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# 2021 WELCOME AND COMMITTEE

## Welcome

Welcome to the 2021 NAHRA Invitational. We all participate in this event to renew friendships, spark new ones, and celebrate some of the finest hunting dogs on the planet. 2020 threw us all a curveball that we have successfully brushed off, and we are moving forward in 2021. I and the 2021 Invitational Committee welcome you, your family members, friends, and dogs to what will be a fun event. This is the time where we can showcase the hard work that we have put into our hunting companion. Enjoy this event.

Ray Esboldt  
Event Chair

## Thank you to all our 2021 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 2021 NAHRA Invitational Committee.

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# WELCOME TO THE 2021 NAHRA INVITATIONAL

## President's Letter

Welcome NAHRA Members and Friends!

I would like to welcome you all and invite each of you to this year's Invitational! We have all had to overcome many hardships in the last year, and this year's Invitational will be a celebration of returning to the things we all love; good friends, gathering together and enjoying the work of well-trained dogs! The Invitational committee has worked exceptionally hard this year carrying over the organization and sponsors from last year's postponed event. I look forward to seeing all of you who can attend and for those of you who cannot be there in person, please find a way to extend your support to this event. As the new president of NAHRA, I am just getting my feet on the ground, but I am dedicated to inspiring the best in NAHRA and will be working diligently on your behalf. Please share your individual gifts with the other members in your local clubs and use the strengths of your local clubs to support the other clubs in your region.

Together we will make good things happen!

Phil Hines  
President NAHRA

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## **2021 NAHRA Invitational Schedule (Times and locations to be updated as needed)**

June 13-16,2021, Designated training grounds available

June 16, 2021 10am, Handler Orientation meeting at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

June 16, 2021 11am, Female dog Check at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

June 16, 2021 5pm, Opening Banquet (Founder's Irish Pub in Bondurant, Iowa)

June 17, 2021 8am, Land Series at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

June 17, 2021 6PM, Special Event for handlers and guests

June 18, 2021 8am, Upland and Trail at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

June 18, 2021 4pm, Workers Appreciation Dinner at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

June 19, 2021 8am, Water Series at Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt

June 19, 2021 6pm Awards Banquet (Chichaqua Bottoms Greenbelt)

(Times and locations to be updated as needed)



# 2021 INVITATIONAL JUDGES

**Greg McCowan, Spokane, Washington**



I have been a member of NAHRA since about 2002. In these past years, I have had many mentors who worked with me and my dogs. Most of what I have learned about dog training came through them. We lost one of those mentors this past year, Dan Hosford. Dan would always say: “Greg, it is not your dog I worry about-it’s you”. Since those early years I have been blessed with some really outstanding labs to work with. I have always felt that NAHRA was the best program available.

It has been an honor to be a judge over the years and I look forward to judging this invitational.

## Jeff Riebling, Thomasville, Pennsylvania



I have been a part of this “thing” called NAHRA since January 1992. My fondness of hunting dogs started in my youth when I had the pleasure of hunting over Brittany Spaniels. Dad always had a Brittney. The dogs did extremely well considering what I know now to be a trained dog. Dad would take them to the game lands starting in August to get them “ready” for the season. That was it. We shot a lot of birds over those dogs.

For myself as a “dog trainer”, it all started for when I picked up the first dog; a Golden Retriever named Sandy. I found a local club called Northern Piedmont, and they too were just cutting their teeth in this program. When I got Sandy, I wanted to hunt with her. This whole “testing thing” wasn’t for me. Little did I know how it would forever change my life. Hunt Tests, judging, breeding, raising puppies in our home, and 1,000-point dogs were never part of the original plan. And from those humble beginnings, NAHRA and Northern Piedmont have continued to challenge me to improve my dog work. I have been so fortunate to have stood at the line and hunted with some very good dogs.

The NAHRA organization has always been a great environment for all. Everywhere I have traveled to train or test, I have always felt welcome. It has always been skewed toward everyone rooting for the dogs. I’ve made a lot of friendships over the years with people from all over the United States. My daughter Faith was active for several years in both running dogs and just tagging along. The NAHRA Family accepted her as one of their own. To this day, no matter where I go, I still get asked “How’s Faith doing?”

I am delighted to have the opportunity to watch some of the best canine athletes solve the puzzle that we are going to provide for you. Going from that little puppy you had, to qualifying for this event; the hardest part of this journey is behind you. I encourage each of you to take a moment and take in this event and reflect on your team’s accomplishments to getting to this part of the journey. You should be proud of your team’s efforts. Good luck to all, and I’ll see you at the line!

## Todd Francisco, Norwalk, Iowa

Hello NAHRA!

As the representing Central Region judge for the 2020 invitational, I was asked to write a small bio. They asked me to write why I got involved with NAHRA and what NAHRA means to me, and any other items I would like to add. Those are some great things to cover. For me, and like most of you, I need to start with my first hunting dog – Maggie. A yellow lab I got from my neighbor, Hunter Burke one of my closest friends (and future NAHRA member). She was the epitome of a dog with natural talent. She found birds that other dogs couldn't and was fearless. I barely knew how to train her, thank God she knew what to do because I sure didn't.

As with most dog lovers know, our beloved pups get older and new generations takes their place. I found a breeder for my new pup who also was a NAHRA member and a NAHRA ambassador. That breeder turned out to be my best friend, outdoor mentor, and hunting partner Bruce Mountain. I was blessed to receive my chocolate female pup from Bruce. I named her Zoe. I wanted to train her right because, I figured if I could've trained old Maggie she would have been unstoppable.

I began training with Bruce, Chuck Lenze, Bob Riggs, Fritz Baier, Dean Downer, Terry Plagman, Mark Willson, Rick Bullock to name a few. The training was fun, and frustrating, but I learned so much. In the Central region, this list of training companions reads like a who's who's of NAHRA. Bruce would say NAHRA had the most realistic and complete hunting test, without actually hunting, to test a dog. **He is right!** With all our efforts old Zoe became: GMHR1 WR SHR Zoe Jane Francisco. Even my daughter Kathryn ran Zoe. I went on to train and run more Master level dogs and also began judging many years ago. I have learned so much about my own training from the "Chair". Unfortunately, our club, the Midwest Retriever Club, had our share of loss. Chuck Lenze, Terry Plagman, and Kathy Downer, wife of Coach Dean Downer had passed away. A terrible loss for our club and ambassadors to the sport and of NAHRA.

I am judging more and love the folks from all of the Central Region clubs; Skunk River, Eastern Iowa, Mid Iowa and Four Points. I was asked to judge in Spokane, WA for their regional. All wonderful people and outdoorsmen and women. I've judged with the best: Keith Stroyen, Larry Dusanak, Kirk Rice, Bruce Mountain, Dan Hove, Travis Lund, Fritz Baier, Dan Tongen, Dick "O" - to name a few.

So, they asked me to write about why I got involved in NAHRA and what NAHRA means to me. I look at the words and names above and I find my answers to what was asked of me. It's the people of NAHRA and the dogs. It is my honor to be a part of the 2020 Invitational.



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*Pictured from left to right:  
Chanti, Lacy, Pulco, and Caballero*

**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**



# IN MEMORY OF DAN HOVE

Every year, we lose people in the dog world that meant a lot to the game of tests and trials. Every loss is significant. From my and many people's perspective, the loss of Daniel Hove on May 18, 2020 was monumental. Dan served as a leader, mentor, and a friend to many of us attending this year's Invitational in both dog training and life.

Whenever we needed Dan, he made himself available. He had a remarkable way of helping you define a problem, own the problem, formulate a solution, and execute the solution. I heard a couple people say this at the celebration of his life events, and they were spot on. He also had the ability to get everyone "pulling the rope" in the same direction. Those are the finest qualities of a true leader. But, we don't have to miss him for that. He taught us how to do it. We just have to channel it appropriately.

Dan always responded to "Good to see you, Dan" greetings with "Good to be seen." We will see (the influence of) Dan Hove in this event. He left enough with us that it will show up. You just have to be watching for it.

With that in mind, know that Dan welcomes us to this year's NAHRA Invitational. I know that he is proud of what we are doing now.

We miss you, Dan.

Ray Esboldt



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Thank you, Tom Rourke, for your generous donation of a NAHRA Lifetime Membership. People like you make NAHRA the go to testing organization for the amateur handler that is a hardcore hunter. Here is a message from Tom:

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO ALL OF THIS YEAR'S INVITATIONAL HANDLERS, OWNERS, & RETRIEVERS!!

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# TEST DOG

There might not be a dog/handler team more important to a hunt test than the test dog and handler. This year's teams have poured their hearts into NAHRA. We are honored to have Jesse Furman and Tic and Paul Agranoff and Ti as the teams that introduce the test to the rest of the field.



**Registered Name:** Shohola Caoimhe

**Registration:** SR86517903

**Owner:** Keith Stroyan

**Breeder:** Danny & Lisa Farmer

**Date of Birth:** 2/13/2015

**Color/Sex:** Black/Female

**Sire:** Trumarc's Hollandaise

**Dam:** Sonshine's Dottie West

**Call Name:** Caoimhe

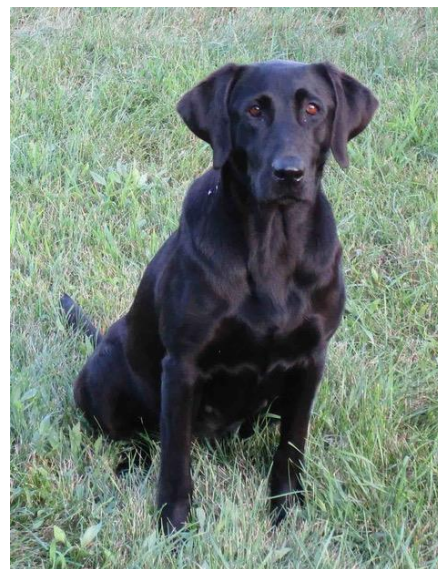
**Handler:** Keith Stroyan

**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 1

I joined NAHRA in the Fall of 1984 when it was still affiliated with the AKC and it became a major part of my life; running and judging tests, helping clubs and the organization. I became addicted to Labradors and developed some wonderful hunting dogs, expanded the kinds of hunting I do, and had a lot of fun off season: training, living with, and learning about the dogs. If she's completely out of heat in time, I'll be running my 14th MHR, Shohola Caoimhe. I've also had 5 HRCH's and an MH, and those tests can be fun. Over the years I enjoyed NAHRA tests third best - after hunting and training. Except as test dog at our local club, I haven't run the other games in a long time.

In training Caoimhe is the best retriever I've known first hand. But, Caoimhe (a Gaelic name pronounced "Keeva", like Caoimhin is pronounced "Kevin") hasn't run many tests unless my daughter could come for the weekend to care for my wife. When she's not coming in heat with the hormonal rages and over-stimulation of unfamiliar surroundings, she can make you say WOW! But sex makes us all crazy. I'm hoping Caoimhe's hormones are back at rest for this test and, regardless, I hope everyone enjoys the tests and gets the best from their dog. Good luck.



**Registered Name:** Lennon Lake Dockstar Knight MH

**Registration:** R305-200

**Owner:** Andy Mortenson

**Breeder:** Karen Cashman

**Date of Birth:** 9/20/2014

**Color/Sex:** Black/Male

**Sire:** Cashman's PDQ of Orion

**Dam:** Cashman's Risky Raider's Red Brandi

**Call Name:** Dock

**Handler:** Andy Mortenson

**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 2

Lennon Lake Dockstar Knight "Dock", is a magnificent dog. He's great with kids, has unbelievable attention, and is a thrill to run and train. He always puts all he has into his retrieves. We have a unique style, using the "French Whistle technique" for handling. (Some call it, "toot-toot".) He is released on a "French whistle". I've used it since I got my first dog when I was 12. We're excited to run this national event. Best of everything to all coming to play in the NAHRA Invitational!



**Registered Name:** MHR UH Mulligan's Code the Ring of Fire MH QA2  
**Registration:** SS03838509      **Sire:** NAFC FC AFC MULLIGAN OFF THE RAINY "T"  
**Owner:** Paul Agranoff      **Dam:** UH GMHR HRCH SRSAC Brezee Oak's Keep to the Code MH  
**Breeder:** Jeff & Teri Brezee      **Call Name:** Cash  
**Date of Birth:** 2/4/2018      **Handler:** Paul Agranoff  
**Color/Sex:** Black/Male      **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 3

One evening at the 2016 NAHRA Invitational, I was involved in a conversation about breeding dogs. The end result of that conversation was I was put on a list for a puppy from a future breeding. At that time, we knew the dam, but the sire was undetermined. That breeding took place two years later, and along came Cash.

I could see from the start he had potential... and we've worked together for 3 years to bring that potential to action.

At one year old, he earned the NAHRA High Point Intermediate Retriever for 2019. He earned his NAHRA MHR, AKC MH, and went QA2 at 2 years old. Now, at 3 years old, he's running NAHRA Senior, HRC Finished, AKC Master, and Amateur All Age field trial stakes.

We've hunted upland and waterfowl across Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Saskatchewan for the past 2 seasons... looking forward to many more days in the field.



**Registered Name:** GMHR I Stony Brook Hot Handling Habanero  
**Registration:** SR88026801      **Sire:** Stony Brook High Octane Cane  
**Owner:** Ray and Ted Esboldt      **Dam:** Stony Brook Crowned Royal  
**Breeder:** Travis Lund      **Call Name:** Hobby  
**Date of Birth:** 5/23/2015      **Handler:** Ted Esboldt  
**Color/Sex:** Black/Female      **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 4

This will be Hobby's second NAHRA Invitational. Hobby has done just about all she can do in NAHRA hunt tests. Some may say (her owners do for sure) that she enjoys NAHRA tests a little too much. Her training intensity is rivaled by few dogs – her days consist of thoughts about when she will get her next bird. That intensity translates into the hunting field as well. She is like having an army of dogs. Guarantee she enjoys the test, but her handler may look a little frazzled by the end of it.



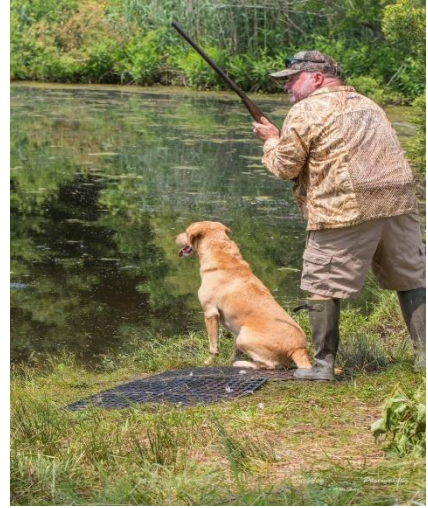
**Registered Name:** GMHR I STONY Brooks Take it to the Limit MH  
**Registration:** SR88026803      **Sire:** MHR Stony Brook High Octane Came SH  
**Owner:** David & Ann Mellender      **Dam:** SR Stony Brook Crown Royal  
**Breeder:** Travis Lund      **Call Name:** Maxx  
**Date of Birth:** 5/23/2015      **Handler:** David Mellender  
**Color/Sex:** Yellow/Male      **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 5

This will be Maxx's second Invitational, and we are quite proud to be here. Since being in our first Invitational in 2018, we have continued to work hard at achieving our goals. We earned our "G" in the fall of 2019 and joined the 500 point club in the fall of 2020, also finishing our MH in the spring of 2021.

We enjoy "playing" the dog games, it keeps us sharp for the upcoming hunting seasons whether in North Dakota chasing pheasants and on the Maryland eastern Shore chasing ducks and geese.

Can't forget to mention all the wonderful places we have been to run tests and sight-see, and meeting all the great people and friends of NAHRA!



**Registered Name:** MHR BAR DOWN RUBY WILD  
**Registration:** SS07839503      **Sire:** FC AFC GUNSTOCK'S TOPSHELF SNAP DECISION  
**Owner:** Craig Machholz      **Dam:** LONG SPUR GRADE A TNT IRON ANNIE MH  
**Breeder:** Cory Feistner      **Call Name:** Ruby  
**Date of Birth:** 9/14/2018      **Handler:** Craig Machholz  
**Color/Sex:** Yellow/Female      **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 6

Four Points Retriever Club and NAHRA was introduced to us back in the summer of 2019. Ruby our FRL was just a puppy with a pedigree and an owner that wanted to bring out her full potential. That first year we earned two started passes, and we were hooked! As an amateur trainer there are just things you don't know that you don't know when it comes to dog training! We are so thankful we have been able to train with the guys at Four Points Retriever Club.

We took a year off to train with the Covid craziness in 2020 and were able to go five for five in 2021 at the senior level.

I've learned so much over the past couple years about training and how to connect with your dog. Ruby is an intelligent, focused retriever that aims to please! I look forward to the adventures and challenges in the years to come.



**Registered Name:** MHR Maroco Hollow Trail

**Registration:** SR97972506

**Owner:** Bob and Sandi Boeh

**Breeder:** Colleen Markins

**Date of Birth:** 3/23/2017

**Color/Sex:** Yellow/Male

**Sire:** Here's Johnny MH QA2

**Dam:** Maroco Dream Girl MH

**Call Name:** Logan

**Handler:** Bob Boeh

**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 7

I have judged in one invitational and participated in 3 others with different dogs. I have been running NAHRA events since the mid 1980's and prefer this to other programs because of the wonderful people you meet and the realistic hunting scenarios.

All my previous dogs were purchased as puppies. However, when cancer claimed my 6-year-old unexpectedly mid-year, I had to decide whether to hunt without a dog (which we all know isn't hunting) or get a started dog. After considerable searching I found Logan at 1 1/2 years old. He instantly turned into a pheasant hunting machine that fall and I finished up training him as well as receiving his MHR title in 2020. He is a pleasure to be around whether training, hunting, or hanging out. I look forward to seeing old friends, meeting new ones, and enjoying Iowa in 2021.



**Registered Name:** Romeo's Dynamic Yes This Finger Still Works MH

**Registration:** SR88345311

**Owner:** Nathan Young

**Breeder:** Robert & Mary Owens

**Date of Birth:** 6/28/2015

**Color/Sex:** Yellow/Male

**Sire:** Dynamic Fisherman MH

**Dam:** Romeo's Do It Right Kaylee MH

**Call Name:** Trigger

**Handler:** Ray Esboldt

**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 8

Trigger is my loaner dog for this year's Invitational. My 2020 plan was to run my long-time hunting companion, GMHR I Stony Brook Black Pepper, one last time and retire her after the 2020 Invitational. Well, that plan got tossed by a global pandemic, and the fact that Pepper was stolen from me. It happens that my daughter stole her, so at least I know where she is. But, Trigger is a good pal too. He is about the least stressful dog I have ever been around. And, we are going to enjoy the event no matter the outcome.





**Registered Name:** GMHR IV HRCH UH O's Delta Marsh Yellow Tail Sushi MH32 QAA

**Registration:** SR70644306

**Owner:** Dick and Kathy Ofstedal

**Breeder:** Travis Lund

**Date of Birth:** 11/21/2011

**Color/Sex:** Yellow/Female

**Sire:** GMHR Cedarbrook Sureshot Atlas MH

**Dam:** MHR OGF Black Chrome MH

**Call Name:** Sushi

**Handler:** Dick Ofstedal

**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

# Dog 9

The picture provided is of Sushi after winning the 2013 Minnesota Master event. Just like her handler, she has put on a little weight and lost a few steps of speed and endurance since then. She still loves to chase birds and as evidenced at the Dan Hove Celebration event in May, Sushi is still capable of breaking on a rooster flush. I am so proud of this dog and love her as much as she loves me. Sushi is well known in the NAHRA game and has produced several pups that are shining in AKC and NAHRA events. Her offspring, Mieka, is running in the Invitational also. Sushi does not get the training or exercise she wants, but she does deserve to do the things she loves. That is why she is going to participate in the 2021 Invitational. If she makes it to the water series, please be patient and understanding – she swims at a snail's pace. Hopefully, she finds all birds in a manner that gets at least an 80% pass rate. If not, we had a great adventure.

Kathy and I look forward to another fun Invitational while sharing adventures with our NAHRA friends. Good luck to all handlers and dogs as we experience what NAHRA is all about.



**Registered Name:** MHR Stony Brook Bold Ruler  
**Registration:** SR89260401      **Sire:** FC AFC Trumarc's Hollandaise  
**Owner:** Travis Lund      **Dam:** Sunrise Over Coletta Bay  
**Breeder:** Gar Clark      **Call Name:** King  
**Date of Birth:** 3/28/2015      **Handler:** Travis Lund  
**Color/Sex:** Black/Male      **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 10

Congrats to everyone and their amazing dogs/handlers that are participating in the event this week and thanks to the committee, judges, and workers for all their outstanding efforts. Greatly appreciated by all! As our dog, GMHR MUR Atlas MH started to reach an advanced age, we decided it was time to start looking for another pup. I had seen a breeding that caught my eye with all the accomplishments/accolades/health clearances I had been looking for but decided to wait a little longer. I asked the breeder to keep me in mind should he decide to do a repeat. He contacted me about a year later and let me know that a repeat was in the works. I immediately sent off my deposit and secured first pick male. King came to us from his breeder in Canada and we decided to name him after Bold Ruler (*the sire of Secretariat*). Stacy commented on his big feet and her exact words were "He's going to be as big as a horse". My reply was that a big jockey needs a big horse. King is a littermate to several very accomplished dogs including She Was Perfect Thursday QAA who was the High Point Derby dog with 77 points and his paternal aunt is NFC Trumarc's Dot Com (*a daughter of NFC Willie*) and his maternal uncle is NFC Fresh Squeezed Juice (*a son of NFC Chopper*). Quite a talented family tree he has! King sustained a serious leg injury at about 16 months old that nearly resulted in his losing a back leg. We are extremely thankful for the outstanding medical care he received during a 6 hour surgery and the rehab that followed. I count my blessings each time he and I are able to have fun together at tests or afield. He is a big, fun, talented dog that gets trained one or two times a week due to my hectic work and family life. Had he been given the training opportunities his littermates have had, there's no doubt he could be much more accomplished. He is an excellent hunting dog both on waterfowl and on pheasants and is a naturally gifted, fun loving dog that is an excellent teammate and buddy. We hope that King and several other Stony Brook dogs all perform at their best and earn this NAHRA Invitational qualification. Good luck and best wishes to you all!



**Registered Name:** MHR Brio's At Daybreak Once In A Blue Moon SH, WCQ2  
**Registration:** SR90102001      **Sire:** Sun Devil Bohemian Rhapsody  
**Owner:** Steve & Kathie Johnston      **Dam:** Daybreak Count Me In  
**Breeder:** Steve & Kathie Johnston, Dawn Fleming      **Call Name:** Shandy  
**Date of Birth:** 6/9/2015      **Handler:** Steve Johnston  
**Color/Sex:** Black/Female      **Breed:** Curly-Coated Retriever

# Dog 11

Twenty one years ago I brought my two year old Curly-Coated Retriever show dog to Tim Landecker at TKO Retrievers and said I'd like to get a working title on her before she was bred. After a few one-on-one lessons and training with a group of guys at TKO I ran my first hunt test. A short while later I learned that a new NAHRA club, Four Points Retriever Club, had formed, and I entered its first test. I was hooked! That dog and her pups peaked out at the Hunter level - she was the first dog in the country to earn the title, the 3rd generation reached Intermediate and now five generations later I have bred, trained (with more than a little help) and handled my first Master Hunting Retriever.

Shandy is the second "Curly" ever to earn her MHR and the first ever to attend the Invitational. Her great-great-great grandpa Diver was the first earning his GMHR title, but he never attended the Invitational. Shandy is a classic "meat dog" that rarely, if ever, fails to retrieve every bird whether at a test or hunting, even if she must do it her way – which has cost us our share of ribbons. She is a great mom having produced 26 pups with most of those going to hunting homes. Most of all, she is a wonderful family dog.

More than once over the years I have thought how much easier it might be to "go straight" and buy a well-bred Labrador, but I have found find great joy in developing a strong working line of this rare breed as I strive to become a better trainer and handler. Pass or point-out, either way I'm looking forward to having a great time at the Invitational with my "Curly-girlie" and all the friends I have made in NAHRA over the better part of two decades.





**Registered Name:** MHR Kuhn's Boom Chucka B Boom

**Registration:** SR88915007

**Owner:** Justin Kuhn

**Breeder:** Mike Harrington

**Date of Birth:** 7/29/2015

**Color/Sex:** Yellow/Male

**Sire:** FC AFC B. Bumble

**Dam:** Absolutely Odessa MH

**Call Name:** Boom

**Handler:** Justin Kuhn

**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 12

In 2001 I officially purchased my first hunting dog- a Hilltop Hayseed (Bubba) grandson. He was a 100 lb gentle giant who I put through HRC and a finished title after joining EIHRA (now Hoosier Creek Conservation and Retriever Club). I've had dogs all my life, but he was my first "trained" hunting companion and buddy for 13+ years. High gas prices and a TPLO ended our hunt testing career. Fast forward to 2015 I acquired a pup - Boom and decided to test the waters with NAHRA. Love it. Little did I know at the time, but I ended up with a 70lb muscle ripped crazed pocket rocket. He probably is too much for a novice trainer like me to handle, but we made it through WR without too much trouble. Then we started training and testing for Senior. BIG difference. Boom is probably the happiest dog I've met. He is happiest when he is standing on his back legs and resting on your lap to get petted, eating his Kinetic dog food and hunting/RETRIEVING BIRDS. In fact, he is so happy to retrieve birds that he occasionally loses focus on pretty much everything else going on. This may be our last hunt test until he turns 10 or decides to calm down a bit. Not joking. As crazy as Boom is, I wouldn't part with him nor would my wife let me. He is a great house dog, a great hunting companion- a fierce pheasant hunter; an intense duck hunter (he will usually see the birds before I do) and has also flushed and retrieved a number of southern Iowa/Kansas quail and Michigan woodcock/grouse. The NAHRA program has guided us to become a better hunting team.

Since joining NANHRA, I have been blessed with the members in our central region that have given me nothing but encouragement and good training advice. Too many to mention. I'll forever be grateful to all of them. It's just a joy to be around everyone training and testing.



**Registered Name:** MHR MUR WR Arrowhead's Black Flint Bode  
**Registration:** SR81604903      **Sire:** FC Contempt of Court  
**Owner:** Mark Kluber      **Dam:** Arrowhead's Rockin the Boat MH  
**Breeder:** Jeff Gudenkauf      **Call Name:** Bode  
**Date of Birth:** 2/8/2014      **Handler:** Mark Kluber  
**Color/Sex:** Black/Female      **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 13

I have been a NAHRA member since 1983. I have had the chance to run in one other invitational, exactly 20 years ago, in 2001, also at Chichaqua with my dog Cookie. It was a wonderful experience.

I am looking forward to running Bode in this invitational. Back in 2016, when I ran Bode in her first intermediate test, Dick Ofstedal and the late Dan Hove judged. Their enthusiasm really lit the flame in me to continue on.

Bode is a very driven hunter who's forte is upland hunting. She is a very good marker, but her enthusiasm can be problematic on the line and on blinds. We will try our best. My thanks go to Todd, Ryan, Keith, and many others who have been awesome training partners.

Also, thanks to Ray and Lisa Esboldt for their tireless work in chairing the invitational committee.

Good luck to all dog/handler teams running the invitational!



**Registered Name:** MHR Sushi's Kid Delta Marsh Mielikki

**Registration:** SR98161305

**Sire:** MHR TKO Take'm in the Tenth Kid MH QAA

**Owner:** Dick and Kathy Ofstedal

**Dam:** GMHR IV HRCH UH O's Delta Marsh Yellow Tail Sushi MH32 QAA

**Breeder:** Dick Ofstedal

**Call Name:** Mieka

**Date of Birth:** 3/20/2017

**Handler:** Dick Ofstedal

**Color/Sex:** Black/Female

**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 14

Mieka is out of the Sushi's second litter. The name Mielikki is a nod to the Finnish goddess of forest and hunt. She was the least birdy of the litter when the rest of her siblings went to other homes. That changed once we started NAHRA training. Kathy and I picked Mieka because she was the most inquisitive and best problem solver of the group. She somehow crawled out of the litter pen - did her business and crawled back in at 7 weeks. Plus, she liked eye contact. Hopefully, a sign of bonding and easy training. Most of that has held to be true. I love working with this dog despite her tendency to break in the upland. Mieka shows a ton of enthusiasm and love of the game so she is fun to watch. I hope she decides to showcase her skills as well as her enthusiasm at the 2021 Invitational. It would be a thrill to take a picture of mom Sushi and daughter Mieka with Invitational ribbons.



Good luck to all handlers and dogs as we gather to celebrate our dogs and our NAHRA friendships.

**Registered Name:** MHR Jassmann's Shelby

**Registration:** SR99104607

**Sire:** Sir Indy of Monti

**Owner:** Micah Jassmann

**Dam:** Sophie Kara Steele 1

**Breeder:** Kara Steele

**Call Name:** Shelby

**Date of Birth:** 5/7/2017

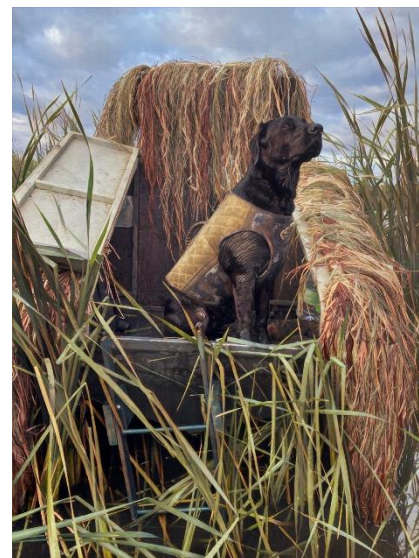
**Handler:** Micah Jassmann

**Color/Sex:** Black/Female

**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 15

I started out hunting in early high school, and I quickly found out the importance of having a dog. Once our family purchased a lab, I wanted to have a well-trained dog of my own. Paying a professional wasn't a financially available option at the time. So, I reached out to a buddy of mine about training a dog myself, and he directed me to the Four Points Retriever Club in the spring of 2018. Three years later and thousands of hours and dollars invested, we are a MHR and blessed to compete in the Invitational.





**Registered Name:** GMHR Wayne Knight's Blackish Merkin QAA  
**Registration:** SS03838510  
**Owner:** Larry Housman & Victoria Pepper  
**Breeder:** Jeff Brezee  
**Date of Birth:** 2/4/2018  
**Color/Sex:** Black/Male

**Sire:** NAFC FC Mulligan Off The Rainy "T"  
**Dam:** GMHR-I HRCH UH Brezee Oak's Keep To The Code MH QAA  
**Call Name:** Newman  
**Handler:** Larry Housman  
**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 16

He's very shy.



**Registered Name:** MHR I Three Sisters Mountain Lucille  
**Registration:** SR90889305  
**Owner:** Robert Maloney  
**Breeder:** Michael W Hemmer  
**Date of Birth:** 12/15/2015  
**Color/Sex:** Black/Female

**Sire:** Lewis River Rocket  
**Dam:** Waylon's Little Girl  
**Call Name:** Lucy  
**Handler:** Robert Maloney  
**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 17

Lucy is my second lab and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her these last five years. I got my first lab as a puppy when my net door neighbor died of cancer in 2004. I decided I needed to train this dog to retrieve ducks because that's what Larry bred these dogs to do. I had no idea what I was doing, and I made every mistake you could make in training a dog for hunt tests. I spent 7 plus years getting a WR title on her and immediately retired her from competition.

When I got Lucy in 2015 I had much more knowledge and experience and I sought professional help with force fetching and introducing handling and casting commands. I have done most of the rest of the training myself with a lot of help from my training partners in Phoenix (Lance Sennette, John Geames, Randy Hutson and Steve Ewing) from Copper State Hunting Retriever Club.

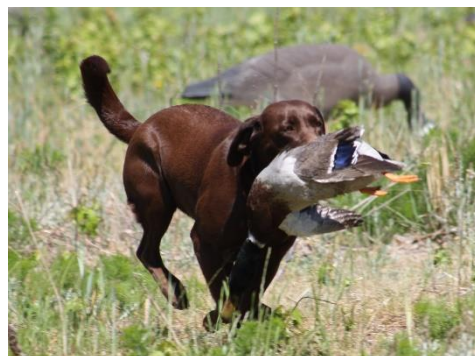
We have had the opportunity to compete in four different states with six different NAHRA clubs and have met many good friends. we look forward to competing in the 2021 Invitational in Iowa.



**Registered Name:** WR SH East Point Penelope  
**Registration:** SS04742108      **Sire:** Brentwoods Waterbug  
**Owner:** George Waldenmaier      **Dam:** East Point Lola  
**Breeder:** George Waldenmaier      **Call Name:** Penny  
**Date of Birth:** 4/13/2018      **Handler:** George Waldenmaier  
**Color/Sex:** Chocolate/Female      **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 18

After a lifetime of rabbit hunting and beagle field trials I bought a lab as a gift for my daughter. This sparked an interest in training a retriever for me which turns out to be far more involved and difficult than training a beagle. Penny is the result of breeding my daughter's lab and a male from an excellent line. She has done well so far in both NARHA and AKC tests thanks to much help and advice from my training partner, mentor and friend, Larry Housman, without whom we surely would not be here this week.



**Registered Name:** Mountain's Top Woody Sage MH QA2  
**Registration:** SR94272301      **Sire:** MHR HRCH Mountain's Top Watermark'n Woody MH QAA  
**Owner:** Bruce Mountain      **Dam:** MHR Mountain's Top Lady Pirate MH  
**Breeder:** Bruce Mountain      **Call Name:** Sage  
**Date of Birth:** 7/22/2016      **Handler:** Bruce Mountain  
**Color/Sex:** Chocolate/Male      **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 19

I have raised Chocolate Labs for over 35 years and my first male, GMHR Mountain's Top Beggar MH qualified at the 1995 Invitational held at the Minnesota Horse and Hunt Club. Hopefully, Sage will complete the circle in 2021. I have put a Master Hunter Retriever title on 14 dogs because I believe the NAHRA system tests those skills most closely related to actual hunting scenarios. I have always told people looking at getting involved in the hunt test game that if your dog can perform at the Intermediate level that it will outperform most other hunting dogs. The worst outcome of participating in hunt tests is that you will have a better hunting dog.

Sage is the first male I have kept out of my kennel (HRCH MHR Mountain's Top Watermark'n Woody MH QAA X MHR Mountain's Top Lady Pirate MH). I have tried the Field Trial game and Sage has not disappointed me (National Derby List and QA2). He earned his MH in 6 out of 7 tries and is now working on his MHR and his HRCH titles. Sage has energy, speed and desire have exceeded any lab I have owned and hopefully this week will not only be enjoyable, but successful.



**Registered Name:** GMHR-III NPRC's Basking in the Glow of Good Enough  
**Registration:** SR80045707 **Sire:** AFC Rebel Ridge Brace for Impact  
**Owner:** Victoria Pepper & Larry Housman **Dam:** Wyn-Ne-Woods Avada Kedavra JH  
**Breeder:** Jeff Brown **Call Name:** Hank  
**Date of Birth:** 11/3/2013 **Handler:** Larry Housman  
**Color/Sex:** Yellow/Male **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 20

In their spare time, Hank and Larry work very hard at discovering a way to end human suffering. Both think they are on the cusp of a breakthrough.



**Registered Name:** MHR Axe's Lady Remington of Stone Hollow  
**Registration:** SR85877805 **Sire:** MHR HRCH Ten Bears to Stone Hollow Hurricane MH QAA  
**Owner:** Adam Ackermann & Tory Topping **Dam:** Stone Hollows Jazzed Up Benelli  
**Breeder:** Tory Topping **Call Name:** Remi  
**Date of Birth:** 12/2/2014 **Handler:** Adam Ackermann  
**Color/Sex:** Black/Female **Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 21

I joined NAHRA in 2008 as a way to test the skills of my first fully trained Labrador retriever. Since then I have qualified three Master Hunting Retrievers, and I have gone on to judging as a way to give back to the wonderful people of the NAHRA community. Participation in this invitational has been a goal that I now get the opportunity to accomplish.





**Registered Name:** MHR 3XGMPR Baier's Prairie Disguise  
**Registration:** SR90548905  
**Owner:** Troy Callanan  
**Breeder:** Fritz and Melissa Baier  
**Date of Birth:** 11/12/2015  
**Color/Sex:** Yellow/Male

**Sire:** 4XGMPR GRASS LAKE GUSTER MH  
**Dam:** 4XGMPR MHR HRCH BAIER'S LADY LEGACY MH  
**Call Name:** Camo  
**Handler:** Troy Callanan  
**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 22

We're looking forward to the 2021 Invitational, this is my third invitational with three different dogs. I expect that Camo will be the happiest dog at the event, regardless of the results. Camo wishes he could pheasant hunt 7 days a week year-round. When hunting isn't an option, he's almost as happy to be training. NAHRA is his favorite game (because he actually thinks he's hunting). I'm thinking there's a kangaroo somewhere in his pedigree – I've never seen a dog that can jump like he can. Even though he's always going max throttle at tests, he can turn it off and is content sleeping at my feet while I'm working or on my son's bed at night.



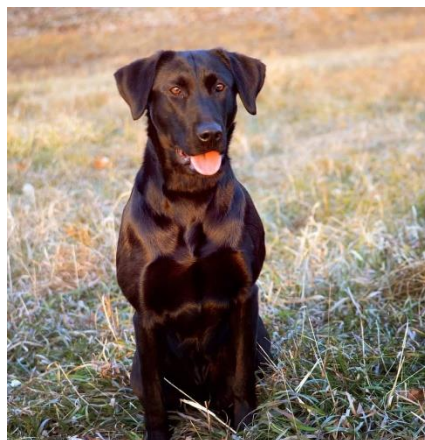
**Registered Name:** Element No Risk Nyx CGC MH  
**Registration:** SR97919904  
**Owner:** Brandan Smith  
**Breeder:** Jacob Bolinger  
**Date of Birth:** 2/15/2017  
**Color/Sex:** Black/Female

**Sire:** HRCH Goldeneye's Big Guns MH QAA  
**Dam:** Goldeneye's Take Your Pick  
**Call Name:** Nyx  
**Handler:** Brandan Smith  
**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 23

Sierra and I always call Nyx our clearance pup. She was a runt pup out of a friend's breeding. At 7 weeks the 1st owner picked her up and after just a few days decided that she was too loud and did not want to keep. He returned her to our friend who called me the next day saying. " Hey buddy do you want a pup" the rest is history.

Nyx has done more for me than I could have imagined. She is a great team player and enjoys the game. What else could a guy ask for!



**Registered Name:** GMHR Killarney's Morning Glory  
**Registration:** SR78289505  
**Owner:** John Gilbert  
**Breeder:** Walter S. Sheppard  
**Date of Birth:** 5/18/2013  
**Color/Sex:** Yellow/Female

**Sire:** GMHR Hells Canyon Hillbilly Jed MH  
**Dam:** Okatee's Ogeechee Belle  
**Call Name:** Glory  
**Handler:** John Gilbert  
**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 24

Circumstances unfolded that made Glory my only dog for about 5 years now. We have come to a close dog/man relationship only obtained by constant contact over many years. Besides being a great friend and hunting, hiking, biking, skiing, scootering partner, it seems we can read each other to a scary degree. She loves to go after birds, but still manages to succumb to suction on water work. And she still has an irresistible desire to chase coyotes ... with stitches and vet bills to prove it. Recently this has been expanded to wolves! Where does it end?

Recent years have also seen our prey species expanded to include the Wilson's Yellow-Bellied Tennis Ball and the elusive Spalding's Striped Frisbee. All without the negative effect I was so fearful of oh so many years ago.

Until very recently I was not coming to this Invitational because less than a week before this event my parents are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary! But through the miracle of our interstate highway system, I will speed myself halfway across the continent following their momentous event. Yes, I wrote, not 47th, not 57th, but 70th! They may be my parents, but I still can't imagine being married this long. I'm in awe.

This will be my 10th time running an Invitational, plus one time in the judge's chair, and my third on these particular grounds. Too many details to get into, but the greatest constant has been having a great time at each one. I don't expect any changes on that count. Looking forward to visiting with many long-time friends and meeting new folks.

John Gilbert,,,,,,,,,,,,, and Glory too



**Registered Name:** GMHRCH1, MUR Touched By The Sun's Summer Breeze SH  
**Registration:** SR84877107  
**Owner:** Joe & Julie Grohs  
**Breeder:** Phil & Karen Hines  
**Date of Birth:** 9/30/2014  
**Color/Sex:** Yellow/Male  
**Sire:** GMPR MHR Riks Risky Raider MH  
**Dam:** MHR Special K's Good Golly Miss Molly MH QAA  
**Call Name:** Summer  
**Handler:** Joe Grohs or Phil Hines  
**Breed:** Labrador Retriever

## Dog 25

Summer is a wonderful hunter, competitor, and family companion. There is such a beautiful spirit embodied in this beautiful yellow Labrador bitch. Like an African lioness, she lives for the instinctual thrill of the hunt but equally for the satisfaction of returning to share the prize with her human family.

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 and energetic as this little yellow lightning bolt is in the field, she is the perfect family companion at home. Sitting in total contentment at my feet or snuggling as close as possible on the couch, she brings love and warmth to Julie's and my life as only one of gods gentle Summer breezes can. Summer continues to enrich our lives in many ways. In this recent past, she has produced the next generation of puppies to carry on with her winning ways. They have certainly won our hearts!

Now it's back to work for Summer, picking up where we left off and we're looking forward to seeing all of our friends in Iowa. To my friends and their equally wonderful companions, I wish you all fun and success in the camaraderie of this 2021 NAHRA Invitational.





# Dog 26

A photograph of a yellow Labrador Retriever sitting in a grassy field. The dog is facing slightly to the right, looking towards the camera. It has a golden-yellow coat and floppy ears. The background is a soft-focus view of green trees and foliage, suggesting a park or natural setting. The lighting is bright, indicating it might be daytime.

# Dog 27

<b>Dog #</b>	<b>Call Name</b>	<b>Handler</b>	<b>Series 1</b>	<b>Series 2</b>	<b>Series 3</b>	<b>Series 4</b>	<b>Series 5</b>	<b>Series 6</b>
1	Caoimhe	Keith Stroyan						
2	Dock	Andy Mortenson						
3	Cash	Paul Agranoff						
4	Hobby	Ted Esboldt						
5	Maxx	David Mellender						
6	Ruby	Craig Machholz						
7	Logan	Bob Boeh						
8	Trigger	Ray Esboldt						
9	Sushi	Dick Ofstedal						
10	King	Travis Lund						
11	Shandy	Steve Johnston						
12	Boom	Justin Kuhn						
13	Bode	Mark Kluber						
14	Mieka	Dick Ofstedal						
15	Shelby	Micah Jassmann						
16	Newman	Larry Housmann						
17	Lucy	Bob Maloney						
18	Penny	George Waldenmaier						
19	Sage	Bruce Mountain						
20	Hank	Larry Housmann						
21	Remi	Adam Ackermann						
22	Camo	Troy Callanan						
23	Nyx	Brandan Smith						
24	Glory	John Gilbert						
25	Summer	Joe Grohs/Phil Hines						
26	Ruger	Suzanne Crowe						
27	Indy	Adam Ackermann						