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The 2014 Invitational Committee would like to thank all the people that have helped to make this event special. First, a big “thank you” goes to the handler's for their participation their time to attend and support this event. We could not provide such a special week without of the support of the advertisers and sponsors for all their donations: whether they have donated items to sponsor stakes, handler and judges gifts, or raffle items. The NAHRA membership and or clubs that bought or sold tickets for this year's Invitational have been a tremendous help. Additionally, we must not forget the volunteers that will work a gun station, throw birds, or help in some other fashion. We have a great organization to use as a springboard, but without everyone working together we would not have this type of marquee event to promote and validate the NAHRA hunting retriever concept.

THANK YOU,
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Chairman Letter

On behalf of the Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association and the 2014 Invitational Committee;

Welcome to the 2014 NAHRA Invitational!

The Invitational is NAHRA's annual event showcasing the skills of NAHRA's finest retrievers and handlers. Participation is open to all NAHRA dogs who have earned their MHR title or above. It is a three day test incorporating all of the elements of the NAHRA testing program.

Joel Summers

2014 NAHRA Invitational Chair

A special Thank you to Adam Boyd and his family for giving us the use of his property for this event.

The Boyd family has supported the local Sporting Dog Community, and their events for years, and we appreciate it very much!



NAHRA President Letter

A hearty welcome to all of you who have travelled so far to participate in the 2014 NAHRA Invitational and hats off to the home team who have put so much energy into hosting the event. On behalf of the NAHRA Board of Directors and the membership, I congratulate the members of the Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association on their efforts to bring this event to Alaska for the first time and to all of you who have made it to "the Big Dance." Although Alaskans have been a part of NAHRA from the beginning, this is the first time they have had the opportunity to host the event and it appears from all accounts to be a memorable time for all.

I am especially thrilled for our Alaskan Members have the opportunity to participate in this event probably for the first time as it has likely been beyond their means to travel down to the lower 48 where the event has been held since NAHRA began. When you stop to think about the tough road Alaskan dogs and handlers have to get here, the accomplishment becomes so much larger. Short training and testing seasons, few opportunities to qualify and all of the dangers of having a dog in such harsh country make it very difficult to build an MHR which many see as matter of fact. We are spoiled in the south with so many more opportunities in comparison to our Alaskan friends and should take a moment to congratulate them on such an accomplishment. So when you see someone from the home team running a dog this week, give them a pat on the back for reaching such a lofty goal and thank them for keeping NAHRA strong in Alaska.

I can safely say that I am jealous that I cannot be with all of you this week as the day job once again got in my way. However, I will be thinking of you all as you run some of North America's finest hunting retrievers in one of the most picturesque places in the world. I have been to the Palmer Area myself so I know firsthand what it holds in store for you and some of the adventures you may partake of during your stay. Enjoy the ride and please take a moment between runs to just look around you and take in what surrounds you.

While I hope everyone comes home with a ribbon, it is not the most important thing if you don't. The fact that you have produced one of the continents finest hunting retrievers is what really matters. The dog that will hit that cold water time after time, bust the brush to push out a stubborn upland bird or trail a cripple into the heavy alders to conserve our precious natural resources. It causes us to remember that it is the NAHRA dog who will hunt anything, anywhere, any time!

So when you go to the line this week, you can lose the butterflies by knowing you have built one fine gun dog as well as the perfect team player. The hunting companion that is never late, never seems to have a complaint and will stay as long as you like. Win or lose, this partner will be ready for whatever is next and be willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

Have a wonderful event and safe travels. And don't feed the bears!

Pick em up clean!

Frank Plewa,
NAHRA President

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, June 18th

- 9:00 AM Handlers Meeting at Boyd's Farm - Welcome speech from Test Secretary, Introduction of Judges & Committee, Give out details regarding test grounds.
- 10:00 AM Bitch Check - All females must be checked by vet to make sure they are not in season – Dr. Joe Grohs, Alaska Equine & Small Animal Hospital.
- 10:15 AM Handing out of ordered birds for those not having picked up birds prior to Orientation.
- 6:00 PM Welcome Banquet at Palmer Elks Lodge

Thursday, June 19th

- 9:00 AM First Series Testing Begins

Friday, June 20th

- 9:00 AM Trail/Upland Testing begins

Saturday, June 21st

- 9:00 AM Final Series Testing begins
- 6:00 PM Award Ceremony and Dinner at Palmer American Legion

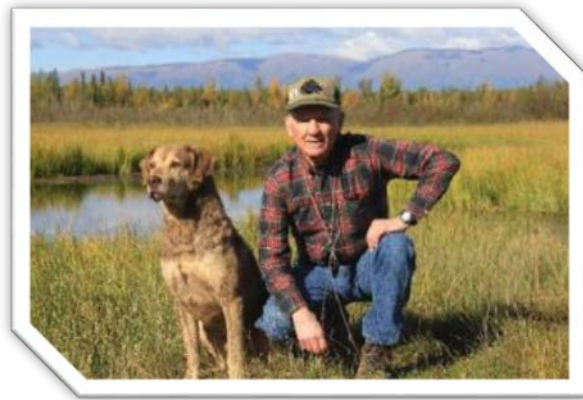
Sunday, June 22nd

Alternate Testing Day if Necessary



2014 Invitational Judges

Jim Sheridan- Alaska



I was a Federal Game Warden for about 30 years. I worked all over the country, from Alaska to Louisiana and California to Maine. In my work I saw a great many hunters with dogs in the fields and marshes. 90% of the dogs would not qualify in a NAHRA Started Test. When I heard of NAHRA and it's hunt test program I went to an event here in Alaska to see what it was all about. I immediately said to myself these are the standards every hunter should be training their dogs to. I have trained two dogs to their senior titles, a Golden and a Chesapeake. I am looking forward to seeing all of the fine dogs that will be coming to the Invitational knowing that they are the top 1% of all the retrievers hunters take afield.

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Laura Fletcher – California

Hi! My name is Laura Fletcher. I have been a member of NAHRA since 1985. I think. My husband hated dog shows, which is what I did with my first Labrador, Mckenna. Due to a very persistent young lady, the then, Stacey Bell, I was persuaded to bring my fat little, seven mo. old “show dog” out to a local lake, to see if he could do what he was meant to do....retrieve!

Steve, my husband, came with me. The rest so they say is history! That little pup was a maniac retrieving on land and water. He became our first NAHRA titled dog, WR Drycreek’s Flying Dutchman JH, SH. He was the start of my addiction to Hunt Tests, both NAHRA and AKC.



I have so many great memories because of NAHRA, of course, too many to write down here. But one of the highlights, was meeting Richard Walters, when he attended the first SW Regional Invitational Hunt Test, held at the Los Banos State Wildlife Refuge, hosted by my club, the San Joaquin Hunting Retriever Club. It was such a pleasure. He was bigger than life with his Mark Twain qualities. He was controversial with some of his opinions, but he definitely provoked our thoughts about our beloved Labrador Retrievers origins, and that our breeding programs should always keep in mind what these awesome dogs were bred to do, which is swim and retrieve. Also Richard took lots of pictures, including one I am very proud

of. My husband Steve, and Dutch are in Richard’s 2nd edition of his book: The Labrador Retriever. Steve ran Dutch as the Test Dog for our Regional. Many of the original members of the SJHRC are in that picture as well.

Over the years, Steve and I have had some great dogs competing for their titles, three of our girls became NAHRA Master Hunters. One of them, Sureshot Drycreeks’ Covergirl, “Covey”, became an AKC Master Dog, and NAHRA Master Hunter. She and I won our club’s coveted “Shoot To Retrieve” Gun Dog Champion Belt Buckle. She was also a Best of Breed, specialty placing show dog. Covey was just the epitome of the all-purpose Labrador Retriever. That is why I chose a picture of the two of us for this Bio.

Last, I want to say what an honor it is to be chosen to be a judge at this NAHRA invitational. Even though, I have slowed way down on my training program, I will never lose my passion and appreciation for fine Retrievers, working on land or water, no matter what the breed. I applaud all the hard working people who keep NAHRA alive. How special this organization is to keep one thought always at the forefront of its rules and regulations year after year; this is a competition for “hunting companions”!

2014 NAHRA Invitational

Sincerely, Laura Fletcher, Drycreek Labradors

John Fincher - New York

I bought my first Labrador retriever in April 1985 and joined WNYRC in 1986. This set me on the journey of a lifetime that has afforded me the chance to have a great hunting dog by my side in the field. The Club has grown a great deal since then and I have truly enjoyed helping all the new folks get started and watching & learning from the more experienced members with their new pups. I've also learned a great deal about testing and trialing, especially the considerable coordination and hard work involved in hosting the events. Not enough can be said about these dedicated individuals who I am proud to work beside year after year.



I live in Pembroke, NY just northeast of Buffalo. I am lucky to have Tonawanda Wildlife Management Area, Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge and Oak Orchard Wildlife Management Area right in my backyard so I don't need to travel very far for good hunting and training grounds. I became a member of NAHRA in 1987 and have continued to enjoy training my own dogs: GMHR WR Princess Daffnie was my first dog, GMHR WR Russets Prince Odis, a pup from Princess was my second dog. GMHR WR Kelly Ann Fincher is my third generation. GMHR WR Finchers Jess Ever Standing fourth generation GMHR which I have trained utilizing several excellent books: Hey Pup Fetch It Up – by Bill Tarrant, Training Retrievers To Handle – by D.L. and

Ann Walters, The Working Retriever – by Tom Quinn, Water Dog – by Richard A. Walters, Tri-Tronics Retriever Training – by Jim and Phyllis Dobbs.

The NAHRA organization, like many others, is continually changing and evolving. One thing that sets NAHRA apart from many others is our people. Over the years I have had the good fortune to meet a lot of new people and make many new and valued friends. I received my NAHRA judges card in 1992 and as a judge I try to set up very straight-forward tests. I like to make sure that the dogs are good hunting partners with good field obedience. The question to answer - "Would I want to hunt beside this dog?" I feel honored to be selected as a judge for this esteemed event and I look forward with pleasure to watching the dog and handler teams challenge the tests put before them.

Congratulations to all this year's qualifiers for you have already accomplished what many others continue to strive for. I hope everyone enjoys the NAHRA program as much as I have and this year's RAW Invitational. GOOD LUCK TO ALL!



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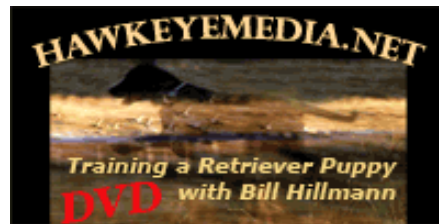
Handler Kody Bull



**CH MHR Blaze's Firewater
Chaser On Deck "Hitch"**

Handler Julie Wolter



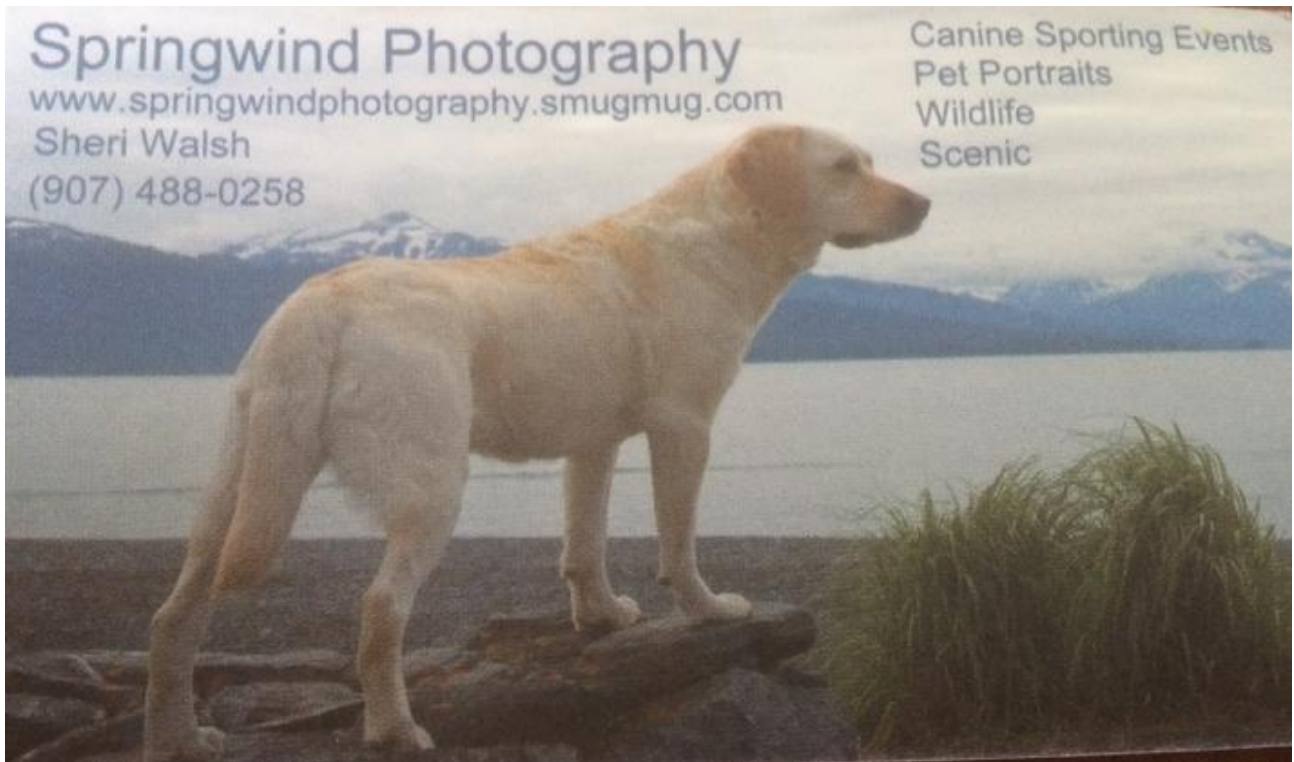


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The 2014 NAHRA Invitational Committee is excited to announce that Sheri Walsh will be the official Invitational photographer at this year's event. Please check out her website at

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Registered Name: CH CHUGACH'S KATMAI TAZLINA SH MHR

Registration Number: SR32183602

Owner: Michael Vogel

Date of Birth: 01/11/2006

Color: Deadgrass **Sex:** Female

Sire: Tutka's Tundra Decked Terror MH MHR***

Dam: CH Katmai Chugach Splendor MH***

Call Name: Tazlina

Handler: Mike Vogel

Breed: Chesapeake Bay Retriever

Breeder: Michael Vogel

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Tazzy is my hunter extraordinaire. She has an outstanding nose and uses it extremely well. Last fall, she was responsible for the harvesting of 50 roosters, despite it being a poor year for most in the area that I hunt. Additionally, she hunted in five different states and retrieved in addition to the pheasants, ptarmigan, chukar, quail, ducks, Hungarian partridge, and two species of grouse. Tazzy has won the 'Chukar Challenge' which is a competitive event put on by the Arctic Bird Dog Club. She beat all the pointers, setters, and spaniels and did it at their own game. Tazzy is a dog whom naturally quarters. She is very well built and has a great coat which led to a brief show career. Despite being the only deadgrass in the ring, she quickly achieved 3 majors and had her CH.

Registered Name: MHR WR O'S DELTA MARSH BLADE RUNNER SH

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Registration Number: SR59960408

Owner: Dick & Kathy Ofstedal

Date of Birth: 11/20/2009

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Male

Sire: GMHR-II HRCH DELTA MARSH FIRESTORM CHASE SH

Dam: GMHRCH-II HOLZINGER CHAI LATTE MH

Call Name: Blade

Handler: Dan Hove

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Dan Hove

Blade was not going to make the trip this year since Kathy and I are flying to Alaska with only one dog (Sushi). However, Dan Hove agreed to take Blade on his road trip to the Invitational and be Blade's handler. The Dan/Blade team is special for several reasons. Dan had taken time off his dog training to focus on, as he says, "kicking cancer's ass". This Invitational would have been the only one he had not judged or run a dog since 2006. Now that he is back to training he needed a dog to run. Blade is from a long line of NAHRA champions that were bred by Dan and Patsy. Belle, Grace, Chai, Chase, Izzy, and Cane have contributed to Blade's passion for birds and competition. Here is to celebrating Dan's "Kicking Cancer's Ass" 2014 Invitational adventure with Blade!



I (Dan) am extremely proud to walk to the line with a talented dog like Blade. Taking all things into perspective, no matter what happens, I'm still just as honored and proud of that young spitfire dog!

Registered Name: GMHRCH THE SAGACIOUS WILD THING QAA

Registration Number: SR29529308

Call Name: Wily

Owner: Harry Williams

Handler: Harry Williams

Date of Birth: 4/16/2007

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Yellow **Sex:**

Male

Breeder: HP Williams

Sire: FC AFC DARE TO DREAM

Dam: GMHR WISHFUL THINKING QAA

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Born in our bedroom, Wily was a product of a breeding between Cosmo and our Hope. I wanted a big water yellow male to run trials with. I quickly learned that I had my hands full. His natural abilities and his pliability (teamwork) have enabled an extremely accurate marker that runs blinds with style and precision. His drive, intelligence and sagacity more than made up for my mistakes.

He's an absolute joy around the house. He's very attentive, laid back and a wonderful playmate for the grandkids. Nora calls him "handsome". He's very special to us.



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Registered Name: MHR Millie Triple "D" Wetlander MH

Registration Number: SR53669204

Call Name: Millie

Owner: Patrick & Lou Ann Clark

Handler: Patrick Clark

Date of Birth: 12/01/2008

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

Breeder: James W. Portch

Sire: SHOEMAKERS RADIATOR MH

Dam: NORTHWIND'S SASSY LITTLE GIRL

Millie is a five year old Alaska bred Lab that clearly picked us out to be her humans when we viewed the litter at Jim Portch's house in Eagle River Alaska. She is a NAHRA Senior Hunter, UKC Finished Hunter, AKC Master Hunter, and really loves "the game". Most importantly she is A big part of our family, and truly loves to hunt. Like many Alaska dogs she travels around the state hunting with us and probably has more Cub and 207 time than most people in the lower 48. She is very proud to be running in n the invitational and says she will do her best. In her off time she enjoys sitting in Mom's lap and making sure the fireplace is well guarded during the winter.



Registered Name: MHR HURRICANES RUFF SAILING MH

Registration Number: SR62456611

Owner: Phillip & Karen Hines

Date of Birth: 4/24/2010

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Male

Sire: WALKER BRANCH CEO IS A SAILOR

Dam: HURRICANES STORMY GALE

Call Name: Ruffy

Handler: Phil Hines or Dan Hove

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Phillip & Cheryl Giarth

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Ruffy is the most affectionate dog I have ever owned. He is always looking for the extra scratch behind the ear or the rub at the base of his tail. Between spreading his extra dose of affection he has managed to become a solid hunting and testing dog. His second favorite activity, behind hunting and running hunt trials, is riding in the truck with his head on my lap. He has never met another dog that he doesn't like or a game he doesn't want to play.

Registered Name: MHR GOOD GOLLY MATANUSKA MIDNIGHT MOLLY MH

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Registration Number: SR52265501

Owners: Peter J. and Eileen Probasco

Date of Birth: 08/12/08

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

Sire: Russian 'River Rendezvous MH

Dam: Twin Lakes Midnight Special

Call Name: Molly

Handler: Peter J. Probasco

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Woody Thurman

Molly came to Alaska via Twin Lakes Kennel in North Carolina. She was the only pup in the litter, but Woody Thurman made sure she acclimated correctly by placing a couple of other pups from another litter with her. Throughout our lives together, my wife and I have had numerous labs, all were great companions and a few terrific hunters. However, it was not until Molly came into our lives and we met up with Baron Rea from Wetland Retrievers, that our appreciation for a properly and well trained companion became apparent. Baron took both pup and owner under his wing. Molly learned quickly, but I was not as savvy and learned at a much slower rate. The efforts of Baron have paid off and over the past 5 years Molly went on to earn her NAHRA MHR and AKC's Junior, Senior and Master Titles. Molly really doesn't care what type of hunting we do together. She's always at our side from harvesting moose and caribou to fill the family freezer, to her passion of retrieving the waterfowl we pursue along the endless miles of Alaska's rivers and lakes shores.



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Registered Name: GMHRCH-II HR SILVERBROOK'S SMOKE ON THE WATER SH

Registration Number: SR33701206

Owner: David & Ann Mellender

Date of Birth: 4/15/2006

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Male

Sire: SILVERBROOK'S AMAZING SPARKLE BOY

Dam: SILVERBROOK'S HIGH HOPES

Call Name: Smoke

Handler: David Mellender

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Patricia Jagoda

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Ann and I picked Smoke up from Silverbrook Kennels on June 3, 2006, that is the day that this journey began. Since Smoke started training he has always been eager to please and excited to make the retrieve. Smoke achieved his "Started" title in May of 2007 and his "Grand Master Hunting Retriever" in October 2009.

Our hunting, training and NAHRA hunt test have taken us to many wonderful places; Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls and to Vermont and the LCRC in August 2013 where he achieved is "Grand Master Hunting Retriever Champion" title. Smoke's excitement for the game has not faded, his tail wags constantly, whether we are doing bumpers in the yard, training, hunting adventures or for the grand kids rubbing his ears; with all this excitement we never know when the next "break" is going to happen.

We have met so many wonderful people and dogs along the way, some that have become dear friends thru the NAHRA family. The hunt tests and Invitational give us time to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones.

We are excited to continue this journey with our NAHRA family.



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Registered Name: MHR UH Riveradds Whitie Two Toes MH QAA

Registration Number: SR51257402

Owner: Kody Bull

Date of Birth: 8/8/2008

Color: Black **Sex:** Male

Sire: MHR ABE'S LEWIS RIVER PICK

Dam: GMHR UH KALI'S ADDAGIRL

Call Name: Zink

Handler: Kody Bull

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Kody Bull

Zink is my third NAHRA MHR, he comes from my female Addy who is the only current NAHRA GMHR in Alaska, and he is also out of the only breeding since 2008, in which both parents had their NAHRA MHR titles.

Zink is very special to me and my family. He is enjoyable to hunt with and is usually enjoyable on the line. We are honored to be a part of the 2014 NAHRA Invitational, and would like to thank everyone for making the trip up here.

Best of luck to everyone!



Registered Name: GMHR THE SAGACIOUS GROUND FORCE QFTR

Registration Number: SR53408104
Owner: Harry Williams
Date of Birth: 11/27/2008
Color: Yellow **Sex:** Male
Sire: NAFC FC CODY CUT A LEAN GRADE
Dam: GMHR WISHFUL THINKING QAA

Call Name: Tank
Handler: Harry Williams
Breed: Labrador Retriever
Breeder: HP Williams

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I guess the most descriptive thing I can say about Tank is WOW! He's the dog that brings alive the dream I had as a kid. At times I remember what it was like. I am humbled and honored to spend time in the field with him. His field performances just seem to keep getting better and better. But the idle times are often the most enjoyable. I like my four legged shadow very much!!!

Registered Name: MHR U-CDX CAN OTCH WYNWOOD TALK OF THE TOWN CAN WCX SH

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Registration Number: SR55089806
Owner: Barbara Walmer
Date of Birth: 02/18/2009
Color: Gold **Sex:** Female
Sire: AFTCH MHR WYNWOOD'S JOKERS ARE WILD MNH CD WCX OS CAN. CDX MH WCX
Dam: SHR AMBERTRAILS SAY WHAT U WANT MH CCA WCX OD

Call Name: Gossip
Handler: Barbara Walmer
Breed: Golden Retriever
Breeder: Renee Schulte
Sire: AFTCH MHR WYNWOOD'S JOKERS ARE WILD MNH CD WCX OS CAN. CDX MH WCX
Dam: SHR AMBERTRAILS SAY WHAT U WANT MH CCA WCX OD

Gossip came to me at 9 weeks of age with a great aptitude for competition obedience, fieldwork, and agility. I have been very lucky to have such a great teammate to learn fieldwork with. Earning Gossip's MHR last year was something we worked very hard for and an accomplishment I am proud of.

Over the years and throughout multiple venues we have become a great team and I enjoy the time we spend working together. When not working Gossip is a very easy dog to live with and pleasure to be around.



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Registered Name: MHR WR VALHALLA'S VALKYRIE BAY MIST

Registration Number: SR25415201

Owner: James Hundemer

Date of Birth: 4/13/2005

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

Sire: FC AFC CAROLINAS SMOKE ON THE WATER

Dam: GMHR HANG ON SLOOPY II

Call Name: Mist

Handler: James Hundemer

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Dan Storts and Dana Storts

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Mist came into my life just over nine years ago as a forty-five day old black ball of fur and intensity. She has grown to become an excellent retriever and companion, and her intensity has not waned with the passage of time. She is preeminent in the pheasant fields of North Dakota where speed and accuracy are required to ensure the recovery of downed birds, while on Maryland's Eastern Shore she has wowed our hunting companions by making marked retrieves on geese exceeding 350 yards.

Running Mist in field tests is like the excitement of driving a Ferrari, you never have to be concerned about enough power but

you are always on the razor's edge of control. She is pure joy to hunt and handle and I am certain there will never be another dog like her in my life.

Registered Name: MHR FINGER LAKES RAMBLIN MAN SH

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Registration Number: SR44043804

Owner: Matt Arndt

Date of Birth: 07/02/2007

Color: Black **Sex:** Male

Sire: ROUND LAKES SHOW ME THE WAY SH

Dam: QUEEN ALLIE OF ARCTIC JH

Call Name: Waylon

Handler: Matt Arndt

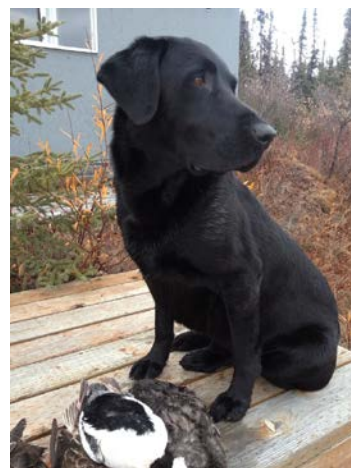
Breed: Labrador retriever

Breeder: Dan Glucky

Waylon and I started this journey 6 1/2 years ago. We were both as green as the cover of Richard Wolters book Game Dog. Which is all I had to begin the process of training my new pup. In the beginning I really couldn't imagine that we would grow as a team to earn our MHR Title. We were able to do so with the help of many fine folks that took the time to offer their help along the way. In addition to the field work Waylon has become a faithful companion that accompanies me almost everywhere I go.

Participating in this premier NAHRA event is truly a honor for me. I look forward to getting to know all my fellow handlers and dogs from across the continent. I wish you all the best of luck! Welcome to Alaska!!

Matt Arndt



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Registered Name: GMHR-II SILVERBROOK'S LIFE OF BRIAN MH

Registration Number: SR56578001

Owner: Larry Housman & Victoria Pepper

Date of Birth: 5/14/2009

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Male

Sire: GMHR HRCH UH SILVERBROOK'S AMAZING SPARKLE BOY MH

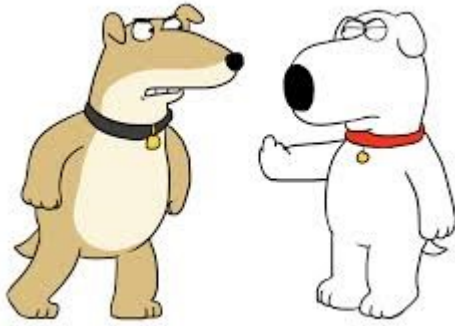
Dam: MHR SILVERBROOK'S MUSTANG SALLY

Call Name: Bry

Handler: Larry Housman

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Trish Jagoda



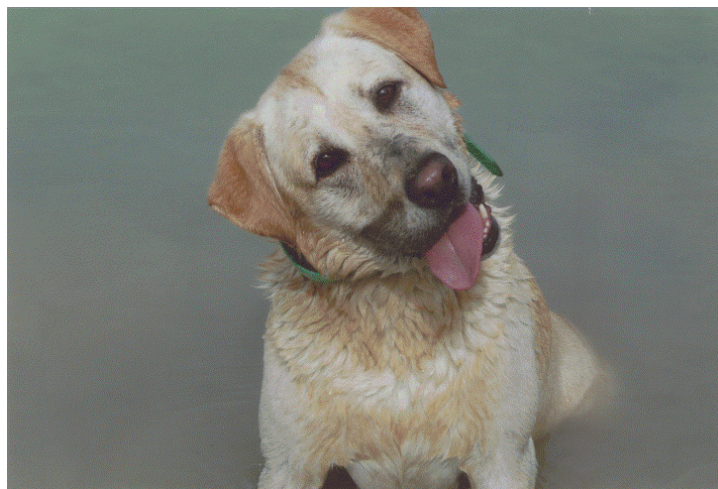
Bry has had quite a worrisome year since the 2013 Invitational, including the loss of his Uncle Goon in March, and the arrival of young NPRC's Basking In The Glow of Good Enough - Hank (on the left above) just before Christmas. Hank immediately set out to be the new alpha dog, much to the chagrin of Bry, and after only 5 months in the house he achieved his goal with the alacrity of an Egyptian coup.

We can only hope his future blind work goes as smoothly. Nonetheless, Bry has had a good test season and we are all looking forward to a successful conclusion to our first Alaska trip.



GMHR-II Silverbrook Gunar's Yellow Merkin

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Registered Name: GMHR DAKOTA CREEK'S ROYAL NAVIGATOR MH

Registration Number: CKC 1101198

Owner: Susan & Chris Snow

Date of Birth: 12/18/2007

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

Sire: WATERDOG'S SURE SHOT TURBOJET MH

Dam: HRCH SCOOP'S LITTLE SCOUT

Call Name: Gee

Handler: Sue Snow

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Lisa Hartman

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In 2007 we were looking for a new addition to our dog family. We had a deposit on a litter that was not to be and with a friend's phone call we found Gee and have never looked back!

She comes by her call name naturally, as "Gee" was the British Royal Air Force's nickname for a radar detection program during WWII. They used it to detect planes, while we use it to keep track of this bird finding machine!

Quiet and intense on the line, Gee has proven herself to be a very driven competitor in NAHRA fields tests as well as CKC field trials and hunt tests. Her pups have followed in her footsteps and are currently running NAHRA Senior, CKC Master and CKC field trials in both Derby and Qual.



The NAHRA program has developed Gee into an all-round retriever who is as comfortable hunting waterfowl in Ontario as she is upland hunting in South Dakota.

Registered Name: MHR WAYLON'S LITTLE GIRL SH

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Registration Number: SR61520105

Owner: Michael Hemmer

Date of Birth: 03/31/2010

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

Sire: MHR FINGER LAKES RAMLIN MAN SH

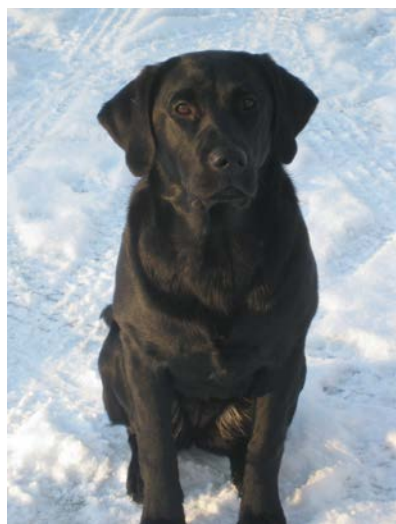
Dam: MIDNIGHT RIA DE NEGRO

Call Name: Black Betty

Handler: Michael Hemmer

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Jeff Bye



From the time Black Betty was a pup, she was passionate in her focus and enthusiasm to please me by learning and remembering her training drills.

Any outdoor outing is never long enough for Betty even with the extra-long sunlit days of Alaskan Summers.

I owe many thanks to my Midnight Sun club members for their training time and advice. A special remembrance of the late Roy McFall for all his dog training help and great E-collar stories. A huge thanks to Tom Rosin for teaching me the meaning of a 'no slip' dog....I still can't get her to stop 'dancing' on the field but that's my girl, Black Betty.

Registered Name:

MHR U-UD CAN MOTCH HEADS UP CAUSE FOR RIOT SH WCX AGI AGNJ RE GCN AM CDX

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Registration Number: CKC PA917004

Owner: Barbara Walmer

Date of Birth: 01/17/2004

Color: Dark Gold

Sex: Male

Sire: FC AFC OTCH FTCH AFTCH Can MOTCH TNT's Stanley Steamer UDX WCX Can MH OBHF FDHF OS

Dam: UH HRCH GMH Goldnguns Dynamite Diva Can QFTR *** MH WCX OD

Call Name: Riot

Handler: Jennifer Richards

Breed: Golden Retriever

Breeder: Anne Everett

I have known Riot since he was a young dog and he has been the best teammate one could ever ask for. I am very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with him to develop my skills as a handler. One year ago I celebrated my first senior pass with Riot and since then we have continued to grow as a team. Riot has celebrated numerous accomplishments in multiple venues, however Riot's true love is evident when he's at work in the field.



Registered Name: MHR COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S ROUGH RIDER

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Registration Number: SR63775508

Owner: Tony Carlo

Date of Birth: 8/6/2010

Color: Black

Sex: Male

Sire: TEXAS POINTING LABS NITRO'S HIGH CALIBER

Dam: STILLWATER'S MAGGIE RED ROCK

Call Name: Teddy

Handler: Tony Carlo

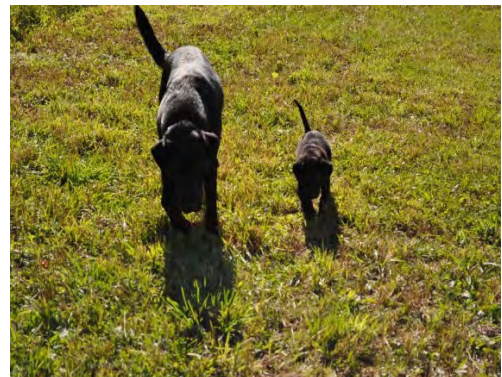
Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Tim Galeazzi

Teddy may not be the most graceful dog, but he tries hard. He has an uninhibited desire to please, a real team player.

Teddy is definitely a Rough Rider; the kind of man that kicks in the saloon doors, makes his way to the bar spilling every drink he comes near, then buys the house a round.

You just can't not like him.



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Registered Name: MHR O'S DELTA MARSH YELLOW TAIL SUSHI

Registration Number: SR70644306

Owner: Dick & Kathy Ofstedal

Date of Birth: 11/21/2011

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Female

Sire: CEDARBROOK SURESHOT ATLAS

Dam: OFG BLACK CHROME

Call Name: Sushi

Handler: Dick Ofstedal

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Travis Lund

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When I called Kathy from former NAHRA member Doug Dodge's Ranch in Oklahoma and said Doug had a pup we just had to add to our two-dog family, she was a bit skeptical. When she heard the proposed name – O's Delta Marsh Yellow Tail Sushi, she thought it was an omen for great things to come. (Kathy loves the actual fish yellow tail sushi and finds a sushi restaurant to eat at about twice per week.)

Sushi, the dog, has proven to be a fast learner and excellent marker. At the tender age of 20 months, she double staked in Intermediate and Senior tests last summer to qualify for the Invitational. I am trying to minimize the mistakes I made with my first two talented dogs – Chase and Blade. So far, so good.

Enjoying the week with NAHRA friends and great dogs in Alaska is a highlight of the year. Kathy and I have planned an extended stay in Alaska to see the sites for a once in a life time adventure. It is fun to be living the dream!!!!!!

Registered Name: MHR LEWIS RIVER ROCKET QAA

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Registration Number: SR51257401

Owner: Mike & Susie Moody

Date of Birth: 08/08/2008

Color: Black **Sex:** Male

Sire: MHR ABE'S LEWIS RIVER PICK

Dam: GMHR KALI'S ADDAGIRL

Call Name: Rocky

Handler: Mike Moody

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Kody Bull

Rocky is the second dog that has taken me through the NAHRA program to a MHR. Along the way, he and his Dad River taught me enough that I don't mess up too much anymore.

Rocky is actually two dogs. If you saw him lying on his pad in our house, you would swear he was a couch potato lacking even one quick-twitch fiber. The only thing moving would be his eyes as he watched you walk past. Pull out the camo or take him training or hunting, and an amazing transformation occurs. He is suddenly on high alert, with energy to match. Any reason to stretch out and run hard is cause for celebration, especially if he gets to run long. You probably think dogs don't smile, but I swear Rocky does sometimes after a long mark, especially a flyer.



Rocky enjoys training and testing, but lives to hunt. He is a very good waterfowl hunter who has retrieved many ducks and quite a few geese. But his true love is upland birds. He discovered as a young pup that birds are to be found in cover, so he relishes poking into brush piles, under and through bushes and seeks out cover. He is very birdy, and his nose sometimes gets him into trouble in tests. So he keeps me on my toes. But he is a joy to watch, to train, and to share a day with afield.

Registered Name: MHR MAGGIE'S PERFECT THROW

Registration Number: SR53284101

Owner: James Tracy

Date of Birth: 11/12/2008

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Female

Sire: FC AFC TNT'S MR. PEABODY PRAIRIEMARSH

Dam: GMHRCH-IV SILVERBROOK MAG AUTUMN GOLD MH

Call Name: Bumper

Handler: Jim Tracy

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: James M. Tracy

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This will be the ninth consecutive time that a dog of ours will enter the Invitational. Some may consider this madness, but the dogs love it and I get to see some people who can only tolerate the handler on an annual basis.

Our little ball of fur has actually become a big dog now. While Bumper has grown into her mother's Paw Prints, she still has a mind and will of her own. She will never let us forget that she is: "Maggie's Perfect Throw"!

Thanks to Sarah, Harry, Dan and everyone else who endures our foolhardiness!

Registered Name: SPECIAL K'S GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY

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Registration Number: SR59960403 **Call Name:** Molly

Owner: Phillip & Karen Hines

Handler: Phil Hines or Dan Hove

Date of Birth: 11/20/2009

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Female **Breeder:** Dan and Patsy Hove

Sire: DELTA MARSH FIRESTORM CHASE

Dam: HOLZINGER CHAI LATTE

Molly is a well-rounded hunting, testing and family dog. She is equally at home on an upland hunt in South Dakota as she is curled up on the couch with the two Pomeranians she shares the house with. Molly has two GMHRCH dogs in her bloodline and we are dedicating our efforts to making her the third. Molly's mantra for life is, "find fun in everything that you do!" We feel very blessed to have Molly as part of our family.



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NUMBER	CALL NAME	HANDLER	Series 1	Series 2	Series 3	Series 4	Series 5	Series 6
1	Tazlina	Mike Vogel						
2	Blade	Dan Hove						
3	Wily	Harry Williams						
4	Millie	Patrick Clark						
5	Ruffy	Phil Hines or Dan Hove						
6	Molly	Peter Probasco						
7	Smoke	David Mellender						
8	Zink	Kody Bull						
9	Tank	Harry Williams						
10	Gossip	Barbara Walmer						
11	Mist	James Hundemer						
12	Waylon	Matt Arndt						
13	Bry	Larry Housman						
14	Gee	Sue Snow						
15	Betty	Mike Hemmer						
16	Riot	Jennifer Richards						
17	Teddy	Tony Carlo						
18	Sushi	Dick Ofstedal						
19	Rocky	Mike Moody						
20	Bumper	Jim Tracy						
21	Molly	Phil Hines or Dan Hove						