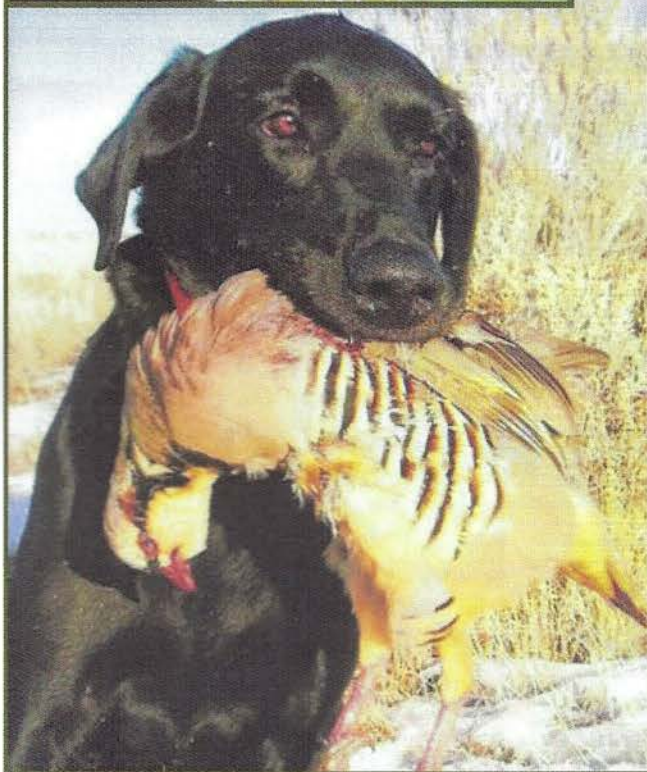


# 2010 NAHRA Invitational

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**Spokane Bird Dog Association**  
June 16<sup>th</sup>–19<sup>th</sup>, 2010

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# Field Test Committee Thanks

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*Welcome to all handlers and guest to the Inland Empire. We hope you enjoy the beauty of the area and the multitude of attractions we have. The Spokane Bird Dog Association is pleased to host the 2010 NAHRA Invitational at our training grounds in Espanola Washington. On behalf of the Invitational Committee and the Spokane Bird Dog Association we thank you for your participation and hope you enjoy all of the events we have planned. It is our intent that this event will be memorable for you and your family. Good running to all dogs entered and may your lines be straight. The Spokane Bird Dog Association.*

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## NAHRA President's Welcome

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*On behalf of the Board of Directors, the 2010 Invitational Committee and the membership of the North American Hunting Retriever Association, I would like to welcome you to our premier event. While I do not have personal knowledge of the area located near Espanola, Washington, I can see from the information provided that you will have beautiful country and quality ground on which to strut your stuff. I know for a fact that the host club, the Spokane Bird Dog Association, has been working hard to bring you a first rate event for you and your dogs.*

*In the past, the NAHRA Invitational has travelled a path similar to the organization with several highs and lows. With the ground the organization has covered in 2010, it is clear that we are starting to ride one of those highs and I expect no less from this event. The Invitational showcases the elite retrievers in our organization and in the retriever world. You all have put in your time, made sacrifices to get qualified and you have earned your spot in the lineup. Everywhere you look, you will see a great dog and handler. Enjoy the moment.*

*Some of you will go to the line this week with the normal contingent of butterflies in your belly. My advice to you is to remember, there is nothing to prove here; that has already been accomplished. The dog at your side this week has already made you proud by becoming one of the elite retrievers on the North American continent. This is a NAHRA Senior dog and is capable of hunting in any conditions, on any terrain and certainly anywhere on the continent. Be proud of your NAHRA dogs and enjoy the experience of sharing the field with so many other elite retrievers and handlers.*

*I am hopeful that this will continue to be icing on the cake in the re-birth of NAHRA. We have been down such a rocky road in the past few years but we have made great strides in finding our way again. The Invitational is once again a quality event due mostly to hard work by past Committees. I have no doubt that the current group of go getters will continue this success and ensure the future of the Invitational for years to come.*

*I am so sorry that I cannot be there to share your moment but please know that I will be thinking of you this week as you and your dogs strut your stuff. Valerie and I had planned to be there from the opening banquet through the awards ceremony and to spend some time in a part of the country we have never been. Unfortunately, life's turns changed our plans but we wish you all the best of luck.*

*Finally, we all would like to wish you and your dogs a safe and successful event.*

*Pick em up clean!*

*Frank Plewa, NAHRA President*



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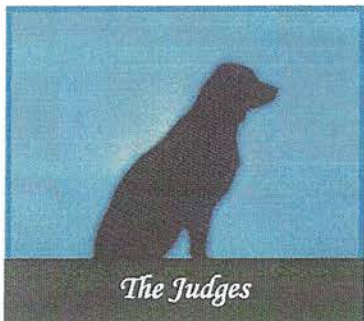
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## Greg Monroe



My love for bird hunting started at the early age of 10. I have hunted most species of upland birds and waterfowl, but I prefer pheasants, and ducks. I recall in my early years that our waterfowl gear consisted of not only decoys but included a fishing pole equipped with a huge daredevil lure, a necessary tool for retrieving waterfowl. A cold swim was in order on occasions. My first hunting dog came into my life when I was junior in high school, a short hair named HOMER. Even with Homer our equipment included the fishing rod, but now included shotgun shells, rocks and sticks all of which were necessary to convince "Homer", to make that swim; which he did on occasions, but mostly not. We have progressed since then.

Being born and raised in the great state of South Dakota until my early teenage years has obviously enhanced my love for pheasant hunting. My father's business commitments led us into Nebraska, Colorado and Missouri, each new state providing another bird hunting challenge. After high school, a year in college and a 6 year hitch in the Army I found home in Alaska for the next 14 years. It was during this period that I got lucky and married an awesome lady, Jackie Bain, who has been my biggest fan and has supported my outdoor enthusiasm with a passion for the last 34 years. While in Alaska I discovered also the benefits of a trained hunting retriever. It was here that I joined my first retriever association, the Alaska Retriever Club and ultimately the North American Hunting Retriever Association. In 1985, I was a member of a small group of hunters that banded together to start the first NAHRA program in Alaska, the Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association. I have been associated with the NAHRA program since then.

My business commitments in 1987 found me traveling across the U.S. and Europe. Each stop providing my family with different hunting and retriever opportunities and more importantly, adding many families to our list of valued friends. I am firmly convinced that through retriever programs there is no place another friend can't be made.

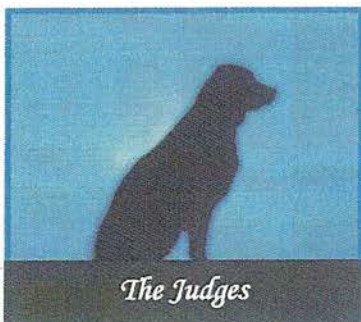
My NAHRA judging assignments began in 1985 while residing in Alaska. Judging has been a very rewarding experience. It has helped me as a trainer, and provided me with the tools to better understand dogs, testing and ultimately handlers.

I retired from the Corps of Engineers in 2005 and have operated SODAK Pheasant Camp, in Presho, South Dakota since then. I have returned to my roots and am currently doing what I love best, training dogs and hunting birds (occasionally we catch a few walleyes too).

I am honored to have been selected as a judge for the 2010 Invitational and pledge to provide hunting tests deserving of this program, the participants and ultimately their dogs. Thanks for providing me with this opportunity.







*The Judges*

## Bill Whiteford



Wow is the first word to say in describing this great honor in judging NAHRA's finest dogs. It is with great humility that I have accepted this position to judge your dogs. It is always an honor and I learn so much from looking over your shoulders. My thanks go out to the search committee to be chosen for this upcoming INVITATIONAL.

Many years ago (about 42) I decided a dog was needed to prevent me from getting wet retrieving ducks in mill ponds in eastern NC. Hailing from this area put me in the middle of real waterfowl and quail country and I did not have enough room or money to have several different dogs so I chose a lab and taught him how to retrieve birds as well as hunt upland game. Richard Wolters was my teacher with "Water Dog" and I was well equipped with a great dog (or so I thought at that time). To say I was ostracized by the true and blue pointer guys would be an understatement but I really did not care as my dog did very well. He did not point as some of my dogs have but he certainly got birdie and I learned to read him and his language and we were a successful team.

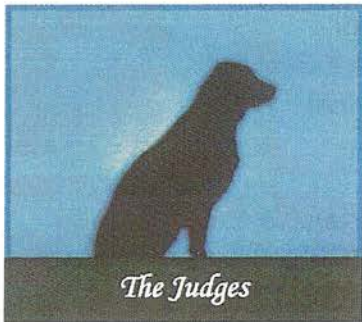
That to me is what NAHRA is all about today. Being a team player with your dog and teaching and learning together to be a great conservation tool goes a long way with friends, family and those who have chosen not to hunt and in fact has brought a lot of folks along the way that would not be here otherwise. I know of no better game in town than NAHRA, bar none, when it comes to friends, dogs and "family" atmosphere.

I have had the opportunity of qualifying several dogs in several Invitationals in North America. I have been asked to judge in many Regionals from the east to the west coast and have enjoyed them all. I am constantly learning from my dogs as well as other judges and handlers and the older I get, the more fun I have as I am understanding the component of chilling out and having fun. I regret my errors as much as the next person and am very competitive but at the end of the day, realize if I am not having fun, I am in the wrong place.

Presently and most importantly I am flanked by my wife Colleen who started hunting with me as she appreciated seeing the dogs work both in water and upland environments. So NAHRA has helped me enjoy hunting with my soul mate and for this, I am very appreciative. My daughters Brooks and Paige both love labs and presently one of them has a dog bred by us which is a hunter and pal. The other has recently finished school and will be in the retriever family soon. I am guided by three labs all related with one of them being a GMHRCH with several RAW qualifications. The other two are GMHR's with qualifications in a RAW as well. I have had other labs with all of them obtaining GMHR and qualifying in RAW's across the country. One of my best buddies ever is our sheltie, Caribou who thinks he can retrieve better, faster and smarter than any lab around. He chooses not to do water and believes that is why we have labs.

More importantly these dogs of ours are our friends and they teach us a lot about life. They all come to work with us every day and greet all the folks who come into our office with a wag of the tail and a lick if they are lucky. Maybe one day I will be able to be the person I should be to people and my dogs on a more consistent basis. God I sure hope so. I have certainly had enough training. So, my job as I see it is to provide you with a very fair test, a fair grading procedure and a challenge you will appreciate and remember. For it is the challenge that causes us to rise and it brings out the best in us and our dogs. It may be a bit tough but it is always appreciated over a test that is just bland. Enjoy your time here at the Invitational and do your best and leave the rest up to us. Have a great time, enjoy your dogs and when you come to the line, take a deep breath, ask questions and then work as a team to accomplish what you must. Thanks again for allowing me to judge you and your dog during this special time.





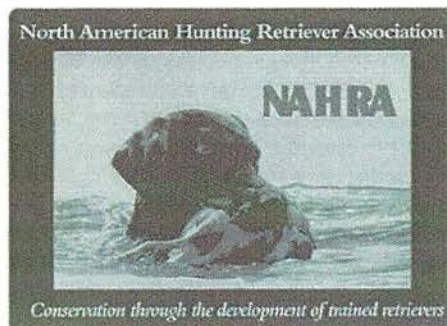
## Kent Ernst



*My passion for hunting retrievers started in my teens while hunting at a duck club with my father in California. Hudson, a black Labrador, was one of the few trained retrievers at the club. One December morning, "Hud's" owner was unable to answer the early call to go hunting, so another member took him to the duck blind. As the morning sun was rising, the member arose from his blind and shot a lone pintail, sending it crashing onto the pond with a broken wing. However, the bird was still very much alive. Hud charged to the crippled duck, and quickly scooped it up. To our dismay, instead of returning with the duck, Hud ran the quarter mile back to the clubhouse where he presented his sleeping owner with his still very lively prize. After witnessing that act of desire and devotion, I knew someday I would own a "trained" retriever.*

*Every year I make the long trek to the Dakotas to partake in the harvest of ducks, geese, and pheasants. I have found that NAHRA remains the only organization that truly prepares and test ones dog for the versatility needed to hunt ducks in the morning, and then quarter and trail pheasants in the afternoon.*

*I am both honored and proud to be selected as a judge for the 2010 NAHRA Invitational. I deeply respect the commitment it took from both handler and dog to qualify for such an event. I hope that all of you will find my hunting scenarios to be realistic, challenging, and exciting. Good luck to all. Dog to the line.*







*Addy*  
*MHR Kali's Addagirl*  
*Kody Bull*

Addy came to Alaska via Northwest Airlines from Appleton Wisconsin. She adjusted right away to our family and has been a special dog ever sense we got her. I have enjoyed my time trianing, and running her in NAHRA tests, but really enjoy being able to take her out in the field and chase some birds. All I ever wanted with Addy was a good hunting dog, I ran her in NAHRA test because I believe NAHRA is the best program around to have the best hunting dog possible.

**Memorable Moment**

My most memorable moment was having Addy retrieve my Daughters "Kali's" first duck last year, even though I think Kali was more excited that she actually hit the duck! It was special to watch Addy deliver the duck to her.



*Beau*  
*MHR Hunters' Beau SH*  
*Tom Hunter*

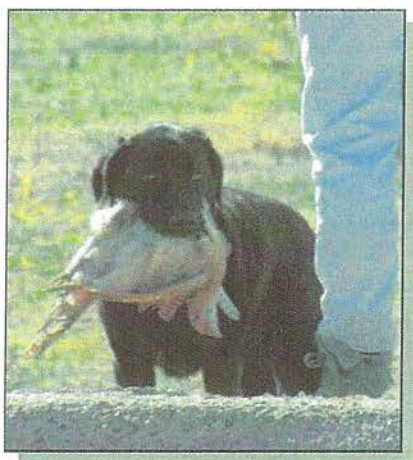
Beau was purchased for \$200. About the only thing he has for bloodlines is a purebred registration. I was told early on that you must have a dog with good bloodlines or he won't be worth a crud. Well, best \$200 I've spent as he is the most mellow lab as a pet. Yet gives 110% when retrieving and passed his first AKC Master @ 23mos. Long story short. One heck of a dog. If he's not upside down on the couch snoring he's chasing birds in some manner whether it be training, HTs' or hunting. I truly enjoy NAHRA as it tends to have a much friendlier atmosphere and, as I do actually hunt, with the Upland test makes for a more well rounded retriever.

**Memorable Moment**

My most memorable moment with Beau I will NEVER forget. While in the hunting blind, on an actual hunt, it was one of those days that the ducks probably could had crapped on my head and I still missed them. Typically, I'll watch Beau's head for when the birds are coming as his eyes are better than mine now. If his ears are up, there's birds in the sky. Well the first 10 shots he gets in sit with a point stance and looks at me like "What the heck's going on Dad"? By shot 15 he starts giving me looks with sighs, literally flapping his lips in disgust because I'm still not hitting nothin'. The next thing I noticed after unloading 3 more shots to no avail. I'm wondering where Beau is? Well, son of a gun, if he didn't go back in to the blind and there he was on his back, legs up in the air like always, asleep- snoring! Day DONE!! I have never laughed so hard by myself before in my life. It was a day that even though I didn't get a bird I will never forget!







*Blaze*  
*GMHR Mystic's Fire Star MH*  
*Joseph Cook or Joanne Perler*

*Blaze is our third GMHR. He is a very laid-back dog, he loves to just hang out, but when it's time to go hunting he is always ready. His favorite part of the test is the sit to flush, he is an upland hunter at heart. Blaze just turned 10 and is starting to show his age, a little stiffness now and then, but he really enjoys the hunt test game and will continue to compete as long as he is able.*

*I have been a member of NAHRA for almost 20 years. I have enjoyed the testing program, I believe it produces a well rounded hunting companion.*

***Memorable Moment***

*Passing my first Senior test. When I first stated in this game and watched the upper stakes for the first time, I never thought I would ever get that far.*



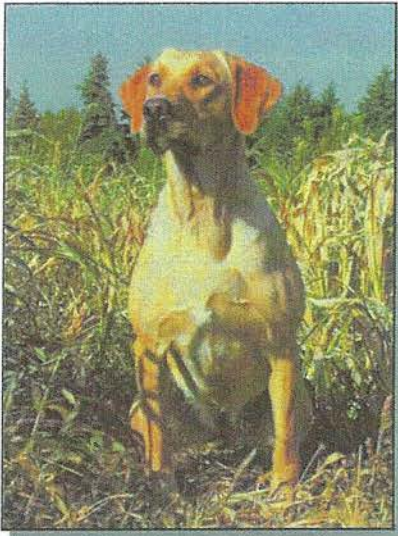
*Brooks*  
*MHR Rivendells Sunny brooks*  
*Paul Pommerening*

*Brooks is one of those rare individuals who knows without doubt what is important in his life and how to prioritize them. Hunting is better than anything, training is better than anything else, being around his people and having a full food dish is all that is needed to round out a full and complete life. The rest is just fluff.*

***Memorable Moment***

*My most memorable experience was the day we picked him up from the airport. He was about 4 months old and looked somewhat cramped in his little shipping crate. When the attendant opened the crate he jumped from his arms through my wife's arms to land on me and just cuddled against me like he had known me all along. How can anyone not love a dog that is such a good judge of character.*



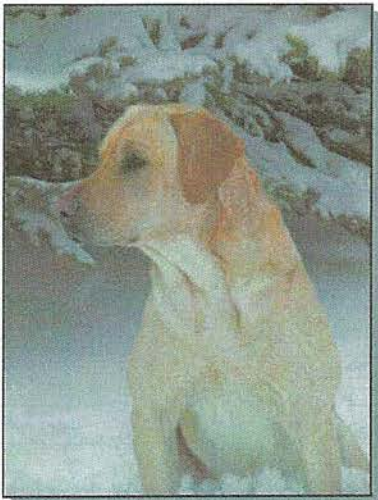


*Chai*  
*GMHR, II HR, VH Holzingers Chai Latte MH*  
*Dan Hove*

"Chai is an extremely talented dog that came to me in a unique way from a very special lady. She was a juvenile delinquent that was in dire need of guidance. A mutual friend, Terry Holzinger, mentioned to Chai's owner, Dinah Harlow, there was one person who he thought could be up to handle the task. I offered to give it a try and WOW what a ride! Chai is now a full-fledged member of our house full of dogs and fits in wonderfully. She has helped me learn and grow while hunting a ton of birds together and training to always improve. Chai is a gifted dog that always turns heads and can stop a show (while always causing me my share of stress, too). I eagerly await the chance to walk to the line with her once again.

#### *Memorable Moment*

*I don't have one specific memory, just the constant need to be at the top of my game as I always whatever she does- it will be lightning quick!*



*Chase*  
*MHR, Delta Marsh Firestorm Chase*  
*Dick Ofstedal*

Chase comes from a long lineage of the NAHRA family. Dan and Patsy Hove's decorated Grace and Belle and Rob Reimer's Cash provided Chase with all of the genetics needed to be an outstanding performer. He has not disappointed me as a fun dog to watch in the field and at hunt tests. The Four Points Retriever Club in Minnesota provided the expertise and support to make the DickO and Chase team at least proficient enough to qualify for the Invitational. Note: the weak link appears to be DickO. We got into NAHRA because of the people - they are genuinely interested in making all NAHRA dogs and handlers better. The friendships and adventures we share at hunt tests, meetings and family outings are what makes NAHRA the best

#### *Memorable Moment*

*As with all of our NAHRA dogs, Chase has rewarded his owner/handler with outstanding adventures in the field and hunt tests. Actually experiencing the results of training and harnessing the raw talent into a faithful and reliable hunting companion provides many memorable experiences. First retrieve - first ribbon - first hunting scenario blind - first long distance retrieve - multiple retrieves from a duck blind - actually being steady to flush/shoot - finding lost birds etc. How can we choose just one???*







*Chloe*  
**GMHRCH TNT's Little Miss Chloe MH**  
*Mike Hughes*

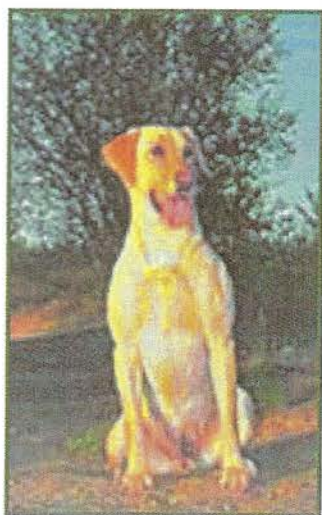
*My NAHRA journey started a year before I picked up Chloe, a hunting buddy talked me into running NAHRA and decided to drive to Spokane. Though we were not successful that weekend, I knew I was hooked and all I needed was a partner to share the experience with. I bought Chloe in 2002 and with her we have had great success, and lots of fun. Just last week she received her 1000 points, and if I had the room here, I could tell you about every qualification and memory she and I have shared. She is a once in a life time dog, everyone only dreams of having a dog with her abilities. Everything came very easy for her and she learned very quickly. And she loved to trial and hunt with me. I owe her allot of great memories and times. I am glad I started running NAHRA.*

**Memorable Moment**

*When she was about 8 weeks old I threw a stick out into the water just to see if she would retrieve it. She jumped right in, swam past the stick and kept swimming for about 60 yards. Watching her take stuffed animals to her singleton baby (Lucy) so her puppy wouldn't be lonely. Went to Overton Nevada when she was 18 months and received her MHR. At the ripe age of 29 months she received her GMHR in Chugwater Wyoming. Just last week watching her get her 1000 points. Just being the best.*



*In Memory*  
**Kodiak's Sweet Lucy Lou**  
*Lucy - 5 yrs old*



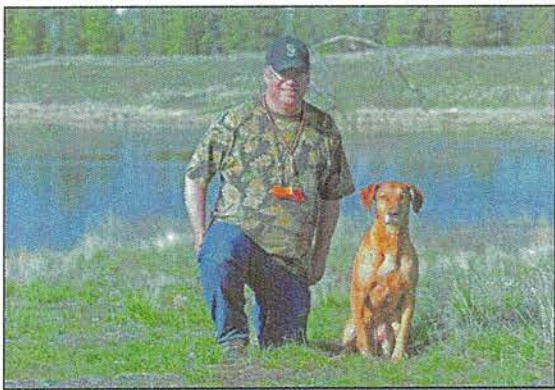




**Corky**  
**GMHR Sunrise Over Killarney**  
**John Gilbert**

Corky was born one week after my last visit to an Invitational. My how time flies. Though she loves to hunt, it is a hot and cold situation at field tests. She is one of the most intelligent dogs I have ever owned. That sounds great, but it can also be a curse at times. What's going thru that canine brain of hers is sometimes a mystery, though the results can sometimes be quite comical. As we have plodded along these past nine years there have been streaks of exceptional work mixed with a few times of darkness. Each dog I have trained has been

quite different in strengths and tendencies. This has matured me as a dog trainer, but at the cost of inserting a few bad habits in my pupils as my knowledge developed. Despite all this her pass rate is well above the average and she is on the verge of reaching 1,000 points. Maybe I am being too critical, as she is actually a wonderful dog. With four years of guiding pheasant hunters in South Dakota under her belt, she has had many high times. Corky has a friendly and tolerant personality of the highest order despite many encounters with "not so friendly" pooches (I have literally NEVER heard her growl). And she has been a great friend and companion during my personal low ebbs. She used to almost always be the smallest lab at our tests. With the addition of her smaller kennel mate a few years back I find myself forgetting that within the size range of labs, she is still on the low end. I consider this a plus, as her joints have been maintenance free all these years. And I have yet to see (let alone shoot) any bird too big for her to handle. There will be many fantastic dogs here this week, but if we are honest with ourselves, all our dogs have strong and less stellar attributes. I am proud to have Corky associated with this group of the greatest hunting dogs around. At nine hard years her eyes and ears are just starting to slide, but I am hopeful she will hold her own among the best.



**D.D.**  
**MHR HR UH Marshes Call Brandy SH WDX**  
**Tim Lockard**

I joined NAHRA in 1985 after viewing Richard Wolters "Game Dog" video and reading his book "Game Dog". Richard devoted a chapter of the book to NAHRA and the concept of non-competitive dog games for the average joe really peaked my interest. I was started training my cheskie pup Drake using the information in Richard's video and books.

One afternoon I was exploring the country side for places to train and hunt with the dogs and I found what looked to be a great lake and ponds to swim the dogs. As I walked around the lake I heard some whistle blasts and voices from the other side of the property. Further investigation found two gentleman with a black Lab that was doing some terrific work, just like Tar in Richard's video. What luck I had that day out in the middle of

nowhere at a place named Derwatto. They told me about the Puget Sound Retriever Club and a upcoming field trial in the town of Belfair. I found the trial, met new folks, got to throw some dead ducks for the dogs, watch some great dog work, and I was hooked!

I entered Drake in our first NAHRA field test at the Rainier Hunting Retriever Club near Seattle in 1986, we ran in the Started Stake and although we did not qualify that day it was the start of a long journey together and the making of many great memories.

**Memorable Moment**

On an afternoon pheasant hunt in which she received a puncture wound to the chest behind the right front leg that went undetected for 2 hours of hunting. Brandy kept on going as if nothing at all was wrong! It was several hours later when we got to a 24 hour vet clinic in Tacoma and had her sewed back together. She missed the remainder of the hunting season while her wound healed. Not a good moment, but it turned out ok and could have easily ended much worse.







*Daisy*  
*MHR HR VH Marshes Call Brandy SH WDX*  
*R. Alan Black*

*Daisy is my fifth MHR and the third Caerleon dog that I have had in the NAHRA program. All of my dogs are hunting dogs and household companions first and field test dogs second to maintain conditioning in the off season. We travel during bird season to hunt in Alberta and Montana beginning in September and usually end with duck hunting in central Washington the end of January. I expect my dogs to handle everything from blue grouse, chukars, and quail in one day on the breaks of the Salmon River to field shoots with ducks and geese in Alberta and have never been let down. The NAHRA program has encouraged me to develop each dog to a higher level and resulted in many memorable experiences along the way, thanks for everything, Al Black.*

#### *Memorable Moment*

*Clearly, Daisy's 56 mallard day, on the last day of the 2009 season in central Washington, where she picked up ducks for two blinds filled with hunting guides and friends enjoying a last day out and I barely had time to shoot myself!*



#### *Dreamer*

*MHR Autumn's Dark Mystic MH*  
*Joanne Perler*

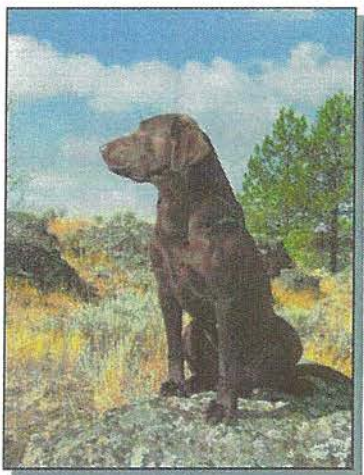


*Dreamer is our first foray into the field bred type of Labrador Retriever. She finished her MHR title without a failure, and then finished her Master Hunter title two weeks later. Dreamer is the type of dog that will retrieve all day long. In her mind I believe, she thinks humans are only here to either throw or shoot birds for her. Even with her level of excitement she is a pleasure to work with.*

#### *Memorable Moment*

*Finishing her MHR title and then finishing her MH title.*



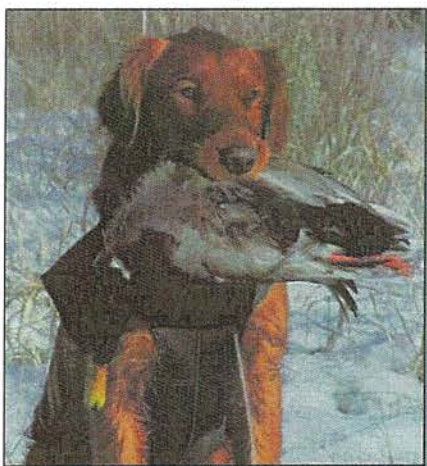


**Duke**  
**MHR Rock Points Duke of Blk Forest**  
**Jim McGlocklin**

The first thing that I need to say is that he is my best friend, best buddy and some times the most frustrating dog, when it comes to Hunt Tests. He can take a day and make it so much fun to have him with me and in the next moment, turn it into a nightmare. Anyone that has seen Duke run knows he can do the work, sometimes in an out of order way, but still get things done. He is just different in the way he thinks and so am I so we get along and have fun most of the time. Duke is getting up there in age, almost ten now, so with a little help from God he will still have a couple of years left to run more Hunt tests and bring back many more birds, or at least create memories to last the rest of my life. To all my NAHRA friends it has been some of the most enjoyable times, running with and just sharing experiences during the nine plus years that I have been involved with this organization. I have learned so much, talking and training with all my friends. I will be needing to get another dog in a couple of years and start over, so the cycle will start over, hope I can make it thru this again.

**Memorable Moment**

The first thing that comes to my mind is a Hunt Test, intermediate in Puget Sound. Duke was quartering into a couple of marks, in a small bowl shaped area when the birds started going up, one was a live flyer and then a hand thrown bird, I sent Duke to the first bird and he picked it up and with out returning to give the bird to me he just ran over and picked up the second and brought both back, delivered to hand and we were done in a very short time. There are many more memories in all the tests and hunting trips I have taken, and I hope to have many more in the next few years.



**Duke**  
**MHR Awrey Semper Copper Redcloud SH WCX CCA**  
**Kent Walker**

Duke is my 1st "real" hunting dog. Duke's hardworking attitude has made him a pleasure to be with afield. All he ever wants to do is to please me and I do my best to hold up my end of the bargain. When we we bred Duke's mom (Brandi) I didn't know quite what I was getting into or to expect. For my first trained hunting dog, he's been all I can ask for. As for NAHRA, I wanted an environment that I could work with other dog handlers - more experienced than myself - to help me train Duke to be all he could be. I couldn't have done this on my own and I couldn't have gotten him to this level without my friends in NAHRA. You will never meet a group of men and women more friendly, open and willing to share what they know about training dogs anywhere else. (I know this because I also run and judge in AKC Hunt test events.) Through my years of running and judging in NAHRA, I simply have not met a nicer group of people. I truly believe that a Master Hunter trained NAHRA dog is THE all around hunting retriever. I'm so proud of how far Duke has come and how we have progressed as a team. It's an honor to participate in the Richard A Wolters Invitational.

**Memorable Moment**

Last year Duke and I were invited to a Youth Waterfowl Hunt in Idaho. Having never been involved with something like this, we didn't know what to expect. Duke and I were teamed up with two men and their sons the morning of the hunt - and off we went in my duck boat. We had been assigned a nice little "honey hole" that no one else could get to with their larger boats. So drop off the dads and kids, throw out some decoys and wait for the flight. Duke set the tone that he was ready and well trained at the first pair of shots and a double. He marked both birds, one of them a cripple. He retrieved the dead "go bird" and then he remembered the 2nd fall. He was cast to the area, where he picked up a trail across a pond through some very thick brush to find this crippled Widgeon. My guests couldn't believe their eyes. I, of course, held my chest out like my son had just hit a winning home run in the 9th inning. That day ended up with 8 birds in the bag, the best of all the hunting parties that day which was totally due to Duke. If it hadn't been for him, I would have been able to wade out into the pond and retrieve 2 of the birds. (the others fell in thick brush, crippled and running) I was proud to be with him that day.





*Dusty*  
*GMHR Dusty's Desert Strom*  
*Carl Strebe*

*I never know what to expect from Dusty. His hunting ability is second to none. However, it's his nemesis for the hunt test. He can do the work so long as He doesn't let his nerves get the best of him. His talent will certainly be tested during the Invitational.*

*Memorable Moment*

*Dusty had a great hunt test going for him in Montana for his GMHR. The last event was the quarter and steady to flush. He does a nice job quartering and the chuckar is launched between two dogs in brace. The bird drops behind the gunner. Dusty's on the move fast. Stops one yard from the chuckar on the whistle. The other dog from 15 yards away, the handler is told to send his dog for the retrieve. As the dog moves in half the distance, Dusty said "screw you". I call this Dusty luck!*



*Fire*  
*MHR Killarney's Little Fireball*  
*John Gilbert*

*When I named Fire, I hit it right on the mark. One moment bouncing off the walls like an uncontrolled wild fire, the next sitting steady as a well maintained campfire. At first I had a hard time figuring her out. She seemed slow on the uptake of new concepts. Then I noticed that once she got it, she held on to her lessons quickly without the number of repeats my other dogs required. Once I adapted my thinking to her way of grasping principles, I realized she actually is a solid learner. As she is turning four I am only just now seeing the first signs of maturity in her playfulness. Last year my father had her on a walk out behind my house where the song dogs are pretty thick. She was observed jumping up and playing with one of her wild cousins. Admittedly not recommended behavior, but indicative of her personality. Size,,, yep she will be the smallest here. At least as far as the labs go. Always a lean running machine and never over 45 pounds (so far). It is always a bit sad to see, but this has been the year her marking abilities surpassed her nine year old kennel mate. Sad but inevitable, and hopeful of the future heartburn my little black coyote will bring me. If I can adapt myself to her, she might just be my best bird getter yet. The Invitational gets pretty big in our heads. I will try and remind myself what fun it is to just sit back and watch my little girl go (whistle in mouth mind you).*

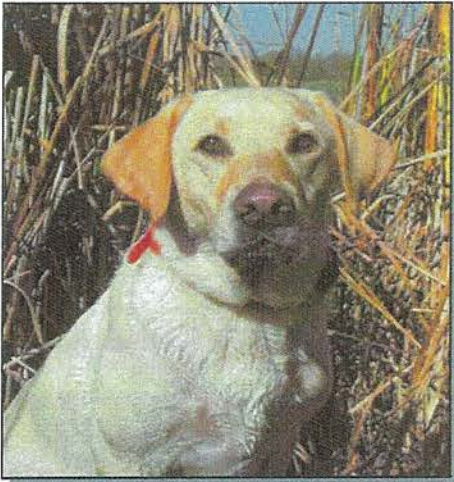


*Fortune*  
*MHR Critter Creek Worth A Million*  
*Joan Sharpless*

*Fortune is an extremely talented athlete who loves to do her job and does it very well. She was 2yrs. old when she finished her MHR and her AKC Senior. She's very intelligent, high drive, and a joy to train.*

***Memorable Moment***

*My most memorable experience with Fortune was running her in a hunt test and on one of the marks some kill deer birds flew up while she was running towards them and she jumped up to catch one. I whistled her gave her a back and she got on track and saved the day! ;-)*



*Grace*  
*GMHR, CP HR, VH Firestorm Belle's Amazing Grace SH*  
*Patsy Hove*

*Grace is my first dog that I have trained and run in hunt test. She is a therapy dog also. She is a very nice girl and loves to hunt. I got into NAHRA after watching my husband run our dog Belle. I thought that it looked like fun and wanted to do it too.*

***Memorable Moment***

*I think that the memorable experience is just being able to sit on the tailgate of the truck after a training session with my arm around her watching the sunset and thinking about how life is good.*





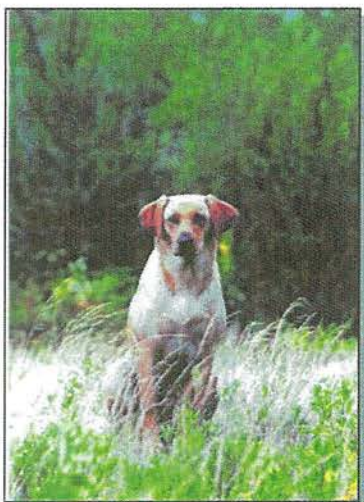


### *Holly*

*GMHR Waterland's Nitro Charged Hurricane Holly SH  
Bob Boeh*

*Holly is an awesome athlete that is closing in on achieving her 1,000 point status .it is like coming to the line with a race car and I am the driver there for the ride. I got into NAHRA to learn how to end up with an all around hunting dog and keep them in shape during the off season.*

*Memorable Moment  
passing 32 straight senior tests*



### *Hope*

*GMHR Wishful Thinking QAA  
Harry Williams*

*Hope is what I call a multi-purpose retriever. Which means that she is a member of my family. She hunts upland birds and waterfowl. She performs in Hunting Retriever Tests. She performs in Retriever Field Trials. She arrived as a 7 week old puppy and has turned into the matriarch of Sagacious Kennel.*

### *Memorable Moment*

*I have a saying which is: It's not Wishful Thinking if you have Hope.*



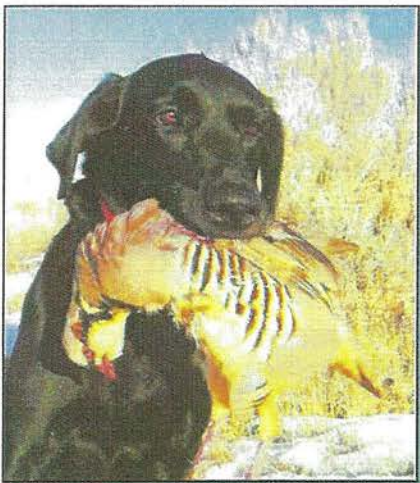


***Ink Spot***  
***MHR/FICH, AFICH RDC's Jazztime Trips Ink Spot MH***  
***Rod Adlington***

18 years ago we moved from Banff AB to Whitefish MT. The next fall I went pheasant hunting and became hooked. Couldn't shoot, didn't have a dog. Still can't shoot. Fortunately, I was steered to Larry Calvert and Jazztime Labradors and he picked a pup for me. Larry said that if I would throw for him, he would help me train Molly. I drove 70 miles, once a week to train with him for 2 years and did my homework in between. Developed a wonderful hunting dog and went in a picnic test and got a ribbon... We moved to Calgary in 1999 and started NAHRA hunt tests and Qualifying level field trials. Molly passed 16 straight NAHRA Senior tests and we did fairly well in the Qual. We then

moved up to Open field trials. We ran 15 and only finished one. I retired her at age 9. She kept hunting thru age 12 and is now 14!

I bought a second Jazztime dog in 2004, Ink Spot. She was trained to be a field trial dog from day one. She spent her first three winters in South Carolina with Pro, Colin McNicol. I trained and ran her in the summers. She won her first Open in Canada at age 4 and titled that year. We went to our first National Amateur that year and made it to the 7th series!! She is now 6 and has 44 Open all age points. In 2008, she was #8 Open All-Age dog in Canada. In 2007, I ran Ink in her first Sr. NAHRA hunt test. I brought Molly out of retirement and ran them both that day and they both passed. That was our special NAHRA moment! Ink went on to get her MHR but not smoothly. It took 9 tests to pass 6. Ink is pretty high strung and every time there is a sit to flush or a breaking bird, my heart is in my mouth. Ink is a pheasant hunting machine and it is a true joy to hunt anything that flies with her. I get invited places because of my dogs! Thanks to Pro, Colin McNicol and my training group, Doug, Carl, Collette and Greg. We wouldn't be here without you!



***Jade***  
***MHR/GMPR Trieven's Arrowhead Express MH***  
***Don Benson***

Jade is a pointing lab whose training career got off to a slow start, and I wasn't sure if things were going to work out. Eventually she changed for the better, and ended up turning into a solid dog. I joined NAHRA to help bridge the gap between hunting seasons and let my dogs have a little fun.

***Memorable Moment***

Once high up on a steep hillside, I shot a rooster just as he went around a curve and out of sight. Jade gave chase. I went around the corner hoping to see her returning with the bird, but no such luck. Finally I looked way down over the brush and spotted a black dot out in the flat past the base of the hill. She went straight out, paused, and headed straight back my way. When she finally delivered him to me, I knew that was one amazing retrieve.







*Jed*  
**MHR Hells Canyon Hillbilly Jed**  
**Rick Latham**

*Jed is my first experimental testing dog. I always had the best dog in my hunting group, and everybody told me I may never have as good a dog as my old chocolate lab Bill. After Bill retired due to injury, and relying on some terrible dogs of my hunting partners, I determined I would have a better dog than I had in the past. I had read about hunt tests 12 years ago and was interested, but never really pursued. I was searching for a dog when I met Rick Steenhoven. Although I did not get a pup from him, he was a great ambassador for the club and NAHRA and we became friends and he got me involved.*

**Memorable Moment**

*If you read on the internet, our story is not that unusual. Young high powered dog with great natural marking, newbie handler, passing tests at 4.5 months old, 6 started passes under 6 mo, talk of the test, pride of ownership, accepting things that should have been corrected, then falling flat on our faces. Wife comes to watch first intermediate, and McGowan asks us to pick up our dog in first 20 seconds. If you pretend like you didn't hear the judges, they don't forget they told you to pick up your dog. Passed Intermediate that year, and next year at 2 yrs old, failed all SR tests. Got MHR title last year at 3. Jed matured this last winter and I think we finally became a team. I want to thank Hosford for helping me on the finishing end of things. Harry, I promise to do some things different in the next go around. Probably won't be correct, just different.*



*Josie*  
**MHR Goose Islands Outlaw Gunslinger**  
**Bob Riggs**

*In the last four years, the ball of fur that I brought home from a breeder in the Kansas City area has grown and matured into an invaluable hunting partner and a great friend to me and my family. Josie is the third dog that I have brought through the ranks of NAHRA and she has grown into a solid competitor. While there have been some bumps in the road along the way, we have overcome them together and we are both very much enjoying the journey as a team.*

**Memorable Moment**

*Every fall in the marshes and upland fields with ears perked, tails wagging and the reports of gunfire bring a new set of most memorable experiences. I am truly convinced that my most memorable moment with Josie hasn't happened yet.*





*Kate*  
*GMHR I Cedars Edge Cattail Kate*  
*Dan Tongen*

*Kate was the pup we kept from our litter from our GMHRCH Abby. She is a very good hunting dog, along with being a great part of our family.*

*I joined the FPRC club in MN in 2003, I was really just looking to do some more training with my dogs. I attended my first NAHRA test and was very impressed with the program. I really like the hunting background it requires. It has been great to use the training and testing we do during the summer, to the hunting we do in the Fall*

***Memorable Moment***

*The most memorable thing for me would be the weekend that my other dog Abby got her GMHRCH title, and Kate got her GMHR title all in the same weekend.*



*Kirk*  
*GMHR Firemark's Piece of Cake UDX MH QAA*  
*Dan Hosford/Mary Cole*

*Kirk was my obedience dog that I thought might enjoy doing NAHRA. As it turned out, obedience was fit in between field trialing & MH. NAHRA was his reward for a job well done and he is loving every moment of it.*

***Memorable Moments***

- 1) After not having done obedience for 4 months because of field trial training, Kirk took a 3rd place in Novice obedience at the Golden National.*
- 2) Handling Kirk to a JAM in a Canadian Open Trial.*
- 3) Finishing his GMHR at 10 yr of age with energy to spare.*







**Kody**  
**MHR Laranie's Kodiak Bear SH**  
**Larry White Jr**

Although I had owned several labs prior, Kody was the first dog that I was truly going to make into a hunting dog. I had learned about NAHRA from a couple different people and decided that it would be a great way for me to achieve my goal of training a finished retriever. Many memorable moments of sitting in a duck blind or corn field were made possible by the experience gained in the NAHRA program.

**Memorable Moment**

Two moments stand out in my mind when I think of my time with Kody. The first happened over a pond in Northern Arizona where I knocked down a Green-winged Teal when Kody was a young dog. I made numerous attempts to get him to retrieve the downed bird, but he had never broken ice before. Apparently he felt it was necessary for me to show him how, as he watched from the bank! The second moment was when he completed his first double marked retrieve after I had shot two Widgeon on a lake along the Colorado River. To this day, I'm not sure if I was more impressed with the retrieve or the fact that I was able to knock down two birds in the same flight! There was a great journey in between, but those two moments stand out in my mind.



**Maggie**  
**GMHRCH-III Silverbrook Mag Autumn Gold, MH**  
**Jim Tracy**

1000  
 Point  
 Dog

Maggie is the epitome of an old soldier. Running her fifth consecutive Invitational, Maggie endured two surgeries and a horrendous wreck during 2009 and still passed at the New York Invitational and went over 1000 points. While she may run a little slower, she still knows and loves her job!

**Memorable Moment**

On her 1000 point run, Maggie had the flushed bird fall and hit her, with me screaming leave it! She let it fall off her head and to the ground and gave me her best disgusted look as if to say; "So, should I pick it up now?" Then just sat with the bird between her feet while the gallery, gunners and judges recovered.





*Major*  
*MHR Vermillion River Canis Major*  
*Larry Willson*

*We were invited to try running a NAHRA test seven years ago and felt very welcomed and surrounded by friendly people who shared our interest in hunting retrievers.*

***Memorable Moment***

*Watching him jump high into the air and catch a flushed, flying rooster pheasant. Major is an exceptional jumper.*



*Peaches*  
*FC - MHR Waterdog's Sweet Peaches*  
*Wally Kobeski*

*Peaches was whelped at Waterdog Kennels in Temple, Georgia; on March 10, 2004. Her mother is JEM's Allie Oop MNH who has been inducted into the Retriever Hall of Fame and her sire is FC AFC Creek Robber who earned over 400 Open and Amateur field trial points before retiring and will undoubtedly be inducted into the Retriever Hall of Fame. Peaches was number 11 of a litter of 11 puppies. She was introduced into water at the age of 5 weeks old. She didn't hesitate and swam right at the git go. We picked her up at Sea Tac airport on her 7<sup>th</sup> week birthday. She earned her first NAHRA senior points prior to her 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*birthday. At the age of 2 years and 1 week, she won 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Spokane Retriever Club's Field Trial in the Qualifying stake giving her the QAA designation. We have concentrated on field trials the last year with her earning her AKC Field Champion (FC) title designation this last spring at the Southeast Washington Retriever Club's field trial earning her second 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the Open All Age stake. Peaches and Wally have both been trained at the McKenna Kennel in McKenna, WA, by Jim Gonia and Mark Madore. She is small in stature but very big in heart and desire at 56 pounds. She is easy to train, learns very quickly and with very little pressure but most of all wants to do the work. Peaches is a great house dog and wonderful with all our grandchildren, which are looking forward to handle her at some NAHRA tests in the future.*







## Raven MHR Midnight Raven Storm Barry Crose

Five years ago I went looking for a new pup. I found a local ad for lab pups, called and ended up at the home of Carl Strebe. After talking to Carl and viewing several other pups in the area, I decided that he had the best dogs available. Little did I know at that time that Carl was to become a mentor and a great friend to me and my family that he is today. Due to my relationship with Carl I became involved with NAHRA. Best of all, I ended up with a dog that has great talent and enthusiasm for hunting and hunt tests. Raven has proven to me time after time that the NAHRA program is the best way to keep your dog in the hunting game off season. I have hunted with many different people over the years and Raven is always getting complemented on her performance in the field and her over all personality out of the field. I feel so fortunate to have Raven along my side in and out of the field. I am looking forward to many more years of successful hunting trips and hunt tests.

### Memorable Moment

Raven is always making my time with her memorable. She always seems to do something out of the norm that wow's me. One of my most recent memories was on a goose hunt in Southern Idaho this last January. There were six of us hunting in a pit blind and Raven was the only dog with us. Being in the pit blind, she was unable to see any of the birds fall. I lifted her out each time we downed some birds and did blind retrieves on them from the pit blind. She retrieved 21 out of the 22 honkers we shot that day with the longest being a 300 yard retrieve. She did all of these retrieves and never knock over a decoy and I never left the blind. Due to her performance of that day, one of the hunters with us purchased the first pup out of her next litter. It was truly awesome to watch her work that day. I could never have has asked for a better hunting dog and family dog than what Raven has turned out to be.



## Rev GMHR Longtime Waitn Reverend Mr. Black MH John Geames

I was a hunter, so fifteen years ago I joined our local NAHRA retriever club to keep my dog's hunting skills up during the off-season. Over time, hunting became more the "off-season" while training with my fellow club members and participating in hunt tests became my focus. Though I participate in AKC and HRC hunt test, NAHRA still has, in my opinion, the best all-around test for the hunting retriever. Rev is an absolute pleasure to have as a member of our family. His affectionate, easy-going disposition and his desire to please are his best qualities around the house. In the field, however, that calm, sensitive canine dramatically disappears. Rev's genetics from Lean Mack, Lottie, Homeby Hannah and others have furnished him with more drive and desire than any inexperienced handler (such as myself) should ever dare to deal with. He continues to take me on a wild and wonderful ride, the likes of which I may never experience again.

Ahh, this editor remembers that day well--and all the cash and bragging rights that she and Kody won that will live on in infamy! (LauraK)

### Memorable Moment

The place--McCall, Idaho. The event--a no-holds-barred retrieving race against the stop-watch. The galley--wild handlers pounding and stomping, screaming and cheering at their dogs to return fastest with the bird to win for their owner the big cash prize. The youngster Rev was one of the favorites. And when his run came, he showed to everyone the speed, heart and intensity it took to win. With head down, bird in mouth and those quick and long-muscled strides, Rev approached the finish line a good two-seconds from the next closest time. Ah... if it hadn't been for that little bush ten feet from the finish... Rev screeched to a halt and lifted his leg, and no amount of screaming could cut short the flow before Rev trotted contentedly across the line in 2nd place.





1000  
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Dog

*Ripp*  
*GMHRCH Storm's Rippin Black Thunder*  
*Carl Strebe*

The Invitational could be Ripp's last official NAHRA test, "I'm sad to say". His health has gone down hill over the last several months. Old age and arthritis has certainly taken it's toll. Ripp's big heart and desire to please keeps him motivated, and still want's to play the game. I'll monitor his health accordingly in the future in his best interest. Ripp sired a really nice litter eighteen months ago and I kept a male, "Crash". I am really pleased. A repeat breeding is in the forecast. I joined NAHRA in the 1990s. Its been experience that has affected my life forever. Comradely, friendships, and long term hunting partners, and guiding pheasant hunts in South Dakota is a direct result of my association with NAHRA. Thank You.

*Memorable Moment*

Which one! Four hundred yard blinds in South Dakota on pheasants, or retrieving multiple ducks in Arkansas cypress swamps. Probably last year when Ripp achieved his MHRCH, MH(AKC), and HR(HRC) titles, all within a two month time frame.



*Ruby*  
*MHR Ruby Tuesday No Four SH*  
*Bob Trapp*

I got Ruby when she was just short of 6 weeks and she slept in my room and went on every vacation for the first 3 years I had her, yea she's spoiled. In the picture she was with us fishing at Neah Bay, WA.







*Rudy*  
*MHR Montana's Rowdy Rudy*  
*Doug Rowden*

*Rudy is a dual citizen hailing from Dupuyer Montana. He was the most energetic and rambunctious of 11 puppies born December 6 2005. First few days home we were somewhat concerned that the bundle of energy we had selected was now a reserved pup with little zest, but this did not last long, Rudy soon*

*realized his mission in life was to see how high he could get Doug's blood pressure. This dog had a lot of drive and needed somewhere to channel it, thus a search for a group of like-minded hunting dog folks to help me in getting Rudy on the right track. Lucky was I in finding my friend Ron Adlington whom I have to Thank for getting me involved in the NAHRA game and qualifying this week.*

*Memorable Moment*

*Rudy's first hunting trip at 10 months old provided me with a great memory and confirmation that I had a pheasant dog. His second morning out we worked along a coulee bottom when Rudy stopped, winded the air and proceeded to dart up the steep hill side to flush a lone rooster. Doug although in some awe was able to do his part and complete the scenario. The memorable day finished up with our first Montana limit and an experience I won't forget.*



*Rylee*  
*GMHR Armagh's Flirtatious Rylee*  
*Greg Doughty*

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*Sam*  
**GMHR Santee's Superstar Sam**  
*Lance Sennette*

*I was involved in field trials many years ago but due to family and work constraints fell away from it. Once I retired, I sort of "stumbled" into NAHRA. Its a great way to stay fit while having a lot of fun.*

**Memorable Moment**

*My most memorable (or should I say embarrassing) moments revolve around Sam's "creeping." Sam first qualified for the Invitational before she was two years of age. At the 2008 Invitational, however, her creeping led to her immediate downfall. Subsequently, at Salt Lake 2009, she crept on the first bird. Her creeping on the second bird caused her to somersault two feet down into a river. Somehow, she recovered and was back on the river bank to see the third bird. Amazingly enough, she retrieved all three birds. Sam and I keep working on the "creeping" but, still, I am never sure just when Sam might give me another "memorable" moment. two years of age. At the 2008 Invitational, however, her creeping led to her immediate downfall. Subsequently, at Salt Lake 2009, she crept on the first bird. Her creeping on the second bird caused her to somersault two feet down into a river. Somehow, she recovered and was back on the river bank to see the third bird. Amazingly enough, she retrieved all three birds. Sam and I keep working on the "creeping" but, still, I am never sure just when Sam might give me another "memorable" moment.*



*Smokey*  
**GMHR Magic's Smokin' TNT Explosion**  
*John Johnson*

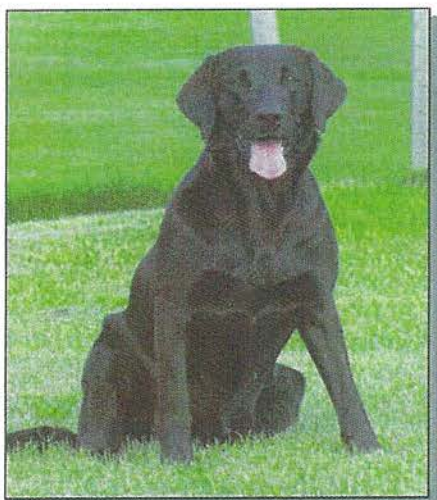
*We were originally referred to the NAHRA organization by the breeders of our first Lab puppy in 1993. The breeders told us NAHRA (Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association) was a great place to meet other hunting, training, and dog enthusiasts. After joining MSGDA we discovered how valuable and enjoyable it was to have a cohesive group of friends to help with all the various aspects of training. We also really enjoyed the fun, friendship and camaraderie we experienced while advancing our dogs and ourselves through the NAHRA program. Later we joined and participated in the Copperstate organization in Arizona and are currently a member and participant in the Puget Sound Retriever Club.*

**Memorable Moment**

*Attending and participating in the 2006 Invitational located at Scenic Mesa Ranch, Colorado. We really enjoyed the festivities and had a wonderful time. We also had lots of fun after the Invitational with a full day of pheasant hunting on the ranch. All in all it was a truly memorable experience.*





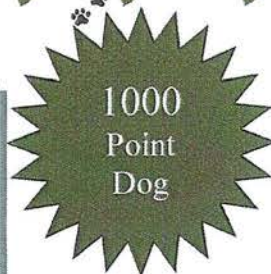
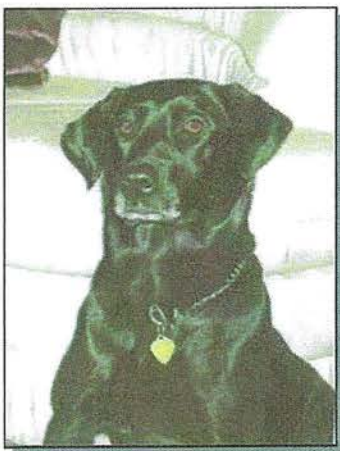


*Spirit*  
*MHR North Country's True Spirit*  
*Rick Steenhoven*

*Spirit is the 3rd generation of the North Country line. She would much rather be hunting birds in South Dakota than running hunt tests, but since the closest thing to actual hunting are hunt tests, we run them. Due to work moves she has missed out on 5 years of being able to run hunt tests, and she isn't even 7 years old.*

#### *Memorable Moment*

*Every day in the field in South Dakota is like a day in paradise for the both of us. Those memories keep us going through the rest of the year. We wouldn't miss our annual trek for anything.*



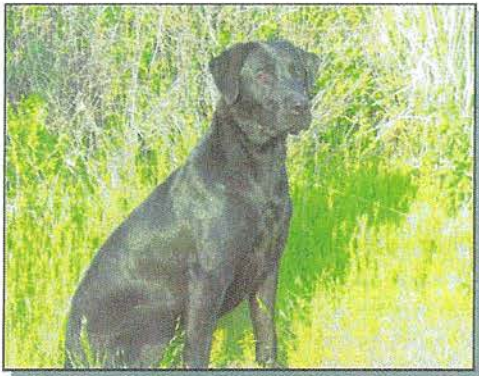
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*GMHRCH Magic's TNT Explosion of Winton*  
*(pictured left)*

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*Richard Winton*

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*Tansy*  
*GMHR MHR Rivendell's Midnight Tansy*  
*Paul Pommerening*

*Tansy has been like an unpolished gem in our life. All of our other dogs have been male labs with personalities bigger than life, so she never seemed to be in the limelight. She is just one of those sweet dogs who captures your heart and makes you glad you found her. She was actually our second dog that we trained to participate in NAHRA.*

#### *Memorable Moment*

*My most memorable experience was watching my wife Jan run her on a blind in a Canadian hunt test where unknown to the judges a clutch of downy little ducklings had their nest between the point of origin and the blind itself. As Tansy disappeared into the cattails and took a little detour we thought something was wrong. When she reappeared with little duck feet sticking out of the sides of her mouth we knew that assumption was correct. No they did not get delivered to hand.*



*Tapo*  
*GMHR WR SR Utopias Tapo II from Simi*  
*Ed Foster*

*Tapo is my fourth Labrador retriever and third NAHRA dog. As a puppy he showed great courage and excellent marking ability. He completed his Started Title before he was six months old, his WR at 19 months, and his MHR in March 2005. He has gone on to add the "G" and we are working on 1000. Tapo always wants to go; for a ride, to train, or to trial, and sometimes drives me nuts. He is a real team player and loves all aspects of retrieving and training. At 7½ he still has all the drive required of a first class retriever and puts out 100% for me. His favorite household position is snuggling next to me on the floor and trying to steal my pillow when I get up. Tapo rocks!*

#### *Memorable Moment*

*Tapo's first goose retrieve, big bird, big dog.*





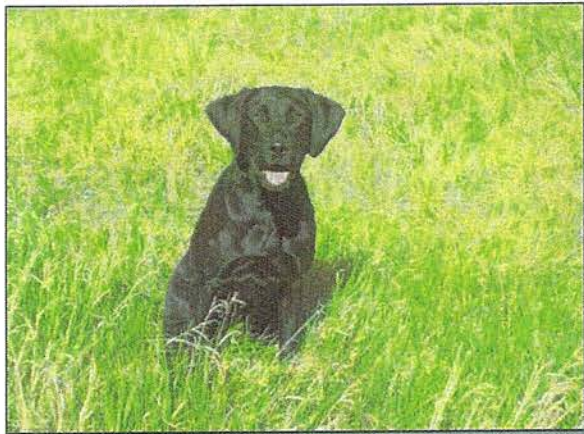


*Tayler*  
*MHR Tayler's Autumn Gold*  
*Greg Doughty*

*I entered NAHRA from pressure put on me by my hunting partner to have a better trained dog. After joining 13 years ago, and participating actively, it became so much more. Training of dogs became more than just a hobby, it became a passion. Recently my job has placed demands that has unfortunately had to limit my participation, but my desire continues on. I have met soooooo many great people that I am proud to call my friends that I am eternally grateful that I joined this great organization.*

*Memorable Moment*

*At times, as you all are probably aware, we end up giving up valuable time from our loved ones and/or friends in a lot of cases to do this thing we have become obsessed with. On this occasion (picture), I was able to spend time taking my Dad and a family friend hunting. The dogs had a great time, and for me, I was finally giving back to a person whom had originally started the passion of hunting in my veins. For that I am gratefully thankful.*



*Teal*  
*MHR Revilo's Blue Wing Brawler*  
*Shaun Brien*

*Teal is my 2nd NAHRA dog with my first (Abby) having earned her 1000 point title, and I wanted to continue with the NAHRA program so that I would make the training and hunting commitment to my dogs.*

*Memorable Moment*

*Many, many hunting days with my dogs which I really enjoy.*





*The Goon*  
*GMHR-I Silverbrook Gunar's Yellow Merkin MH*  
*Larry Housman*

*The Goon was a somewhat shy puppy, and always seemed to duck for cover whenever a camera came out, as his puppy picture will demonstrate. As he got older he came out of his shell, and now he's just a hog for the camera, as you can tell from the picture. Our boy is a good hunting dog, an erratic test dog, but an absolutely great family dog and a joy to live with. We wouldn't trade him for the world.*

*Memorable Moment*

*My most memorable experience with the Goon occurred at the 2008 SWPA test when he befriended one of the ducks on the Senior II water series. Even though that visual is burned into the retinas of all who were there that day, he somehow managed to get his GMHR, so the day did have a happy ending. At any given time I would have to say that his second most memorable experience would be his most recent water blind, many of which are adventures in failed brinksmanship.*



*Torito*

*MHR Torito En Fuego De Cabo*  
*Manny Salazar*



*We joined NAHRA after going to a Hunt Test with our nephew. We had a two year old chocolate Lab that we bought from friends for a house pet. Our nephew had purchased his dog from a breeder/trainer that was a strong supporter of NAHRA. That was 10-1/2 years ago. Torito is our third Lab and the son of our second Lab, Cabo. Several years ago, the daughter of our good friends, Bob and Ruby Rogers, asked if we would breed Cabo with her female and we always said, "We'll see." After Ruby passed away from a blood clot developed from spraining her ankle while running her Lab at a NAHRA Hunt Test in AZ., the next time her daughter, Leslie asked, we said "Of course" and we kept, Torito.*

*Memorable Moment*

*In 2009, Torito and I went to the NAHRA Hunt Test at the Central Coast HRC in Camp Roberts, CA. Torito was two years and four months old and having good days and puppy days. On Saturday, we passed the Intermediate Test for his Title; but, did not pass the Senior Test. Sunday was a different day. It was the proudest day I've had as a handler and with a young dog. He did all of the work, including running river water and passed where many more experienced dogs did not. That day, I felt we became a team.*

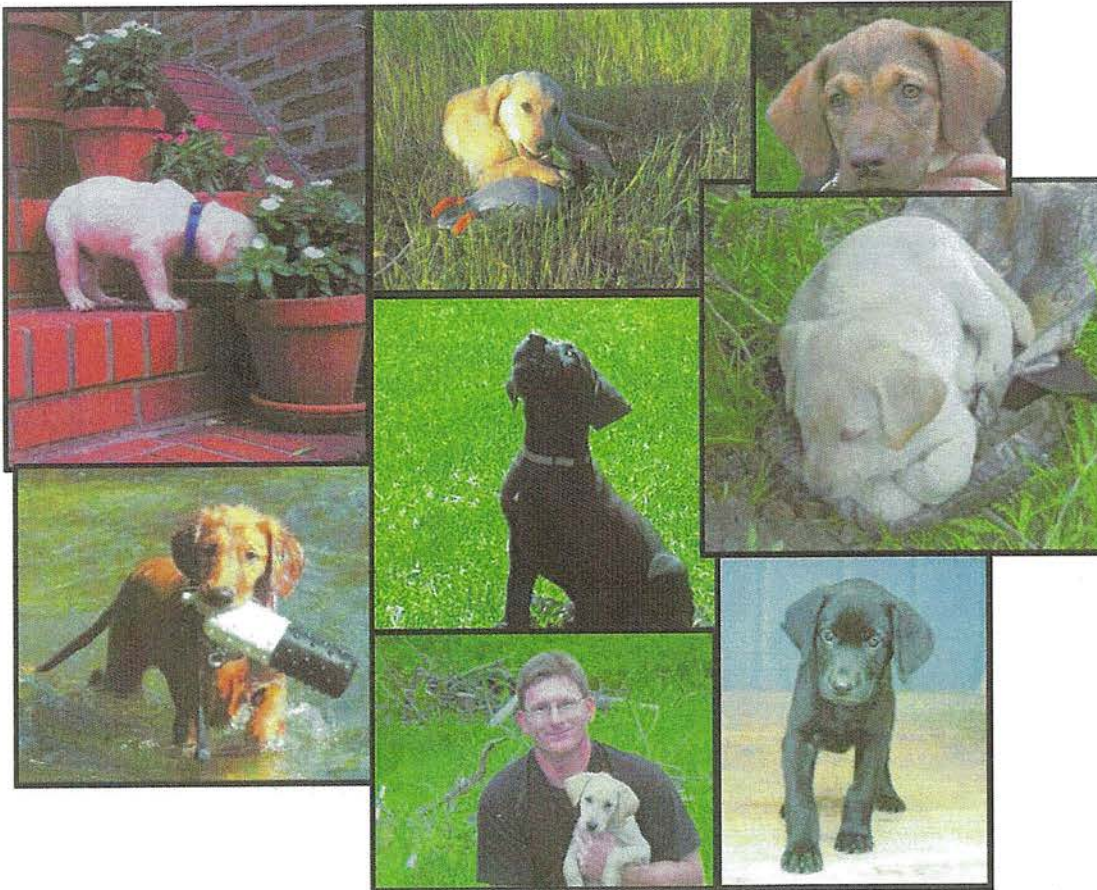






*Wily*  
*MHR The Sagacious Wild Thing*  
*Harry Williams*

*Wily was born in our bedroom. He is a relaxed gentleman at home that lets the grandkids climb onto him, pull his ear or hang onto his tail. In the field he is extremely intense. It's best to be on your toes.*





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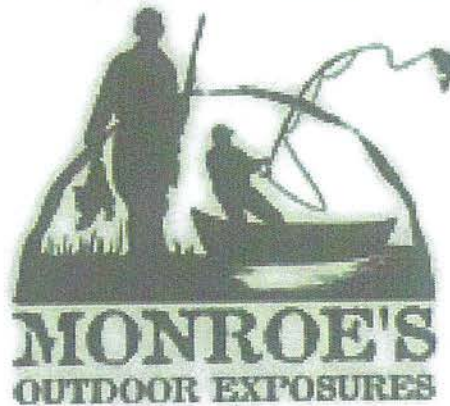
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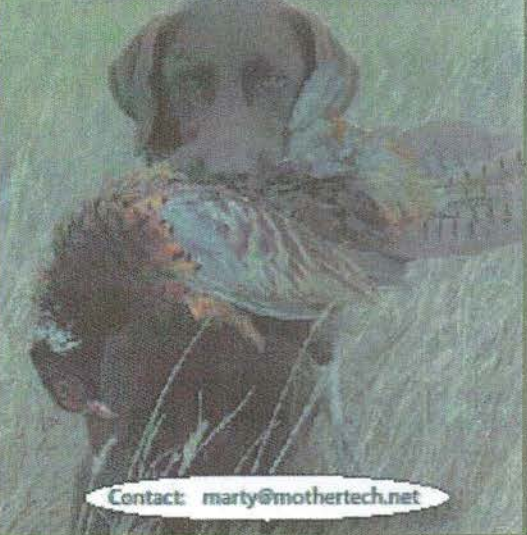
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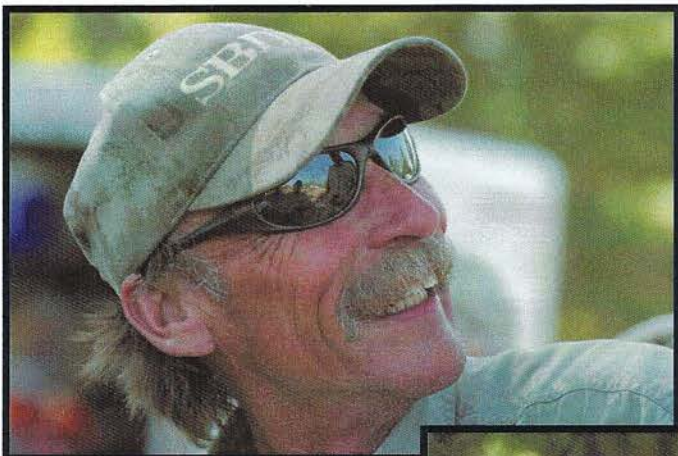
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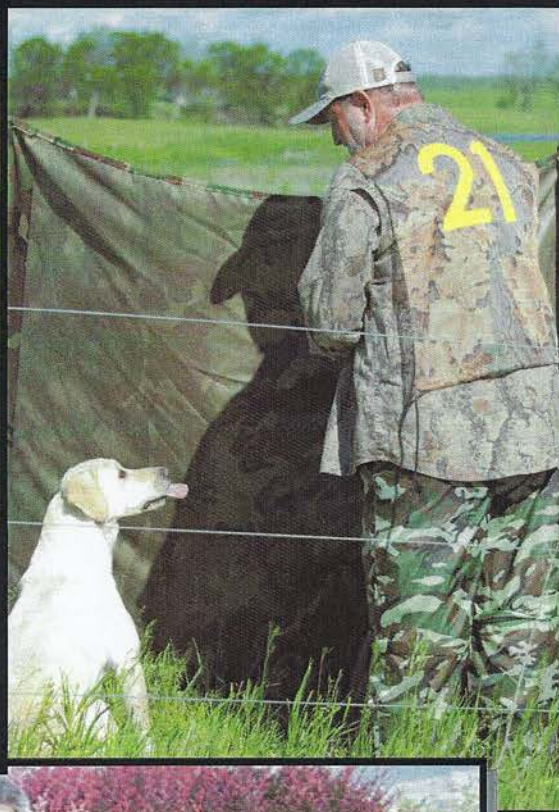
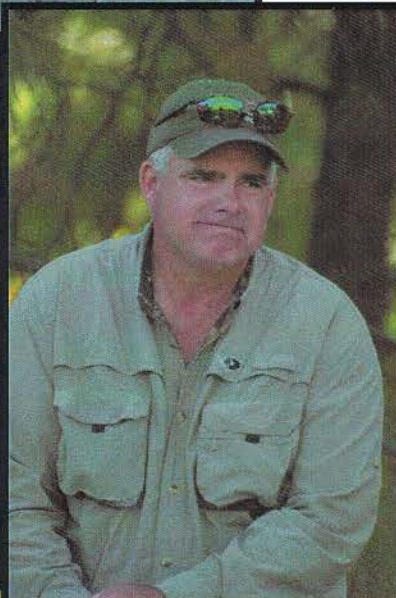
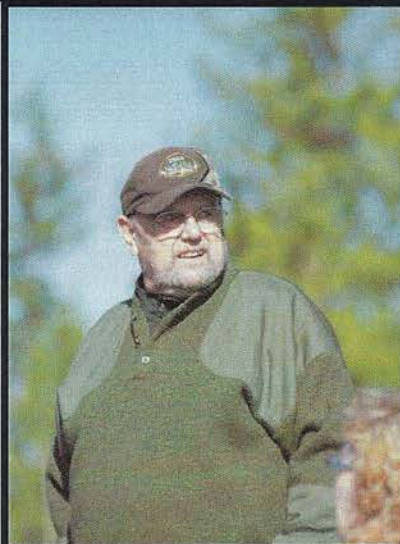
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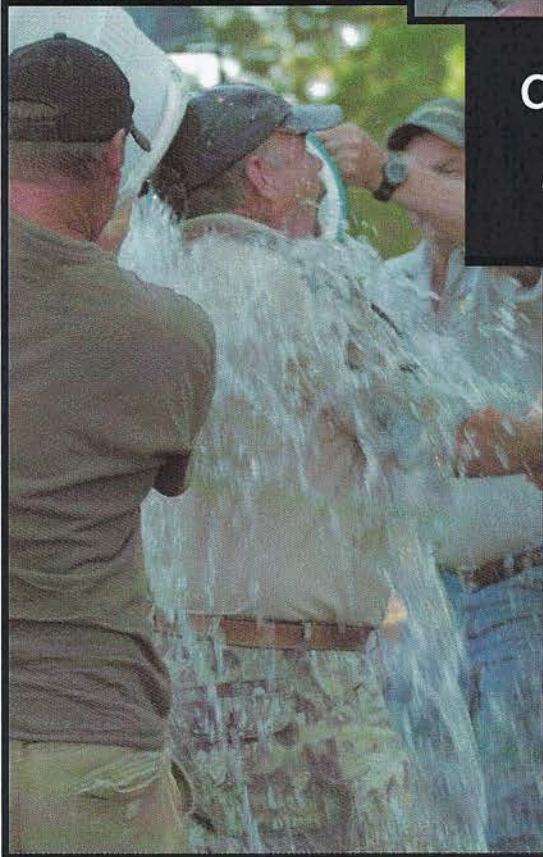




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