

2022 NAHRA INVITATIONAL ESPANOLA, WA



2022 WELCOME AND COMMITTEE

WELCOME

On behalf of the Spokane Bird Dog Association, NAHRA, and the members of the Invitational Committee, welcome to the 2022 NAHRA Invitational. Thank you so much for participating in this great event with your canine partner. We all realize the thousands of hours of training, testing, and traveling you have expended to reach this goal. Toward that end, we hope you find this year's Invitational to be a most memorable and enjoyable event. The judges have decades of experience in setting up scenarios, and the diverse grounds at Espanola should make for some challenging and fun tests. But most importantly, we on the Invitational Committee hope you take the chance to socialize and connect with the rest of the NAHRA family that attend this event. The one thing that truly makes this organization great is the people and the friendships that we all have been able to nurture in our journeys with our canine partners.

Paul Pommerening-IC Chair

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR 2022 COMMITTEE

The NAHRA Invitational always takes a team of willing, resourceful, and hard-working volunteers. Here are the individuals that have spent numerous hours preparing for this event and serve as the 2022 NAHRA Invitational Committee.

Paul Pommerening, Chair/NAHRA Representative John Gilbert, Co-Chair Janet Pommerening, Secretary Ellen Zeigler, Treasurer Carol Black, Activities/Events/Hospitality Scott Rae, Birds/Grounds/Gun Captain Jeff Backstrom, Marketing/Fund Raising Jim Tracy, Marketing/Fund Raising Ron Stahl, Publicity/Advertising/Website Bob Boeh, NAHRA Liaison

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 12 - 15, Designated training locations available

June 15 10:00 AM, NAHRA Invitational Handler Orientation

June 15 11:00 AM, Bitch Check

June 15 All Day, Training Day: birds & grounds available

June 15 5:00 PM, Wellcome Banquet at the Airport Ramada Inn

June 16 6:45 AM, Breakfast

June 16 8:00 AM, Land Series

June 16 6:00 PM, Worker's Appreciation Dinner

June 17 6:45 AM, Breakfast

June 17 8:00 AM, Water Series

June 17 4:00 PM, Pizza Social

June 18 6:45 AM, Breakfast

June 18 8:00 AM, Upland Series

June 18 6:00 PM, Awards BBQ

*Unless noted all events will be held at the Espanola Training Grounds (Times and locations to be updated as needed)

NOTE FROM THE NAHRA PRESIDENT

Welcome NAHRA Members and Friends!

I would like to welcome you all and thank you for participating in this year's Invitational! The Invitational Committee has prepared a special event this year with an extra measure of entertainment. I want to especially thank all those handlers who have put in their hours training and preparing their dogs for this event. It is the showcase of the NAHRA organization and I am excited to include each of you in the NAHRA Elite!

Phil Hines
President NAHRA

2022 NAHRA INVITATIONAL JUDGES



DAVE COMBS (GENEVA, NY)

I grew up with Labradors, but never got serious with training until my 20's when I joined the Leatherstocking Hunting Retriever Association, and I have been an active member since 1999. Since then, I have put much time and effort into the club, holding most positions on the BOD, as well as chairing several tests, including the 2015 Invitational.

When I started training, I only got involved because I wanted a good dog to hunt with, and that is still true now more than ever. However, the friendships and opportunities that come along with running NAHRA have been one of the highlights of my life. Having several GMHR's to my credit, along with a couple invitational passes over the span of the last 20+ years, I credit my involvement and commitment to the NAHRA program to the overall membership. With all the likeminded people coming together for the same purpose and being able to learn, and teach one another, this has truly been a great experience for me.

I am employed with Cornell University as a research specialist in plant pathology working mainly on grapevine diseases. My teenage daughter Kaitlyn has also taken on a love for the outdoors and has also started running dogs and hunting.



PATSY HOVE (OAKDALE, MN)

Welcome and Congratulations on qualifying for the 2022 NAHRA Invitational! My name is Patsy Hove, and I will be one of the judges for the Invitational. I have three children, seven grandkids and two dogs, Ava, and BJ. I live in Minnesota, the twin cities area and am a member of the Four Points Retriever Club. I first got started in NAHRA around 2000, when Belle came into our lives as a puppy. She was an amazing dog, both at hunting and playing the hunt test games, she also was my husband Dan's dog, and he was not good about sharing her. After about a year I finally said enough I want my own dog. Grace was my first dog, and we had a wonderful time together playing hunt test games, training, and hunting. Our two dogs, quickly turned into seven dogs and we spent every free minute training, testing, and hunting. In 2012 Dan became ill with pancreatic cancer. Our lives changed forever, and the dogs went by the wayside as Dan fought a very courageous battle which ended May of 2019. With the support of FPRC and some incredibly good friends, I came back to NAHRA this summer with my crazy Ava. I am looking forward to what the future has in store for us.

After competing in several Invitationals and being on many Invitational planning committees, I understand the time, commitment, and work that goes into it. Believe me when I say it is a lot of work. Please thank your invitational committee when you see them.

I am honored and feel very blessed to have been chosen to judge by the 2022 NAHRA invitational committee to in this year's invitational. Here is to a great test, good dog work and a fun time for all!



TEDD SNODGRASS (SPOKANE, WA)

I have been a NAHRA member since 1985 (I think continuously, but I could have missed a year, don't think so). Seems like I ran a dog and helped at many field tests up to about 1991 (ged at the Invitational in Culpepper that year). Intermittently helped with tests and ran dogs through approx.. 2001. I must have run dogs in this period since I had 2 in the Edmonton, Alberta Invitational, could have done better though. I was one of the judges at the 2001 Invitational for Bonnie Moothart and her crew of stalwarts at Ames, Iowa. Simply helped with club tests through about 2012 when I started another puppy. Went to the 2017 Invitational in the Belfair, Wa area. Someone there thought we should have done better during the first series, so I got to watch from then on. Have been running a few times a year since then.

Through these efforts, I have had (still have one, and am working on a future MHR) 4 MHRs 2 males, 2 females, all black. Have amassed a few judging points and made several good friends. I have always thought that we (NAHRA) had the best game available and drew many great people. It is my honor to judge for you at the 2022 Invitational. Good Luck to all.

Registered Name Fire and Ice Indigo Sky

Registration Number SS03261804

Owner Ron & Suzette Stahl

Breeder Sheila & Darrin Swenson

Date Of Birth December 05, 2017

Color/Sex Yellow/Female
Sire Hilltop's Hayseed
Dam Canalside's 529 Plan

Call Name Indie
Handler Ron Stahl

Breed Labrador Retriever



From the day she arrived, we knew we had something special. Indie ran her first hunt test on her five-month birthday. She was steady and delivered to hand like the big dogs. As that first year progressed, she passed five consecutive Started tests and four Intermediate tests, passing her first Intermediate test at nine months old. Moving forward, she had continued to excel at the hunt test game and has become a seasoned hunter in the field. She has always been a pleasure to have around the house and cannot be prouder of her accomplishments.

Registered Name Rocking Hunter Black Fog

Registration Number SR65626611
Owner Scott Rae

Breeder Joseph Mitchell Sety III

Date Of Birth November 17, 2010

Color/Sex Black/Male

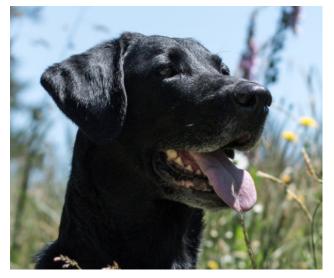
Sire Rocking M Bridger's Fiery

Teton DockDog-Super Elite/Top Gun/Turbo

Dam Charlotte Web Hunter

Call NameBrodyHandlerScott Rae

Breed Labrador Retriever



Brody is a 75 pound athlete with a very soft side. I chose him from the litter because he was independent and comfortable in his own solitude. I ran him in his first hunt test at three years old as an Intermediate dog when both he and I were knowledgeable enough to run a test. It turned out that he was a "text book" dog as my skill as a trainer improved. He spanned a two year period without a fail in either NAHRA or AKC events. At six, he earned his MHR title and we attended the 2017 NAHRA Invitational and got a pass.

Brody fit in well with our love of upland bird hunting from pheasant to sharp-tail grouse and quail. At eleven this year, he was steady in the duck blind and still marks well.

He is still very social so I must not have worn out my welcome. He has been a great companion and an excellent family dog.

We are looking forward to competing in our second NAHRA Invitational.

Registered Name Abbys Hooked on High

Flying Pintails

Registration # SR70396006
Owner Jeff Backstrom
Breeder Dick Lamping

Date Of Birth September 29, 2011

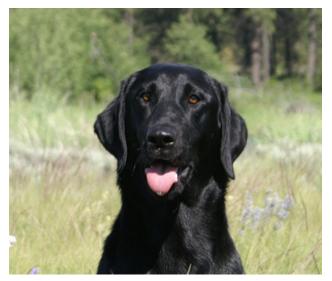
Color/Sex Black/Female

Sire Windy City's Bent Tail

Dam Dicks's High Flying Pin-Tail

Call Name Abby

Handler Jeff Backstrom
Breed Labrador Retriever



Abby is a very special dog to me. She is one of the hardest working, yet most loving dogs I've ever owned. She is wonderful to hunt with for upland or waterfowl. She is eager to please and always ready to go. Abby will chase pheasants and quail all day long, but just as gladly sit in a duck blind or mutt hut waiting for the flight to come in. I've learned a lot working with her, training and running her in hunt tests... quite simply she has made me a better handler. She has had 3 litters of puppies, one of which I working on bringing up through the ranks, that dog is Roxxy.

Registered Name Maroco Hollow Trail

Registration Number SR97972506
Owner Robert Boeh
Breeder Colleen Markins
Date Of Birth March 23, 2017
Color/Sex Yellow/Male

Sire Here's Johnny
Dam Maroco Dream Girl

- Maroco B

Call Name Logan
Handler Robert Boeh

Breed Labrador Retriever



I got Logan as a dog that had some basic training and finished his working retriever and master hunting retriever titles. He loves the hunt tests that keep him in shape for each upcoming waterfowl and upland hunting season. Registered Name Touched By The Sun's

Summer Breeze

Registration Number SR84877107
Owner Joseph Grohs
Breeder Joseph Grohs

Date Of Birth September 30, 2014

Color/Sex Yellow/Female
Sire Rik's Risky Raider
Dam Special K's Good Golly

Miss Molly

Call NameSummerHandlerJoseph GrohsBreedLabrador Retriever



Summer continues to enhance my life with her winning ways. In the recent past she has produced two outstanding litters to further her legacy. Now it's back to work where we left off. Summer is an outstanding hunter, competitor and family companion. There is a beautiful spirit embodied in this amazing yellow bitch. She lives for the instinctual thrill of the hunt but equally the satisfaction of returning to share her prize with her human companion. In hunt trial competitions, she revels in the complexity of the challenge presented by the judges but in returning one is always greeted by her eyes asking but one question, was that good enough to please you my human friend?

As athletic, intelligent and energetic as Summer is in the field, she is the perfect companion at home, sitting in total contentment at my feet or snuggling as close as possible on the couch. She brings adventure, peace and warmth to Julie's and my life as only one of God's gentle Summer Breezes can.

To my friends and their equally wonderful companions, I wish you all fun and success in the camaraderie of this 2022 NAHRA Invitational.

Registered Name The Sagacious Virtue

Registration Number SS11412701
Owner HP Williams
Breeder HP Williams
Date Of Birth April 15, 2019
Color/Sex Black/Female

Sire Hilltop's Hayseed

Dam The Sagacious Flaming

Heart

Call Name Faith

Handler Harry Williams
Breed Labrador Retriever



Faith was born in our home. A Bubba/Love pup that has added excitement to our lives. She has met her goals placed upon her at birth. So everything now is a bonus.

Registered Name Basking in the Glow of

Good Enough

Registration Number SR80045707

Owner Larry Housman & Victoria

Pepper

Breeder Jeff Brown

Date Of Birth November 03, 2013

Color/Sex Yellow/Male

Sire Rebel Ridge Brace for

Impact

Dam Wyn-Ne-Woods Avada

Kedavra

Call Name Hank

Handler Larry Housman Labrador Retriever

2022 has not been kind to me.



Registered Name Sushi's Kid Delta Marsh

Mielikki

Registration Number SR98161305
Owner Dick Ofstedal
Breeder Dick Ofstedal
Date Of Birth March 20, 2017
Color/Sex Black/Female

Sire TKO Take'm In the Tenth

Kid

Dam O's Delta Marsh Yellow Tail

Sushi

Call Name Mieka

Handler Dick Ofstedal

Breed Labrador Retriever



Mieka shows a ton of enthusiasm and love of the game. The picture of her jumping into the water demonstrates how she attacks everything enthusiastically. She certainly grew up from the cuddly pup shown in her puppy picture. Mieka has settled down a bit since the last Invitational and enjoys success running hunt tests and field trials in three venues. Of course, NAHRA is the best and seems to be her favorite. Hopefully, she is up to the challenge of the Hawaiian land series this year.

Kathy and I are planning an extended trip to enjoy the wonderful sites on the west coast before the Invitational. Good luck to all handlers and dogs as we gather to celebrate our dogs and our NAHRA friendships.

Registered Name Rhumbline's Dram of

Tobermory

Registration Number SR89069605
Owner R. Alan Black
Breeder Susan Carpenter
Date Of Birth July 21, 2015
Color/Sex Black/Female

Sire Poplar Forest Play It Again

Sam

Dam Rhumbline's Grand Banks

Schooner

Call Name Toby

Handler Alan Black

Breed Labrador Retriever



First let me thank the North American Hunting Retriever Association (NAHRA) for their efforts in producing the best organization supporting retrievers nation-wide and for giving me the opportunity to show case my best friend Toby at this Invitational Event. I have been a member of NAHRA since its creation in the early 1980's and as a member have successfully participated in hundreds of NAHRA events. Toby is my eighth Master Hunting Retriever (MHR) and with luck will go on to more successes in the future. Toby is one of the greatest dogs I have had the pleasure to train, although at the beginning I questioned her toughness to train at the level of MHR. She is one of those jewels that is devoted, skillful marker and tracker, and "comes up" at tests without losing focus. At hunt tests she is a pleasure to run because she provides a no drama partner at the line. At home her only desire is to follow me everywhere and participate in everything. Toby is biddable, can be handled by anyone, and is often the dog loaned to family and friends on hunting trips. Finally, thanks to the Spokane Bird Dog Association for putting on this Invitational and being a big part of my life for the last 40 years. Best wishes and good luck to all handlers and dogs participating in this 2022 NAHRA Invitational Event.

Registered Name Misty Mountain Raven

Haired Arwen

Registration Number SR82132007

Owner Bennett Ellington
Breeder Doug Randazzo
Date Of Birth April 14, 2014
Color/Sex Black/Female

Sire Tiger Mountain Haunted

Shack

Dam Tiger Mountain Sadie Lady

Call Name Raven

Handler Biff Ellington
Breed Labrador Retriever



Alaska Equine and Small Animal Hospital Joe and Julie Grohs

Alaska Equine & Small Animal Hospital, LLC is a fully equipped veterinary hospital providing services for dogs, cats and horses in South-central Alaska. Our veterinarians are members of the American Veterinary Medical Association, the American Association of Equine Practitioners, the Alaska State Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Animal Hospital Association. We are a proud supporter of the NAHRA program and are sponsoring the Upland Series of the 2022 NAHRA Invitational.



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Registered Name
Registration Number
SR82051805
Owner
Steve Ewing
Diane E Crider
Date Of Birth
Color/Sex
Lolenda's Sarita
SR82051805
April 03, 2014
Yellow/Female

Sire Kodiak of Raney's Gator'd

Tank

Dam Lolenda's Champagne

Shiver of Crider

Call Name Sadie

Handler Steve Ewing

Breed Labrador Retriever



The spring of 2022 has been a rewarding season for Lolenda's Sarita (Sadie). She earned two top titles: Grand Master Hunting Retriever (GMHR) from NAHRA and Hunting Retriever Champion (HRCH) from HRC/UKC. She also earned two AKC Master passes and is working towards her AKC Master Hunter title.

When not training for, or running in, hunter retriever tests, Sadie is a skilled retriever in the field. She accompanies her owner, Steve Ewing, on an annual goose hunt in Saskatchewan, pheasant hunts in Mexico and Idaho, and dove hunts in the Arizona desert. Sadie is always up for an adventure, and she loves to camp, travel, hike, and play with both Steve and Karen Ewing.

Sadie is an eight-year-old yellow Labrador Retriever. She was trained by, and is handled by, Steve. Steve is a member and treasurer of Copper State Hunter Retriever Club.

Wayne Knight's Blackish **Registered Name**

Merkin

Registration Number SR97972506

Owner Larry Housman & Victoria

Pepper

Breeder Jeff Brezee

Date Of Birth February 04, 2018

Color/Sex Black/Male

Sire Mulligan Off The Rainy "T" Dam

Brezee Oak's Keep To The

Code

Call Name Newman

Handler Larry Housman **Breed** Labrador Retriever

Newman is still a bit shy.



Registered Name Moonstones Grade "A" Cut

of Hammy II

Registration Number SR72501409

Owner William McKnight,

Christina Anderson

Breeder William D. McKnight

Date Of Birth April 11, 2012 Color/Sex Yellow/Female

Sire Cody Cut A Lean Grade

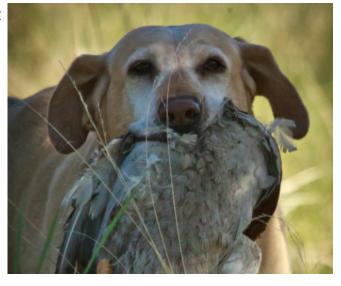
Dam Moonstones Hug and

Moochie

Call Name Twoey

Handler Jon Gravning

Breed Labrador Retriever



Twoey had a rough start in life. The offspring of two National Field Trial Champions she was sold to a field trial home in Texas. Her new owner only made one partial payment for her so at 9 months old she was repossessed. When her breeder picked her up, she was being kept in a kennel all by herself many yards from the house and only weighed 26 lbs. After restoring her to a healthy state, she was sent to a professional trainer for her basics and started running Derby at a year and a half old, earning two 3rd places and four JAMs. At four years old she earned a JAM in the Amateur. Not being consistent enough to continue running Amateur and Open stakes, she was retired from competition. At age five she was bred. The pregnancy went well right up to the day of whelping when unforeseen complications necessitated an emergency C-section. The entire litter was lost and Twoey almost didn't survive. Around this time I first met Twoey when I was invited to join the training group. Once recovered they had me run her at training sessions to improve my handling skills. In time I ran her in the Qual and Master level hunting tests which she thoroughly enjoys. Now 10, Twoey is living with us permanently where she enjoys a relaxed lifestyle while working towards completing her NAHRA and AKC Master Hunter titles.

Registered Name Touched By the Sun's Moon

Shadow

Registration # SS18086009 Owner Joseph Grohs

Breeder Joe and Julie Grohs
Date Of Birth March 12, 2020
Color/Sex Black/Female

Sire Hunter's Upland Maverick

Dam Touched By The Sun's

Summer Breeze

Call Name Ember
Handler Joe Grohs

Breed Labrador Retriever



Summer and I are proud to introduce one of her daughters to you this year, Touched By The Sun's Moon Shadow. Ember is a beautiful black bitch whelped in the spring of 2020. From the beginning, she won my heart and impressed me with her natural talent and desire to please her human family. From the endless socks and toys brought to me at six weeks to her first wild pheasant delivered to hand at six months, Ember has demonstrated all of her mother's admirable traits. We are pleased and proud to be sharing the fun and camaraderie of the 2022 NAHRA Invitational with all of you any your wonderful companions.

Best Wishes to all, Joe and Ember

Registered Name North Rims Stark Ravin'

Mad

Registration Number SR78982401
Owner Jennifer Hood
Breeder Debra Bouldin
Date Of Birth June 13, 2013
Color/Sex Black/Female

Sire Suncrest Winter Rye

North Rim's Blaze N

Caliente

Call Name Zani

Handler Jennifer Hood

Breed Labrador Retriever



I started hunt tests with my first dog in 1996 and never made it very far. I stopped running dogs for about 10 years. When I decided I wanted to start running again, I had a litter and got my Zani girl. We have had our ups and downs. There were some days I thought we were a team and some days I am not even sure we were playing the same sport, but we kept trying and oh what a ride it has been. We have had a hell of a good time and come a long way. We are looking forward to our first Invitational. Hopefully if the stars align and she remembers she has a teammate, we will come home with a ribbon.

Registered Name The Sagacious Flaming

Heart

Registration Number SR89540103

Owner HP Williams and Nora

Williams

Breeder HP Williams

Date Of Birth September 19, 2015

Color/Sex Black/Female Sire Texas Troubador

Dam Heart and Soul Statement

of Faith

Call Name Love

Handler Harry Williams
Breed Labrador Retriever

Love came to us from New Hampshire. She fit right into Sagacious Kennel and has provided many memories hunting, testing, trialing and as a member of our family.

Registered Name Killarney's Morning Glory I

Registration Number SR78289505 **Owner** John Gilbert

Breeder Walter S. Sheppard

Date Of Birth May 18, 2013 Color/Sex Yellow/Female

Sire Hells Canyon Hillbilly Jed Okatee's Ogeechee Belle

Call Name Glory

Handler John Gilbert

Breed Labrador Retriever



Glory is my first non-black dog and has a personality as light as her color. Though you might not see it that way if you have feathers and are trying to hide. She seems at times to almost talk and fits in at all manner of family functions, even when she is not technically invited. Nothing is too disgusting to pick up and chew. She just turned nine so we are in the same ball park of age. She's on the small side and has spent time pulling me on dry land scooters and XC skis. Often with humorous results. Unfortunately Coyotes have maintained status on her list of creatures to harass. A few vet bills the unwelcome result. She is a mother three times over and did a great job each time. Travels well and when allowed takes her duties as bed warmer seriously. Often first pulling back the covers for whatever reason I have no idea. Oh yeah, she loves birds. Though never breaking, I suspect a small creep to be a lifetime affliction. Loves all hunting and hunting games and of course is a great listener.

This week we'll be on our home turf, though I don't expect any real advantage. With the many hats I'll be wearing this week I just hope I take the time to sit back and visit with my fellow handlers. The association with just might be my greatest reward for all those long drives and calls to the line. Probably second only to my daughter graduating from Veterinary School. Sorry. I just had to slip that little brag in my, not so brief, editorial. Welcome everyone to the "Inland Empire". We who call it home are all hoping you and your canines enjoy your time in our particular slice of North America.



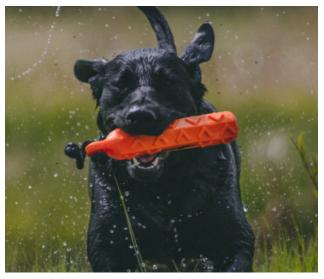
Registered Name Jassmann's Shelby

Registration # SR99104607 Owner Micah Jassmann

Breeder Kara Stelle
Date Of Birth May 07, 2017
Color/Sex Black/Female
Sire Sir Indy of Monti
Dam Sophie Kara Steele 1

Call Name Shelby

Handler Micah Jassmann
Breed Labrador Retriever



Shelby is my family's first lab that I have taken over as my hunting and dog training partner in crime. I was in my late teenage years when we took home Shelby, and paying a professional to train a hunting dog wasn't financially possible; so I reached out to a friend who directed me to FPRC four years ago. Four years later, we're excited to be in Spokane for the Invitational, and hoping to earn our GMHR.

Registered Name County Line Chief Tickles

Registration # SR87564102
Owner Jesse Furman
Breeder Marcus Nelson
Date Of Birth May 06, 2015
Color/Sex Black/Male

Sire Chiefs Duke Charles

Dam Nelsons Bella Sage Brush

Call Name Tic

Handler Jesse Furman
Breed Labrador Retriever



Tic just turned 7 in May, he loves hunting, playing retriever games, and being a good dog! I have had labradors my entire life but Tic is my first dog that I have done any testing with. Tic is a great waterfowl dog and an upland machine. Having made over 2000 retrieves in the field. Last year Tic was the official test dog at the 2021 NAHRA Invitational at our home club, Mid Iowa Retriever Club held at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt. We love everything about NAHRA, from the challenging and realistic tests or the great people that make up the organization! Tic is really hoping for a pup cup when the Invitational is over with!!! Something he gets on the way home from any test we pass!!!

Registered Name East Point Penelope

Registration Number SS04742108

OwnerGeorge WaldenmaierBreederGeorge Waldenmaier

Date Of Birth April 13, 2018
Color/Sex Chocolate/Female

Sire Brentwood's Water Bug

Dam East Point Lola

Call Name Penny

Handler George Waldenmaier
Breed Labrador Retriever



Mark Twain wrote "Heaven goes by favor. If it went by merit your dog would get in and you would not." This is certainly true in my case. I am very lucky to have Penny as my first lab as she is has a ton of drive but loves the approval of her people above all. She is a joyful and enthusiastic hunter in the field and a snuggling mush in the house. Her considerable success in this game is thanks to the advice and help of my training partner, mentor and friend, Larry Houseman, without whom we surely would not be here this week.



Lars and Lenda Barker with Lolenda Labs has been in the NAHRA program since the 2nd year of NAHRA's existence as both participants and judges. Lenda was the first 100 point woman judge and Lars and Lenda started the first NAHRA club in both Phoenix, Arizona and Kalispell, Montana. When NAHRA dropped the Invitational (National event) for several years, Lars and Lenda Barker were the ones to instigate it again by organizing the Invitational at Scenic Mesa Ranch in Hotchkiss, Colorado in 2006 and it has been strong again ever since.

In 1996 **Lolenda Labs** made "Hunting Dog History" when their Dam (GMHRCH Lacy Lee of Lolenda) and her three pups (Lolenda's GMHR Caballero Blanco, MHR Chantilly Lace of Lolenda and MHR Lolenda's Pulco Negro) all qualified and competed at the Invitational (National Hunting Event). For three years in a row, **Lacy**, was one of the top 40 dogs in the country to be invited to the Invitational, where NAHRA paid travel, hotel and transportation for handlers and dogs. What an experience and honor that was!

Lolenda Labs had four Grandmaster Hunting Retriever Champions in their line and countless Started Retrievers, Hunters, Working Retrievers and Master Hunter Retrievers. Their line has also extended into HRC and AKC events including additional Junior Hunters, Senior Hunters and Master Hunters.

The **Barker's** contribution of \$10,000 to help with the 'start up fee' for clubs to host the Invitational for the next 20 years is an effort to keep **NAHRA** the best "Hunting Dog Organization in the country!"



Lars and Lenda Barker of Lolenda Labs

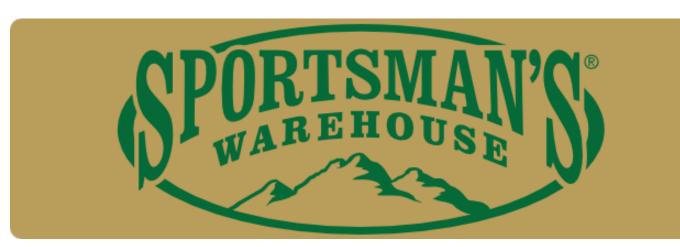
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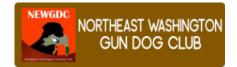




GUN DOG SUPPLY









DOG NUMBER AND CALL BACKS

#	Dog Name	Handler	1	2	3	4	5
1	Mieka	Dick Ofstedal					
2	Toby	Alan Black					
3	Newman	Larry Houseman					
4	Indie	Ron Stahl					
5	Tic	Jesse Furman					
6	Faith	Harry Williams					
7	Twoey	Jon Gravning					
8	Ember	Joe Grohs					
9	Hank	Larry Houseman					
10	Love	Harry Williams					
11	Penny	George Waldenmaier					
12	Summer	Joe Grohs					
	Logan	Robert Boeh					
14	Brody	Scott Rae					
	Abby	Jeff Backstrom					
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17	Raven	Biff Ellington					
	Glory	John Gilbert					
	Zani	Jennifer Hood					
	Shelby	Micah Jassmann					
	Sadie	Steve Ewing					
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Female: 15 Male: 5 Youngest: March 12th, 2020 Oldest: November 17th, 2010

