

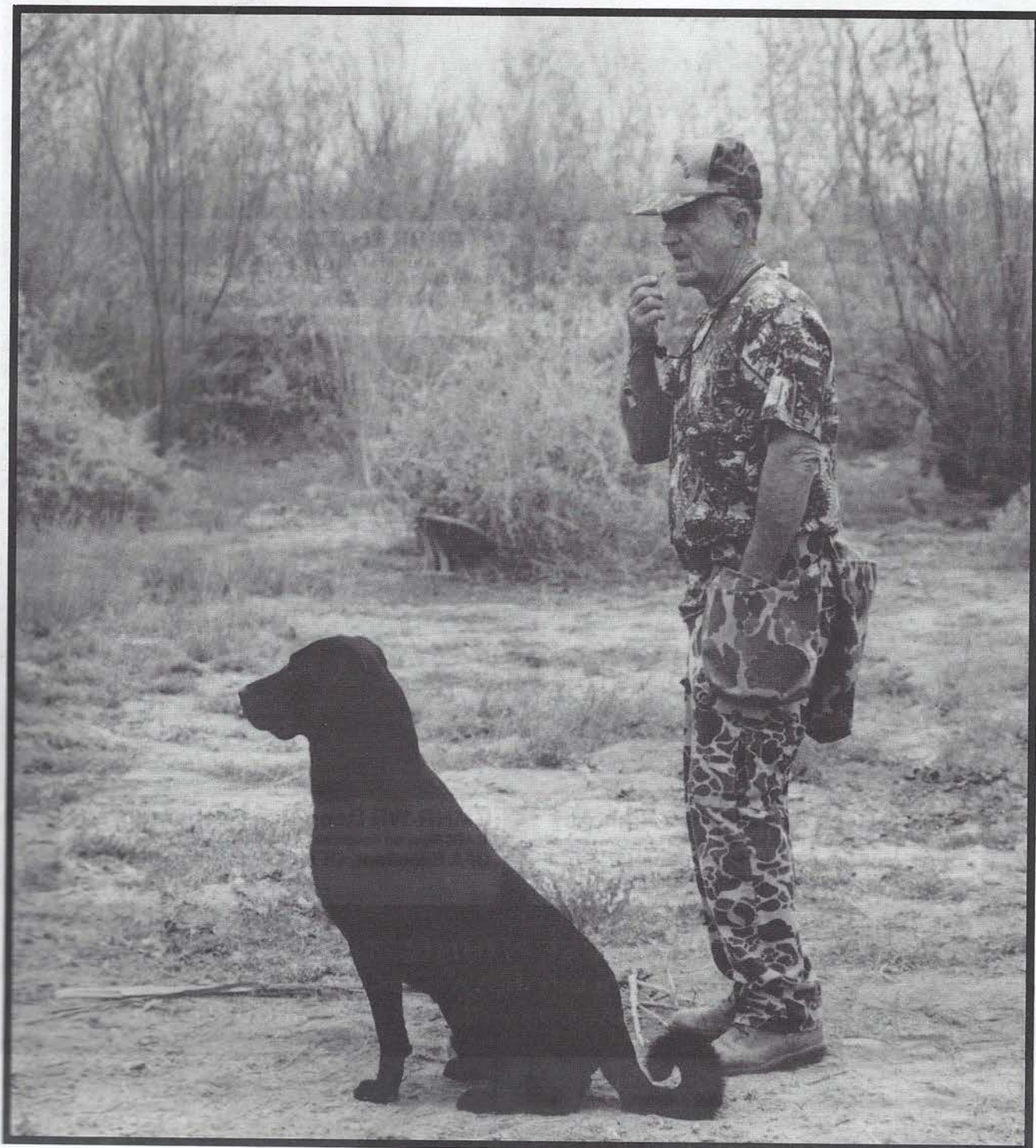
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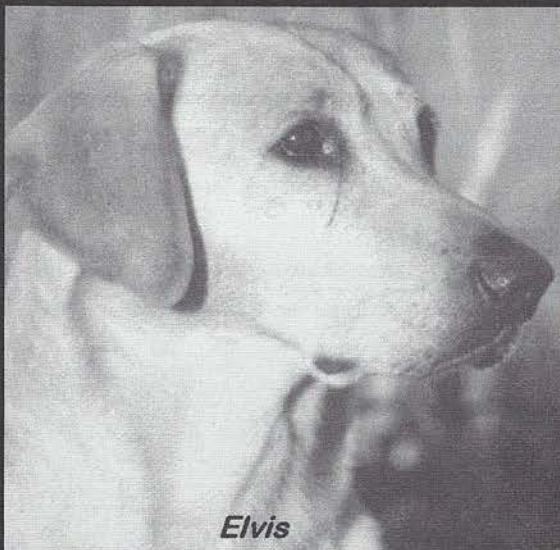
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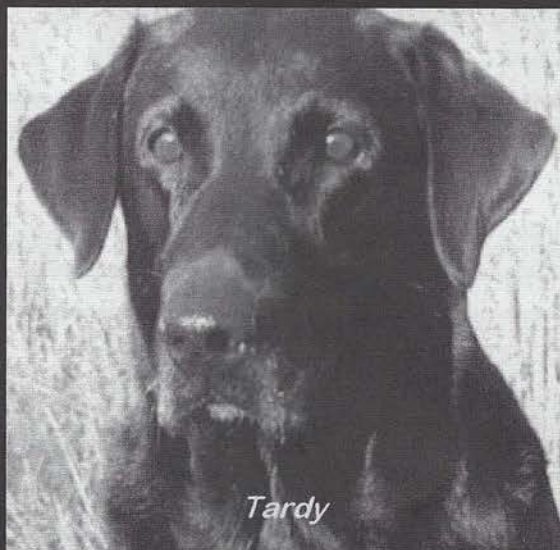
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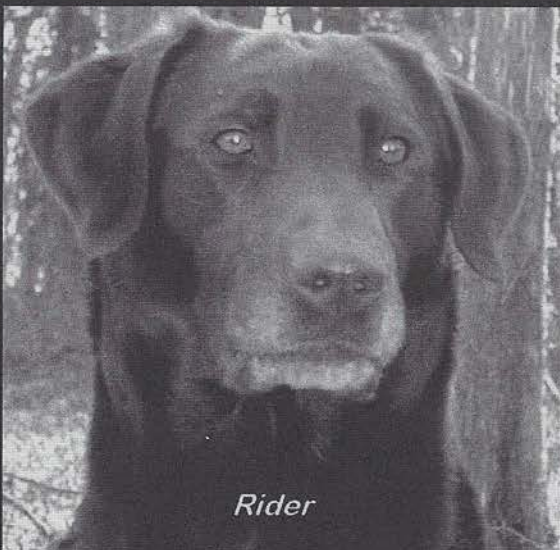
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GMHR Silverbrook Return To Sender, MH
 NAHRA 1000 points
 CFC CNAFC Call Me Mr Independence x FC AFC Ms Chief
OFA Excellent, OFA Elbows, CERF
 Natural Pointer, Yellow



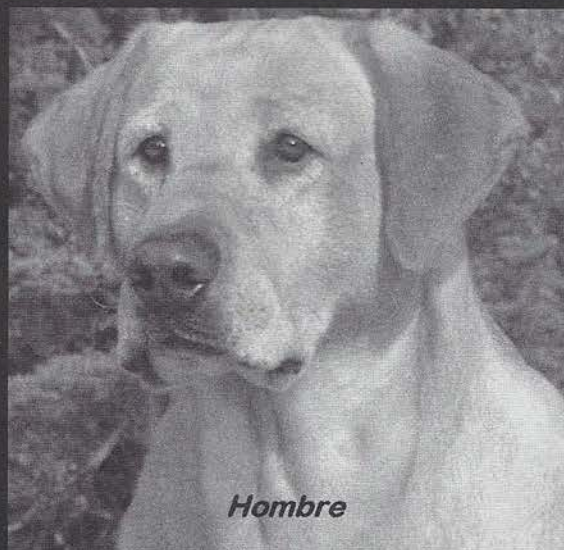
Tardy

GMHR Six O'Clock Scholar, MH
 Qualified All Age, NAHRA 1000 points
 FC AFC Candlewoods Captain Kidd x FC AFC Topbrass Jordache
OFA Excellent, OFA Elbows, CERF
 Black, throws Yellow



Rider

GMHR Deep Run Ride'em High, MH
 NFC AFC Storm's Riptide Star x WR Kent Point's Leather 'n Lace, MH
OFA Excellent, OFA Elbows, PennHIP, CERF
 Dark Chocolate, throws pointing pups



Hombre

GMHR-WR Deep Run Desperado, MH
 FC AFC Riparian Roughrider x GMHR Princess Crystal Rana, MH
OFA Excellent, OFA Elbows, PennHIP, CERF
 Yellow



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*In Memory of Larry Walker (March 16, 1926—January 1, 2002)
Larry Walker on the line with GMR Rio Retrievers' Desert Cruiser.
Photo taken at WAGD test in Yuma, AZ in 1999.*

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The President's Bark

Members,

Effective January 16th 2002 there has been a change to the North American Hunting Retriever Association executive. Three new board members were appointed (Roy Sheppard, Jim Vandergiessen, Dave Cannings). In the due process of this Board meeting on the 16th Mr. Jack Jagoda resigned as the President of the North American Hunting Retriever Association. In a vote of the five Board members it was unanimous that the following positions be filled.

President:

Dave Cannings

Secretary:

Jim Vandergiessen

Treasurer:

Roy Sheppard

Directors:

Rosemary Haynes

Randy Carlson

On behalf of the Executive I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Jack Jagoda for his unwavering dedication to the North American Hunting Retriever program over the past 18 years. Jack's understanding of the program and his visionary ability are second to none. Jack, all of us NAHRA members owe you a debt of gratitude for helping to create and maintain the vision of the original seven in what is arguably the best field test program available. In the past five years I have had the pleasure of getting to know

and working with Jack, I truly respect his decision to spend more time in his personal endeavors. Although Jack has consented to assist me in the Judges Standards, I will miss his foresight in the day to day operations of the program. On behalf of all the members I wish you all the best in your personal endeavors and I know we will be seeing you in the field.

The new board of directors are committed to administering the North American Hunting Retriever Association. Our Mandate was to establish priority issues within the program that need to be addressed. Our main priorities are:

1. Bylaws / Articles of Association
2. Finances
3. Judges Standards
4. Communication
5. NAHRA News

I look forward to working with the four co-Board members to carry on the tradition of the North American Hunting Retriever Association.

Sincerely,



Dave Cannings



Larry Walker (March 16, 1926—January 1, 2002) with MHR Rio's Rambler Tobias

A FRIEND MISSED BY MANY

By: Lenda Barker and Larry 'Coach' Walker

It was indeed a great loss not only for the friends and family that knew him but for the NAHRA program itself. No one supported the "hunting dog" philosophy more than Larry Walker.

When Larry was running the hunting tests he was always one of the leaders, not the followers. If he saw an injustice to the rules, he would speak up! Something more members of NAHRA need to do. Some NAHRA members would not be where they are today without the knowledge Larry unselfishly gave to them.

Larry and Mickey started Western Arizona Gun Dog Club, the first Arizona club and also the Quail West Club. They recruited more members into NAHRA than probably any other couple in the Southwest. It was their support that kept many clubs like the San Diego HRC, Inland Valley RC, San Joaquin RC and Valley of the Sun going the first few years. The *Rio Retriever* truckload of dogs kept many clubs *out of the red* in those early years of NAHRA.

How glad his family must be to know the legacy he has left behind with his achievements in the NAHRA program. He had one of the few 1000 point dogs in the country, owner of 8 Grand Master Hunters, trainer of over 18 Master Hunting

Retrievers and countless Working Retrievers and Started Hunting Retrievers. For the first NAHRA Invitational Larry qualified three dogs and over the years qualified several more dogs to compete in NAHRA Invitationals. Larry was always there when someone needed help with his or her dog. He would walk out in the field, watch your dog and then help 'you' decide just what was needed to make him / her a better hunting companion.

When Larry wasn't at a NAHRA event or training dogs, he was in the field hunting with his family and friends. Larry was at a goose hunting camp when he had his heart attack and as many have stated: "The place a hunter would want to be in his last hours...anticipating the thrill of going afield with his beloved dogs!"

No one knew more of how much he liked to hunt with his dogs than his wife 'Mickey' and his son 'Coach'; his constant companions when hunting quail, dove, ducks and geese along the Arizona / California border.

Even if Larry cannot be there next year waiting for the thrill of the first in the field, he'll be happy knowing 'Coach' will be there carrying his spirit with him as he yells, "Fetch it up" at the first fallen bird!

Larry leaves behind his wife Mickey, sons Larry, Doug, Bruce, Brian and daughter Dianne.

JUDGES CLINICS

NAHRA is committed to maintaining a pool of highly qualified judges for licensed retriever field tests and is currently in the process of certifying Presenters to conduct Judges Clinics.

NAHRA clubs interested in sponsoring a Judges Clinic should communicate their interest in writing to their Regional Liaison. The Liaison will forward the request to the NAHRA office. The Liaisons have been requested to process these applications within two weeks.

The NAHRA office will forward the requests to the Board of Directors for inclusion in their next board meeting. The Board will coordinate the availability of our Judging Presenters and the requests from other regions and will respond in a timely manner.

All requests should include:
Specific and alternate dates
Location
Anticipated attendance

There is no charge from NAHRA for a Clinic but the host club will be expected to pay the Presenters travel expenses including meals and accommodations. The host club will also be required to provide a copy of the "NAHRA JUDGES CLINIC HANDBOOK" and a copy of the NAHRA rule book for each participant. NAHRA will supply one copy of the HANDBOOK free of charge which can be copied by the host club or NAHRA can supply them at \$5 per copy plus shipping. Copies of the NAHRA rule book are also available from NAHRA at \$5 each.

Clinics in and of themselves are not expected to be a fundraiser however the host club may charge the participants a reasonable fee to cover the cost to put on the Clinic and for the supplies provided. The Clinics take the better part of the day however clubs may hold training seminars on alternate days in conjunction with the Clinics which can add interest and may be money makers.

NAHRA Board of Directors

NAHRA FIELD TEST RESULTS

KEY

L = Labrador Retriever
 G = Golden Retriever
 C = Chesapeake Bay Retriever
 F = Flat-Coated Retriever
 CC = Curly-Coated Retriever
 AWS = American Water Spaniel
 IWS = Irish Water Spaniel
 ESS = English Springer Spaniel
 B = Boykin Spaniel
 P = Poodle
 BC = Border Collie
 NSDTR = Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever
 FTN = All other ineligible breeds; unregistered breeds
 M = Male
 F = Female
 All events are single events unless designated.

THREE RIVERS RETRIEVER CLUB KING WILLIAM, VIRGINIA NOVEMBER 3-4, 2001

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 34—DOGS QUALIFIED 26
 JUDGES: CHARLIE WEBB & ROBBIE SUTTON
 TOMAHAWKS WINGSHOOTER, LM—JACK BUNN; WR-SR RIVER RUN BLACK POWDER KATE, LF—DENNIS BANKS; GMHR-WR-SR JENNY'S PRECOCIOUS LADY, LF—KIM MANDARINO; MHR RIVER'S UNANIMOUS DECISION, LM—DAVID INGHAM; DEEP RUN'S SOUTHERN OF WESTFALL, LM—WHITMAN SMITH; MHR-WR SATCHEL CHARGED-DA-GO, LM—DAVID FREDERICK; MHR DEEP RUN GAL-RAZZLIN DAZZLIN, LF—ROBERT KOCHINSKY; MHR-WR MORNING SUN ZENA, LF—KEVIN MCLAREN; WR MIDNIGHT WILD WILLOUGHBY, LM—BRUCE CAMPBELL; GMHR SOUTHLAND REPEAT HI FLYIN, LM—HOWELL SIMMONS; SOUTHLAND SUNDOWNER, LF—DIANA JAGODA; WR MIDNIGHT'S BRANDON BEAR, LM—BRUCE CAMPBELL; JJ'S SOUTHERN BELLE, CF—JOHN POLLOCK; MHR POLAR CUB HUNTS AT ROADS END, CM—SHARON HILDEBRAND & PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; MAGNUM'S MARKIN REBEL, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; MHR-WR DEEP RUN CLANCY MCD, LM—KEITH MCDONALD; GMHR SILVERBROOK RETURN TO SENDER, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; GMHR-WR DEEP RUN DESPERADO, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; GMHR-WR DEEP RUN RIDE'EM HIGH, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; GMHR SIX O'CLOCK SCHOLAR, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; WR FLYIN' WILD, LM—TOM AVENT; WR COUNTRY LANE'S SWAMP BOOGIE QUEEN, LF—KIM & JOE MANDARINO; MHR OZ'S HIDDEN SURPRISE, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; WR DEEP RUN CHARISMA, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; WR DEEP RUN AFTER SIX, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; GMHR SUGARFOOT'S FIRE & ICE, LM—KURT MORROW

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 21—DOGS QUALIFIED 11
 JUDGES: RON SAMUELS & PATTI SUTTON
 TOMAHAWKS WINGSHOOTER, LM—JACK BUNN; MHR RIVER'S UNANIMOUS DECISION, LM—DAVID INGHAM; ROCKHILL'S TAILOR MADE TO GO, LF—BILLY RUSSELL; DEEP RUN'S SOUTHERN OF WESTFALL, LM—WHITMAN SMITH; MHR-WR SATCHEL CHARGED-DA-GO, LM—DAVID FREDERICK; COACH'S BLUE MOON BLIZZARD, LM—FREDERICK WILDT; MHR-WR MORNING SUN ZENA, LF—KEVIN MCLAREN; WR MIDNIGHT WILD WILLOUGHBY, LM—BRUCE CAMPBELL; WR MIDNIGHT'S BRANDON BEAR, LM—BRUCE CAMPBELL; JJ'S SOUTHERN BELLE, CF—JOHN POLLOCK; GMHR SUGARFOOT'S FIRE & ICE, LM—KURT MORROW

COPPER STATE HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

ARLINGTON, ARIZONA
 NOVEMBER 3-4, 2001

STARTED I

DOGS ENTERED 23—DOGS QUALIFIED 15
 JUDGES: RICH MILLER & PHIL OLMSTEAD
 SILK'S GENTLEMAN JACK, LM—RAY SILK; BLUE KNIGHT SMOOTH FLIGHT, LM—LAURIE AGGAS; CHANCE, LM—PETER CAROLLO; RUGER'S DALLAS STAR, LF—BRITTANIE HORSLEY; RUGER'S ACE IN THE HOLE, LM—SHAWN FAIRBAIRN; GRANITE'S JUMPIN ZACH KOBE, LF—BARBARA SAMPSON; CASEY'S RUGER GUNSMOKE, LF—SUSAN HORSLEY; TROOPER'S STOWAWAY, LM—VANESSA WELLS; DALLAS'S DARING DREAM, LM—ROBERT & RUBY ROGERS; NORTH RIM'S DON DIEGO, LM—DONIS FLAGELLO; NIKKO BEAR II, LM—DAVE & KATHLEEN SOBEL; SR BUBBA DESERT PRINCE, LM—ANDREW BRYANT; CROSSRAQUEL'S FIRST DIAMOND, FM—TANYA & THOMAS ROCHE; KOA NUI LOA, LM—DAVID O'MALLEY; DEEP RUN HAPPY TRAILS, LF—RICHARD HOLMGREN

STARTED II

DOGS ENTERED 25—DOGS QUALIFIED 14
 JUDGES: JENNIFER HOOD & ANDREW BRYANT
 CROSSRAQUEL CEE TROOPER, FM—LESTER GROSSMAN; SHOEY'S GIRL CITORI, LF—DARR & ODETTE COLBURN; RUGER'S ACE IN THE HOLE, LM—SHAWN FAIRBAIRN; NORTH RIM'S EN FUEGO DE CABO, LM—MANNY & LINDA SALAZAR; SILK'S GENTLEMAN JACK, LM—RAY SILK; KOA NUI LOA, LM—DAVID O'MALLEY; MILLER'S PURPLE SAGE BLOSSOM, LF—RICHARD & SHAN MILLER; GRANITE'S JUMPIN ZACH KOBE, LF—BARBARA SAMPSON; CASEY'S RUGER GUNSMOKE, LF—SUSAN HORSLEY; CROSSRAQUEL'S FIRST DIAMOND, FM—

TANYA & THOMAS ROCHE; CHANCE, LM—PETER CAROLLO; RIPARIAN BEARLY BEHAVIN, LM—MARK & CINDY LOWANS; DEEP RUN HAPPY TRAILS, LF—RICHARD HOLMGREN; BLUE KNIGHT SMOOTH FLIGHT, LM—LAURIE AGGAS

INTERMEDIATE I

DOGS ENTERED 18—DOGS QUALIFIED 9
 JUDGES: JOHN GILBERT & ANDREW BRYANT
 SUNNYBROOK CUTTERS ACRES, LM—STEVEN BUSHEY; SR TRUMPET'S THUNDER N LIGHTNING, GM—BILL SPARLING; SCHLECHT'S ZANT HUNTER, LM—BRAD SCHLECHT; LOLENDAS SONORAN SCOUT, LF—ERIK & JILL HOFFMAN; XENA, LF—JOHN GEAMES; GREEN'S FOREST RANGER, LM—RON & KARLY GREEN; HUNTERS MARSH JET'S WILD WEASEL, LF—RANDY MAC MILLAN; BOSTON'S MEDFORD JOURNEY, LM—ED & LINDA SILVENT; MEET JOE BLACK, LM—BRIAN CLASBY

INTERMEDIATE II

DOGS ENTERED 17—DOGS QUALIFIED 5
 JUDGES: RICH MILLER & LENDA BARKER
 LOLENDAS SONORAN SCOUT, LF—ERIK & JILL HOFFMAN; SCHLECHT'S ZANT HUNTER, LM—BRAD SCHLECHT; SUNNYBROOK CUTTERS ACRES, LM—STEVEN BUSHEY; SR WOZURT'S JUMPIN' JAVALINA, LF—DOUG & THERESA BURT; GREEN'S FOREST RANGER, LM—RON & KARLY GREEN

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 13—DOGS QUALIFIED 9
 JUDGES: LENDA BARKER & MARK LOWANS
 GMHR LADY'S MAGIC OF LOLENDAS, LF—RICHARD WINTON; SIERRA, LF—BRIAN CLASBY; WR TRUMPET'S BLONDE BOMBER, GM—MARY SPARLING; MHR WHISKY RIVER XXX, LM—GRETCHEN DOOLING; GMHR MERCY'S RASCAL RUGER, LM—ROY & ROZENA HORSLEY; WR SASHISU'S STRAWBERRY FIELDS, LF—SUSAN GOULD; MHR ALL THE WAY RUBY MAE, LF—PHILIP & GERI DESCHENE; GMHR SURE SHOT PLAY IT AGAIN SAM, LM—DONALD DOOLING; TORBAY'S BLUE JOY, LM—PAUL ROGERS

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 13—DOGS QUALIFIED 10
 JUDGES: JOHN GILBERT & PHIL OLMSTEAD
 WR SASHISU'S STRAWBERRY FIELDS, LF—SUSAN GOULD; GMHR SURE SHOT PLAY IT AGAIN SAM, LM—DONALD DOOLING; SIERRA, LF—BRIAN CLASBY; MHR ALL THE WAY RUBY MAE, LF—PHILIP & GERI DESCHENE; LOP DOUBLE DRAGGIN, LM—RAYMOND & MONICA LABLANC; GMHR LADY'S MAGIC OF LOLENDAS, LF—RICHARD WINTON; MHR CHARWIN DIVER DOWN, CM—RICK & KATHY KAIL; COPPER KODIAK PIAZZA, LM—DALE HARMEYER; GMHR MERCY'S RASCAL RUGER, LM—ROY & ROZENA HORSLEY; TORBAY'S BLUE JOY, LM—PAUL ROGERS

DOWN EAST HUNTING RETRIEVER CLUB

NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

NOVEMBER 10-11, 2001

STARTED I

DOGS ENTERED 5—DOGS QUALIFIED 4
 JUDGES: HENRY ZAUN & JOHN WALLACE
 RWRS BACKDRAFT BLAZE, LM—RICHARD REESE; BATCHELEDER CREEK CUTTER, LF—SHELTON HALL; RIVER RUN'S PERLE DE'OR, LF—GAIL & DENNIS BANKS; BO BIG MAC, LM—CHARLES MILLER, SR.

STARTED II

DOGS ENTERED 4—DOGS QUALIFIED 4
 JUDGES: TRACY HAYES & RON SAMUELS
 HOUSTON'S TARHEEL SPLASH, LF—CHARLES WEBB; BATCHELEDER CREEK CUTTER, LF—SHELTON HALL; RIVER RUN'S PERLE DE'OR, LF—GAIL & DENNIS BANKS; ROCKHILL'S TAILOR MADE TO GO, LF—BILLY & DONNA RUSSELL

INTERMEDIATE I

DOGS ENTERED 7—DOGS QUALIFIED 3
 JUDGES: TRACY HAYES & RON SAMUELS
 GENERALS BLACKWATER SAMPSON, LM—PHILIP BEUTEL; WELLER'S AG DELILAH, LF—LINDA BEUTEL; ROCKHILL'S TAILOR MADE TO GO, LF—BILLY & DONNA RUSSELL

INTERMEDIATE II

DOGS ENTERED 5—DOGS QUALIFIED 2
 JUDGES: HENRY ZAUN & JOHN WALLACE
 GENERALS BLACKWATER SAMPSON, LM—PHILIP BEUTEL; ROCKHILL'S TAILOR MADE TO GO, LF—BILLY & DONNA RUSSELL

VIRGINIA RETRIEVER ASSOCIATION

CULPEPER, VIRGINIA

NOVEMBER 17-18, 2001

STARTED

DOGS ENTERED 17—DOGS QUALIFIED 9
 JUDGES: KIM MANDARINO & BRUCE CAPLIN
 DEEP RUN JOLLY ROGER JED, LM—DEAN CASTILLO; NAGS HEAD GERTIE, LF—DAN & MELODY BEISNER; DESTINY'S EBONY TANGO, LM—LINDA & JACK RICE; MEET JOE BLACK, LM—DAN & MELODY BEISNER; DAISY MARIE MAE LEONARD, LF—SHANNON LEONARD & GREGG LEONARD; LITTLE BIT OF TROUBLES GRACE, LF—ROBERT & ALLYSON PATTON; SHARIHIL'S WARRIOR PRINCESS, LF—SHARON MAY; TARMAC THE MAGNIFICANT TOO, LM—JON CLARKE; BICKSLERS MAJOR, LM—DAVID BICKSLER

INTERMEDIATE

DOGS ENTERED 8—DOGS QUALIFIED 5
 JUDGES: KIM MANDARINO & BRUCE CAPLIN
 KELLEYGREEN'S CHOC MOUSSE COCO, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; SR LYRIC'S KAY, FF—AL JENKINS; DEEP RUN BLUES MAN, LM—DONALD EVANS; GRANDVIEW CHESSIE DRAKE, CM—DENNY SEABRIGHT; SR MORNING SUN AMAZING MISS M, LF—BEN & ROSEMARY CONNOR

SENIOR

DOGS ENTERED 30—DOGS QUALIFIED 22
 JUDGES: HERB BITTNER & TOM JOHNSTON
 GMHR-WR DEEP RUN MAGNOLIA, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; MHR SUGARFOOT FIRE AND ICE, LM—KURT MORROW; GMHR DEEP RUN BITTERSWEET, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; GMHR SILVERBROOK RETURN TO SENDER, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; MHR NORTHERN FLIGHTS MIST ON THE WATER, CF—DEBRA BRENNAN; WR DEEP RUN AFTER SIX, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; MHR-WR DEEP RUN CLANCY MCD, LM—KEITH MCDONALD; GMHR SIX O'CLOCK SCHOLAR, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; MAGNUM'S MARKIN REBEL,

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LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; GMHR-WR-SR JENNY'S PRECOCIOUS LADY, LF—KIM MANDARINO; GMHR-WR DEEP RUN DESPERADO, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; GMHR-WR-SR SILVERBROOK'S ROCKIN RAVEN, LF—BILL WHITEFORD; WR COUNTRY LANE'S SWAMP BOOGIE QUEEN, LF—JOSEPH & KIM MANDARINO; MHR POLAR CUB HUNTS AT ROAD'S END, CM—SHARON HILDEBRAND & PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM; MHR FLYAWAY BLACK RIVER MOLLY, LF—JOSEPH & KIM MANDARINO; MHR OZ'S HIDDEN SURPRISE, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; WR FLYIN' WILD, LM—TOM AVENT; WR SATCHEL CHARGED-DA-GO, LM—DAVID FREDERICK; GMHR-WR DEEP RUN RIDE'EM HIGH, LM—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; WR DEEP RUN RITA MARGARET, LF—PHYLLIS GIROUX, DVM & JACK JAGODA; GMHR SILVERBROOK REPEAT HI FLYIN, LM—HOWELL SIMMONS; MHR-WR MORNING SUN ZENA, LF—KEVIN MCLAREN

WESTERN ARIZONA GUN DOGS

BEASLEY FLATS, ARIZONA

DECEMBER 1-2, 2001

STARTED I

DOGS ENTERED 18—DOGS QUALIFIED 11

JUDGES: RON LEISEN & PHIL OLMSTEAD

CASEY'S RUGER GUNSMOKE, LF—SUSAN HORSLEY; RUGER'S DALLAS STAR, LF—BRITTINEY HORSLEY; TROOPER'S STOWAWAY, LM—VANESSA WELLS; VIVACIA, CF—PEGGI & ALEX JOHNSON; NORTH RIMS PRINCESS TEA, LF—TRAVIS & CARLA NELSON; CHANCE, LM—PETE CAROLLO; NORTHRIMS LUCCHESI, LF—KEN EVENSON & CAROL WOODRING; MONTANA'S BLACK BART, LM—DAVE & JOY LUCERO; KOA NUI LOA, LM—DAVID O'MALLEY; RIPARIAN BEARLY BEHAVIN, LM—MARK & CINDY LOWANS; NORTH RIMS EN FUEGO DE CABO, LM—MANNY & LINDA SALAZAR

STARTED II

DOGS ENTERED 19—DOGS QUALIFIED 14

JUDGES: BRENT BOULDIN & JENNIFER HOOD

CHANCE, LM—PETE CAROLLO; RIPARIAN BEARLY BEHAVIN, LM—MARK & CINDY LOWANS; TROOPER'S STOWAWAY, LM—VANESSA WELLS; NORTHRIMS LUCCHESI, LF—KEN EVENSON & CAROL WOODRING; NORTH RIMS PRINCESS TEA, LF—TRAVIS & CARLA NELSON; NORTH RIMS EN FUEGO DE CABO, LM—MANNY & LINDA SALAZAR; SR BUBBA DESERT PRINCE, LM—ANDREW BRYANT; RUGER'S DALLAS STAR, LF—BRITTINEY HORSLEY; NORTH RIMS DON DIEGO, LM—DONIS FLAGELLO; CASEY'S RUGER GUNSMOKE, LF—SUSAN HORSLEY; KOA NUI LOA, LM—DAVID O'MALLEY; MILLER'S PURPLE SAGE BLOSSOM, LF—RICHARD & SHAN MILLER; MONTANA'S BLACK BART, LM—DAVE & JOY LUCERO; BRAHMS BOLD BOUNDER, LM—PEGGI & ALEX JOHNSON

INTERMEDIATE I

DOGS ENTERED 11—DOGS QUALIFIED 6

JUDGES: BRENT BOULDIN & RICH MILLER

SR BUBBA DESERT PRINCE, LM—ANDREW BRYANT; RIPARIAN BEARLY BEHAVIN, LM—MARK & CINDY LOWANS; CHARWIN FIRED UP, CC/M—IRIS ANDRE; LOLENDAS SONORAN SCOUT, LF—ERIK & JILL

HOFFMAN; SCHLECHT'S ZANT RAIDER, LM—BRAD SCHLECHT; SILKS GENTLEMAN JACK, LM—RAY SILK

INTERMEDIATE II

DOGS ENTERED 10—DOGS QUALIFIED 2

JUDGES: RON LEISEN & PHIL OLMSTEAD

LOLENDAS SONORAN SCOUT, LF—ERIK & JILL HOFFMAN; SHANNARAS BALINOR BUCKHANNAH, FF—LOUISE MEYER & TRACI SPIRES

SENIOR I

DOGS ENTERED 6—DOGS QUALIFIED 2

JUDGES: BRENT BOULDIN & RICH MILLER

GMHR MERCY'S RASCAL RUGER, LM—ROY & ROZENA HORSLEY; MHR FIREMARK CAJUN BONFIRE, GM—LAURNA HAMMOND

SENIOR II

DOGS ENTERED 8—DOGS QUALIFIED 4

JUDGES: RON LEISEN & PHIL OLMSTEAD

GMHR MERCY'S RASCAL RUGER, LM—ROY & ROZENA HORSLEY; MHR FIREMARK CAJUN BONFIRE, GM—LAURNA HAMMOND; GMHR RADAR'S FIRE FLIGHT, LF—BRENT & DEBRA BOULDIN; COPPER KODIAK PIAZZA, LM—DALE HARMEYER



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**NORTHWEST REGION**

SBDA Makes Plans For The 2002 NW Regional

Espanola Training grounds will be the site of the 2002 NW Regional, being hosted by The Spokane Bird Dog Association (SBDA) on June 1. Plans have been underway for several months, as the organization prepares to host visitors from across the region.

While you may be thinking this is not news, there are some changes this year in support of the NAHRA decisions. As you all know, NAHRA made the decision this year not to host the Richard A. Wolters (RAW) Invitational. This means the regions have the benefit of seeing their most accomplished dogs and handlers, those who have obtained a 100 points at the Senior level this past year, show off their stuff within the Regional stakes. With all three levels participating in the Regional, an even larger than normal turnout is expected, which should make for a grand time.

In addition to the banquet which traditionally is held Saturday evening after all events, the SBDA is sponsoring a hospitality room Friday night from 5:30 – 8:30 PM at a local restaurant. At this get together people are free to drop in, pick up their information packets and socialize while enjoying hors d'oeuvres. And specifically from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, the judges will be available to address questions the participants submitted in

advance.

As has been the tradition in the recent past, SBDA will be running concurrent stakes for non-regional participants on Saturday, in addition to the Regional event, so we hope to see everyone there, whether you are a Regional qualifier or not. Regional participants are encouraged to cross enter their dogs in the appropriate stakes. A regular (non-regional) set of stakes will also be held on Sunday, so we hope everyone is able to stay for the entire weekend!

Make your plans now, to visit us in Spokane, WA for the 2002 NW Regional! Feel free to contact Pete Belben, at pbelben@tsunamicomm.net if you are interested in entering.

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MIDWEST REGION

**What Do YOU Get From Club
Membership
By Roger McCay
Midwest Liaison**

What do you get from club membership? Why should you join a club? These are two questions each of us address each year when membership dues roll around.

Not paying a club membership does not keep you from running your dog in NAHRA tests. Most training groups allow you to come and train with them for free (after all, most of us are not rich and all training groups need the extra help to throw birds). So, what's the big deal about clubs?

Club membership can offer many things to the individual dog owner, for example, advice about specific training techniques and problems, companionship, family outings, and more.

There are many great books and videos about dog training. The information in them, if followed, will give you eighty to ninety percent of the things you need to train a quality dog. But, often you may interpret the information a little different than the author intended or your dog just doesn't do things like the book or video say. You need help to better understand what was intended or to get your dog to accomplish the task. Club members

generally have experience concerning what you are facing or know whom to contact about solving the problem.

As individual dog trainers, we tend to get in a rut or forget a sequence for teaching our dogs new tasks. Club members provide a forum to bounce ideas off and provide advice about how to take your dog to the next level of training.

Club membership offers the opportunity to bring our families together for training and social events. Training should not be all work, so have fun with your dog and family members at a picnic. Club activities are a great way to make friends.

Training equipment can be expensive if you buy all the variety of items needed to start and finish a dog. Experienced trainers often have the equipment that help the started dog. Joining a club allows the individual to utilize more equipment and helps define what equipment to purchase for individual training.

Some clubs offer entry fee reductions for club members (hopefully you are helping with the test).

Show your support by joining a club. Attend their functions and be an active participant while learning more about training dogs. If a club does not exist, consider forming one to join the wonderful world of dog training and testing.

On Becoming a Dog Person

By: Phil Bollenbacher

In ancient times there must have been a person in the caves who first invited the wolves around the fire to share the scraps and help with the next day hunt. These first encounters forged a bond between our ancestors. It was a symbiotic bond, with a goal of species survival. That bond still exists today.

What you have asked is how does one become a dog person, a "Keeper of the Wolves"? The simple answer is experiential guidance by a parent or close friend, as it is this group of people that most influence our young minds. My paternal grandfather did not hunt. Thus, my father turned to a neighbor. Beagle folks were in great abundance in Western Pennsylvania in the 1920's. They not only partook of the activity as a sport, but as a need to fill the pot. My dad's neighbor was an outdoorsman who raised short-legged beagles and fighting cocks. John Kinsey invited my father to join him on the hunt, lending him gun and dog. If John had not existed, my father would never have hunted and I probably would have had more time for books and study. It was through my father that the love of dogs was passed to me. In 1955, we purchased my first "DUKE" for \$3.00.

In 1964, after having heard my father say many times "If I was going to get another dog, it would be a Labrador Retriever", I took on the job of filling his request. On a warm summer day, I found myself with a day off and a need to buy a new dog. Not just any dog, but one of those Labrador Retrievers I had heard so much about. I took a friend along that day to a farm in Salem, New Jersey. We passed through the town of Salem and saw a sign, a sign from heaven. It said, Beer \$.05 / Hot Dogs \$.10. It was lunchtime. We entered the fine establishment and proceeded to help the National Debt and the economy of Salem. By the time we found the farm of old Jimmy Dale Smith, you could have sold me a black Cocker Spaniel and I would nary have known the difference. And so it was on that day in late August, I found myself with my second "DUKE".

Duke was an untrained meat hunter, who could enter a bush and pull out a reluctant nonflying cock. He obeyed only when I held a gun in my hand. He was not a dumb dog, just untrained.

Duke was the reason my children look at dog hair as added roughage in their diet. He helped our three children learn to walk. They would grab a big snatch of hair on his side and put the other hand in his mouth, holding firmly onto his lower jaw, they pulled themselves up erect for short periods of time as they strengthened their legs for the task ahead. He was a most patient soul. Yes, dogs do have souls.

Duke was related to Shed of Arden, but he also was related to Barn of New Jersey. One ancestral claim to fame, told to me by Mrs. Smith, was that Duke had relatives that could ride surfboards. His hunting skill, tenacity and marking ability caused me to make retrievers a life long passion. Duke lived 16 years. He passed over the bridge in 1980.

A little over three years lapsed after Duke left us before I burdened the family with a piece of black fluff, a grower of hair, another Lab pup. I came home one day, unannounced, with Suzanna Q of Bollenhill. Although unannounced, everyone seemed to know she was coming. I must have

spoken in my sleep. The only thing they had not done was gone out and buy bowls.

The naming of a dog is not an easy chore. The Suzanna Q came from a teacher I knew and a song from my generation of hunters. The Bollenhill came from the fact that uppity neighbors who lived in the valley long before Daniel Boone was born were in the habit of naming places after their ancestors. I wanted to put our mark on the land we owned just like the neighbors.

Suzie Q was related, quite closely, to NFC Westwind Supernova Chief. This was more than I needed to know. She had "roots". She came from a family of dog rocket scientists. I was unstoppable in my quest to turn her into a "trained" Lab. Books were purchased, obedience classes attended, and bumpers secured. I sought guidance and advice in my quest to turn Suzie into a "full bore" trained retriever. We endured four-hour trips to Shortsville, New York, the home of dog guru, Joseph Letta. He was a well-known dog trainer, early NAHRA supporter, and the owner of La Mist Kennel. He guided me through my early training. Through his help and tutelage, I became a better dog person eventually reflected in the ownership of 320 pounds of dogs. Besides Suzie, we now had Marm, Rune, Selah and Bo. Dogs are great mathematicians. They multiply well.

You may have heard me speak of Bo. He was a "Son of a" Honcho, who spent his life in a territorial war with me. A game of dominance, which he thought he would win by peeing on the top of the bed. If he could not get on top of the bed, he went to the side where my feet rested in the night. Bo spent a great deal of his life outside, one of our only dogs to live most of his life in the great outdoors. I am proud to say, that I never did to his bed what he did to mine, although I had conjured up the notion many times.

This middle phase of my dog life was fraught with lack of time and too much work as a public employee. The dogs did not get trained as they should have, but it sure was nice seeing the look on people's faces as I coursed a field in Berks County, Pennsylvania with my Dad and best friend Pete walking in back of five eager semi-trained retrievers. The pheasants died of fright and many a daily bag limit was filled. People never walked fields towards us, as some do. They left the field wide open and untouched.

This next and I assume last phase of my dog life, is devoted to some well bred, better trained dogs. With retirement looming, I purchased Tory, my high rolling Lab bitch and Peach, a British Golden. Both ladies represent the gambit of dog behavior, one hot the other slow and easy, one midnight black the other daybreak gold. I have been helped, this time around by Joe McDowell, owner of Poorman's Kennel of Ligonier, Pennsylvania. He tells me my faults and checks my "over" swing. His advice has helped me put my dogs on the mark. Who knows, someday soon, I might get down to 230 pounds and back up to 320 pounds of dogs.

I have been thinking, there could be another answer to the question of how we all got into being a "Keeper of the Wolves". Maybe, it was not our parents or relatives that turned us into dog people. Maybe, we are The Keepers and we have just returned to be with our friends.

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Shaura Bellini

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Dear NAHRA News Readers:

I write this letter as a recent inductee to the wonderful world of NAHRA. A beautiful vicious beast has bitten me and won't let go. This all started four plus years ago with the idea that I would get a pup from a long friend of twenty years who was going to breed his bitch to some other dog that had some pretty big credentials and that handles like a big screen TV on Sunday afternoon with a digital remote control.

I picked up my 1st dog "Champ" Mothers' Day weekend 1997 at 7 weeks old. From the time when I accepted this responsibility until I picked up the dog I found out new information as most expecting dad's do not knowing what their child is supposed to be able to do and what kind of school is he going to need.

Along the way I met Jack Jagoda, Phyllis Giroux DVM, and GMHR Six O'Clock Scholar, MH "Tardy", Champs' dad. Keeping in mind that this was my first dog I was very inquisitive as what dogs can be taught and trained to do. Jack and Phyllis offered to show me some dogs at a training event held at beautiful Deep Run Farm. At the time I did not know the difference between a mark and a blind. I was absolutely amazed at what I saw not knowing dogs could count, remember, and sit on a whistle much less take a right-angled back. I must have asked Jack ten times was he sure my dog had the smarts to do this amazing stuff. He responded each time that he felt the dog had the needed ingredients, but that it takes a lot of work. Well, ingredients may have meant something to Jack at this time but I was trying to decide if my dog would be smart enough to handle these field tests. Not knowing how to start or where to begin I started mixing the ingredients in a way a good chef would choke on. It is a difficult task and a lot of patience involved in training a dog. As things turned out Jack was correct, the pup did have the needed ingredients and he has been a pleasure to have as a hunting companion and successful hunt test qualifier.

I want to thank Jack, Phyllis, and Judges at NAHRA events for encouraging me to keep up with the process, I'm sure it would have been easier on them without me pestering them on problems I encountered during the long training process. Jack assured me he could give haircuts over the phone but he wasn't sure how they would look!

I have met a lot of good friends and even neighbors that have turned into great relationships due to the commitment I made with my dog to continue to run NAHRA events, and dog train on a basis as time allows. Our dog-training group has turned into a close-knit family, which I always look forward to getting together with. The real end result is that we all have good dogs that are getting better.

My hat is off to Jack Jagoda a great gentleman who has provided many of us dog owners with a top shelf program and help that promotes improving the retrieving breed. NAHRA is a great organization that is loaded with good people and lots of game conservation tools.

I have had the pleasure to meet Dave Cannings this past year at the NAHRA Benefit in September and I am confident he will be exemplary in guiding the NAHRA program in the years to come. However, its continued success relies on the participation of members and recruiting new members to help the NAHRA program continue to grow otherwise I would not be writing this letter, running my dog MHR River's Unanimous Decision, SH "Champ", judging, and helping put together successful hunt tests.

Sincerely Submitted,

David Ingham

GMHR CHAMPUS MAXIMUS
11/87—12/01

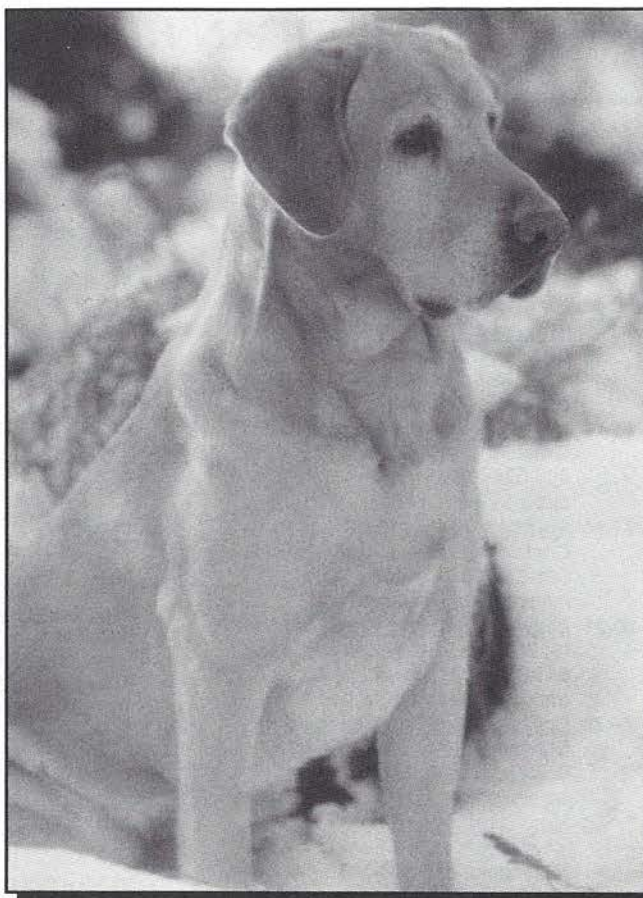
Champ, you taught us so much more than we ever taught you. You trained and handled a kid just out of school into whatever he's become today. Your impact on the gundog world—well, in our opinion, it was significant enough that Remington named their upgraded 1100 semi-auto to commemorate your birthday!

Thanks for your loyalty, your friendship, your patience and your undying devotion. As we brought our newborn son home a few days after your passing to meet the surviving labs, I could almost swear that your wagging tail could be heard sweeping the floor.

It is comforting to know that you live on in your pups, your grandpups and in our hearts. How 'bout giving old RAW a nudge under the elbow after he gets done taking that greenhead from Tar?

To us and to many, you were NAHRA.

With love,
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- 6-7 **Navesink River Retriever Club**, New Egypt, NJ, 2SR, Fred Bodine, 856-697-4994; email: teallabs@aol.com
- 6-7 **Shenandoah Valley Retriever Club**, Harrisonburg, VA, 2ST/2IN, Kevin McLaren, 540-363-0811, email: mclaren@cfw.com
- 13-14 **North Oklahoma HRA**, Stillwater, OK, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Chris Payne, 405-624-9989, email: cpayne@provalue.net
- 13-14 **Southern Maryland HRC**, Cheltenham, MD, 2SR, Al Jenkins, 301-342-1334, email: huntsecretary@smhrc.com
- 20-21 **Midwest Retriever Club**, Diagonal, IA, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Roger McCay, 641-336-2801, email: rmccay@iowatelecom.net
- 27-28 **Spokane Bird Dog Association**, Espanola, WA, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Pete Belben, 509-235-2113, email: pbelben@tsunamicomm.net
- 27-28 **Hudson Highlands HRA**, Newburg, NY, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Kim Mandarino, 845-986-7930, fax 845-986-0483, email: ALOTALABS@AOL.COM

MAY

- 4-5 **Yankee Waterfowlers Hunting Retriever Club**, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Cheryl Sadowski, 860-376-0236, email: pachaug.s.cbrs@prodigy.net
- 4-5 **Texas Panhandle HRC**, Clarendon, TX, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Ronnie Hill, 806-748-5544, email: rwhill@nts-online.net
- 4 **Rocky Mountain Regional, Muddy Hunters Retriever Association**, Fort Collins, CO, Adrian Farmer, 970-226-6192, e-mail: apfarmer@verinet.com
- 11-12 **Lake Champlain Retriever Club**, Derby, VT, 2SR, Margo Ellis, 802-626-5801, email: labrus@together.net
- 11-12 **Southern Maryland HRC**, Cheltenham, MD, 4ST, Al Jenkins, 301-342-1334, email: huntsecretary@smhrc.com
- 18-19 **Mountain and Prairie HRA**, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Fort Lupton River Ranch, CO, Kim Henton, 303-791-4485, email: mphra@aol.com
- 18-19 **Navesink River Retriever Club**, New Egypt, NJ, 2ST/2IN, Francine Kaplan, 732-288-0388, email: njtoller@monmouth.com
- 18-19 **Western New York Retriever Club**, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Michele Rappi, 716-649-1656, email: RAP4840@aol.com
- 18-19 **Granite State HRC**, Nashua, NH, 2ST/2IN, Ken Morey, 603-888-

2848, email: kmorey@attbi.com

- 18-19 **Klamath Basin HRC**, Klamath Basin, OR, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Louise Hunt, 541-883-3370, email: gnasher@internetcds.com
- 25-26 **Interior Alaska Gun Dog Association**, Chena Lakes, AK, 2ST/1IN/1SR, Kelly Bostian, 907-458-0513, email: twodogsandus@gci.net
- 25-27 **Central Flyway HRA**, Minot, ND, 3ST/3IN/3SR, Sheri Lien, 701-839-0522, email: centralflywayhra@yahoo.com

JUNE

- 1 **Quebec Regional, Club du chien Rapporteur de la Mauricie**, Becancour, Quebec, Gerard Bergeron, 819-378-1938, email: bolduc.daniel@tr.cgocable.ca
- 1-2 **Leatherstocking Hunting Association**, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Vicky Hass, 716-229-2220
- 1 **Northwest Regional, Spokane Bird Dog Association**, Espanola, WA, 1ST/1IN/1SR, Pete Belben, 509-235-2113, email: pbelben@tsunamicomm.net
- 1-2 **Spokane Bird Dog Association**, Espanola, WA, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Pete Belben, 509-235-2113, email: pbelben@tsunamicomm.net
- 1-2 **Saco River Valley RC**, Hiram, ME, 2ST/2IN, Donna Hammond, 207-625-4825, email: hammond@cybertours.com
- 8 **Northeast Regional, Horseshoe Hunting Retriever Club**, 1ST/1IN/1SR, Barbara Mitchell, 905-854-3404, fax 905-854-4716, email: kishkahdina@sympatico.ca
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- 15-16 **Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association**, Mat-su Valley, AK, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Tim Baker, 907-783-3156, fax 907-267-2434, email: tim_baker@fishgame.state.ak.us
- 22-23 **Lake Champlain Retriever Club**, Panton, VT, 2ST/2IN, Margo Ellis, 802-626-5801, email: labrus@together.net
- 22-23 **Peninsula Retriever Association**, Kenai Peninsula, AK, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Gino DelFrate, 907-235-2719, email: delfratexyz.net
- 22-23 **Alberta Clipper HRA**, Wabamun, Alberta, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Lois Aitken, 780-662-4564, fax 780-662-3915, email: laitken@compusmart.ab.ca
- 22-23 **Ohio Hunting Retriever Association**, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Nate Baxter, 513-933-0223

- 29-30 **Treasure Valley HRC**, Boise, ID, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Laura Kinney, 208-250-8808, email: Laura_kinney@msn.com

JULY

- 13-14 **Interior Alaska Gun Dog Association**, Chena Lakes, AK, 1ST/2IN/2SR, Kelly Bostian, 907-458-0513, email: twodogsandus@gci.net
- 13-14 **Wild Rose HRC**, Irricana, Alberta, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Shaun Brien, 403-276-8803, email: sbrien@home.com
- 20-21 **Central Coast HRC**, Paso Robles, CA, John Milton, 805-489-8065, email: jmmilton@safari.net
- 20-21 **Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association**, Turnagain Pass, AK, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Tim Baker, 907-783-3156, fax 907-267-2434, email: tim_baker@fishgame.state.ak.us
- 20-21 **Alberta Clipper HRA**, Wabamun, Alberta, 2ST/2IN/2SR, Lois Aitken, 780-662-4564, fax 780-662-3915, email: laitken@compusmart.ab.ca
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Progressive Retinal Atrophy in Sporting Dogs

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Progressive retinal atrophy (PRA), a syndrome of inherited retinal degeneration, is a devastating disease that results in blindness of middle-aged dogs of various breeds. Genetic testing for PRA is a revolutionary advancement in the prevention of inherited canine retinal degeneration.

PRA is an umbrella term that is used to describe numerous retinal degenerative diseases in various breeds of dogs, including Labrador Retrievers, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Springer Spaniels, Cocker Spaniels, Portuguese Water dogs, Irish Setters, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Poodles, and many others. PRA is an adult onset disease, often affecting dogs at the peak of their useful activity at four to six years of age. The first signs of PRA include poor vision in dim light situations ("night blindness"), dilated pupils in room light, and eventual progression to complete blindness, even in bright light conditions. In most cases, the initial defect in the retina lies in the specialized photoreceptor cells (rods) that mediate vision in dim light conditions. In later stages of the disease, both the rods and the cones (cells that mediate bright light vision) are affected. PRA is a devastating disease for a variety of reasons. Affected dogs eventually are totally blind. The onset of disease is late in life. By that time, many dogs have already been bred numerous times and have passed this gene on to their offspring. Furthermore, countless hours and significant amounts of money have been spent in raising and training these dogs.

Most canine hereditary retinal degenerations are caused by autosomal recessive disorders. In autosomal recessive diseases, two copies of the mutant gene are necessary to cause expression of the disease. A puppy must get one copy of the defective gene from his dam and the other from his sire. Dogs that are "carriers" do not have the disease, but carry one copy of the mutant gene that they can pass on to their offspring.

Even though the clinical scenario with PRA is very similar in many breeds of dog, the genes causing this disease can vary among breeds. When the specific mutation causing a particular form of retinal degeneration has been identified and characterized, a mutation-based test can be developed. Mutation-based tests are very powerful and accurate. Mutation-based tests can identify with 100 percent accuracy dogs that are genetically normal with respect to a particular gene, dogs that are carriers, or dogs that are affected. The genes for the retinal degenerative disease in Irish Setters, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Briards, and Miniature Schnauzers have been specifically identified and therefore, mutation based tests for these genes exist.

The most common form of PRA is caused by the *prcd* gene. This gene is thought to be responsible for retinal degeneration in Labrador Retrievers, English Cocker Spaniels, Portuguese Water Dogs, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers and others. The *prcd* gene has been localized to a specific region of canine chromosome 9. Even though the exact mutation has not been identified, it has been shown to be consistently associated with a set of genetic markers. A marker-based test has therefore been developed for *prcd* (Optigen, Ithaca, NY). This test currently has been established for four breeds: the Labrador Retriever, the Chesapeake Bay Retriever, the English Cocker Spaniel, and the Portuguese Water Dog and is being developed for other breeds. The results of marker-based tests are not as definitive as with mutation-based tests, but they still provide invaluable information regarding the given animal's genetic make-up with respect to the *prcd* gene. More information about the specific genetic tests is available from the laboratory offering the test.

The implications of genetic testing for inherited diseases are tremendous. Genetic testing can be performed at any age and therefore can be used to screen puppies, even before the disease has had time to manifest. By selectively breeding normals to carriers, clinical expression of the disease can be avoided. Although the topic is controversial, some argue that dogs with PRA may also be used for breeding to genetically normal dogs since the resultant puppies will only be carriers, but not affected by disease. Affected dogs with other exceptional traits may therefore still be able to pass these valuable traits on to future generations. Lastly, genetic tests are non-invasive, being performed on a routine blood sample.

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Policy Note: 02-001
Date: March 2002
Subject: Judges Lapsed Membership

This policy note is in response to a number of judges who have indicated that they wish to return to judging yet have let their membership lapse, in some cases for several years.

Effective Date: 1 September 2002

1. In order for an individual to serve as a judge at a sanctioned or licensed Field Test requires:
 - 1.1. The individual has taken the judges test, passed and been issued a judges number
 - 1.2. Be a member in good standing
 - 1.3. Have the correct number of aggregate points either alone or in combination with the co-judge appropriate to the level being judges (see NAHRA Rulebook)
2. Beginning on 1 September 2002 all formerly qualified judges who are not members in good standing and wish to serve, as judges will be required to become members and take the judges' test. Judging points from previous assignments will not be carried forward.
3. All those reapplying for judge's status between the date of this memo and the effective date of this policy will have their points reinstated if they make current their membership and specifically apply for reinstatement to active judges status.
 - 3.1. There may be instances where persons have been absent from NAHRA membership for so great a period that their records are not conveniently recovered. These persons will not be able to bring points forward.
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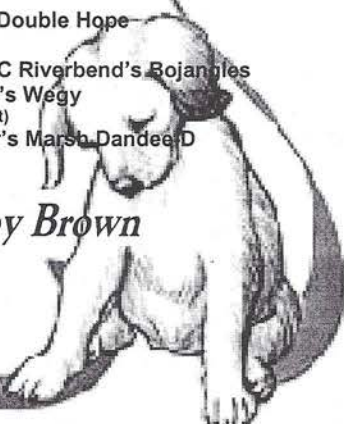
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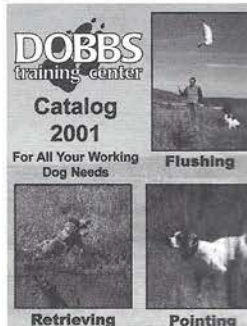
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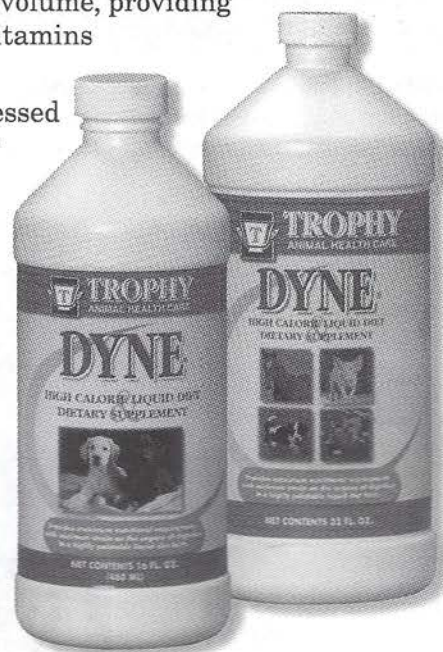


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