - Jack & Diana Jagoda; OWNBY'S EMMA LOU, LF - Phil Ownby; PYE'S BLEW BAYOU, LF - Sandra Pye; I LOVE LUCY X, LF - Ed Taylor; SCANLON'S SMOKIN SASQUATCH, LM - John Scanlon; SIR JAKE'S ANGUS, LM - Scott & Jan Tucker

SENIOR
DOGS ENTERED 33 - DOGS QUALIFIED 21
JUDGES: MIKE JACKSON & STEVE RICHARDSON

GMHR-WR PYE'S PHANTOM CHARGER, LM - Rusty & Sandra Pye; **SOUTHLAND JETTU**, LM - Jack & Diana Jagoda; **GMHR SIR'S CHOICE GUMBO**, LF - Mike & Sharon Moroz; **MHR BROUCEK'S BOLD CHOICE**, LM - Mike Cadger; **MHR TAMARACK'S TWISTED SISTER**, GF - Tracy Sanders; **WHITLEY'S SHADOW BEAR**, LM - Ken Whitley; **VAN LEE'S CAPTAIN BLACK**, LM - Kevin Shannon; **PYE'S BLEW BAYOU**, LF - Sandra Pye; **GMHR FROGRIDGE MIZ ETHEL**, LF - W.W. Baldwin; **GMHR-WR WATERSPLITTER**, LM - David Foulk; **MOLLY HUNTER II**, LF - Kenneth Robinette; **D.C. BLACK FOOT BOOGIE**, LM - Martin Kirby; **WR ZACHARY LORD OF BERKELEY**, LM - Gene Anderson; **DOMINIQUE**, LM - Andy Anderson; **MHR-WR JUST IN TIME II**, LM - David Foulk; **BLACK RIVER'S JUBILEE**, LF - Roger Switzer; **WR SUTTER'S GOLD GAMBLE OF JESSIE**, LF - Mark & Jane Sutter; **DR. PEPPER RONI**, LF - Chip Clifton; **GMHR-WR GWENS MAN BOZWORTH**, LM - Gwen Pleasant; **WR BUCKWHEAT DAWG**, GM - Rich Cowart; **CHOCOLATE E. CLAIRE**, LF - Chip Stewart

RED EARTH HUNTING RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA OCTOBER 12-13, 1991

STARTED I

DOGS ENTERED 11 - DOGS QUALIFIED 7

JUDGES: BRENDA SMEDLEY & JIM HOLLINGER

HERSHEY CANDY DUFFY, LF - David Duffy; **TIFFANIE BONNIE BUSTLE**, LF - Jim Alexander; **REDLINE'S FIANNA BY ROCK ERIN**, GF - J. McCann & M. DiGregorio; **ZIPAROO'S DUCKDOG**, LM - Scott Mason; **BELL'S MIDNITE ANGEL**, LF - Larry Fisher; **GEM'S CHOCOLATE PETE**, LM - Greg McKinney; **CARY'S HONCHO SADI**, LF - Michael Canada

STARTED II

DOGS ENTERED 10 - DOGS QUALIFIED 7

JUDGES: BRIAN HALL & JOHNNIE HOLLIDAY

BELL'S MIDNITE ANGEL, LF - Larry Fisher; **CARY'S HONCHO SADI**, LF - Michael Canada; **HERSHEY CANDY DUFFY**, LF - David Duffy; **GREYSTONE SUPE JET**, LM - Larry Tedder; **ZIPAROO'S DUCKDOG**, LM - Scott Mason; **REMINGTON'S TEAL**, LM - Joel Schiader; **BRAND'S HANNAH BEAR**, LF - Duane & Janet Brand

INTERMEDIATE I

DOGS ENTERED 5 - DOGS QUALIFIED 4

JUDGES: KEITH STROYAN & DAVID SMITH

TUFF ENUF, LF - John Amico; **GINGER'S DUCHESS OF OKLAHOMA**, LF - Jim Hollinger; **HOLLI INTIMIDATOR**, LM - Johnnie Holiday; **ROWDY'S BIGSTONE BEAR ELITE**, LM - Lyle Babcock

INTERMEDIATE II

DOGS ENTERED 5 - DOGS QUALIFIED 2

JUDGES: LARRY ROSS & TERRY WILLIAMS

HOLLI INTIMIDATOR, LM - Johnnie Holiday; **GINGER'S DUCHESS OF OKLAHOMA**, LF - Jim Hollinger

SENIOR

DOGS ENTERED 4 - DOGS QUALIFIED 3

JUDGES: KEITH STROYAN & TERRY WILLIAMS

WR MY GIRL BRANDY II, LF - David Smith; **PAULS BLACKWATER BABY**, LF - Jerry Travis; **SUNNYVIEWS FIERCE LEE**, LM - Hugh Bradford

WESTERN ARIZONA GUN DOGS PARKER, ARIZONA OCTOBER 19-20, 1991

STARTED I

DOGS ENTERED 13 - DOGS QUALIFIED 2

JUDGES: MAC HARROD & MICKEY WALKER

MEGHAN OF THE SONORAN DESERT, CF - Michael Cross; **MALLARDITHS AMARETTO MIST**, GF - Kathryn & Walter Schultz

STARTED II

DOGS ENTERED 10 - DOGS QUALIFIED 7

JUDGES: KAREN FOSTER & CLARENCE SALLADAY

REBECA'S TOUGH LITTLE AMY, LF - Larry Leichtfuss; **MALLARDITHS RIPTIDE**, GM - James Graham; **PAKS JOSH DEETS**, LM - Scott Sullivan; **FISTS FULL TANK**, LM - B.J. Markkola; **MALLARDITHS AMARETTO MIST**, GF - Kathryn & Walter Schultz; **GIVENS GOTCHA LOOKIN CASEY**, LF - Tim Everett; **CALLISTO OF THOMAS**, LF - Tom & Marcy Wilder

INTERMEDIATE I

DOGS ENTERED 13 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5

JUDGES: JOSEPH MCCANN & CLARENCE SALLADAY

MAMA JONES G.B.G., GM - Dan Thompson; **SATCHA MARAUDER**, GF - Sharon House; **SHOT GUN PESO OF DEERWOOD**, LM - Laurie Batson; **SUGARS DYNAMITE EXPLOSION**, LF - Christi Precup; **DELCROWN CHIEF OF THE BOAT**, LM - David Mears

INTERMEDIATE II

DOGS ENTERED 14 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8

JUDGES: MAC HARROD & PHIL OLMSTEAD

SHOT GUN PESO OF DEERWOOD, LM - Laurie Batson; **SATCHA MARAUDER**, GF - Sharon House; **DELCROWN CHIEF OF THE BOAT**, LM - David Mears; **SUGAR'S DYNAMITE EXPLOSION**, LF - Christi Precup; **GIVENS CALIFORNIA WOODY**, LM - Tim Wrightman; **GOOSEBAY BB'S GRADUATION GIFT**, LF - Chris & Suzie Graves; **DRYCREEK'S FLYING DUTCHMAN**, LM - Laura & Steven Fletcher; **VICTORY SLEW**, LM - Dana Sabraw

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 27 - DOGS QUALIFIED 12

JUDGES: PHIL OLMSTEAD, KAREN FOSTER, EARL GILLET & JERRY CARPENTER

WESTWIND BLUEWATER TEAL, LF - Steven Dubiel; **GMHR-WR RIO RETRIEVERS SUPER SIX PAK**, LM - Larry & Mickey Walker; **MHR SUNSHINE OTIS SPUNKMEYER**, GM - Lee Herskowitz; **MHR RENSHAW'S GUN MOLL MOLLY**, LM - Dan Collier; **GMHR-WR LACY LEE OF LOLEDA**, LF - Lenda Barker; **MHR SUPER YUKON JACK**, LM - Russ Reavis; **WR LOLENDAS ARIZONA MARKER**, LF - Mac Harrod; **MHR SIZZLIN SUZIE QUE**, LF - Jim Pry; **WR ESTER OF BILL'S HOPE**, LF - William Gillette; **ARAGON'S ARRIBA**, LF - Fred Aragon; **GMHR-WR KENDRICK'S BLACKJACK ROCKY**, LM - Larry "Coach" Walker; **WR ANYA'S BRASSY BOSS**, GM - Bruce Meredith

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 25 - DOGS QUALIFIED 13

JUDGES: JOSEPH MCCANN & DAN COLLIER

WR HAVASU'S SUPER HALF PAK EXPRESS, LM - Don & Rosie Mesisca; **WESTWINDS BLUEWATER TEAL**, LF - Steven Dubiel; **BARLEY OF DEERWOOD**, LM - Laurie Batson; **WR LOLENDAS ARIZONA MARKER**, LF - Mac Harrod; **MHR-WR GADWALLS NIGHTMARE**, LF - Mark & Cindy Lowans; **MHR SUPER YUKON JACK**, LM - Russ Reavis; **MHR JIMKATS WATEROTTER WILLARD**, LM - Jim Pry; **GMHR-WR KENDRICK'S BLACKJACK ROCKY**, LM - Larry "Coach" Walker; **MHR SIZZLIN SUZIE QUE**, LF - Jim Pry; **MHR SUNSHINE OTIS SPUNKMEYER**, GM - Lee Herskowitz; **SUGAR'S DYNAMITE EXPLOSION**, LF - Christi Precup; **VICTORY SLEW**, LM - Dana Sabraw; **GMHR-WR MY MARK OF DISTINCTION**, LM - Perry Bell

SOUTHERN PIEDMONT WATERFOWLERS CLUB TERRELL, NORTH CAROLINA OCTOBER 19-20, 1991

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 22 - DOGS QUALIFIED 14

JUDGES: TONY PARKER & DON MOLINA

JP'S BLACK MAGIC MAC, LM - John Clay; **ELMORE'S FU BY BLACKJACK**, LM - Harold Elmore; **FANTASY'S LADY GODIVA**, LF - James Cogdell; **LORD BULLOCK OF AUGUST**, LM - Alex & Susan McAllister; **LEE'S DIXIE DEB**, LF - Henry Plummer; **WELIKA PIPER'S EXPRESS**, LF - Randy Knight; **GUNNER'S GOLDEN CHASE**, LM - Henry New; **CLEVELAND FRANK ALBERT LAYDEN**, CF - Ken Layden; **DAVIDSON DANA'S DANDY DIXIE**, LF - Powell Andrews; **DOMINIQUE**, LM - Andy Anderson; **GRANDMASTER DUKE'S OTTER**, LF - Charles Webb; **BUCK'S PRIDE OF OAKDALE**, LM - Bill Littleton; **MOSQUITO'S POINT DIXIE RIVER**, LM - Buz Ryland; **REDLION'S WOODY OF DUTCHLAND**, CM - Dutch Burkle

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 19 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8

JUDGES: TOM TRIMBLE & GIL GILMORE

PANDORA'S BLACK LACE, LF - Michael Parker; **BAYCREEKS LAST STRAW**, LF - David Johnson; **CLEMONS COVE HUNTER'S JAKE**, LM - Kearns Little; **WR JILLI MACK OF DEER CREEK**, LF - Jim Wilhelm; **WHISKEY CREEK LIBBY**, LF - Jim O'Neil; **D.C. BLACKFOOT BOOGIE**, LM - Andy Anderson; **WELIKA BABE**, LF - Randy Knight; **WELIKA TWO**, LM - Randy Knight

SENIOR

DOGS ENTERED 20 - DOGS QUALIFIED 9

JUDGES: JIM GARDNER & GAYLORD HOISINGTON

MHR DON'S BLACKJACK, LM - Don Molina; **DOMINIQUE**, LM - Andy Anderson; **WR PYE'S BLEW BAYOU**, LF - Sandra Pye; **WR WALLACE'S SANDY BLUFF**, LF - Tommy Wallace; **D.C. BLACK FOOT BOOGIE**, LM - Andy Anderson; **WR WHITLEY'S SHADOW BEAR**, LM - Ken Whitley; **ACE HIGH STRAIGHT FLUSH**, LM - Charles Clark; **WATERSEDGE DUSTY TROUBLE**, LF - Scott Clark; **SWEETWATER BRANDY**, LF - Sterling & Bily Rutherford

GREAT SOUTHERN HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB COVINGTON, GEORGIA OCTOBER 26-27, 1991

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 22 - DOGS QUALIFIED 14
JUDGES: ALLEN RHINEHART & SANDRA PYE

DAVIDSON DANA'S DANDY DIXIE, LF - Powell Andrews; REDLION'S WOODY OF DUTCHLAND, CM - Dutch Burke; WATEROAK'S JAKE, LM - Ralph Swanson; KELLEY'S ELECTRIC SPARK, LM - Luther Kelley; WELIKA PIPER'S EXPRESS, LF - Randy Knight; J.R.'S PLAYTOY FESTUS, LM - Beth McKissick; LANIEL'S CAPTAIN KID, LF - Laniel Chapman; LADY BLUE XXXV, LF - William Bond; PRETTY LADY KADY, LF - Marcus Bice; BLAZING STAR II, LM - Allen Stil; OPENING DAY KATIE, LF - Eric Bryant; LANCER, FTN/M - Tommy Dunaway; STAR'S BLACKER'N SOOT, LM - Tracy Sanders; JAZZ, LM - William West

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 21 - DOGS QUALIFIED 9
JUDGES: MIKE CROW & FRED HANAN

OWNBY'S EMMA LOU, LF - Phil Ownby; PATCHWORK FARMS BULL BRAMBLE, LM - Alex Cramer; GINGE KAMIKAZE, GM - Emily McNeil; ROANOKE JACKSON, LM - Brian Alexander; MHR-WR RIVERBENDS BUCKEROO, LM - Luther Kelley; WR WHISKEY CREEK LIBBY, LF - Jim O'Neil; LANCER, FTN/M - Tommy Dunaway; WATERWORKS GATOR PT. OTTER, LF - Susan Frederick; MAGIC MAGGIE MAE III, LF - Gene Anderson

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 45 - DOGS QUALIFIED 16
JUDGES: TOM RENTZ & RON SAULS

GMHR BAY CREEK DAN, LM - Rex Bell; GMHR-WR GWEN'S MAN BOZWORTH, LM - Alan Pleasant; WR BELMEADE'S ALEXANDRIA BELLE, LF - Jim Wright; VAN LEE'S CAPTAIN BLACK, LM - Kevin Shannon; MHR McDONALDS BIG MAC, LM - Flint McDonald; MITCHELL'S PRINCE, LM - Tim Mitchell; GMHR FROGRIDGE MIZ ETHEL, LF - Wes Baldwin; GMHR-WR DUKE OF PATTEN, LM - Lee Atkinson, Jr.; GMHR-WR WATERSPLITTER, LM - David Foulk; MHR FIVE OAKS PEACH BRANDY, LF - Jim Timms; D.C. BLACKFOOT BOOGIE, LM - Andy Anderson; MCCULLERS HOLLY JO, LF - Bruce McCullers; SOUTHLAND BLACKWATER TEAL, LM - Rick Ward; GMHR-WR PYE'S PHANTOM CHARGER, LM - Rusty Pye; MHR-WR JESSIKA LUCYNDIA TITO, LF - Steve Richardson; ZACHARY LORD OF BERKELEY, LM - Gene Anderson

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 47 - DOGS QUALIFIED 24
JUDGES: SCOTT SEWARD & CHIP STEWART

DOMINIQUE, LM - Andy Anderson; GMHR SIR'S CHOICE GUMBO, LF - Mike Moroz; GMHR-WR PYE'S PHANTOM CHARGER, LM - Rusty Pye; LACOMBES ROYAL BLUE, LM - Mitch Davis; MHR FIVE OAKS PEACH BRANDY, LF - Jim Timms; D.C. BLACKFOOT BOOGIE, LM - Andy Anderson; MHR-WR MAGNUM OF COAL, LM - Philip Freeman; MHR-WR RIVERBENDS BUCKEROO, LM - Luther Kelley; MHR-WR BUCKWHEAT DAWG, GM - Rich Cowart; MCCULLERS HOLLY JO, LF - Bruce McCullers; MHR McDONALDS BIG MAC, LM - Flint McDonald; GMHR BAY CREEK DAN, LM - Rex Bell; BOOMERANG NORTH STATE'S JACQUES, LM - John Roberts; GMHR-WR WATERSPLITTER, LM - David Foulk; JACK OF PITT, LM - Marvin Blount, Jr.; MHR-WR JUST IN TIME II, LM - David Foulk; MHR-WR SUTTER'S GOLD GAMBLE OF JESSIE, LF - Mark Sutter; WR BELMEADE'S ALEXANDRIA BELLE, LF - Jim Wright; MHR-WR SUTTER'S KAHILUA KELSEY, LF - Jane Sutter; GMHR-WR GWEN'S MAN BOZWORTH, LM - Alan Pleasant; MHR-WR LADY ANGEL OF THE NEUSE, LF - Dallas Holton, Jr.; GMHR FROGRIDGE MIZ ETHEL, LF - Wes Baldwin; MHR-WR JESSIKA LUCYNDIA TITO, LF - Steve Richardson; ZACHARY LORD OF BERKELEY, LM - Gene Anderson

NORTH TEXAS HUNTING RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION WEATHERFORD, TEXAS NOVEMBER 2-3, 1991

STARTED I

DOGS ENTERED 24 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: WILL SCHUBERT & CHED KINLER

KEEMAKA WILD WINDS OF KONA, LM - Greg Hebert; GUNNERS PECOS RANGER, GM - R. Clay Slack II; SUNSHINES FLYING CHEROKEE, CF - Carla & Dan Epperson; BELL'S MIDNIGHT ANGEL, LF - Larry Fisher; ROWDY'S BIGSTONE BEAR ELITE, LM - Lyle Babcock

STARTED II

DOGS ENTERED 15 - DOGS QUALIFIED 10
JUDGES: BILL MEDCALF & DENNIS YOUNG

BEAUMON OF DALLAS, LM - Tom Goynne; REMINGTON'S TEAL, LM - Joel Schlader; FLIGHTLINE EBONY, FTN/F - Glenn Steward; SUNSHINES FLYING CHEROKEE, CF - Carla & Dan Epperson; MILEWSKIS NICKOLENA, CF - Steven Milewski; GEM'S CHOCOLATE PETE, LM - Greg McKinney; BELL'S MIDNIGHT ANGEL, LF - Larry Fisher; NEWTS CATFISH

HUNTER, LM - Clint Morgan; DOUBLE ACTION, CM - M. Douglas Baker; CHEROKEE'S GLOWING CINDER, LM - Larry Liukonen

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 7 - DOGS QUALIFIED 3
JUDGES: DAVID SMITH & LARRY ROSS

ROWDY'S BIGSTONE BEAR ELITE, LM - Lyle Babcock; TUFF ENUFF, LM - John Amico; HOLLI INTIMIDATOR, LM - Johnnie Holaday

SENIOR

DOGS ENTERED 10 - DOGS QUALIFIED 3
JUDGES: BILL MEDCALF & LARRY ROSS

SISTER KOBY BUCKEROO, LF - Don Moore; WILD WINGS GROOVY GATOR, LF - Vicki Greene; SUNNYVIEWS GINNY LEE, LF - Hugh Bradford

LUMBER RIVER RETRIEVER CLUB BENNETTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA NOVEMBER 2-3, 1991

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 12 - DOGS QUALIFIED 6
JUDGES: JOHN MCLELLAN & ROY SEALY

SARAH'S GYPSY BREEZE, LF - Jack Noonan; ELMORE'S FU BY BLACKJACK, LM - Harold Elmore; RIVERBEND'S JIM DANDY, LM - Tom & Bunny Rentz; GUNNER'S GOLDEN CHASE, LM - William New; RUBY, FTN/F - Peter Conway; OPENING DAY KATIE, LF - Eric Bryant

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 14 - DOGS QUALIFIED 10
JUDGES: JOHN MCLELLAN & ROY SEALY

CADILLAC MACK'S JET, LM - Randy Lambeth; CLEMSON COVE HUNTER'S JAKE, LM - Kearns Little; PATCHWORK FARMS BULL BRAMBLE, LM - Alex Cramer; BODACIOUS TO THE MAX, LM - Mike Campbell; MHR DOMINIQUE, LM - Andy Anderson; D.C. BLACKFOOT BOOGIE, LM - Andy Anderson; SUPER XX MAGNUM SKEET, LM - Bill Corbett; V.O.'S MISTER QUINCEY, LM - Randy O'Neal; TAYLOR'S HAWKEYES, LM - Joe Taylor; BAY CREEK'S LAST STRAW, LM - David Johnson

SENIOR

DOGS ENTERED 35 - DOGS QUALIFIED 21
JUDGES: WILLARD BAIR & REX BELL

GMHR RIVERBEND'S BUCKEROO, LM - Randy Kelley; GMHR NORTHSTATE'S BUZZSAW, LM - Marvin Blount, Jr.; GMHR FROGRIDGE MIZ ETHEL, LF - W.W. Baldwin; GMHR-WR WATERSPLITTER, LM - David Foulk; DR. PEPPER RONI, LF - Chip Clifton; MHR-WR JUST IN TIME II, LM - David Foulk; GMHR-WR DUKE OF PATTEN, LM - Lee Atkinson, Jr.; BOUMERANG NORTH STATE'S JACQUES, LM - John Roberts; MITCHELL'S PRINCE, LM - Tim Mitchell; MD'S ICE CUTTER, LM - David Foulk; VAN LEE'S CAPTAIN BLACK, LM - Kevin Shannon; BLACK RIVER'S JUBILEE, LF - Roger Switzer; FLASH, LM - Marvin Blount, Jr.; WR WALLACE'S SANDY BLUFF, LF - Tommy Wallace; WR ZACHARY LORD OF BERKELEY, LM - Gene Anderson; HAVE MERCY, LF - Jim Combe; WR RITA MAE, LF - Tony Leonard; BROUCEK'S BOLD CHOICE, LM - Mike Cadger; MHR-WR FIVE OAKS PEACH BRANDY, LF - Jim Timms; REDLINE BLAZING EMBER, GM - Robert Costa; SOUTHLAND THUNDER ANNIE, LF - Jack & Diana Jagoda

QUAIL WEST PARKER, ARIZONA NOVEMBER 9-10, 1991

STARTED I

DOGS ENTERED 8 - DOGS QUALIFIED 7
JUDGES: LARRY 'COACH' WALKER & DENNIS JONES

LOST CREEKS GOLD NUGGET, LM - Stan & Val Lemas; GOOSEBAY BEBE'S LAST HURRAH, LM - Paul & Suzanne Graves; SABATINIS ROWDY RASCAL, LF - Kelly Sallday; RENSHAWS RAGTIME JAZZ, LF - Dan Collier; REBECA'S TOUGH LITTLE AMY, LF - Larry Leichtfuss; BUBBA'S BLACK LACE, LF - Steve Dunlap; PAK'S JOSH DEETS, LM - Scott Sullivan

STARTED II

DOGS ENTERED 10 - DOGS QUALIFIED 6
JUDGES: MICKEY WALKER & SCOTT SULLIVAN

GOOSEBAY BEBE'S LAST HURRAH, LM - Paul & Suzanne Graves; LOST CREEKS GOLD NUGGET, LM - Stan & Val Lemas; RENSHAWS RAGTIME JAZZ, LF - Dan Collier; REBECA'S TOUGH LITTLE AMY, LF - Larry Leichtfuss; BUBBA'S BLACK LACE, LF - Steve Dunlap; MYSTICAL MATT MAN, LM - Philip & Geri Deschene

INTERMEDIATE I
DOGS ENTERED 9 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN & LAURIE BATSON

SPRING VALLEY RIG, LM - Alice Woodyard; WR RIO RETRIEVERS RANGER XLT, LM - Ed & Karen Foster; ALI BUBBA, LM - Floyd & RoseAnn Bradley; PIC'S CACTUS KATIE, LF - Dennis & Rhesa Jones; DUSTY WESTWINDS OF LOST CREEK, LF - Stanley Lemas

INTERMEDIATE II
DOGS ENTERED 8 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: MAC HARROD & CINDY LOWANS

WR RIO RETRIEVERS RANGER XLT, LM - Ed & Karen Foster; SPRING VALLEY RIG, LM - Alice Woodyard; DUSTY WESTWINDS OF LOST CREEK, LF - Stanley Lemas; GOOSEBAY BB'S GRADUATION GIFT, LF - Christine Graves; WR DRYCREEK'S FLYING DUTCHMAN, LM - Steven & Laura Fletcher

SENIOR I
DOGS ENTERED 15 - DOGS QUALIFIED 9
JUDGES: DON MESISCA & DAN COLLIER

WR ANYA'S BRASSY BOSS, GM - Bruce Meredith; GMHR RIPTIDE TULE, LM - Mark Lowmiller; WR DUST DEVILS ZONIE, LM - Clarence Saladay; WR FLYING BANNER, LM - Mark Lowmiller; MHR-WR SURE SHOT SAM II, LM - Phil Deschene; GMHR-WR MY MARK OF DISTINCTION, LM - Perry Bell; GMHR-WR KENDRICK'S BLACKJACK ROCKY, LM - Larry "Coach" Walker; ARAGON'S ARRIBA, LF - Fred Aragon; WR ESTER OF BILL'S HOPE, LF - William Gillette

SENIOR II
DOGS ENTERED 14 - DOGS QUALIFIED 9
JUDGES: CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN & LAURIE BATSON

HIWOOD GUNNER OF LOST CREEK, LM - Valerie Lemas; WR FLYING BANNER, LM - Mark Lowmiller; GMHR RIPTIDE TULE, LM - Mark Lowmiller; MHR-WR GADWALLS NIGHTMARE, LF - Mark & Cindy Lowans; MHR-WR RENSHAW'S GUN MOLL MOLLY, LF - Dan Collier; WR LOLENDAS ARIZONA MARKER, LF - Mac Harrod; ARAGON'S ARRIBA, LF - Fred Aragon; WR ESTER OF BILL'S HOPE, LF - William Gillette; WILLIE'S WILDFIRE ROXANNE, LF - Dan Collier

AYLETT DUCKS UNLIMITED RETRIEVER CLUB STAFFORD, VIRGINIA NOVEMBER 9-10, 1991

SENIOR I
DOGS ENTERED 40 - DOGS QUALIFIED 7
JUDGES: JANET SOWERS & LYNN FORAKER

GMHR-WR PYE'S PHANTOM CHARGER, LM - Rusty & Sandra Pye; MHR DOMINIQUE, LM - Andy Anderson; SOUTHLAND JETTU, LM - Jack & Diana Jagoda; DANIEL'S THUNDER BULL, LM - Donnie Daniel; WR JOLLYMUFF BLACKBERRY BRANDY, LF - Vito Angelone; GMHR-WR CHIEF EBONY BLAZE, LM - Scott Clark; MHR-WR DOUBLE A'S SHOTGUNNER, LM - Vito Angelone

SENIOR II
DOGS ENTERED 40 - DOGS QUALIFIED 20
JUDGES: TRISH JAGODA & JANE SUTTER

DANIEL'S THUNDER BULL, LM - Donnie Daniel; WR WATSEEDGE DUSTY TROUBLE, LF - Scott Clark; REDLINE BLAZING EMBER, GM - Robert Costa; GMHR-WR RIVERBEND'S BUCKEROO, LM - Randy Kelley; SOUTHLAND JETTU, LM - Jack & Diana Jagoda; MHR-WR DOUBLE A'S SHOTGUNNER, LM - Vito Angelone; MHR-WR SWEETWATER BRANDY, LF - Sterling Rutherford; GMHR-WR PYE'S PHANTOM CHARGER, LM - Rusty & Sandra Pye; MHR LAISNEY'S SWEET LUCY, LF - Joan Laisney; DANIELS PRETTY JASMINE, LF - Tommy Cimburke; LACOMBES ROYAL BLUE, LM - Mitch Davis; WR JOLLYMUFF BLACKBERRY BRANDY, LF - Vito Angelone; GMHR-WR CHIEF EBONY BLAZE, LM - Scott Clark; MHR BROUCEK'S BOLD CHOICE, LM - Mike Cadger; WR BERKSHIRE ZEKE, LM - Greg Berkshire; SCANLONS SMOKIN SASQUATCH, LM - John Scanlon; BUCKRIDGE'S BORN TO RUN, LM - Bty Rutherford; MHR DOMINIQUE, LM - Andy Anderson; BLACKFOOT BOOGIE, LM - Andy Anderson; MHR-WR SOUTHLAND GOLD DUST, LM - Jack & Diana Jagoda

INLAND VALLEY RETRIEVER CLUB CHINO, CALIFORNIA NOVEMBER 16-17, 1991

STARTED
DOGS ENTERED 16 - DOGS QUALIFIED 12
JUDGES: MARY RHOADES & RHONDA SHINE

BLACK JAKE OF MEDICINE HILL, LM - Philip Arms; LADY COCO OF WESTCHESTER, LF - Ross Williams; BUBBA'S BLACK LACE, LF - Steve Dunlap; DEXMOOR HOPE OF BELSTAR, FF - C. Trotter & J. Dexter; LOST CREEK'S GOLD NUGGET, LM - Stanley Lemas; MYSTICAL MATT MAN, LM - Philip & Geri Deschene; BIG JAKE MCCANDLES III, LM - John Bosowski;

SPORTSMEN AUSTIN NICKELS, LM - Alex Hernandez; GIVENS SANDCREST MIDNIGHT SKY, LF - J.T. & Betty Sanders; BRIGADIER SANDYMAN, LM - Howard & Clarene Slinkard; SAGEWOOD'S MORNING MIST, LF - Shirley & Daniel Lenard; KATIE FOXFIRE BLITZ, LF - Mitch Mitchell

INTERMEDIATE
DOGS ENTERED 17 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: RICHARD WEINER & JIM WEBB

TRIEVEN MORGAN ON PURSUIT, LF - Ken Kreman; COYNE'S WIDGEON WETRIEVER, LF - Thomas & Susan Coyne; BROWN BEAR'S SKYFIRE BEAR, CF - James Shine, Jr.; KELSEY VIII, LM - Glenda Brown; DUSTY WESTWINDS OF LOST CREEK, LF - Stanley Lemas; ROYAL SHANNAN ROCA, LF - Dianne & Bill Oullette; RIO RETRIEVER'S RANGER XLT, LM - Ed & Karen Foster; GIVENS CALIFORNIA WOODY, LM - Tim Wrightman

SENIOR I
DOGS ENTERED 28 - DOGS QUALIFIED 7
JUDGES: RICHARD WEINER & JIM SHINE

MHR-WR KIP MIDKNIGHT MAGIC CWR, LM - Charles & Mary Rhoades; GMHR-WR RIPTIDE TULE, LM - Mark Lowmiller; GMHR-WR KENDRICK'S BLACKJACK ROCKY, LM - Larry "Coach" Walker; GMHR-WR DUCK MASTER'S NOSIN AROUND, LM - Charles Breslin; GMHR-WR MY MARK OF DISTINCTION, LM - Perry Bell; MHR-WR SURE SHOT SAM II, LM - Philip Deschene; ARAGON'S ARRIBA, LF - Fred Aragon

SENIOR II
DOGS ENTERED 20 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8
JUDGES: KAREN FOSTER & CHUCK BRESLIN

MALCOLM'S MOLAR BITE-WING, LM - Malcom & Lala Lowe; MHR-WR SUPER YUKON JACK, LM - Russ Reavis; MHR JIMKATS WATEROTTER WILLARD, LM - Jim Pry; WR DUST DEVILS ZONIE, LM - Clarence Saladay; KELSEY VIII, LM - Glenda Brown; GMHR-WR RIPTIDE TULE, LM - Mark Lowmiller; GMHR-WR MY MARK OF DISTINCTION, LM - Perry Bell; MHR-WR KIP MIDKNIGHT MAGIC CWR, LM - Charles & Mary Rhoades

SOUTHEASTERN NAHRA MEMBERS LAUREL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA NOVEMBER 15-17, 1991

STARTED I
DOGS ENTERED 30 - DOGS QUALIFIED 12
JUDGES: ELLEN TYMA & JOHN MELTON

SARAH'S GYPSY BREEZE, LF - Jack Noonan; TUCKERS MAGNA CHASSEUR, LM - Richard Tucker; MOSQUITO POINTS DIXIE RIVER, LM - Buz Ryland; GRANDMASTER DUKES' OTTER, LF - Charles Webb; RUBY, FTN/F - Peter Conway; WATEROAK'S JAKE, LM - R. Swanson; BOBALOU BO DIDDLEY, LM - Richard Striplin; GUNNER'S GOLDEN CHASE, LM - William New; LANIEL'S CAPTAIN KID, LF - V. Chapman; J.P.'S BLACKMAGIC MAC, LM - John Clay; ELMORE'S FU BY BLACKJACK, LM - Harold Elmore; TOBIE ALONZA TRIPP, LM - Gary Tripp

STARTED II
DOGS ENTERED 26 - DOGS QUALIFIED 18
JUDGES: BARRY SMITH & JACK SCANLON

LANIEL'S CAPTAIN KID, LF - Laniel Chapman; GUNNER'S GOLDEN CHASE, LM - William New; REDLION'S WOODY OF DUTCHLAND, CM - Dutch Burkle; CHESTERFIELD'S SIR JACOB, LM - Russell Mountcastle; CEDAR MOUNTAIN'S JESSIE, LF - Frank Emory; SARAH'S GYPSY BREEZE, LF - Jack Noonan; L & L'S SPLASH OF GOLD JACK, LM - Larry Brown; GRANDMASTER DUKES' OTTER, LF - Charles Webb; KENT POINT'S BEST BET, LF - L. Baynard & C. Cianci; KINTORE RIP'N BLUE THUNDER, LM - Beverly Brinker; SMITH CREEK'S KATIE LEIGH, LF - Charles Clark; J.R.'S PLAYTOY FESTUS, LM - Beth McKissick; NOTTOWAY'S CAJUN CLASSIC, LM - Michael Landry; ELMORE'S FU BY BLACKJACK, LM - Harold Elmore; BUCK'S PRIDE OF OAKDALE, LM - Bill Littleton; TUCKERS MAGNA CHASSEUR, LM - Richard Tucker; MOSQUITO POINTS DIXIE RIVER, LM - Buz Ryland; HEATHERBOURNE WHITE LIGHT'N, LF - Glenn Custis

INTERMEDIATE I
DOGS ENTERED 29 - DOGS QUALIFIED 16
JUDGES: J.R. MCLELLAN & LEE ATKINSON

WIRT'S FLYWHEEL MCNASTY, LF - J.C. Wirt; WELIKA TWO, LM - Randy Knight; BRANDYWINE'S COOL DUDE, LM - Jim Cimburke; RIVERBEND'S GEORGIA CRACKER, LM - Holie May; LA'MIST YE OLDE FIBBER MCGEE, LM - Joan Markham; CADILLAC MACK'S JET, LM - Randy Lambeth; SCANLONS LUCKY PENNY, LF - John Scanlon; GENERAL BEARFOOT CUSTER, LM - Richard Lemocks; DANIEL'S THUNDER BULL, LM - Donnie Daniel; MAGIC MAGGIE MAE III, LF - Gene Anderson; MHR DOMINIQUE, LM - Andy Anderson; GRANDDADDY JIM'S MAX, LM - Jim Bryson; LITTLE LADY HANNA OF HANOVER, LF - Bryan Proffitt; SIR BEAR OF DUNKIRK, LM - Ron Susano; KENT POINT LEATHER AND LACE, LF - Frank Herbert; BAY CREEK'S LAST STRAW, LM - David Johnson

INTERMEDIATE II

DOGS ENTERED 26 - DOGS QUALIFIED 8

JUDGES: TRISH JAGODA, JANE SUTTER & GREG BERKSHIRE

BACKFOOT BOOGIE, LM - Andy Anderson; LITTLE LADY HANNA OF HANOVER, LF - Bryan Proffitt; DANIEL'S THUNDER BULL, LM - Donnie Daniel; GRANDDADDY JIM'S MAX, LM - Jim Bryson; GENERAL BEARFOOT CUSTER, LM - Richard Lemocks; MAGIC MAGGIE MAE III, LF - Gene Anderson; SIR BEAR OF DUNKIRK, LM - Ron Susano; WELIKA TWO, LM - Randy Knight

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 57 - DOGS QUALIFIED 29

JUDGES: RICHARD WOLTERS, JAMES GARDNER & JANE SUTTER

MHR-WR TROUBLESOME BLACK GATOR, LM - Mike Milhorn; GMHR-WR WATERSPLITTER, LM - David Foulk; GMHR-WR SOUTHLAND BOMBER'S BLACK LACE, LF - Lynn Foraker; BLACK RIVER'S JUBILEE, LF - Roger Switzer; GMHR-WR FROGRIDGE'S MIZ ETHEL, LF - Wes Baldwin; MHR-WR McDONALD'S BIG MAC, LM - Flint McDonald; MHR-WR JUST IN TIME II, LM - David Foulk; GMHR-WR ANTSY BEJA OF BRANDYWINE, LF - Jim & Sandy Cimburke; SOUTHLAND JETTU, LM - Jack & Diana Jagoda; MARTIN'S DARK DRAKE, LM - Martin Thorne; CHOCOLATE E. CLAIRE, LF - Chip Stewart; MHR-WR BOO'S BLACK BOOMERANG, LM - Mike Black; GMHR-WR DUKE OF PATTEN, LM - Lee Atkinson; BAY CREEK'S McDONALD, LM - Richard McDonald; MHR FIVE OAKS PEACH BRANDY, LF - Jim Timms; MHR-WR MAGNUM OF COAL, LM - Philip Freeman; GMHR-WR SCANLONS SMOKEY JASMINE, LF - John Scanlon; WR WATSEEDGE DUSTY TROUBLE, LF - Scott Clark; MD'S ICE CUTTER, LM - David Foulk; DANIELS PRETTY JASMINE, LF - Tommy Cimburke; MHR-WR SOUTHLAND REPEAT PERFORMANCE, LM - Patricia Jagoda; REDLINE BLAZINE EMBER, GM - Robert Costa; BEGGIN BLAKE'S EZ TO GO, LM - Ken Norris; DONDEE WELLER'S ALFRED, LM - Larry Gobble; MHR-WR DON'S BLACKJACK, LM - Donald Molina; WR BERKSHIRE'S ZEKE, LM - Greg Berkshire; LACOMBES ROYAL BLUE, LM - Mitch Davis; MAGIC MAGGIE MAE III, LF - Gene Anderson; GMHR NORTH STATE'S BUZZSAW, LM - Marvin Blount, Jr.

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 56 - DOGS QUALIFIED 22

JUDGES: TONY LEONARD & RANDY KELLEY

GMHR-WR WATERSPLITTER, LM - David Foulk; MHR-WR JUST IN TIME II, LM - David Foulk; MHR-WR BOO'S BLACK BOOMERANG, LM - Mike Black; BAY CREEK'S McDONALD, LM - Richard McDonald; SOUTHLAND JETTU, LM - Jack & Diana Jagoda; MHR-WR SOUTHLAND REPEAT PERFORMANCE, LM - Patricia Jagoda; GMHR-WR ANTSY BEJA OF BRANDYWINE, LF - Jim & Sandy Cimburke; PEDROS MISTER ROWDY, LM - Richard Massie; BLACK RIVER'S JUBILEE, LF - Roger Switzer; MHR FIVE OAKS PEACH BRANDY, LF - Jim Timms; GMHR-WR FROGRIDGE'S MIZ ETHEL, LF - Wes Baldwin; MARTIN'S DARK DRAKE, LM - Martin Thorne; BR-WR McDONALD'S BIG MAC, LM - Flint McDonald; REDLINE BLAZING EMBER, GM - Robert Costa; MHR-WR LADY ANGEL OF THE NEUSE, LF - Dallas Holton; SCANLONS SMOKIN SASQUATCH, LM - John Scanlon; MD'S ICE CUTTER, LM - David Foulk; GMHR-WR CHIEF EBONY BLAZE, LM - Scott Clark; WR WATSEEDGE DUSTY TROUBLE, LF - Scott Clark; GMHR-WR DUKE OF PATTEN, LM - Lee Atkinson; MHR-WR DON'S BLACKJACK, LM - Donald Molina; LACOMBES ROYAL BLUE, LM - Mitch Davis

PATUXENT RIVER RETRIEVER CLUB PRINCE FREDERICK, MARYLAND NOVEMBER 22-24, 1991

INTERMEDIATE I

DOGS ENTERED 15 - DOGS QUALIFIED 10

JUDGES: RICHARD LEMOCKS & STERLING RUTHERFORD

BROAD REACH ROCK-IT, LF - Hollis Litterio; D C'S BLACK FOOT BOOGIE, LM - Andy Anderson; SIR BEAR OF DUNKIRK, LM - Anthony Susano; WIRT'S FLYWHEEL MCNASTY, LF - J.C. Wirt; MARSHLAND'S SAMANTHA SOUTHLAND, LF - J.W. Abrams; MHR DOMINIQUE, LM - Andy Anderson; KENT POINT LEATHER AND LACE, LF - Frank Herbert; RAW'S SOUTHLAND DUCK SOUP, LM - Richard Wolters; WR MISS AUNT JEMIMA, LF - Steve Howell; TIDEWATER TUCKAHOE II, GM - Gregg Adams

INTERMEDIATE II

DOGS ENTERED 16 - DOGS QUALIFIED 7

JUDGES: JANET HERBERT & JACK SCANLON

SIR BEAR OF DUNKIRK, LM - Anthony Susano; BROAD REACH ROCK-IT, LF - Hollis Litterio; WIRT'S FLYWHEEL MCNASTY, LF - J.C. Wirt; LITTLE LADY HANNA OF HANOVER, LF - Bryan Proffitt; TIDEWATER TUCKAHOE II, GM - Gregg Adams; RAW'S SOUTHLAND DUCK SOUP, LM - Richard Wolters; WR MISS AUNT JEMIMA, LF - Steve Howell

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 35 - DOGS QUALIFIED 14

JUDGES: JACK JAGODA & GREG BERKSHIRE

MHR FIVE OAKS PEACH BRANDY, LF - Jim Timms; WR MTN RUN LIGHT FANDANGO, LF - Lee Elam; GMHR SCANLONS SMOKEY JASMINE, LF - John Scanlon; MHR-WR SWEETWATER BRANDY, LF - Sterling & Billy Rutherford; SCANLONS SMOKIN SASQUATCH, LM - John Scanlon; REDLINES BLAZING EMBER, GM - Bob Costa; MHR-WR BOO'S BLACK BOOMERANG, LM - Mike Black; GMHR NORTH STATE'S BUZZSAW, LM - Marvin Blount, Jr.;

RIVER OAK MISS ELLY, LF - Norm Elder; WR ZACHARY LORD OF BERKELEY, LM - Gene Anderson; ACE HIGH STRAIGHT FLUSH, LM - Charles Clark; GUNFLINT CAROLINA FEVER, LM - Kirk Burns; GMHR-WR CHIEF EBONY BLAZE, LM - Scott Clark; GMHR-WR PYE'S PHANTOM CHARGER, LM - Rusty & Sandra Pye

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 38 - DOGS QUALIFIED 17

JUDGES: ROCKY EMERY, RANDY KELLEY & VITO ANGELONE

WR MTN RUN LIGHT FANDANGO, LF - Lee Elam; TRUMARC'S WAFFLE, LM - Mily Welsh; GMHR-WR ANTSY BEJA OF BRANDYWINE, LF - Jim & Sandy Cimburke; MHR-WR SOUTHLAND GOLD DUST, LM - Jack & Diana Jagoda; MHR FIVE OAKS PEACH BRANDY, LF - Jim Timms; GMHR SCANLONS SMOKEY JASMINE, LF - John Scanlon; BUCKRIDGE'S BORN TO RUN, LM - Billy Rutherford; JAMMER BY JOSH, LF - Karl Hehl, Jr.; SCANLONS SMOKIN SASQUATCH, LM - John Scanlon; WATSEEDGE DUSTY TROUBLE, LF - Scott Clark; GMHR NORTH STATE'S BUZZSAW, LM - Marvin Blount, Jr.; GUNFLINT CAROLINA FEVER, LM - Kirk Burns; MHR-WR BOO'S BLACK BOOMERANG, LM - Mike Black; MHR-WR SOUTHLAND REPEAT PERFORMANCE, LM - Trish Jagoda; WELLBORN'S ALL STAR, LM - Mily Welsh; PYE'S BLEW BAYOU, LF - Sandra Pye; GMHR-WR PYE'S PHANTOM CHARGER, LM - Rusty & Sandra Pye

WESTERN ARIZONA GUN DOGS PARKER, ARIZONA DECEMBER 7-8, 1991

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 9 - DOGS QUALIFIED 2

JUDGES: CLARENCE SALLADAY & JERRY CARPENTER

JACKS ROUGH RIDER, LM - Jack Woodland; GOOSEBAY BEBE'S LAST HURRAH, LM - Paul & Suzanne Graves

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 8 - DOGS QUALIFIED 1

JUDGES: CLARENCE SALLADAY & JERRY CARPENTER

WR DRYCREEKS FLYING DUTCHMAN, LM - Steve & Laura Fletcher

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 16 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11

JUDGES: EARL GILLET & MAC HARROD

SCANLON'S SMOKIN SASQUATCH, LM - John Scanlon; GMHR-WR BOO'S BLACK BOOMERANG, LM - Mike & Gretchen Black; WR RIO RETRIEVERS RANGER XLT, LM - Ed & Karen Foster; GMHR-WR RIPTIDE TULE, LM - Mark Lowmiller; WR FLYING BANNER, LM - Mark Lowmiller; REDLINE BLAZING EMBER, GM - Robert Costa; GMHR-WR KENDRICKS BLACKJACK ROCKY, LM - Larry "Coach" Walker; WR ARAGONS ARRIBA, LF - Fred Aragon; WR ESTER OF BILLS HOPE, LF - Bill Gillette; GMHR-WR SOUTHLAND BOMBER'S BLACK LACE, LF - T. Jagoda & L. Foraker; GUNFLINTS CAROLINA FEVER, LM - Kirk Burns

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 16 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11

JUDGES: LARRY "COACH" WALKER & STACY BELL

WR FLYING BANNER, LM - Mark Lowmiller; GMHR-WR BOOS BLACK BOOMERANG, LM - Mike & Gretchen Black; WR PAINTERS PETER, LM - Earl & Betsy Gilett; REDLINE BLAZING EMBER, GM - Robert Costa; WR DUST DEVIL ZONIE, LM - Clarence Salladay; GMHR-WR RIPTIDE TULE, LM - Mark Lowmiller; GUNFLINTS CAROLINA FEVER, LM - Kirk Burns; GMHR-WR SOUTHLAND BOMBER'S BLACK LACE, LF - T. Jagoda & L. Foraker; RIVER OAK MISS ELLY, LF - Norm Elder; WR ESTER OF BILLS HOPE, LF - Bill Gillette; WR ARAGONS ARRIBA, LF - Fred Aragon

DOWN EAST HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB HUGO, NORTH CAROLINA DECEMBER 7, 1991

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 22 - DOGS QUALIFIED 18

JUDGES: LEE ATKINSON & DAVID FOULK

RIVERBEND'S JIM DANDY, LM - Tom Rentz; NEUSE RIVER BLACK MAX, LM - Gary Kornegay; DOWN EAST JAZZY TIME, LF - Gray Ballard; STEPAMGAR'S MAJOR TROUBLE, LM - Jackie Bailey; PUNGO'S REGAL ROXY, LF - Henry Goodson; CANDLEWOOD'S DELICATE THUNDER, LF - Erol & Lisa Erkin; GENERAL JEOPARDY LEE, LM - Rick Giles; DUKE OF PATTEN'S RUFFIAN, LM - Billy Russel; TUCKER'S MAGNA CHASSEUR, LM - Richard Tucker; CHESTERFIELD'S SIR JACOB, LM - Russell Mountcastle; JEMIMA'S JUMPING JACK, LM - Steve Howell; WATER LOVING TAR, LM - Rick Britt; TOBIE ALONZA TRIPP, LM - Gary Tripp; CONTENTNEA CREEK GUNNER, LM - Jim Hawk; CONTENTNEA CREEK EXPRESS, LF - Jim Hawk; BUCK'S PRIDE OF OAKDALE, LM - Bill Littleton; BUCK'S FLAMING JAKE, LM - Dale Wall; CONTENTNEA CREEK CASEY, LF - Tom Kidd

INTERMEDIATE
DOGS ENTERED 9 - DOGS QUALIFIED 5
JUDGES: LEE ATKINSON & DAVID FOULK

LA'MIST YE OLDE FIBBER MCGEE, LM - Joan & Charles Markham; **GUNNER'S GOLDEN CHASE**, LM - William New; **WATERWORKS' GATOR PT. OTTER**, LF - Susan Frederick; **MOSES ACE OF SPADES**, LM - Greg Littleton; **RAW'S SOUTHLAND DUCK SOUP**, LM - Richard Walters

SENIOR
DOGS ENTERED 16 - DOGS QUALIFIED 7
JUDGES: JIM CIMBURKE & REX BELL

GMHR-WR DUKE OF PATTEN, LM - Lee Atkinson; **WR BILLY'S BLACK BUCK**, LM - Bill Littleton; **GMHR-WR WATERSPLITTER**, LM - David Foulk; **MHR FROGRIDGE DR. JAZZ**, LM - Wes Baldwin; **GMHR-WR JUST IN TIME II**, LM - David Foulk; **PEDRO'S MR. ROWDY**, LM - Richard Massie; **BAY CREEK'S MCDONALD**, LM - Richard McDonald

SOUTHEASTERN NAHRA MEMBERS LAUREL HILL, NORTH CAROLINA DECEMBER 28-29, 1991

STARTED I
DOGS ENTERED 4 - DOGS QUALIFIED 2
JUDGES: RANDY KELLEY & MATT POPE

TUCKERS MAGNA CHASSEUR, LM - Richard Tucker; **JEMIMA'S JUMPING JACK**, LM - Steve Howell

STARTED II
DOGS ENTERED 3 - DOGS QUALIFIED 1
JUDGES: BOB COSTA & JOE TAYLOR

RIVERBEND'S JIM DANDY, LM - Tom & Bunny Rentz

INTERMEDIATE I
DOGS ENTERED 5 - DOGS QUALIFIED 2
JUDGES: RANDY KELLEY & MATT POPE

GUNNER'S GOLDEN CHASE, LM - William New; **CADILLAC MAC'S JET**, LM - Randy Lambeth

INTERMEDIATE II
DOGS ENTERED 5 - DOGS QUALIFIED 4
JUDGES: BOB COSTA & JOE TAYLOR

GUNNER'S GOLDEN CHASE, LM - William New; **CADILLAC MACK'S JET**, LM - Randy Lambeth; **JAMMER BY JOSH**, LF - Karl Hehl; **GMHR-WR BAY CREEK DAN**, LM - Rex Bell

SENIOR I
DOGS ENTERED 19 - DOGS QUALIFIED 6
JUDGES: JACK JAGODA & ED FORRY

TRUMARC'S WAFFLE, LM - Milly Welsh; **GMHR-WR WATERSPLITTER**, LM - David Foulk; **MHR JUST IN TIME II**, LM - David Foulk; **BAY CREEK'S MCDONALD**, LM - Richard McDonald; **WELBORN'S ALL STAR**, LM - Milly Welsh; **GMHR BOO'S BLACK BOOMERANG**, LM - Mike Black

SENIOR II
DOGS ENTERED 16 - DOGS QUALIFIED 11
JUDGES: RANDY KELLEY & REX BELL

TRUMARC'S WAFFLE, LM - Milly Welsh; **GMHR-WR WATERSPLITTER**, LM - David Foulk; **MHR JUST IN TIME II**, LM - David Foulk; **BAY CREEK'S MCDONALD**, LM - Richard McDonald; **WELBORN'S ALL STAR**, LM - Milly Welsh; **PATCHWORK FARMS BULL BRAMBLE**, LM - Alex Cramer; **DON DEE WELLERS ALFRED**, LM - Brent Gobble; **MHR MD'S ICE CUTTER**, LM - David Foulk; **CHOCOLATE E. CLAIRE**, LF - Chip Stewart; **RIVER OAK MISS ELLY**, LF - Norm Elder; **GOOD TIME HAMMERIN HANK**, LM - Rocky Emery

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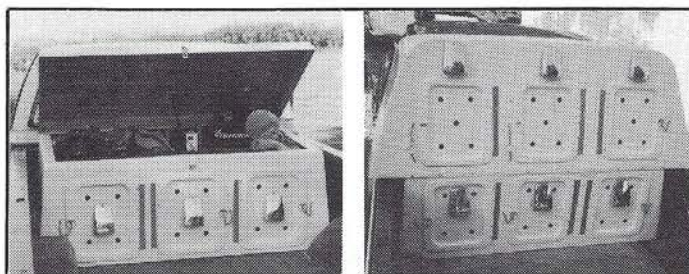
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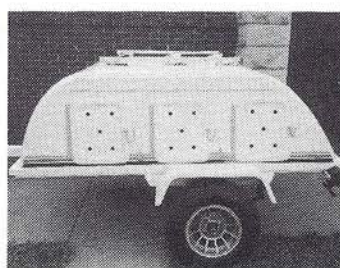


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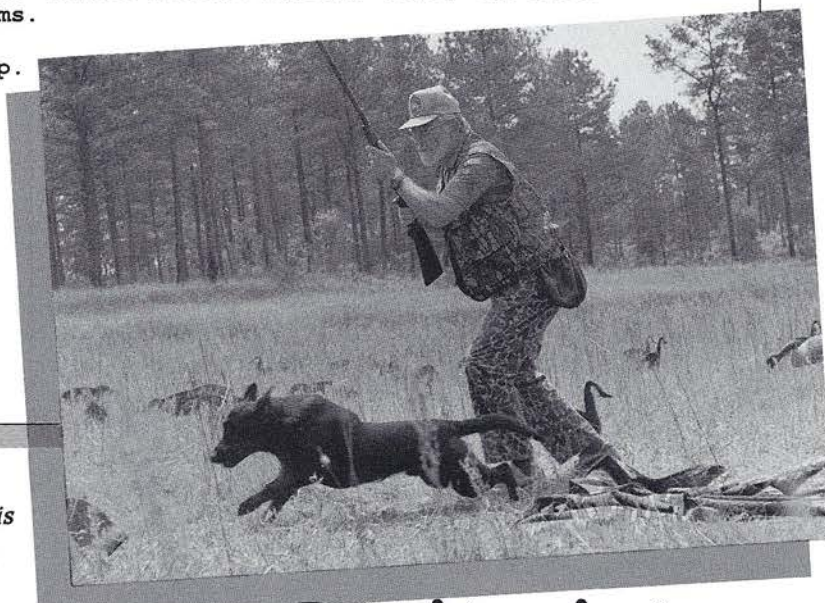
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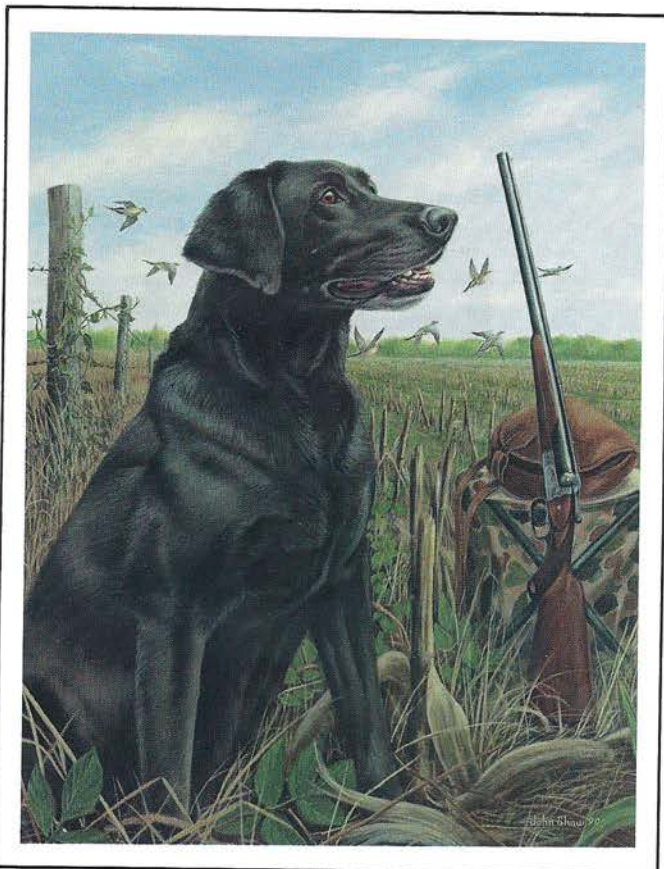
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