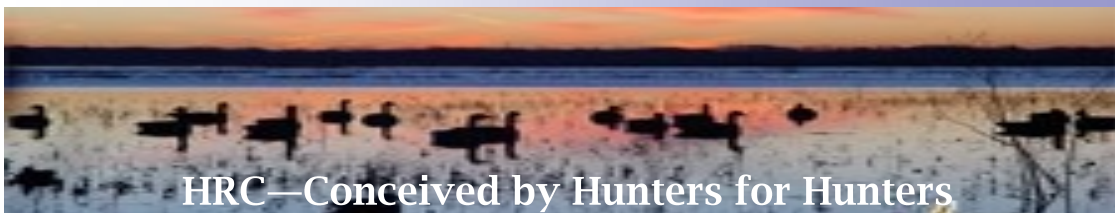




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Message From Your President



We all should be very proud of our club. I received many positive comments from handlers that attended our hunt test from other clubs in the region on how they always enjoy coming to our tests because of how smoothly they run. Everyone in our club that was able to attend our hunt test in May worked very hard. First, I want to thank those that gave up a vacation day to help setup and approve the tests on Friday, which were Rich Carpenter, Harry Christiansen, Nick Fox, Curt Lacey, and Scott Wolfe. Those who judged on either Saturday or Sunday were also there on Friday to setup their tests. Those who judged from our club were Mike Brockman, Myles Edwards, David Heldt, Rich Jenke, Joe Olson, Tom Osborne, Mark Powell, Willie Ratliff, and Tom Waskosky. Those who helped out marshaling this year were Harry Christiansen (hunt marshal), Bill Edwards, Dan Feighert, Nic Fox, Brac Heiss, Curt Lacey, Brent Hailes and Sarah Romero, Bonnie Schriener, and Ryan White. Thank you everyone! I want to especially thank Lee Anne Heldt for doing an excellent job as hunt secretary, Curt Lacey as Bird Steward, David Heldt for hauling the trailer, Nick Fox for organizing and running the raffle, and Marybell and Kevin Bernhardt for preparing the wonderful dinner for the social! I am sure I missed some people and for that I sincerely apologize. I thought it was an amazing weekend and hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Congratulations to all who passed with their dogs (see list included in this news letter). Special congratulations are in order for Curt Lacey and Clair for passing their first seasoned test, and Bill Edwards and Triton for their first started passes! Curt went on to pass another seasoned test in Southern Colorado and obtained his Hunting Retriever title with Clair in Rifle at Western Colorado's test, Memorial Day weekend. Ryan White and Rita also obtained their HRCH title in Rifle. If you were not able to attend our spring hunt test, hopefully you are planning on participating in our fall hunt, which is our 25th anniversary hunt on August 6th and 7th. In order for our club to continue to be healthy, we depend on everyone's contribution. Please step up and do your part to share the load. In doing so, you will rub shoulders with and get to know some very good people.

There have been a few people out training on Wednesday evenings at the East pond. If any of you prefer to train on a different night and desire to get a group together, email the folks on this distribution with your intentions and ask for those interested to reply. The next club training day is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th.

Make sure to plan on attending our annual club picnic and auction, which will be Saturday, July 16th. This is the primary way we raise money to pay for our training grounds and other significant expenses that occur on an annual basis. Be thinking of what you would like to donate for the auction. Details to come!

My dog Lubick, named after the mighty hunter, Sonny Lubick from the finest college
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 6/4 & 6/5 *Hidden Pines Reg Hunt*
- 6/8 *Club Monthly Meeting*
- 6/9-12 *National Meeting*
- 6/18 *Training Day*
- 6/18 & 6/19 *Platte River Reg Hunt*
- 6/25 & 6/26 *Laramie Peak Reg Hunt*
- 7/9 & 7/10 *Panhandle Upland Hunt*
- 7/13 *Club Monthly Meeting*
- 7/16 *PV Picnic/Auction*
- 7/31 *Training Day*
- 8/6 & 8/7 *PV 25th Anniv Reg Hunt*
- 8/20 & 8/21 *Elkhorn Valley Reg Hunt*
- 8/28 *Training Day*
- 9/10 & 9/11 *Roadrunner Reg Hunt*
- 9/10—14 *Fall Grand, Lake Ontario*

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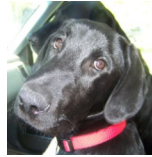
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THIS NEWSLETTER IS THE 26th OF EACH

MONTH. Materials received after the deadline will not be included. Submissions are subject to the editor's decision on inclusion and may be edited. Opinions are those of the various authors and may not express the official position of the PVHRC, Inc.

Members' contributions and responses are encouraged



and football team in the state, Colorado State University, is progressing nicely. He is an independent thinker, to say the least. I have been teaching sit, come, and heel, and look forward to beginning collar conditioning in a few weeks.



The next Board meeting will be at Gander Mountain off of 104th and I-25 on Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00pm and all our welcome. Thank you for participating in Platte Valley Hunting Retriever Club! Hope to see you out training!

Mike

Next Meeting June 8 7:00 pm—Gander Mountain

Open to all PV Members & Friends
9923 Grant Street

[Near I-25 & 104th Ave in the
Thornton Town Center]

Test Results from May Hunt Saturday, May 14 Started

Luke Weimer/ Brewer
Matt Brekke/ Dice's High Plains Josie
Bill Edwards/Triton of the Gods
Kevin Bernhardt/Grizzly's Itchin to go

Seasoned

Curt Lacey/ Annabell's Blazin Chocolate E Clair
Mark Powell/Wasatch's Up N At Em
Brac Heiss/ JB Rockstar Eye of the Storm

Finished

Kirby Lloyd/ GRHRCH UH Bookcliffs Suede
Harold Christiansen/ HRCH Wildrose Ragin! Storm Ravin
Kirby Lloyd/ HR UH Bookcliffs Ruby
John Edmonds/ HR Super Casey's High Altitude
Mark Powell/ Mo's Red Desert Dawn SH
Dennis Long/ HRCH SHDW MTN Aces and Eights Toby S
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Mark Powell/ HR Wasatch's Double R Nothin
Richard Carpenter/ HRCH UH Roux's MacSky Gunga Din
Jeanine Schwan/ HRCH Duckdawg's Libby's Inspiration
Ryan White/ Parkdale's Vertical Limit MH
Ryan White/ Cool Hand Lukes Bonita Seniorita MH

Sunday, May 15 Started

Luke Weimer/ Brewer
Bill Edwards/ Triton of the Gods
Matt Brekke/ Dice's High Plains Josie

Finished

Dan Feighert/HRCH UH Dakota's Midnight Blue Raven
Clint Hinebaugh/HR Wildrose Titan Astraglen
Ryan White/Cool Hand Lukes Bonita Seniorita MH
Willie Ratliff/HR UH Woody Creeks Whisper
Dennis Long/HRC SHDW MTN Aces and Eights Toby S
John Edmonds/HR Super Casey's High Altitude
Kirby Lloyd/GRHRCH UH Bookcliffs Suede

NEXT TRAINING DAY
IS JUNE 18
Get there early and help set
up.
Mary's Place 9:00





Welcome to the Platte Valley Duck Blind



Ruthie Nordahl — I started in the field with my now 11-year old Golden, "Chester", when he was 5. I was hooked when I saw what these dogs can do. Chester didn't have any training and still managed to get an AKC JH title. "Jamey", my 3-year old Golden Retriever, has earned his JH title WITH training. We love being in the field! For me getting involved with HRC means we can spend more time out there, get more experience with hunting situations, and meet people who share our love of field. Who knows, maybe one day I'll hunt for real! Ruthie



IT'S NOT GOODBYE BUT RATHER, "WE'LL SEE YA LATER!"
Robert Dixon and his family moved to California. We'll miss his smiling face and seeing that little shadow, Madison, who was always just 2 steps behind her Dad.
Best of Luck you guys!

Brent Hailes & Sarah Romero — Sarah Romero and Brent Hailes and our dog "Justamere Matagorda Bay Breaker" (Breaker) are new members of PVHRC. We decided to join after last spring's hunt test in Snyder. (it was our first hunt test ever). Curt Lacey (Started Marshal) and others were great! We had a really good experience despite my dog breaking my finger while in the holding blind for his first ever test! He was so excited! Since joining we have participated in Joe Olson's Started Class, that has been a tremendous help. We have not really had to train much for marking or getting him excited to retrieve, but we have had trouble getting him steady at the line and honing his line manners! We are also slowly introducing handling too. Breaker is a great dog and he loves to retrieve, and we enjoy training him. We are looking for a group/location for training in the Denver Metro area. We live near Lowery. Because we have had such a great time with Platte Valley HRC, we are looking forward to helping more, and learning a lot. Brent and I volunteered at the most recent hunt test and had a blast, what a good birthday present for Brent! There were too many AWESOME people to name!! (I am terrible with names) Since getting my dog from Marcia Talon, I have also started a small pet sitting business and if anyone has a need please don't hesitate to contact me! www.AmazingPetsCare.webs.com. We look forward to all the great times to be had at PVHRC!



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Sitting Duck.... Or I guess more accurately, setting duck.

Picture & story sent in by Rich Carpenter

A wood duck hen in one of my nest boxes. She'd just started to incubate eggs and wasn't really happy about my checking in on her and hissed at me a little. After that she'd just look at me. Fun little ducks. Right now I have 5 nest boxes occupied by wood ducks, 2 occupied by Kestrels (sparrow hawks) and 4 nests with "vacancy" signs on them. Probably get more used. Most years will have one nest raising a nest of baby screech owls. And probably a blasted flicker will move in and throw out three gallons of shavings one mouthful at a time so they can lay on a hard surface! After the wood ducks nest, often house wrens will move in and raise a family.

Thanks for sending this in, Rich!

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Luke Weimer — My name is Luke Weimer and I just want to start off by expressing how excited I am to be a new member of PVHRC. I just recently graduated from UNC (in Greeley) and now reside in Denver, CO working as an accountant. I grew up in KC, Missouri; and started hunting while in high school. We had labs in the house throughout my entire childhood; however, they were far from hunting dogs and could often be seen wearing nail polish and scarf's courtesy of my two little sisters. It wasn't until college when I got my own/first lab named Brewer. Brewer is almost 2 years old now and was given to me from a college friend whose parents were simply looking for good homes for the pups. I have always been intrigued with dog training ever since seeing ESPN's Great Outdoor Games on TV a couple years ago. I did some research and began training Brewer on my own and came across HRC in the process. Now that we have joined the PVHRC, Brewer has earned his Started Title and I am



excited to start getting him ready for his first Seasoned hunt test. Thanks, Luke

Note from Editor—Hey Luke! Your sisters were kind. When I was growing up, my dogs got to walk around wearing little prom dresses with a tiara on their head :0)

PLEASE EXTEND A HAND TO RUTHIE, BRENT, SARAH, & LUKE WHEN YOU SEE THEM OUT TRAINING.

PV WISHES SPEEDY RECOVERY TO BILL AUTREY

Bill Autrey had a double by-pass (80% & 60% blockage). Unfortunately he will not be able to make his annual pass through our State and run our hunt test. I heard from him last Thursday and said, *"this is just another bump in the road that I will have to overcome"*. He said he starts rehab this week and can drive in another 3 weeks. His plans are to start working his dogs in July on a limited basis. Then in August he plans to work and train the dogs full time and in time to run the Fall Grand.

If you want to send Bill an email, it is
AutreyKennels@aol.com

THE CLEAR CREEK SPECIAL OLYMPIC TEAM IS LOOKING FOR BODIES

As many of you know, my son, Greg, skis with the Clear Creek Special Olympics Ski Team since he was a youngster. Breckenridge has a fantastic program but it costs several thousand dollars for the team.

By volunteering to work the Triple Bypass Bicycle ride the last 3 years, the ski team has raised enough money that kids who normally cannot afford to participate, now can do so. These athletes range in ages 6 years thru 38 years old.

The team is paid for each and every volunteer we bring. I take all my grandkids, including the 8-year-old, as it is a great opportunity for them to learn to give of their time & of themselves and that they can make a difference even at a young age.

Volunteers make sandwiches, cut watermelon and serve lunch to the cyclists as they ride through. We work the Loveland Valley Ski area and it is Saturday, July 9. We actually have a lot of fun!

If you are interested in more info, contact Barbara Newsome hrcPR@msn.com
Time varies but usually 8:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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SHARE A RIDE



If anyone is interested in sharing a ride or to share a room, let me know and I'll hook you up.

Email hrcPR@msn.com if interested

2011 Calendar

DATE	Legend: Approved R13 Hunt Tests, Other Events, PV Training & Other
June 4 & 5	Hidden Pines HRC Back-to-Back Reg Hunt Cheyenne, WY Premium
June 8	Club Meeting; Gander Mountain; 9923 Grant St; Thornton, CO [Open to all Membership]
June 9-12	National Meeting in Memphis
June 18	Training Day—Mike Brockman Coordinator
June 18 & 19	Platte River Back-to-Back Reg Hunt Platte River, NE Premium
June 25 & 26	Laramie Peak Back-to-Back Regular Hunt Douglas, WY Premium
July 9 & 10	Panhandle Upland Quad 10th Anniversary Hunt Scottsbluff, NE Premium
July 13	Club Meeting; Gander Mountain; 9923 Grant St; Thornton, CO [Open to all Membership]
July 16	Platte Valley Picnic/Auction
July 16 & 17	Arkansas Valley Back-to-Back Regular Hunt Lamar, CO CANCELLED
July 31	Training Day—Mike Schwan Coordinator
Aug 6 & 7	Platte Valley 25th Anniversary Back-to-Back Reg Hunt Ft. Lupton, CO
Aug 20 & 21	Elkhorn Valley HRC Back-to-Back Reg Hunt Norfolk, NE Premium
August 28	Training Day—Mike Schwan Coordinator
Sep 10 & 11	Roadrunner Back-to-Back Regular Hunt New Mexico [tentative]
Sep 10—14	Fall Grand, Lake Ontario, Canada

DIRECTIONS TO MARY'S PLACE

(GPS Coordinates 40° 5'56.47"N, 104°42'56.59"W) [map](#)

Directions from Longmont (North):

East on Hwy 66 to US 85; South on US 85 to CR18

East on CR18 to CR37; South on 37 approx. .1.3 mi.

Turn east just after the farmhouse and just before the gas tanks on the east side.

Directions from South Longmont:

East on Hwy 52, over I25 and thru Ft. Lupton

Drive about 5 miles past Ft Lupton and turn left (north) on CR37.

North on CR37 approx. .1.3 mi.

Turn east just after the gas tanks and just before the farmhouse on the east side.

Directions from Denver:

North on I-25 to I-76; East on I-76 to US 85; North on US 85 to Ft. Lupton [Hwy 52]; East on Hwy 52 thru Ft. Lupton & about 5 miles past Ft Lupton and turn left (north) on CR37.

North on CR37 approx. .1.3 mi.

Turn east just after the gas tanks and just before the farmhouse on the east side.

[or instead of turning North on US 85, you can stay on I-76 to Hwy 52 & turn West on CR37]; Then North on CR37 approx 1.3 mi.

Drive East on dirt path to where you see trucks

FREE MEMBERSHIP!!

We are always looking for additional training grounds.

As an incentive to members, if you bring contact information concerning solid training property that leads to us leasing the property, you will receive a "finder's fee" of a free year of PVHRC Membership for next year!