



NAHRA INVITATIONAL 2018
EASTERN SHORE RETRIEVER CLUB
ONANCOCK, VIRGINIA

**North American Hunting
Retriever Association**

JUNE 6-9, 2018

**We'd like to celebrate NAHRA's 35th Anniversary
by dedicating the 2018 NAHRA Invitational to one
of our founding members, Richard Wolters.**



Photo courtesy Dale Spartas

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2018 NAHRA Invitational

Schedule of Events

Times and locations are subject to change.

Friday, June 1 – Tuesday, June 5

8 AM – 5 PM: Open Training

Wednesday, June 6

9 AM: Breakfast and Judges Instructions – Sage Restaurant, Onley, Virginia

10:15 AM - Bitch Check, Accomack Animal Hospital, 26133 Onley Road,
Onley, VA (2 minute drive from Breakfast Site)

10:30 AM – 5 PM: Open Training

6 PM: Opening Banquet and Auction – The Oyster Farm, Cape Charles, Virginia

Thursday, June 7

9 AM: Land Series – Sterling Farm, Craddockville, Virginia

6 PM: Invitational Restaurant Night – The Blarney Stone, Onancock,
Virginia

Friday, June 8

9 AM: Upland and Trail – Onancock, exact location TBD.

5:30 PM: Worker Appreciation Dinner – Hope Farm, Accomac, Virginia

Saturday, June 9

9 AM: Water Series – Onancock, exact location TBD

5:30 PM: Closing Banquet and Award Ceremony - Hope Farm, Accomac,
Virginia

Welcome to the 2018 NAHRA Invitational

Welcome to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Those of you who have run Invitationals in the past are going to see some things you haven't seen before. And for those of you who are attending your first event, I hope you go home thinking that this is what you signed up for, and more.

Our Test Committee members have run in excess of 50 Invitationals between us. We have approached this event trying to shamelessly copy what has worked in the past, and aggressively address areas that we have seen as open to improvement. Tell us how we did before you leave Saturday.

Good luck to all of us and revel in the entire experience, pass or fail. We have a great set of judges and they have set up a test worthy of our most prestigious event. Enjoy.

Larry Housman
Test Chair

I cannot think of any other place better to celebrate NAHRA's 35 year anniversary than at the 2018 NAHRA Invitational hosted by the Eastern Shore Retriever Club in Onancock, Virginia. The hard work and dedication by this year's Invitational Committee is much appreciated. Thank you for the countless hours you put into hosting this first class event, and your continued support of NAHRA.

The NAHRA Invitational is a special event that honors, celebrates, and showcases the organization's Master Hunting Retriever. Congratulations to all of this year's qualifiers and participants. Your dogs are among the best hunting retrievers in the world.

It is always an exciting time preparing for an event like this. We run what weekend events we can, finalizing travel arrangements, and figure out training groups. Once you read this letter, pre-training will be over, and soon you will be walking to the line. Take a moment to take it all in, enjoy the experience!

I also want to thank both the NAHRA sponsors, as well as this year's Invitational sponsors. Without your support, events like this could not be possible.

Kody Bull
NAHRA President

People, Places & Numbers You Need to Know

Emergency Room – Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital
20480 Market St, Onancock, VA 23417

Invitational Veterinarian – Tyler Nickel, DVM
Accomack Animal Hospital
26157 Onley Rd, Onley, VA 23418
757-787-3112

Invitational Photographer – Mike Tome
Duckdog Photography
<https://duckdogphotography.smugmug.com>

The Blarney Stone Pub– Official Restaurant of the 2018 Invitational
10 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417
757-302-0300

Our Land Owners – without the generous support of these folks we wouldn't have our event at all. Please thank them in person if you have the opportunity.

Charlie and Marlene Donnell – Onancock

Rick Hall – Accomac

Anne and Wayne Howell – Accomac

Rupert and Betsy Humer – Pungoteague

David Joynes – Onancock

Terris Kennedy and Nancy James – Onancock

Victoria Pepper – Onancock

The Prichard Family – Onancock

The Sterling Family – Craddockville and Painter

Bagley and Laura Walker – Melfa

Our Invitational Committee

Chair – Larry Housman, Baltimore, MD
Secretary – Victoria Pepper, Baltimore, MD
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Additional Adult Supervision – Roy & Diane Sheppard,
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Bird Steward – Dave Mellender, Nokesville, VA
Development Officer – Wayne Howell, Accomac, VA

**Unofficial Committee Members without whom we'd
not have been able to pull it off – Anne Howell &
Jeffrey Pitts**

Our Workers, also without whom we'd not have been able to pull it off.

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Terry Jordan – Maryland
Dave and Ann Mellender – Nokesville
Vicki Pepper – Onancock
Karen Loh – New York

Our Judges

Tom Moore, Vincenttown, New Jersey

My name is Tom Moore. I've been playing this game for 20 plus years and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I'm not a man of many words, but I would like to thank the NAHRA organization for putting on a great program and selecting me to be part of the Invitational.



The NAHRA family has been my second family for many years, so a big thanks to my wife and kids for allowing me to do this. And a big thank you to all the workers out there for helping out, because if it wasn't for you we wouldn't be able to do this. I really feel honored to do this. Thank you.

Dick Ofstedal, South Haven, Minnesota

My adventures with field-bred dogs started when I was searching for a “dog-world” retirement project, specifically for hunting. My search ended when Dan and Patsy Hove sold me a wonderful dog we named Chase. They also got me involved in NAHRA’s Four Points Retriever Club. The FPRC folks mentored me for many years as I progressed in how to train for hunt tests while producing a quality hunting dog. My first hunt test experience was at Larry Willson’s Ranch where I messed up my handling at the Started stake with Chase and later drove a winger carabineer through my hand. From that beginning, the journey has been focused on getting better as a handler, trainer, and eventually as a NAHRA judge.



My first trip to an Invitational was to Baldwinsville, New York in 2009. My dogs and I have only missed one since that time. Much to the chagrin of my lovely and supportive wife, Kathy, we now have four dogs that have or are receiving training for the NAHRA game. The latest addition, Mieka, should be ready to run NARHA events this summer.

Because of the training my dogs receive to participate in NAHRA events, they have become conservation champions and sought after hunting companions

with my non-NAHRA hunting friends. Their skills also provide me with the fun experience of guiding pheasant hunters at the Lindskov Family Firesteel Creek Lodge in South Dakota. This year, the dogs and I put in 41 days of guiding, and then came home for a little goose hunting in Minnesota. What a great life!

It is an honor to serve as a judge for the elite NAHRA dogs and handlers at the 2018 NAHRA Invitational. I look forward to judging

with Tom Moore and Harry Williams, two of the longtime great gentlemen of the NAHRA organization. Together, we will provide a realistic and fun series of tests for the dogs and handlers to experience.

As with all NAHRA folks, we love our dogs and the fantastic people of our NAHRA family. We will continue to add to the positive memories of those partnerships while we enjoy the hospitality of the Eastern Shore Retriever Club. Good luck to each dog and handler as we participate in the premier event in NAHRA.

Harry Williams, Port Orchard, Washington

There is something special about the relationship of a hunter and their retriever. It's more than the joys found in the marsh in the



morning. More than the excitement preceding opening day. Kind of like a sunset over a majestic mountain range. Or the satisfaction and prideful feeling one

gets when their hard work and dedication turn into an accomplishment long sought after. As simple as a retrieve to hand is, it's the epitome of a growing boys daydream come true. One step at a time, one day at a time, one year at a time. Within those times are opportunities for memories to last forever.

I am honored to be judging the 2018 Invitational in Virginia. Thank you to the Founding Fathers of the North American Hunting Retriever Association. This is my 31st year since becoming a member. I had no idea what laid alongside the path but it has been a scenic and wonderful journey thus far.

To the handlers placing their dogs under judgment, you should be extremely proud of your efforts, your commitment and the accomplishment. I respect that very much. My wish is that you thoroughly enjoy your time at this event. I'll reiterate my opinion of what is important as my job as a hunting retriever judge (kinda my motto): Be fair to the dogs, be fair to the handlers and be fair to the standard.

See ya in the field!!! Harry Williams



Test Dogs

WR HR-UH Dakota Creek's Wreaking Havoc SH

06/11/13 - Male, Black Lab

Breeder - Chris & Sue Snow

Sire - NAFTCH FTCH Mjolnir Bluebill of Allanport

Dam - NMH GMH GMHR-III HRCH UH Dakota Creek's Royal Navigator MH (AKC / CKC)



Hopes were high to have Havoc qualified to run in this year's Invitational with his mother and sister, but unfortunately time was not on our side. We appreciate the invitation to run as a test dog at this year's event and hope that we can do the best possible job for the Judges, handlers and dogs. Good luck to all!

Jeffrey Pitts and French Creek's Kit



Kit, Bry and Hank spend the third Sunday in October every year putting on a demo for Ducks Unlimited and the Nature Conservancy. And every year Kit amazes the crowd with the incredible teamwork he and Jeffrey share. Kit is an upland fiend, and a dog any of us would love to hunt behind. Thank you to Jeffrey for agreeing to serve as our test dog for the Upland Series. - LSH

Dog and Handler Profiles



1. GMHR WR HR SR Fortune Crest's All That Jazz

Call Name: Jazz **DOB:** 9/6/2010 **Sex:** F

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Black

Sire: FC/AFC Way-Da-Go Call of the Wild

Dam: MHR Critter Creek Worth a Million MH

Handler: Jeff Riebling – PA

Jazz is truly a labor of perseverance for me. This bundle of energy is as talented a dog as I have owned, yet she is so filled with personality and opinionated barking, in which she flat out refusing to be controlled. I love to watch her run, as she loves to run wide open. Yet her drive gets her in trouble in a myriad of ways, I truly couldn't invent.

She has assumed the role of Cheryl & Faith's personal dog. An unbelievably calm dog at times around home, a great hunting companion for me, and a mother to a fantastic litter of puppies we continue to get positive feedback on.

Jazzy has been a good addition to the Harvest Thyme bloodline, a pedigree I began to foster in 2002 with Kali. One of her offspring is pursuing a career in distance jumping and several are dabbling with hunt tests. Titus, her son, is the next NAHRA torchbearer for me, the 3rd generation of our pedigree. In addition, Jazz won a Shoot to Retrieve competition in 2015 & finished 2nd in 2016.

Good luck Jazz, I will cross every body part I have for us. Thanks for a truly WILD ride!

2. MHR Fowl Weather's Black Powder Charge

Call Name: Primer **DOB:** 6/6/2015 **Sex:** M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Black

Sire: GMHRCH-IV Fowl Weather's Final Approach

Dam: MHR Homeport Driving Miss Daisy

Handler: Frank Plewa– PA



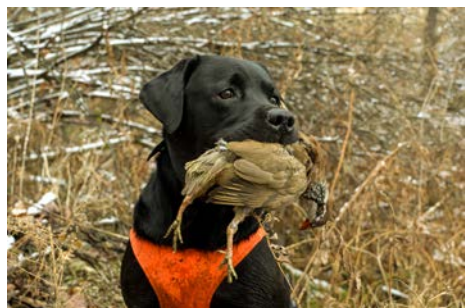
Primer is the other half of our "bruise brothers" which he and Cash certainly earned. I can't recall two dogs that play that hard and seem an eyelash away from breaking something or themselves, but they have survived to date. Owning and training two dogs separated by three months is mostly enjoyable but also frustrating at the same time. I must say I had my doubts

for a while with this guy but I shrugged it off as just a late bloomer and that is indeed what happened.

Early this year Primer grew up mentally as well as physically and gave me that moment that many of you have experienced when you thought, "I think he's got it!"

Since that time he has equaled his brother in the testing program and become a very patient and steady hunter. He knows his job now and likes it! He is a handsome well-built dog with a lot of energy to get the job done. Primer is the exercise coordinator at our house keeping all of our dogs and foster children in good shape inciting both sprints and long distance running at the drop of a hat.

I am looking forward to many years of testing and hunting with this guy near home and afar! Congratulations to all of you for making it to the dance and we wish you great success!



3. GMHR-III HRCH UH Cedarwood's Brewmaster MH

Call Name: Brewer **DOB:** 4/16/2007 **Sex:** M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Black

Sire: CH Ransom Armbrook's Hole in One CD MH

Dam: Cedarwood's Timberline CDX RN SH

Brewer, who has recently celebrated his 11th Birthday, continues with good health and desire to work the fields and water. How those years have gone by so fast is troubling but as long as he wants to compete (read spend our money), we're compelled to give him these opportunities.

Handler: Kim Smith - VT

The 2018 NAHRA Invitational event will be his 4th and with his competitive career winding down, I know he wants to do this one more time. To the entire field of competitors, best of luck to you all.



4. GMHR MUR Touched By The Sun's Summer Breeze SH RN

Call Name: Summer **DOB:** 9/30/2014 **Sex:** F

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Yellow

Sire: GMPR MHR Rik's Risky Raider MH

Dam: MHR Special K's Good Golly Miss Molly MH
QAA

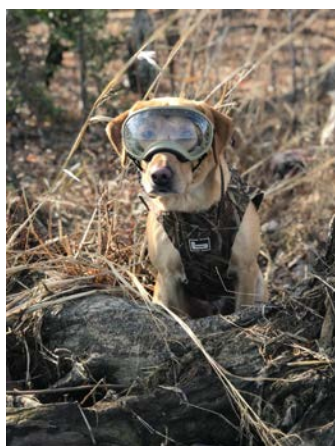
Handler: Joe Grohs – AK



Summer and I have strived to achieve the skills to be worthy of the honor to join our fellow teams in competing together in the 35th Anniversary NAHRA Invitational in Virginia. We have really enjoyed our journey in growing together to become a NAHRA team in its true meaning.

My partner continues to impress and delight me with her natural talents and constantly challenges me to develop and fine tune my skills in order to hold up my end of our team's efforts.

We are excited to be traveling to Virginia for the adventure, comradery, and honor of seeing you all in June 2018. Here's to a wonderful time together and good luck to all our friends.



5. MHR WR SR STONY BROOKS TAKE IT TO THE LIMIT SH

Call Name: Maxx **DOB:** 5/23/2015 **Sex:** M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Yellow

Sire: MHR-I Stony Brook High Octane SH

Dam: WUR SR Stony Brook Crown Royal

Handler: Dave Mellender – VA

This will be Maxx's first Invitational; we are quite proud to be here and have worked hard to achieve this goal. Being able to attend this Invitational with Maxx is very special to me, being that my home club hosts it, ESRC, and Maxx is the first dog that I have trained entirely by myself (with lots of help and guidance from others). From our humble beginnings of going 0 for 5 in started we have earned our WR, MHR and SH in three short years. While accomplishing these achievements he has also excelled at being a great hunting dog, partner and snuggle buddy, earning him nicknames such as: Mad Maxx, Licky the wonder dog, and double X. Not sure where this journey will take us, but we will gladly enjoy the ride!

6. MHR Harvest Thyme's Aimin to Please

Call Name: Titus **DOB:** 5/26/2014 **Sex:** M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Chocolate

Sire: GMHRCH II Harvest Thyme's Tanks-A-Lot
MH

Dam: WUR SR Stony Brook Crown Royal

Handler: Jeff Riebling – PA



What a joy this dog has been! Titus is EXTREMELY eager to please. He is a gentle giant in the house, but a retrieving machine in the field. He is a 100 pound lap dog, or so he thinks.

Titus won the Hunt of a Lifetime Chukar challenge in 2016 & finished 2nd in 2015 to Jazz; his mom. He still needs some polish, but this boy is going to be a good one. He very much looks like his granddad, FC/AFC Drake.

Titus is my 3rd generation of dog, starting with his grandma, Kali. I am so proud of this dog, and can't wait to see where he takes us. He may just be my 3rd in 3 generations of 1,000 point dogs. Time will tell. Good luck to all the teams!



7. MHR Fowl Weather's Right on the Money

Call Name: Cash **DOB:** 9/11/2015 **Sex:** M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Black

Sire: GMHRCH-IV Fowl Weather's Final
Approach

Dam: Hi Hopes Fair Irish Lady

Handler: Frank Plewa – PA

Nearly three years ago I started another project or two. This tall and lanky dog was intended to be trained and go to a hunting home but we did not anticipate losing his sire at an early age, so Cash would stay with us and his brother Primer. What was I thinking?

Five hour energy in fur! If I could only tap some of that or plug him into our home. He is by far the most enthusiastic fire breather I have had to date. Early on, a thing of beauty when he was on the mark but a total train wreck when he missed. As with all of these dogs, persistence, patience, consistency and repetition has made him a nice up and comer. A couple of hunting seasons have also help the maturation process but we are still hoping for at least a small portion of calm!

He has become very disciplined and obedient, traits that are paramount in producing a complete dog although youthful exuberance can derail him at times. While the Senior Level has been good to us so far, he and his brother are still works in progress. Lastly, he is tough and resilient as evidenced by his near demise from a stomach torsion in December. He healed nicely and traveled to Arkansas with me in late January being the comeback kid he is! I have been very satisfied with his work so far in the goose blind, flooded timber or beating the fields for pheasants.

Cash and I are excited to be here with all of our friends!

8. MHR Otis Littleowl

Call Name: Otis **DOB:** 1/4/2013 **Sex:** M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Yellow

Sire: Belles Littleowl GMHRC

Dam: TTF Tintoview Gabriel

Handler: Bernie Ridilla - PA



When I purchased Otis the only thing I wanted was a hunting dog. I joined NAHRA when he was just a pup and never thought 5 years later I'd be chasing ribbons and earning titles. I can't say enough about NAHRA and its members. They played a big part of helping us getting to where we are today. Special thanks to Duane Mayberry and Frank Plewa for mentoring me through the program. If it wasn't for them I can assure you that we wouldn't be here at our first invitational. I never thought this would become so addicting, but there's nothing better than watching Otis when he picks them up clean. It's been an awesome experience so far and it can only get better.

Bernie Ridilla

"If it's not working ask someone that's been there"



**9. MHR CH Reddog's This One's For You
UDX2 OM SH WCX**

Call Name: Bud **DOB:** 6/21/2011 **Sex:** M

Breed: Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever

Color: Red

Sire: GCH Cinnstar KD's Red Tornado CD WC

Dam: CH Skylark's Ribbons For Reddog CD
RN JH WCI THD RATO

Handler: Eva Smith – NJ

Bud and I are honored to be here!! Our goal was to qualify; the rest of the ride is gravy. Bud is the first dog I've trained to this level. He is a little "big" dawg weighing in at 37 pounds. He can be oh so good and oh so independent, just like most people I know. Hoping the good Bud steps to the line in Virginia! He is the 5th MHR Toller. We are happy and excited to be here and looking forward to our first NAHRA Invitational!

**10. GMHR-I NPREC's Basking in the
Glow of Good Enough**

Call Name: Hank **DOB:** 11/3/2013

Sex: M **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

Color: Yellow

Sire: AFC Rebel Ridge Brace for Impact

Dam: Wyn-Ne-Woods Avada Kedavra JH

Handler: Larry Housman – MD



And so we did.





11. GMHRCH II Harvest Thyme's Tanks-A-Lot MH

Call Name: Tank **DOB:** 8/14/2005 **Sex:** M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Black

Sire: GMHRCH MFR Fowlweathers Token Trouble

Dam: GMHRCHIII Silverbrooks Ravin Rebel MH

Handler: Jeff Riebling – PA

Tank has been an amazingly competitive athlete for me. He was not to be our dog, as we were only going to keep one pup from the litter. My wife, Cheryl, fell in love with him right away. She persuaded me to keep him, and I am very thankful to her for that. He became more precious to our family after the sudden tragic end to his brother's life.

Tank has always been a consistent competitor; something I more recently have grown to respect. His competitive accomplishments include: being a GMHRCH II with over 1200 points to date & an AKC Master Hunter title, & (2) New Jersey Gun Dog Championships. He became somewhat of a celebrity in Maryland by winning the 2010 Maryland Gun Dog Championship, beating out a half dozen or so Field Trial dogs to win this event, which still airs on Maryland Public TV!

My favorite gift he gave me was a 2nd place finish to Jazz in a 2015 Shoot to Retrieve competition. Those that have watched me agonize with "what could have been", understand the significance of this, since he dropped several near perfect runs with a are you kidding me!?!?! Upland run.

As Tanker's career continues toward its twilight, I appreciate this awesome dog more and more every day. He has been an absolute blessing to me, and is sire of the 3rd generation of Harvest Thyme's pedigree. It is tough watching his skill set fade with age, but I am VERY blessed to still have him.

Thanks to all who have judged, thrown birds, or helped us in any way to progress as a team.



12. GMHR III Fowl Weather's Dead on Center

Call Name: Target **DOB:** 5/10/2011 **Sex:** M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Yellow

Sire: GMHRCH II MFR Fowl Weather's Cornfield Commando

Dam: Hi Hopes Autumn Surprise

Handler: Frank Plewa – PA



Retrieving is retrieving, it doesn't matter if it has fur, fins, feathers or bark, it has to be hauled home! Target has been the ultimate hunting machine for seven years now and my go-to guy. He has been what we want all NAHRA dogs to be, prepared to endure any situation or conditions in the field or the marsh. He has traveled to the flooded timber of Arkansas and the potholes and plains of North Dakota with me and has never failed to hold up his end of the deal. He has spent many a day in freezing temps waiting for just a chance to pick up or run down a goose. Like so many of your dogs, always on the ready!

And he is still that "Bubba" that has no limits, no apprehension about what he might have to push through to get that bird. This wide body is a trail blazer that seems to destroy everything in his path causing many other handlers to indicate they would like to run after him for a clear path to the bird.

We are honored to be here and look forward to running with all of you and your fine dogs! Good luck to everyone and pick 'em up clean!



13. MH GMH GMHR-III HRCH UH Dakota Creek Royal Navigator MH (AKC/CKC)

Call Name: Gee **DOB:** 12/18/2007 **Sex:** F **Breed:** Lab Ret

Sire: Waterdog's Sure Shot Turbojet MH **Color:** Black

Dam: NHRCH Scoop's Little Scout **Handler:** Sue Snow – ON

When Gee joined the family in 2007, we never dreamed that she would take us for the ride she has! Regardless of the venue, she has been a wonderful team player and a pleasure to watch her work while running national events in NAHRA, CKC and HRC.

Quiet and intense on the line, Gee has proven herself to be a very driven competitor in NAHRA field tests as well as successfully running AKC, CKC & HRC hunt tests and field trials. Her pups have followed in her footsteps and are currently running NAHRA Senior, CKC / AKC Master tests and CKC field trials in Open, Amateur, Qualified and Derby.

The NAHRA program developed Gee into an all round retriever who is as comfortable hunting waterfowl in the east as she is upland hunting in the west. She has taken us on many adventures from Alabama to Alaska and many places in between allowing us to make new friends and catch up with many old friends along the way!

14. GMHRCH III MUR HRCH UH
Maxwell Edison of Liverpool
MH(29)

Call Name:Max **DOB:** 6/5/2007

Sex: M **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

Color: Black

Sire: Buxbury Barnaby

Dam: Princess Callie of Smokin Barrels

Handler: Karen Loh – NY



Our Maxie, born 6/5/07, will be sitting out this year's Invitational. His body is tired but his spirit continues to soar whenever he is on a bird. Hopefully we can rest him enough to have him enjoy a few more hunts, which, as our NAHRA friends know, is what it is all about.

Max, Javier and Karen hope everyone ends the week with great memories, strengthened friendships and, yes, a ribbon for their dog(s). It would be a wonderful birthday present for Max. Good luck, and have fun!



15. GMHRCH-VI Silverbrook's Life of Brian MH CC

Call Name: Bry **DOB:** 5/14/2009

Sex: M **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

Color: Yellow

Sire: GMHR Silverbrook's Amazing Sparkle Boy MH

Dam: GMHR Silverbrook's Mustang Sally MH

Handler: Larry Housman – MD

And so we did.

16. GMHR II Hartsoe's Peggy Walnuts

Call Name: Peggy **DOB:** 6/9/2012

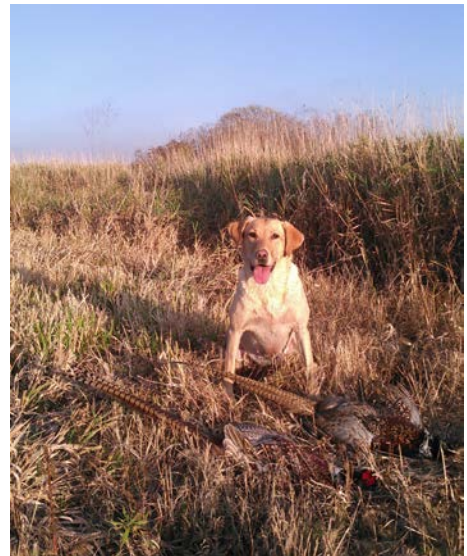
Sex: F **Breed:** Labrador Retriever **Color:** Yellow

Sire: My Captain Fantastic MH

Dam: GMHR Silverbrook's Joey's Girl MH

Handler: Tony Carlo – NY

Peggy gives everything she does 100% whether it's hunting, training or snuggling. She is my little girl and she let's me know that I am her everything. Thank you Peg. You really know how to make me smile.





17. MHR Julsby Reva California Dreaming of Remitaz MH

Call Name: Remi **DOB:** 2/12/2008

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

Sire: CH Oakridge Eyez The One

Dam: Julsby Good Karma for Rurys

Handler: Stuart Jones – VA

Remi is now ten years old. She was a gift from my wife and it's been the best gift I have ever gotten. Remi is my first Master Hunter dog. She is out of my breeding line of Loriens Reva Jones SH, who was the ring bearer for our wedding in 1998. Remi and I have been training, hunting and testing for ten years now. After getting her MH title in 2011 we entered the Master National in Maryland. She broke on the first bird, a pheasant flyer. So we did not pick up one bird, even though I knew she could pass. She is an excellent marker, although age is catching up with her now. Many lessons learned the hard way, as I am a total amateur trainer. We went and qualified for two more Master Nationals and the inaugural Amateur Master National. Many ask why keep doing it? I think once I got to that level with all that hard work, why stop! Plus the dogs love it! Plus tests were fun for me as well and you meet such wonderful people along the way. It's been a great ride and we continue the fun with NAHRA.

Stella is Remi's daughter out of a dual champion – a show champion master hunter (CH/MH) as I still believe conformation is important to the breed, as well as temperament, not just proven retriever abilities. Stella got her MH title at three years old. Both dogs love upland hunting and have picked up countless pheasants at ring shoots. Both have made incredible retrieves while hunting on shot birds we humans would have never found. I will not hunt without my dog(s). It is an honor to be here, and one reason I wanted to attend is to honor Dick Wolters. You see, my first lab Loriens Reva Jones was trained by me using his books – starting with Water Dog, then Gun Dog and also Family dog. My dogs are like family. His books laid the foundation for me and my training style some 20 plus years ago, using no e-collars, positive reinforcement, follow through, repetition and consistency. I attribute much of my successes to his books and I am forever grateful for his contribution to retrievers and this sport.

18. MHR-I UH Dakota Creek's Royal Gem

Call Name: Ruby **DOB:** 2/1/2012 **Sex:** F

Breed: Lab Ret

Sire: NAFTCH FTCH Mjolnir Bluebill of Allanport

Dam: NMH GMH GMHR-III HRCH UH Dakota
Creek's Royal Navigator MH (AKC / CKC)

Handler: Sue Snow – ON

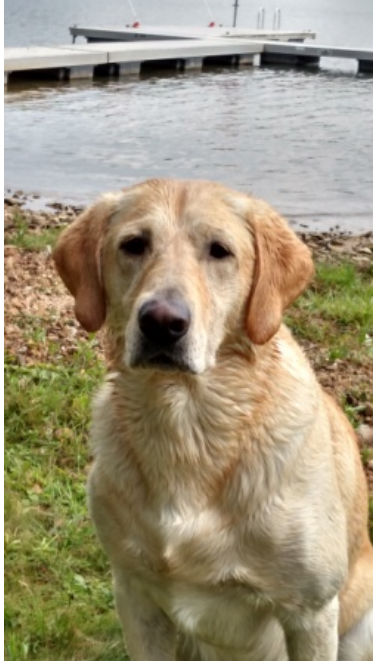


With our success in running tests, trials and hunting with then MHR-I Dakota Creek's Royal Navigator, Gee was bred to Blue, the winner of the 2011 Canadian National Amateur Field Trial. With that breeding we found our "pick of the litter" ... as the female with the red collar remained at the centre of our attention and "Ruby" was chosen as our next NAHRA candidate!

Ruby has followed in Gee's footsteps, extremely intense on the line and working as a team player whether she is running marks or blinds. Ruby was bred to FTCH AFTCH Flatlands Baydog of Allanport and pups from that first breeding are now following in both mother and grandmother's footsteps running hunt tests and field trials, so the torch continues to be passed!

We are looking forward to running this year's Invitational and meeting up with old friends and making new ones.





19. GMHR-I HPK's Hi-Brass Mr. Riley MH QAA

Call Name: Riley **DOB:** 10/28/2009 **Sex:** M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Yellow

Sire: MPR Brock's Golden Nugget

Dam: P HPK's Blowin In The Wind

Handler: Jim Langa – PA

Hello, I'm Riley. I'm the old guy in the Langa crew. My young boy, Brady and little girl, Jazzie live with Dad and me. We're teaching them how to hunt and retrieve. I miss my big brother Toby since he left us two years ago; I suppose I always will. I try my best whenever we hunt or join retrieving games so he'll be proud of me.

Sometimes I get too excited and can't sit quiet at the line during tests so Dad moved me into Field Trials. The game is farther away and there're no duck calls to get me excited. It worked out ok since I won the Central NY Qualifying stake in 2015. Now dad puts those funny letters at the end of my name. I think he's proud of me. I'm happy to see my NAHRA friends and hope everyone does well in the test.

20. MHR HRCH Cohansey Ditchwalker

Call Name: Ditch **DOB:** 1/25/2014 **Sex:** M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Yellow

Sire: Levari's Winchester

Dam: Levari's Royal Remington

Handler: Andrew Schweitzer – NJ



I'm 51 years old from South Jersey and married to the best bird girl around, my wife Laura. We have one son and two babies, Ditch and Colt. My love of labs started when hunting over my father's dogs. I'm new to this sport and could never have dreamed of having a dog at this level I would like to thank everyone who helped us along the way.



21. GMHRCH IV Colonel Roosevelt's Rough Rider

Call Name: Teddy **DOB:** 8/6/2010

Sex: M **Breed:** Labrador Retriever
Color: Black

Sire: Texas Pointing Labs Nitro's High
Caliber

Dam: Stillwater's Maggie Red Rock

Handler: Tony Carlo – NY

Teddy has been the best best buddy a guy could ask for. Always up for anything. He is the first to come to mind when I think about what I need to bring. We seem to be able to balance out each other's lows and magnify our highs. Thank you Ted.

22. MHR Revas Hidden Blue Star of Remi-taz MH

Call Name: Stella **DOB:** 5/8/2014

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

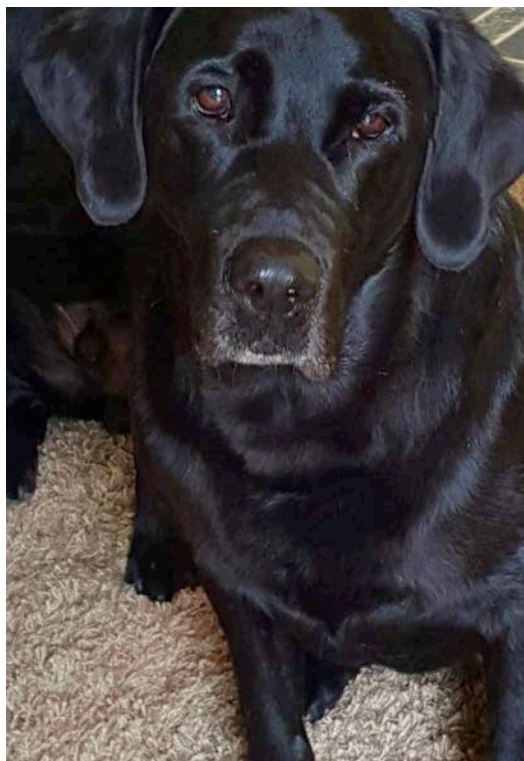
Sire: GCH CH Hidden Springs Blue Goose RN MH

Dam: MHR Julsby Reva California Dreaming of
Remitaz MH

Handler: Stuart Jones – VA



Stella is Remi's daughter out of a dual champion – a show champion master hunter (CH/MH) as I still believe conformation is important to the breed, as well as temperament, not just proven retriever abilities. Stella got her MH title at three years old. Both dogs love upland hunting and have picked up countless pheasants at ring shoots. Both have made incredible retrieves while hunting on shot birds we humans would have never found. I will not hunt without my dog(s). It is an honor to be here, and one reason I wanted to attend is to honor Dick Wolters. You see, my first lab Loriens Reva Jones was trained by me using his books – starting with Water Dog, then Gun Dog and also Family dog. My dogs are like family. His books laid the foundation for me and my training style some 20 plus years ago, using no e-collars, positive reinforcement, follow through, repetition and consistency. I attribute much of my successes to his books and I am forever grateful for his contribution to retrievers and this sport



23. GMHR III Waylon's Little Girl SH

Call Name: Betty **DOB:** 3/31/2010

Sex: F **Breed:** Labrador Retriever **Color:** Black

Sire: MHR Finger Lakes Ramblin Man

Dam: Midnight Ria De Negro

Handler: Mike Hemmer – AK

Oh Black Betty,

Here We Go Again! Wahoo! Road trip!

24. MHR Hi-Brass Rising MVP SH

Call Name: Brady **DOB:** 6/8/2015 **Sex:** M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Black

Sire: GMHR-I HPK's Hi-Brass Mr. Riley MH QAA

Dam: WR Fincher Waters Rising.

Handler: Jim Langa – PA

Hi, my name is Brady. Some people might not like me because I'm named after a really good football player. I live in NY with my Dad, my (doggie) daddy and my baby sister (really), but we're going to be moving soon.

When we're in PA, Mommy and my two Sheltie sisters are with us too. I like to hunt, retrieve, swim and play ball. I'm especially good at hugging and cuddling. I earned my NAHRA MHR title last September when I was just 2 years 3 months old. I earned my AKC SH title when I was 16 months old. I guess that's a big deal because only 2% of SH dogs are 16 months or younger. I'm looking forward to seeing all of our NAHRA friends and playing fetching games together. Hope you all have as much fun as I plan to.



25. GMHR-IV Maggie's Perfect Throw

Call Name: Bumper **DOB:** 11/12/2008

Sex: F

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Yellow

Sire: FC AFC TNT's Mr. Peabody
Prairiemarsh

Dam: GHMRCH Silverbrook Mag
Autumn Gold, MH



Bumper is the consummate Pal! She has always been a Tom Boy with a soft heart. She is a tuff bugger and will break ice when the birds are down, but a wimp when she may have to cross a mud puddle or air in the rain.

She is the perfect match for the crazy life that Jim and Sarah like to think of as normal. We are so thrilled to share our love of the game and enjoy some time with our NAHRA Travel Squad. We look forward to watching everyone enjoy the East Coast!



26. MHR DUCKHILL COOL HAND LUKE

Call Name: Luke **DOB:** 11/20/2016

Sex: M

Breed: Labrador Retriever **Color:** Black

Sire: TUDORCOURT TWIGS SHADOW

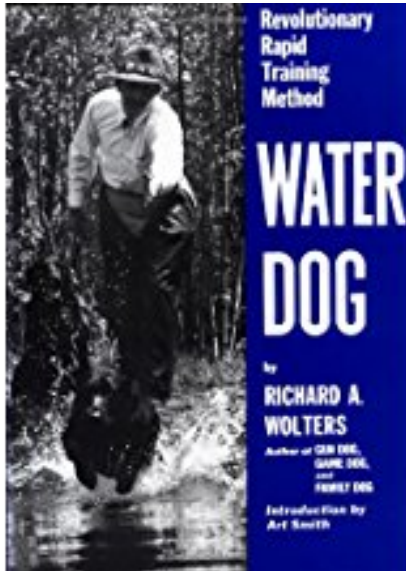
Dam: DUCKHILL BONNIE LASS OF OGILVIE

Handler: Theodore Eggertson – NJ

Luke is an 18-month-old lab full of energy and willing to please. He has 4 months of pheasant hunting at my semi-wild hunting club, pick up dog at tower shoots and just passed his 5th senior test at Leatherstocking HRA to qualify for the Invitational.

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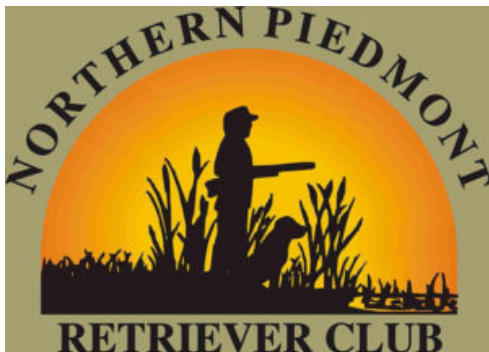


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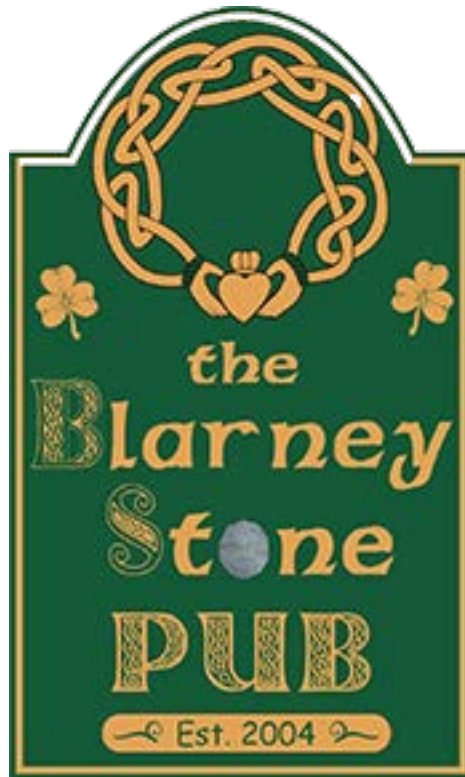
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2	Primer	Frank Plewa						
3	Brewer	Kim Smith						
4	Summer	Joe Grohs						
5	Maxx	Dave Mellender						
6	Titus	Jeff Riebling						
7	Cash	Frank Plewa						
8	Otis	Bernie Ridilla						
9	Bud	Eva Smith						
10	Hank	Larry Housman						
11	Tank	Jeff Riebling						
12	Target	Frank Plewa						
13	Gee	Sue Snow						
14	Max	Karen Loh						
15	Bry	Larry Housman						
16	Peggy	Tony Carlo						
17	Remi	Stuart Jones						
18	Ruby	Sue Snow						
19	Riley	Jim Langa						
20	Ditch	Andrew Schweitzer						
21	Teddy	Tony Carlo						
22	Stella	Stuart Jones						
23	Betty	Mike Hemmer						
24	Brady	Jim Langa						
25	Bumper	Jim Tracy						
26	Luke	Ted Eggertson						



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