

WE'RE ON OUR WAY.

Sunday, July 20 marked the date of the first Platte Valley Hunting Retriever Club event. A club hunt was held east of Hudson on property of the Front Range Waterfowlers. Our appreciation to that group for allowing us use of their land and water. We had a good turnout, with Sunday morning sign-ups more than doubling the entries for the various hunts. Results of the hunt appear elsewhere in the newsletter. Kudos to our secretary, Cheryl McConnell for balancing a pair of 18 month old twins and a bunch of hot dogs and assorted other lunch items. Also a special thanks to a young man, Dave Brady, who devoted the day to throwing birds and otherwise helping out. The Saturday work crew did a fine job of setting up blinds etc., and were essential to making the hunt work, as were the efforts on Sunday of all the marshals, guns, bird throwers, the bird steward, judges etc. We are learning. There were a few glitches, but that's what the club hunt was for, and hopefully, we'll get everything fine-tuned for the Preliminary Hunt on Aug. 30. Realistic hunting situations were the order of the day. Often hunting takes place on ranch property, and cattle can interrupt a hunt, so Mike McConnell arranged for a herd of longhorn cattle to move through the hunt area to add realism. Thanks, Mike. The judging and participation from the Southern Colo. HRC folks was appreciated, as was the participation by the High Country entries from the Western Slope.

CLUB HUNT RESULTS

Starting in the various hunts were: 11 Puppies, 26 Started, 25 Seasoned and 5 Finished. Numbers passing in each hunt were: 11 Puppies, 17 Started, 3 Seasoned and 1 Finished. Congratulations to the successful dogs and handlers:

**Puppies:** Dave Werges, Paula Rivera, Robert Dawson, Ralph Hearn, Dan Sullivan Jackie Van Artsdalen, Wayne Harlos, Josh McConnell, Chris Wiorek, Dawn Kirk and Van Thompson.

**Started:** Gus Enderlein, John Colton, Warren Curtis, Carl Swanson, Tom Held, Jean Von Barby, Dave Higbee, Wade Carpenter, Judy Van Artsdalen, Rose Newlon, Tom Quinn, Terri Powser, Ruth Holgate and Carol Brady.

**Seasoned:** Gary Brady, Rose Newlon and Bob Gifford.

**Finished:** Paul Grosscup

We had some young handlers who did some fine work with their puppies and dogs. "Nice going!" to Josh in Puppies, Jeremiah in Seasoned and Wade in started.

#### JUDGES TRAINING SEMINAR HELD

Omar Driskill gave a Western Regional judges seminar on Sat., Aug 2, On the Aristocrat Ranch West of Platteville, CO. About 50 interested handlers, judges and potential judges were in attendance, representing five clubs. Clubs involved in hosting this event were: Southern Colo. HRC (Pueblo), Southeastern Colo. HRC. (Lamar), High Country HRC (Colo. Western Slope), Logan Utah HRC, and our Platte Valley HRC. Our appreciation all who made it possible, and to Omar for spending the time with everyone. Thanks to Chuck Hayes, the Rocky Mountain Retriever Club and Rancher Ben Houston for making that fine property available for the day. Lots of sunshine, information, instruction, tips, interchange, practice judging, test setting, etc.

Good lunch --thanks to Cheryl, Gary and the Colonel and whoever for the chicken. The golf-ball sized hail waited till we were picking up to leave. Otherwise the weather was warm but fine.

The consensus seemed to be that it was a good day and time well spent. Also a time to see old acquaintances and make new ones. Many of us now have a keener appreciation of all that is involved in judging.

Perhaps somebody (or bodies) in attendance with good notes or a keen memory would consider writing and sending the editor an article covering some of what was presented. That would be a good article for those who couldn't attend.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

-Aug. 17---- High Country HRC Club Hunt. Contact Ruth Holgate, 0123 Cottonwood Lane, Carbondale, CO 81623 or call Jeff Tuttle, 945-7799.

-Aug. 23---- Logan Utah HRC Club Hunt. Contact Todd Scheuble, 543 E. 600 North, Logan Utah, 84321.

-Aug. 28 (Thurs.)--- Omar Driskill will appear on radio outdoor talk show. Show time is 5-7 pm on KNUS (710 on dial).

-Aug. 30---- Platte Valley HRC Preliminary Hunt. Location Front Range Waterfowlers #36, East of Hudson.

-Aug 31---- PVHRC Training seminar with Omar Driskill.

-Sept. 6-7---- Neb. Hunt and Dog Club AKC member Hunting

Test. Contact Steve Jipp, 3045 Touzalin Ave., Lincoln, NE 68507  
-Sept. 20-21----Ft. Collins Retriever Club AKC Licensed Hunting  
Test. Location: North of Ft. Collins, Cobb Lake. Contact Rich  
Carpenter, 2005 Charro Ave., Longmont, CO 80501.  
-Sept. 27-28--- So. Colo. HRC Licensed Hunt. Contact Dominic  
Cingoranelli, 720 N. Main St., Suite 435, Pueblo, CO 81003.

#### NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS

Several PVHRC club members were entered in the Rocky Mountain Retriever Club's Licensed AKC Hunting Test at Silver Creek Resort. Good weather and a good time. Congratulations to the following passing dogs and handlers: **Masters-** Boomer (Dale Flenthrope). **Senior-** Lilly (Bobbie Christensen), Rudi (Paul Grosscup), Kermit (Doug Koeppel/Bobbie Christensen) and Ben (Steve Lowrey). **Junior-** Tarra (Carol Brady), Amos Moses (Rich Carpenter), McKeag (Bobbi Christensen), Tami (Gus Enderlein), Crystal (Dave Higbee) and Pinecrest's Never Tuckers (Gail Grosscup). Apologies if we missed anyone.

On that subject, we think other members would like to know of your efforts and successes. If you enter pass a hunt or hunting test, let the editor know so we can include the information.

#### MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Those of you who have become members of PVHRC will find a roster of the names and addresses of the other members enclosed with this newsletter. Members are still adding, but the list of members was current at press time. Please inform us of errors in spelling, addresses or phone numbers. If you want a spouse listed, let us know.

#### HAVE YOU JOINED YET?

If you plan to join, but just haven't gotten around to it, we encourage you to get your membership application sent in to Ken Ericksen. We are sending this first newsletter to those who participated in the Club Hunt on July 20, and others who had expressed an interest in the club. Subsequent newsletters will be sent only to members, with informational copies to some other nearby clubs.

#### THIS IS YOUR CLUB AND NEWSLETTER

Letters, comments, phone calls and short articles for the newsletter are welcomed. What do you want to see in it? Here is your chance to influence its direction. The plan at this time is to try to make it a regular newsletter on a monthly basis. To do that we will need contributions of information and materials. Let the Editor know.

### EYE EXAM & TATTOO CLINIC

The Labrador Retriever Club of Greater Denver is sponsoring these clinics on Sept. 13 in Englewood. Cost of eye exam for hereditary defects is \$15 for first dog, \$14 for second. Cost of tattoo is \$7 for first dog, \$6.50 for second. Interested? Call Michelle Lynch at 972-1659 or Donna Stacey at 798-7089 for appointments or information.

### FOR SALE/TO TRADE/WANTED

Limited to items related to dogs, dog training and hunting. Listing for members only. No charge. Subject to available space. No permanent ads. We'll try this on an experimental basis. Policy subject to change.

AKC REG. LAB PUPPIES Whelped 7/22/86. 6 black males. Excellent pedigrees. Dandy's Ebony Luke AWC (OFA Good. Qualified AKC Sr. Hunting Test, passed UKC Seasoned Hunt) ex Sunshine's Lady Kolbi WC (Prelim- excellent). Call Carol or Gary Hardy at 790-1383 after 6 p.m.

AKC REG. BLACK LAB PUPS Whelped 6/25/86. 1 male and 1 female. \$225. Mink (Olinger's dog) ex Kaly. Dam hunted, sire field trialed. Call Kent Sump at 235-0626.

### PVHRC MEETING HELD JULY 30

A few notes from the meeting. Good turnout. Twenty or so of the 29 members were present.

Dee Weaver had two albums of great photos taken at the club hunt. If someone wants to purchase reprints, contact her.

Three additional members signed up at the meeting.

We are ordering camo mesh baseball caps with PVHRC logo silkscreened on the front. Hope to have available for sale at Preliminary for \$6.00 each. This will give the club a few bucks profit. Once the Preliminary is successfully completed, the club does need to seriously look at fund raising possibilities.

Future Hunts: we talked about the hunt committee (5 members) picking judges and being responsible for the hunt. Membership on the committee should keep changing. People should volunteer, and also provide feedback to the committee designated for any particular event. Need minimum of three committee members present to make decisions. At a hunt, board members can serve as committee members

to reach a quorum of 3 if action needs taken and committee members are missing.

Votes at club meetings will require only a majority vote of members present. No minimum number required.

Interest was expressed in getting together for training days to train dogs and each other. Need to share skills needed for hunts and training: i.e., gunning and throwing live birds.

Need everyone to keep eyes open for grounds that can be used to hold hunts and to train.

The plan is to have an active club membership in addition to the board members, and to try to meet approximately once a month.

Good meeting. Lots of good discussion.

#### HELP WANTED!

Help is always needed before, during and after events, as well as at other times. Do you have particular skills or interests? Jobs range from mostly glory to grunt work to still unthought of. Call Dale Flenthrope at 287-7663 and volunteer for something. Ask for instruction if you feel uncomfortable with an assigned task. If you feel you can't do one thing, offer to do something else.

PVHRC PRELIMINARY HUNT- AUG 30

IMPORTANT NOTE CONCERNING PRELIMINARY HUNT. NO BEER OR OTHER ALCOHOL MAY BE CONSUMED ON THE HUNT GROUNDS UNTIL CONCLUSION OF THE HUNT. NO EXCEPTIONS. THIS IS A SAFETY REQUIREMENT OF THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION. PLEASE HELP WITH INFORMING PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS AS NECESSARY.

Can use help with serving lunch, donuts, etc. Everyone come prepared to help on the 30th (throw, run birds, help marshall, staff lunch trailer, etc.) We want very much to start on time, so be there a bit early and ready to VOLUNTEER. Also need all the help available for set-up on Fri., Aug. 29, starting at 8:00 a.m., but come when you can if you can't get there then. Plenty of work for all. Questions? Call Dale Flenthrope. Location is same as Club Hunt, Front Range Waterfowlers #36, 2 mi. E. and 1 mi. S. of Hudson.

UKC SINGLE DOG REGISTRATION

In case you are wanting to dual register your dog with UKC so you can earn points toward the Hunting Retriever Championship, but haven't gotten around to taking the two pictures of the dog, be advised that an HRC club president can sign the back of the single registration form in lieu of the pictures.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Again, the goal is to try to get out a monthly newsletter. With that in mind, the last day of the month will be the cutoff date for items to be considered for the next issue. Needless to say, the editor's life will be made better if material comes in as early as possible. Also, material should be edited, proofed and ready for the printer. Failure to do so may delay appearance as well as result in the article saying what the editor thinks you meant to say. Again contributions are needed and wanted. Rich Carpenter, Editor.