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The 2013 Invitational Committee would like to thank all the people that have helped to make this event special. First, a big “thank you” goes to the handler's for their participation their time to attend and support this event. We could not provide such a special week without of the support of the advertisers and sponsors for all their donations: whether they have donated items to sponsor stakes, handler and judges gifts, or raffle items. The NAHRA membership and or clubs that bought or sold tickets for this year's Invitational have been a tremendous help. Additionally, we must not forget the volunteers that will work a gun station, throw birds, or help in some other fashion. We have a great organization to use as a springboard, but without everyone working together we would not have this type of marquee event to promote and validate the NAHRA hunting retriever concept.

THANK YOU from the 2013 Invitational Committee.

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Chairman Letter



Welcome to the 2013 North American Hunting Retriever Association Invitational Field Test! The 2013 Invitational Committee has been working for several months to provide you with a memorable experience to enjoy as you and your dog(s) participate in the Invitational Field Test over the next few days. As you know, NAHRA was the first hunt test program, and it remains the most complete testing program for our beloved retrievers. We expect this week to be a showcase on the quality of a NAHRA trained retriever and to demonstrate the usefulness of these

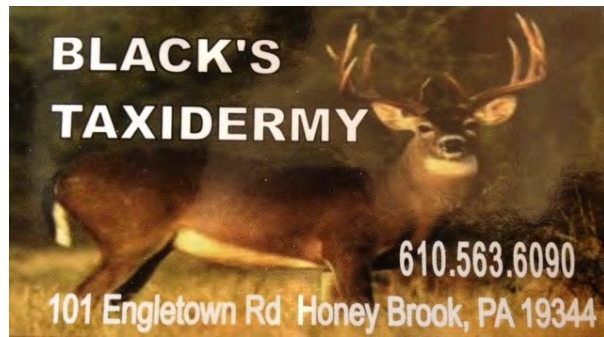
dogs in conserving game.

We have selected highly qualified NAHRA judges from across the country to provide a flavor of testing situations that may occur in their regions. This event highlights the best dogs in our program and we look forward to a field test with challenging scenarios and incredible dog work. We thank the judges for taking time out of their busy schedules to set up and judge the 2013 Invitational.

We are very fortunate to have access to excellent training and testing grounds owned and managed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Please respect the land and pick up your trash. Please park only in designated parking areas. If you must park on the side of the road, please keep all vehicles on one side allowing enough room for others to pass by. Everyone is requested to observe all Pennsylvania Game Commission rules that are posted at various locations on the Game Lands (check with a club member or test marshal if you have any questions). Consumption or open possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on Pennsylvania Game Lands.

Finally, thank you for the support that you have shown to NAHRA by qualifying for and attending this international event. I hope your team picks up your marks clean, have straight lines on your blinds, and favorable wind to provide good scent in your dog's nose when needed. Enjoy your time in central Pennsylvania!

Mike Tome



NAHRA President Letter

To all the participants,

Welcome all to south central Pennsylvania and the 2013 NAHRA Invitational hosted by the Northern Piedmont Retriever Club. On behalf of the NAHRA Board of Directors, the Invitational Committee, and all members, I would like to extend a hearty thank you to all of you who have travelled so far to join us in honoring and celebrating some of the best retrievers in the country. For 30 years, NAHRA has produced many fine gun dogs across North America and beyond.

A few years after NAHRA was founded, the organization created the Invitational event to reward our very best retrievers by inviting them to participate annually. At first, the event was truly by invitation only, inviting only the top 30 pointed dogs in the program for the preceding year. This caused many to travel far and wide to chase down enough points for the chance to make it to the "Big Dance." While the qualifications to be invited have changed over the years, the enthusiasm to participate has not and this year is no different.

The Invitational Field Test is still to reward our top level retrievers and especially, the newest Master Hunting Retrievers (MHR). To the new MHRs and their handlers, I would like to personally congratulate you for your achievements. Many of us have travelled the path you have taken and we know that it is a substantial commitment to deliver a dog to the status you have attained. Enjoy this experience as you have earned your way here.

To those who are returning to this event, thank you for your continued support of the NAHRA program. You have shown dedication to your dog's training by continuing to participate and earn our highest rewards, the Grandmaster Hunting Retriever (GMHR) and Grandmaster Hunting Retriever Champion (GMHRCH) titles. Yours are the elite of all dogs, a testimony to consistency and conservation of our natural resources.

Thanks so much to the NPRC for stepping up this year and hosting this event. I have watched your work and planning over the past months and you have set the table for a great event. Thank you in advance to all of the help who have volunteered to serve us this week. Without your help none of this would be possible.

In closing, I want to wish everyone success in the event and safe travels home.

Pick'em up clean!

Frank Plewa

August 6 – 9, 2013 – Newville, PA

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, August 6

- 9:00 AM Handlers Meeting - Welcome speech from Chairman, Introduction of Judges & Committee, Give out details on Game Land regulations, Give out packets containing training areas, tests sites, etc.
- 9:45 AM Honorary Flyers for 1000 Point Dogs in Attendance
- 10:15 AM Bitch Check - All females must be checked by vet to make sure they are not in season – Dr. Sara Mummert, Timberview Veterinary Hospital.
- 10:15 AM Handing out of ordered birds for those not having females. Handlers of female dogs can pick up their birds in the designated area after their dogs have been cleared by vet.
- 6:00 PM Welcome Banquet at Hotel Carlisle

Wednesday, August 7

- 8:00 AM First Series Testing Begins
- 11:30AM – 1:30PM Lunch served at Big Spring Fish and Game Club House
- 6:30 PM Workers Appreciation Steak Dinner at Big Spring Fish and Game Pavilion, Bumper Toss

Thursday, August 8

- 8:00 AM Upland/Trail Testing begins
- 11:30AM – 1:30PM Lunch served at Big Spring Fish and Game Club House
- 6:00 PM Dinner at Rustic Tavern, 823 Newville Road, Carlisle, PA 17013
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Friday, August 9

- 8:00 AM Final Series Testing begins
- 11:30AM – 1:30PM Lunch served at Big Spring Fish and Game Club House
- 6:00 PMish Award Ceremony and pig roast at the Big Spring Fish and Game Association

Saturday, August 10

Alternate Testing Day if Necessary

2013 Invitational Judges

Kent Bull - Alaska



I got started in NAHRA when we got a chocolate female lab and decided to give it some training and hooked up with a local pro named Sid Sherwood. The dog had good lines and Sid wanted to run her in some hunting tests (NAHRA). The second season "Sadie" and Sid were running an Intermediate water blind and I said to myself that she would never be able to do the blind. WRONG she did a great job and I was hooked.

We bred Sadie and I kept a male pup and began training him myself. Shortly thereafter I became involved with the Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association. "Doc" fortunately was smarter than me and with Sid's help "Doc" made it to Grand Master Hunting Retriever in 1999. I have trained and tested two of Doc's male pups

over the years to MHR titles with NAHRA.



I have been deeply involved with the Midnight Sun Gun Dog Association on a continuing basis for nearly twenty years and have been an officer and/or member of the board until the last two years. I am a former Alaska Regional Director to NAHRA.

I have been a NAHRA judge for about 12 years. There is no doubt in my mind that the NAHRA testing program is the best available. I have also participated in the other hunt tests and have judged their tests and my experience totally supports my opinion that the NAHRA program is the standard. I only judge NAHRA tests now.

I am an avid fisherman and bird hunter. Upland bird hunting is my favorite sport.

I have been fortunate to have hosted several guest NAHRA judges at my house when they have been up to judge our events.

I look forward to the opportunity to judge at the NAHRA 2013 Invitational and see some great dog work and visit with the handlers, NAHRA family and friends.

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Dan Tongen - Minnesota



I would like to thank the 2013 Invitational committee for asking me to be 1 of the 3 judges for the event. It is a huge honor, and it was extremely humbling for me to be asked to judge.

I started in the NAHRA program in 2003, the same time I became a member of the Four Points Retriever Club in Minnesota. I have made many new friends and hunting partners from this club, and that is one of the reasons I'm still involved today.

I have run and trained 4 dogs in the NAHRA program. I feel it is the best program devoted to hunting retrievers. The highlight of my involvement in the program would be the day my dog Abby became the 2nd GMHRCH in the Central region. It is a day I will never forget. My other dog Kate is a GMHR and the newest member Maverick is well on his way to being another excellent NAHRA dog.

I have attended 5 NAHRA Invitationals, from 2007-2011. I was an Invitational committee member for the 2008 event in Minnesota, and also the 2011 event in Iowa. I know how much work is put into the event, and these events are very enjoyable for those members who attend. I was also the NAHRA Central region director for 3 years. I value the experience of working for the membership of the Central region, and being part of the NAHRA board.

When not training dogs or hunting, I live in Annandale, Minnesota. I work for Carpentry Contractors Corp., a home builder in the Twin Cities area. I'm married to my wife Carol; we have 2 children, a son Brady (14), and a daughter Peyton (11). They are both becoming active hunters, and enjoy the outdoors and working with the dogs.

During the fall and spring, I can be found chasing waterfowl in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and also Missouri. I also enjoy upland hunting, but my 1st choice would be duck and goose hunting. In the month of November and December I can be found in the woods hunting deer. I also enjoy ice fishing during the winter months.

I look forward to meeting all of you, and catching up with some old friends and making some new ones. Congratulations; you all have earned the right to be here. You are the best of the best of the NAHRA program.

<p>Thank you to Ray and Jill May for their generous donations and support of the 2013 Invitational.</p>	
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Mike Hass - New York



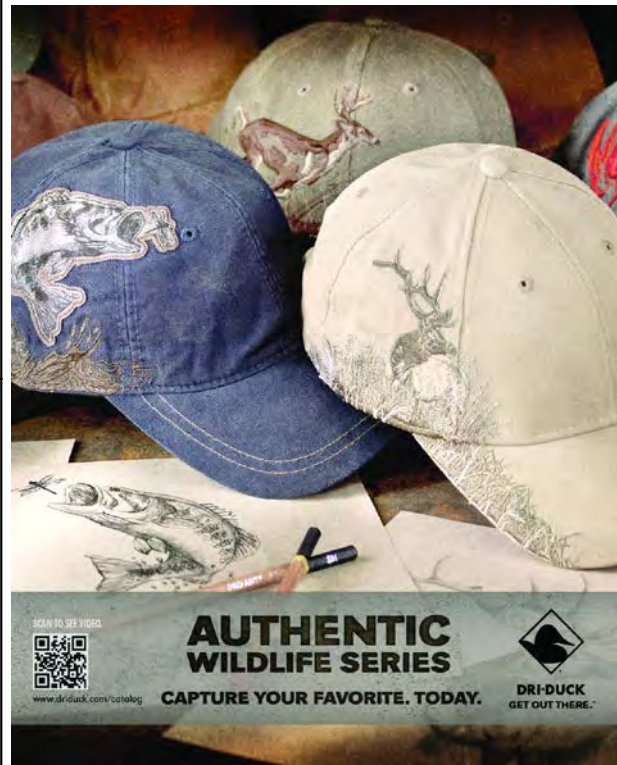
I got my first Labrador retriever "Mocha" over twenty years ago. I have always been an avid hunter and continuously had dogs, but none that were trained hunting dogs. One weekend shortly after getting Mocha we went to a DEC demonstration for gun dogs, and were amazed by the work that they could do. That is when we met Joe and Arch Letta. It was with their help and "kind words of encouragement" that I started training Mocha.. They encouraged me to join NAHRA and start running hunt tests. When we qualified in our first hunt test, we became hooked. I became a member of the Leatherstocking Retriever Association and the Western New York Retriever Club. Under Joe's guidance and experience, Mocha and I qualified in her first Invitational when she was only five years old. I took her out for a prime rib dinner at the local restaurant and she even ate beside me in the bar; that is how my wife Vicky and I spent our 25th wedding anniversary!

I am now running my third retriever, Max, in the NAHRA program; he always proves to be quite entertaining to all who watch. I continue to learn from each dog I train and handle. I have been a judge for over 15 years and have truly enjoyed helping all the new handlers get started. It takes a great deal of dedication and I am proud to work beside them. Through it all, we have made many new friends and met so many wonderful people who have the same interest as we do.

Congratulations to all the qualifiers for the 2013 NAHRA Invitational. I hope everyone enjoys the NAHRA program as much as I have. Good luck to all the handlers. Remember, have fun and enjoy!

Best of luck to all participants from Kali, Tank, Patch, Buster, Sandy, and the rest of the Riebling family!





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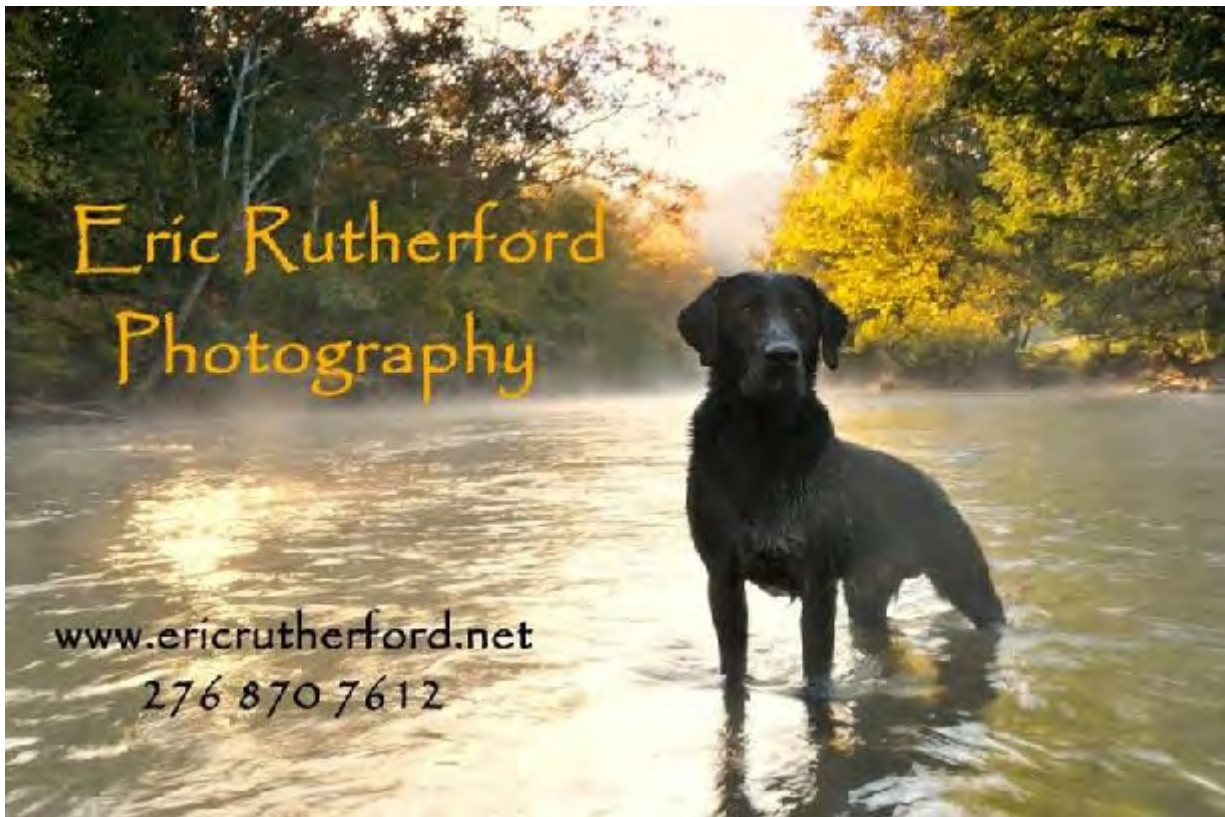
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2013 Invitational Official Photographer



The 2013 NAHRA Invitational Committee is pleased to announce that Eric Rutherford will be the Official Event Photographer for the 2013 NAHRA Invitational. Eric will be coordinating with the Invitational Judges to set up in strategic spots to capture the best photographs of the Invitational dogs in action. A variety of photography packages will be available for purchase. You can see some of Eric's beautiful work at: <http://www.ericrutherford.net>

**Thank you to Ken
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GMHRCH-III TTF MISS BELLE OF DEERFIELD
– *BRUCE JENKINS*

GMHRCH-II HR SILVERBROOKS SMOKE ON THE WATER SH
– *DAVE MELLENDER*

GMHRCH-III HRCH SILVERBROOKS RAVIN REBEL MH
– *JEFF RIEBLING*

GMHRCH-II HARVEST THYME'S TANKS-A-LOT MH
– *JEFF & CHERYL RIEBLING*

GMHRCH-II WR NORTH STAR'S DEUCE OF DIAMONDS
– *MICHAEL TOME*

GMHRCH-I FOWL WEATHERS CORNFIELD COMMANDO
– *FRANK & VALERIE PLEWA*

GMHRCH-III FOWL WEATHER'S CARBON COPY
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Alternate Route: Take Rt 641 / East High Street towards Mechanicsburg (11.3 miles). Turn right onto Sheely Lane. Sheely Lane becomes Wesley Drive which becomes Rossmoyne Rd after you cross Route 15. Turn right onto Louise Drive, right onto Ritter Road, Rossmoyne Animal Emergency is the second driveway on the right.

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The 2013 Invitational Committee would like to thank Ms. Margaret Ruth for creating and designing the logo for this year's 30th Anniversary Invitational. She not only captured the essence of the event in representing the hunting dog and the 30th anniversary, but also captured the location by incorporating the keystone figure in recognition of Pennsylvania being known as the "Keystone State". Great job Margaret!!



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Registered Name: MHR CHANCE'S BLACK ONYX

Registration Number: SR40989715

Owner: Vicki & Bruce Butler

Date of Birth: 3/10/2007

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

Sire: GMHR-I DIAMOND BROOK'S LUCKY CHANCE

Dam: MICHAEL'S TABOO IRICK HUNTER

Call Name: Onyx

Handler: Vicki Butler

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Michael Cameron

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Onyx is my third Labrador Retriever. My first one was given to me many years ago and kindled my interest in the breed. After dabbling in a few other things like obedience and agility. I stumbled across the hunting test game. Bought myself another Labrador puppy to try out this field test game. He turned out to be a lot of struggle with little to show for it. Onyx turned my interest into a passion. Onyx was given to me at 20 months old because her first owners thought she was too small for their breeding program. She had one leg of her NAHRA Started title and very little obedience training. Once I started working with Onyx, it didn't take long to get her Started title finished up. After that we sailed through Intermediate. In 2012 we started toward her Senior title. In 2013 I set the goal of finishing up her Senior title to qualify for the Invitational. We earned her MHR title at Leatherstocking in June 2013. I'm extremely grateful for acquiring her; I believe I would have given up on this game if she had not come into my life. August 2013, we are looking forward to the NAHRA Invitational, along with one of her litter mates.

Registered Name: MHR WR VALHALLA'S VALKYRIE BAY MIST

Registration Number: SR25415201

Owner: James Hundemer

Date of Birth: 4/13/2005

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

Sire: FC AFC CAROLINAS SMOKE ON THE WATER

Dam: GMHR HANG ON SLOOPY II

Call Name: Mist

Handler: James Hundemer

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Dan Storts and Dana Storts

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Mist came into my life just over eight years ago as a forty-five day old black ball of fur and intensity. She has grown to become an excellent retriever and companion, and her intensity has not waned with the passage of time. She is preeminent in the pheasant fields of North Dakota where speed and accuracy are required to ensure the recovery of downed birds, while on Maryland's Eastern Shore she has wowed our hunting companions by making marked retrieves on geese exceeding 350 yards. Running Mist in field tests is like the excitement of driving a Ferrari, in that you never have to be concerned about enough power but you are always on the razor's edge of control. She is pure joy to hunt and handle and I am certain there will never be another dog like her in my life.



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Registered Name: MHR HRCH UH CEDARWOOD'S BREWMASTER MH

Registration Number: SR41784306

Owner: Kim Smith

Date of Birth: 4/16/2007

Color: Black Sex: Male

Sire: CH RANSOM ARMBROOK'S HOLE IN ONE CD MH

Dam: CEDARWOOD'S TIMBERLINE CDX RN SH

Call Name: Brewer

Handler: Kim Smith

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Nancy Brandow

Brewer is our 6 year old loveable meathead. When his summer studies conclude, he spends as much time as possible in his duck boat, working local continental pheasant shoots and running the hills of Vermont searching for grouse. Other passions include watching John Wayne movies or retiring to his bedroom after dinner for "private time" practicing for his next love interest. Brewer is always looking to broaden his experience which is why we're traveling to his first NAHRA Invitational where he has scheduled time to help out at the Bitch Check.



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Registered Name: MHR SEALS STORMIN DEVIL Registration

Number: SR60105002

Owner: Margaret Rathje

Date of Birth: 12/10/2009

Color: Chocolate Sex: Female

Sire: TAKEN BY STORM MH

Dam: HI PRIORITY LIL OF DAGWOOD

Call Name: Mandy

Handler: Margaret Rathje

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Lynne Busch



She loves her birds and she loves the game. Otherwise quiet and reserved, Mandy comes alive at the line. Her marking ability is outstanding and her enthusiasm is exhilarating. Mandy is very aware of her surroundings -doesn't want to miss a trick. With her memory and desire, Mandy is fun to watch. She is my sixth generation of dogs. I have been blessed. They love to run and I love to run them. They have given me many good friends in NAHRA.

Registered Name: GMHR MLTV ALLY'S LITTLE BOO

Registration Number: SR42367605

Owner: Larry & Ginny Dusanek

Date of Birth: 4/7/2007

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

Sire: CFC STRONGLINES TOOK FOR GRANITE MH

Dam: DOWNTOWN REBA BROWN

Call Name: Boo

Handler: Larry Dusanek

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Danny Rentz

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Boo was not the pup we were expecting when we first saw her. To be honest, we were very close to returning her to the breeder. That would have been a grave mistake. She has become an outstanding companion as well as a hunter. There is nothing she likes more than retrieving or hunting. She isn't always the most consistent, but we can say (to our best recollection) we have not lost a single bird when hunting. We run tests for summer enjoyment and to keep up the skills. Hunting is the first priority for our dogs. She is always demanding our full attention and wants to please. What little hope we held for her future as a hunting/test dog has changed to great expectations.

Registered Name: GMHRCH-III FOWL WEATHER'S CARBON COPY

Registration Number: SR06906101

Owner: Frank & Valerie Plewa

Date of Birth: 3/3/2003

Color: Black **Sex:** Male

Sire: GMHRCH-I MFR FOWL WEATHER'S TOKEN TROUBLE

Dam: MHR DUNCAN'S CHANCE OF DUTCH LANE JH

Call Name: Carbon

Handler: Frank or Valerie Plewa

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Keith D. Omslaer

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We are very proud to bring Carbon back to enter his fourth Invitational. While he is ten plus now, he is still in great shape despite being retired from the testing circuit for several years. We dust him off every two years and enter him in this great event. He is truly one of the great dogs I have had the pleasure to own and run. While age is starting to cause him to lose a step or two, he has been one of the most precise marking and lining dogs I have owned. His skills were inherited from another great marking dog whose genes will be well represented in this event. His hatred of training is still evident at ten plus but put him in the game and or in the hunt and he is money! He remains a valued hunting partner for all types of fowl and extremely hardy whatever the conditions. His personality is incomparable, splitting time being a cranky old man and the court jester equally. I am proud to stand beside him at this event which likely will be his last. But what a ride! Thanks Carbon.



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Registered Name: GMHR WR SHEPPARDS MIDNITE MAGIC SH

Registration Number: SR34744208

Owner: Diane & Roy Sheppard

Date of Birth: 4/22/2006

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

Sire: DEEP RUN AFTER SIX MH

Dam: EMERALD CITY WILD IRISH ROSE

Call Name: Magic

Handler: Diane Sheppard

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Frederick E. Wildt

Magic is a dog who loves to play the game. She has been a joy for me to train and run in trials. She is in her element when retrieving, especially if it is in the water.

We both wish good luck to all the participants, and hope everyone enjoys this event as much as we plan to.

Magic and I thank the Invitational Committee for all the hard work they have expended to host this event. We intend to thoroughly enjoy every minute of it.



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Registered Name: MHR BELLES LITTLEOWL

Registration Number: SR64886003

Owner: Duane Mayberry

Date of Birth: 10/13/2010

Color: Black **Sex:** Male

Sire: ULSTARE OPAL OF LITTLEOWLS

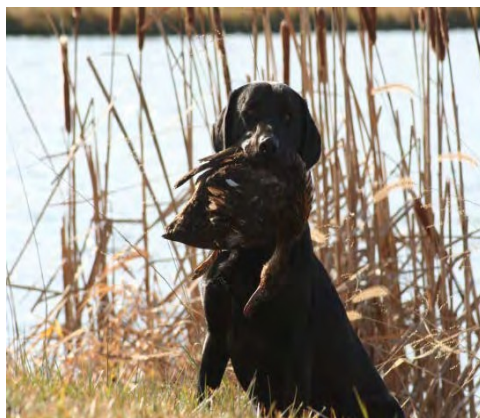
Dam: GMHRCH-III MISS BELLE OF DEERFIELD

Call Name: Hoot

Handler: Duane Mayberry

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Bruce Jenkins



"HOOT" is a young British lab who has come the entire way through the NAHRA program. He has his SR HR WR MHR titles and hopefully GMHR this season. He has an eager to please personality and tries to do everything he is asked to do. I am looking forward to hunting with him this season, since I did not hunt much last year. This test will be a family affair since "HOOT'S" mother has been brought out of retirement to run and one of his litter mates will also be running. Good Luck to all.

MOMENTS LIKE THESE ARE POSSIBLE WITH NAHRA



**THANK YOU TO MY ENTIRE NAVESINK FAMILY
ESPECIALLY - SCOTT AND TOM**

Registered Name: GMHRCH-III TTF MISS BELLE OF DEERFIELD

Registration Number: SR17051406

Owner: Bruce Jenkins

Date of Birth: 4/2/2004

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Female

Sire: INT FTCH CRAIGHORN BRACKEN

Dam: FTW COUTHALLY BESS

Call Name: Belle

Handler: Frank Plewa

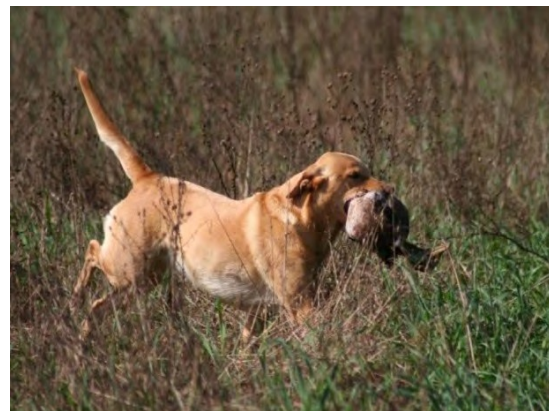
Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: A Cochrane & H Cochrane

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I would like to take credit for choosing wisely, but the Retriever Gods were smiling on me the day I picked her up at the kennel. We were blessed with her eagerness to please and her intense focus on the job at hand which made training a pleasure. She is extremely fun to hunt with and although she is small in size, she can run with the big boys.

Now nine, Belle earned her 1000 points when she was 5. Both Frank Plewa and I had the pleasure of handling her in reaching that goal. This will be her fourth "Invitational" and based on her always having the ability to make up for handling errors on our part, I am sure she will finish with style.



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Registered Name: GMHR TWIN LAKES HOTSY TOTSY RUBY
Registration Number: SR49116311
Owner: Ted Eggertson
Date of Birth: 3/7/2008
Color: Black **Sex:** Female
Sire: MHR RIPPIN GOOD NATIONAL EXPRESS
Dam: MHR MITIMAT LANCE'S MISS LIBERTY

Call Name: Ruby
Handler: Ted Eggertson
Breed: Labrador Retriever
Breeder: Woody Thurman

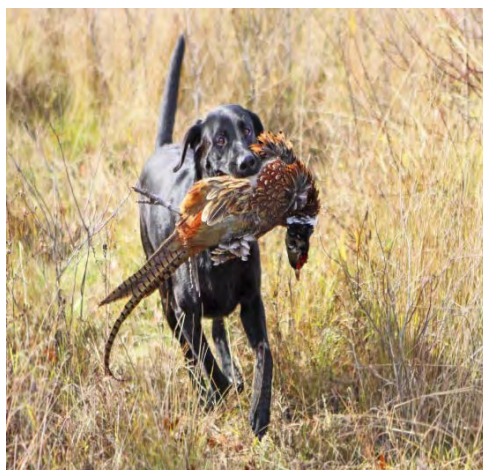
Ruby's a hard working girl that's a great hunting partner. Never late in the morning, never wants to go home, but if you have an off day shooting, she'll let you know.



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Registered Name: GMHR REBELTOES DIZZIE LIZZIE MH
Registration Number: SR34217310
Owner: David & Joan Hilts
Date of Birth: 4/12/2006
Color: Black **Sex:** Female
Sire: FC-AFC TWO TOES OUT THE DOOR
Dam: REBELSTAR'S LEAN KATE

Call Name: Lizzie
Handler: Joan or Dave Hilts
Breed: Labrador Retriever
Breeder: Daniel Carlson



Lizzie arrived at our home from Michigan in June of 2006 when she was 8-1/2 weeks old. She was the last pup of the litter to leave. Around four months of age, her retrieving instinct kicked in. Since then she has earned her NAHRA Started, Intermediate and Senior titles along with her AKC Junior, Senior and Master titles. In 2011 in Maryland, Lizzie qualified and earned the Master National plate and ribbon. Earlier this year, she earned her final two passes at the Southwest Pennsylvania tests for her Grand Master title. In addition to hunt tests, Lizzie placed 4th in a Qualifying stake. After the hunt test season ends, Lizzie spends September through January hunting pheasants four days a week at a private club. Dave and Lizzie were the top team for three years. This is our first Invitational and Dave and I are really looking forward to it.

Registered Name: GMHR-I WR FOWL WEATHER'S FULLY CHARGED SH

Registration Number: SR17583404

Owner: Jackie Lutskus

Date of Birth: 5/02/2004

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

Sire: GMHRCH-I MFR FOWL WEATHER'S TOKEN TROUBLE

Dam: DEEP RUN UMBRA

Call Name: Juice

Handler: Jackie Lutskus

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Jack McCloy

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This has been an amazing journey with this little girl. She may only be 55 pounds, but she certainly can bust through cover and fetch that bird up, she continues to impress me.

She's a wonderful companion at home and a blast to train because of her enthusiastic attitude to please. In her spare time she likes to dock jump, eat tomatoes from the garden, chase chipmunks, snooze on the sofa and her favorite is belly rubs.

We would like to wish all the dog/handler teams the Best of Luck at this year's Invitational.

Registered Name: MHR HPK'S HI-BRASS MR. RILEY SH

Registration Number: SR61487906

Owner: James Langa

Date of Birth: 10/28/2009

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Male

Sire: MPR BROCK'S GOLDEN NUGGET

Dam: CPR HPK'S BLOWIN IN THE WIND

Call Name: Riley

Handler: Jim Langa

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Hunter's Point Kennel

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It was a difficult decision to bring a new puppy into the family. Toby (GMHR-I HPK's Hi-Brass Toby) and I had a bond that defies explanation. We had been everywhere, done everything TOGETHER, just Toby and me. We were a team. I had a host of uninvited thoughts running through my head . . . would Toby feel betrayed? Did I have enough time? enough energy? enough love? ... to care for and train another dog? But Toby was getting older and was eventually going need help with the long hours of chasing ringnecks through the amber waves, and I reveled in the thought of playing retriever games again; so the decision was made. Riley was the smallest male in the litter, but he steamrolled his bigger brothers to fetch my rolled up sock. He would even bring it back to me for another toss! The desire was deep and intense. There was no doubt that he was the one. At home, Riley was an eager student and fast learner. At a year old he made his first trip to South Dakota where he demonstrated that he could not only "run with the big dogs", but he could outrun and outhunt most. He was nothing short of spectacular. By the time he was two Riley earned his NAHRA WR and AKC SH titles. Before he turned three Riley was an MHR. He is currently working on his AKC MH title. Riley continues to display unparalleled drive and desire for both retrieving work and hunting. When he's not working, Riley is an extremely affectionate boy with an endearing personality, and truly believes that everyone should be his best friend. Toby and I are proud and privileged to have Riley in the family and on our team.



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Registered Name: MHR COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S ROUGH RIDER

Registration Number: SR63775508

Owner: Tony Carlo

Date of Birth: 8/6/2010

Color: Black **Sex:** Male

Sire: TEXAS POINTING LABS NITRO'S HIGH CALIBER

Dam: STILLWATER'S MAGGIE RED ROCK

Call Name: Teddy

Handler: Tony Carlo

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Tim Galeazzi

Teddy may not be the most graceful dog, but he tries hard. He has an uninhibited desire to please, a real team player. Teddy is definitely a Rough Rider; the kind of man that kicks in the saloon doors, makes his way to the bar spilling every drink he comes near, then buys the house a round. You just can't not like him.



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Registered Name: MHR FOWL WEATHER'S DEAD ON CENTER

Registration Number: SR68114003

Owner: Frank & Valerie Plewa

Date of Birth: 5/11/2011

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Male

Sire: GMHRCH-I MFR FOWL WEATHER'S CORNFIELD COMMANDO

Dam: MHR HI HOPES AUTUMN SURPRISE

Call Name: Target

Handler: Frank Plewa

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Don Morgan



Probably the most entertaining Labrador I have owned and certainly the busiest. His daily schedule proves to be even more taxing than mine as he daily checks every inch of our yard to make sure a bird or varmint was not overlooked the day before. If lifting a large pile of lumber with his nose in a single attempt to retrieve a wayward mouse, saving a groundhog from being trapped below a stack of pallets or moving a floating island of cattails to recover a duck is the task at hand, Target is your guy.

Registered Name: MHR-I HASS' FIVE STAR LACEY MH QAA

Registration Number: SR48996806

Owner: Keith Hass

Date of Birth: 3/2/2008

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

Sire: NFC FC AFC FIVE STAR GENERAL PATTON

Dam: LULU IN THE ROUGH

Call Name: Lacey

Handler: Keith Hass

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Rick Steenhoven

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Keith's first attempt at a so called field trial bred Lab. Since the day she arrived Lacey has been something special. She's now the main dog in our kennel. We dog train, field trial, hunt test or hunt almost every day throughout the year. We believe she loves and enjoys all of the above and we are very proud to call her our own.

Registered Name: MHR CAERNAC'S MR. TRUCKIN WISELY MH QAA

Registration Number: SR02389602

Owner: Bruce & Vicki Butler

Date of Birth: 6/24/2002

Color: Black **Sex:** Male

Sire: COPPERTOP'S ROY JR MH QAA

Call Name: Trucker

Handler: Vicki or Bruce Butler

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Mimi Kearney

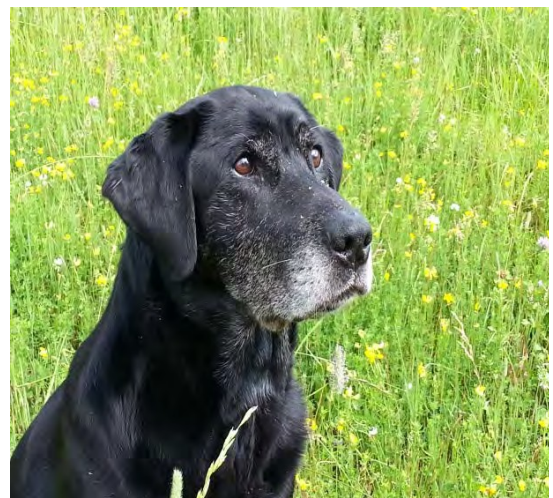
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Trucker is my fourth MHR titled retriever (in addition to being the sixth MH) over the course of 32 years of training and campaigning these marvelous beasts. I've been blessed with owning some really good retrievers, but of all of them over the years, Trucker is no doubt the best of the pack. And, he is the first of them for which all of the stars have aligned to be possible to go to a NAHRA Invitational.

He spends most of his day as a house dog along with the rest of his pack, living life pretty laid back and easy. He'll even share a dog bed with the cat.

But, say "who wants to go to work" and he's all there, first one to the truck, ready to load into his kennel. Out in the field it's all business. 'Set 'em up and let 'em fly or tell me where they are, I'm ready to get 'em.'

I am both awe-struck and humbled by these creatures that show you that they know exactly what their purpose in life is and do it with style and enthusiasm. This is Trucker's description to a T and I will feel forever fortunate to be his handler and companion.



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Registered Name: GMHR IRONWEED'S LADY ABIGAIL SH
Registration Number: SR33002904
Owner: Dave & Georgina Koslosky
Date of Birth: 1/15/2006
Color: Black **Sex:** Female
Sire: SUNBEAM IV MH
Dam: IRONWEED'S BOOM BOOM BUTTERFLY MH
Call Name: Abby
Handler: Dave Koslosky
Breed: Labrador Retriever
Breeder: Nancy Eisaman

Abby is 7 1/2 years old. She received her GMHR title on April 21, 2012. She enjoys duck hunting in Manitoba & Geneva Swamp. When she is not hunting or running a test, she enjoys going to the Outer Banks and swimming in the ocean.



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Registered Name: MHR-II 4XGMPR TEXAS POINTING LABS STORMS CHANGE OF RAIN
Registration Number: SR32680402
Owner: Chris Giardina
Date of Birth: 2/23/2006
Color: Black **Sex:** Female
Sire: AFC JAZZTIME'S LAST CHANCE V PEKISKO
Dam: STORM OF STARTEDPOINTINGLABS.COM
Call Name: Rain
Handler: Chris Giardina
Breed: Labrador Retriever
Breeder: Mary Ann Byerly



It was seven years ago already that a small, furry being named Rain came into my life. In those years Rain has taught me many lessons that I may have never learned on my own. These lessons aren't exclusive to dogs and training, but about people and life in general. My wife still gets angry with me when she realizes I'm speaking to her the way I speak to Rain. But I tell her that she's a good girl, rub her belly and she gets happy again. I'm grateful everyday for having Rain as a friend, and I am forever grateful to the wonderful people of NAHRA that showed me effective ways to communicate with dogs. Without the help of the people of this organization and it's dedicated leadership, I would be stuck with a crazy dog and an unhappy wife! Rain and I can't wait to get out to Pennsylvania and attend the 2013 Invitational. This will be our third time being part of this great event and we look forward to seeing many old friends and hopefully making some new ones.

Registered Name: MHR MAGGIE'S PERFECT THROW

Registration Number: SR53284101

Owner: James Tracy

Date of Birth: 11/12/2008

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Female

Sire: FC AFC TNT'S MR. PEABODY PRAIRIEMARSH

Dam: GMHRCH-IV SILVERBROOK MAG AUTUMN GOLD MH

Call Name: Bumper

Handler: Dan Hosford

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: James M. Tracy

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Having gone to seven consecutive NAHRA Invitational Hunt Tests, I should have prayed for a better schedule this year. Alas, my hunting partner Bumper will have to fend for herself and take the upgrade to a better handler. Please welcome longtime NAHRA advocate Dan Hosford as my personal coach and Invitational test stand-in for this year. Because I am actually having to work, Sarah and I are honored that Bumper will be handled by the Creator and Host of our favorite television program; "The Working Man's Retriever". Bumper has actually started to grow into her mother's considerable Paw Prints. While she still has a mind and will of her own, we never forget that she is: "Maggie's Perfect Throw"!

Registered Name: GMHRCH-II HR SILVERBROOK'S SMOKE ON THE WATER SH

Registration Number: SR33701206

Owner: David & Ann Mellender

Date of Birth: 4/15/2006

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Male

Sire: SILVERBROOK'S AMAZING SPARKLE BOY

Dam: SILVERBROOK'S HIGH HOPES

Call Name: Smoke

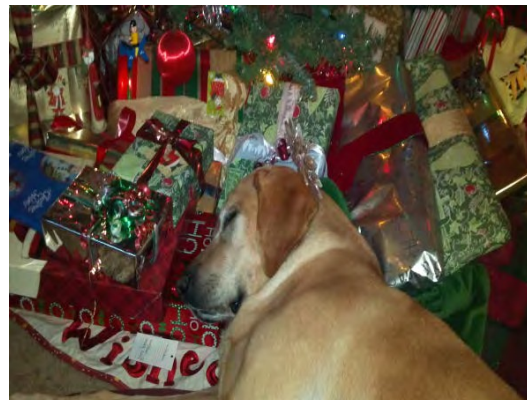
Handler: David Mellender

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Patricia Jagoda

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Wow, what a great journey this has been! From being born in 2006 to achieving my GMHRCH title in 2013. Not to mention all the places I have seen like the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls and all the great test grounds we have had the privilege of running on. I have enjoyed meeting all the people during my travels whether it was sightseeing, testing or hunting. But my favorite place is home waiting for all the grandchildren to come over and rub my ears and dream of where will we go next.



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Registered Name: MHR WR O'S DELTA MARSH BLADE RUNNER SH

Registration Number: SR59960408

Owner: Dick Ofstedal

Date of Birth: 11/20/2009

Color: Yellow **Sex:** Male

Sire: GMHR-II HRCH DELTA MARSH FIRESTORM CHASE SH

Dam: GMHRCH-II HOLZINGER CHAI LATTE MH

Call Name: Blade

Handler: Dick Ofstedal

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Dan Hove

Blade had to go three for three at the Four Points spring hunt test to qualify for the Invitational. He was able to pull that off so he gets to make the PA trip. Blade has the same drive as his old man (Chase) and mother (Dan Hove's dog Chai) so he is fun to train. Unlike his sire, Blade does not provide as many humorous or frustrating moments during hunt tests. We are hoping he puts his best skills to use at the Invitational so we can play all week.



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Registered Name: MHR IRONWEED SECRET TREASURE MH CD

Registration Number: SR53486403

Owner: Michele Rappl

Date of Birth: 11/5/2008

Color: Black **Sex:** Male

Sire: FC AFC MONEY TALKS II

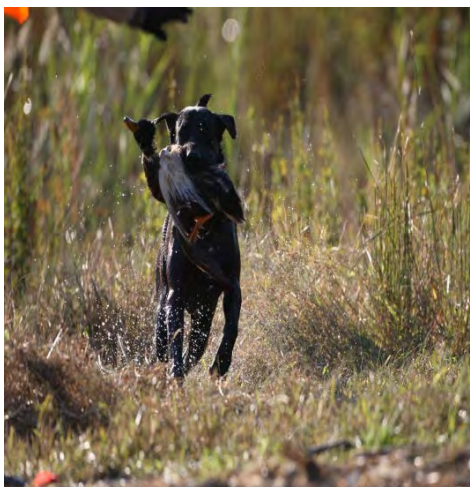
Dam: IRONWEED BOOM BOOM BUTTERFLY MH

Call Name: Jasper

Handler: Michele Rappl

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Nancy Eisaman



Jasper has been an exciting and wonderful companion. From the time we picked him up at 8 weeks old, he showed us how special a dog he really was. He displayed that "willing to please" attitude and love for learning. Jasper ran 2 AKC Field Trial Derbys and finished them both. His training continued and he went on to qualify as an AKC Master Hunter as a 2 year old and qualified at the prestigious Master National that same year. Entered UKC HRC stakes and went 4 for 4 to earn his Seasoned Hunting Retriever title. We entered AKC Qualifying stakes and finished with a Reserve Jam. He had fun training for NAHRA, and quickly earned his MHR title to qualify him for the 2013 Invitational. Jasper is an intelligent hunting companion and test dog. We have had several great dogs, but he is a unique dog - a perfect gentleman in the house, ready to take on anything asked of him, and always excelling in the field. Teach him once and he retains it forever - always asking "what's next"? He even exceeded my expectations in the obedience ring although I am sure he would have rather been outside retrieving. But our Western New York winters brought us indoors, so he accepted this new challenge. He finished his Novice Obedience Title giving me the same level of attention as he does in the field. He really is a special dog that gives 100% - said not only by me, but by everyone who has helped me train him. Jasper is the epitome of the Labrador - a great temperament, very tractable, intelligent, and a faithful companion.

**Registered Name: GMHRCH-III HRCH SILVERBROOK'S RAVIN REBEL
MH**

Registration Number: SN84436101
Owner: Jeff Riebling
Date of Birth: 6/11/2001
Color: Chocolate **Sex:** Female
Sire: GMHR SOUTHLAND LEROY BROWN
Dam: GMHR BIGGUN'S SKYS THE LIMIT

Call Name: Kali
Handler: Jeff Riebling
Breed: Labrador Retriever
Breeder: Patricia L. Jagoda

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Kali is the dog that put me, as a dog guy, "on the NAHRA map". She is a wonderful companion, and has been an outstanding competitor throughout her hunt test career. She has far exceeded any expectations I had when I picked her up from Silverbrook Kennels a mere 12 short years ago. Kali has pushed the bar higher for me over the years. She gave me a glimpse of what an outstanding retriever is made of. It has been difficult to see Father Time deteriorate her skill set, but I truly am blessed to still be able to stand beside her. This will likely be her last test over an amazing career; making this a bittersweet event for me. A NAHRA 1000 point dog, an HRC Hunting Retriever Champion and an AKC Master Hunter; Kali was also a finalist in the 2007 MD Gun Dog Championships. She has amassed over 1400 points in the NAHRA program. I am most proud of her accomplishments and humbled to be by her side. This "chocolate dog" will always have a very special place in my heart. Kali is personality plus, with the working pedigree to boot! I want to thank NAHRA & Northern Piedmont for the opportunity to honor these truly gifted athletes, and wish everyone the best of luck in the 2013 Invitational.

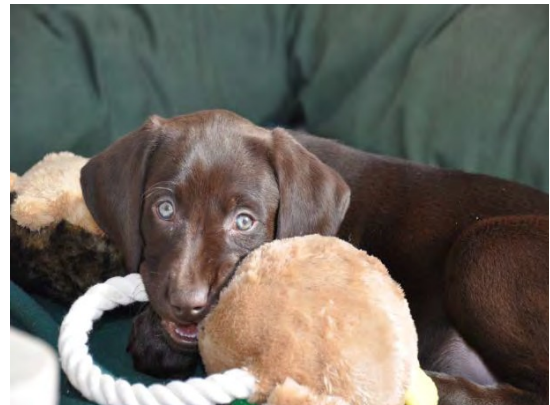
Registered Name: MHR SEAL'S GO DEVIL

Registration Number: SR60105001
Owner: Mark Nobert
Date of Birth: 12/10/2009
Color: Chocolate **Sex:** Female
Sire: TAKEN BY STORM MH
Dam: HI PRIORITY LIL OF DOGWOOD

Call Name: Chip
Handler: Margaret Rathje
Breed: Labrador Retriever
Breeder: Lynne Busch

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Chip was picked from the litter to be an average companion dog but she turned out to be way above average. Her willingness to please makes her easy to train. Chip's affinity for water makes her fun to watch. Curiosity and an excellent nose have gotten her into trouble but she is easy to get back on track. Highly sociable and so much cuter than her sister, Chip makes you smile every day. We are both going to the Invitational for the first time. We are looking forward to running a great series and enjoying great friends. It is all about the memories of good dog work and the people who you share it with.



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Registered Name: GMHR-I DAKOTA CREEK'S ROYAL NAVIGATOR MH

Registration Number: 1101198

Owner: Sue Snow

Date of Birth: 12/18/2007

Color: Black Sex: Female

Sire: WATERDOG'S SURE SHOT TURBOJET MH

Dam: HRCH SCOOP'S LITTLE SCOUT

Call Name: Gee

Handler: Sue Snow

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Lisa Hartman

In 2007, we were looking for a new addition to our dog family. We had a deposit on a litter that was not to be, and with a friend's phone call, found Gee and have never looked back! She comes by her call name naturally, as "Gee" was the British Royal Air Force's nickname for a radar detection program during WWII. They used it to detect planes, we use it to keep track of this high-powered jet! Quiet and intense on the line, Gee has proven herself to be a very driven competitor in NAHRA fields tests as well as CKC field trials and hunt tests. In 2012, we ran the Canadian National Master Hunt Test and were finalists. The NAHRA program has developed Gee into an all-around retriever who is as comfortable hunting waterfowl in Ontario as she is upland hunting in South Dakota.



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Registered Name: GMHR-I FOWL WEATHER'S FINAL APPROACH

Registration Number: SR53075504

Owner: Frank & Valerie Plewa

Date of Birth: 11/6/2008

Color: Black Sex: Male

Sire: GMHRCH-I FOWL WEATHER'S TOKEN TROUBLE

Dam: GMHR KELLY ANN FINCHER

Call Name: Radar

Handler: Frank Plewa

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: John A. Fincher



Since his first Invitational in Iowa, Radar has grown into what epitomizes a NAHRA Senior dog; he is polished and able to hunt anywhere under any conditions. He has been at my side through bitter cold and blazing hot weather conditions and answered every call. He has been a steady performer in our game and is now a serious contender to be our next 1000 pointer adding the "CH" to his name like his father and brothers before him. Radar will run alongside two of his littermates and two half brothers making this event very special to us as it confirms we have been on track with our breeding to produce quality gun dogs. Radar is the dog that sets things right during those training days when everything seems to go wrong. He is now the go-to guy in our lineup, usually batting cleanup. While he is a proven marker and steady handling dog, his best attribute is his nose. I have owned some great trailing dogs but he is exceptional. While he is very stylish in most everything he does, swimming is a bit different. Look for him at the water series. Despite generally going right where he is pointed, he will be the dog who swims like a drunken sailor. Good luck to everyone from the Fowl Weather gang!

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GOOD LUCK TO ALL!**



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Registered Name: MHR WOODLAND GRACE SH

Registration Number: SR48583903

Owner: Dawn Hass

Date of Birth: 2/14/2008

Color: Yellow Sex: Female

Sire: ROBINS RED NICK

Dam: DBAR MISSY

Call Name: Grace

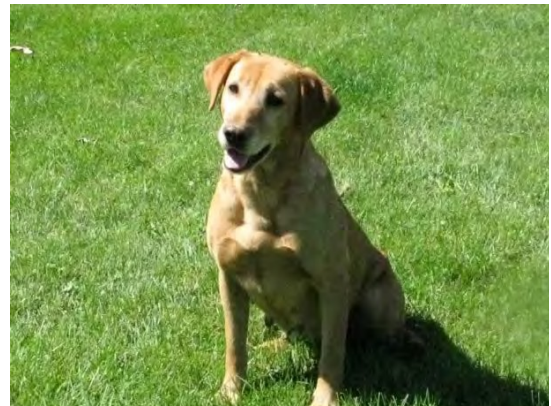
Handler: Keith Hass

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Mike Crnobrna & Chad Heins

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Grace came from a line of labs that have been raised by members of Keith's family. Dawn picked her out of a litter that their nephew raised. She sternly requested that her husband Keith train her dog. From there she became MHR-I Hass' Five Star Lacey's training partner. Grace thoroughly enjoys hunting and participating in hunt test games and competitions. She also enjoys leisure time hanging out on the porch. In her early hunt test days Keith and Dawn's daughter, Madisen, at the age of 12, handled her in the minor hunt tests. In those 4.5 years, Grace she has become the perfect family pet/hunting companion.



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Registered Name: MHR WR HIHOPES FLYING ACE

Registration Number: SR56086407

Owner: Donald Morgan

Date of Birth: 4/24/2009

Color: Black Sex: Male

Sire: HIHOPES SIR LOIN OF ANGUS

Dam: HAPPY ACRES EMMA

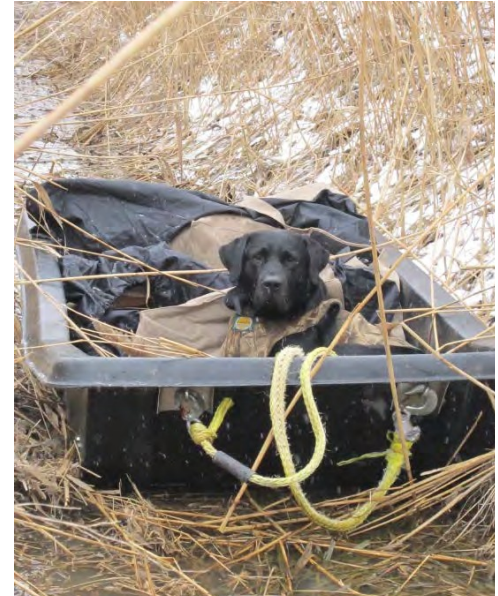
Call Name: Hawkins

Handler: Donald Morgan

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Donald Morgan

I would first like to thank the NPRC club for hosting the Invitational; I know first hand the effort that is needed to have a successful test and the folks here are up to that task. I have been blessed with good dogs ever since Joe & Arch Letta picked out my first lab way back in 1994. Hawkins is a descendant of those lines from our breeding program. It is very enjoyable to watch a pup grow and learn the job of hunting, even more so when he is one of your own. Hawk is my number one dog for hunting as well as running the NAHRA tests. He has become a reliable performer at tests and is great in the blind or a upland hunt. He has great drive, always trying to please even during the difficult training sessions. He's a great dog and I hope he does well this week to prove that. Good success to all the dogs and their handlers who are here this week. Thanks again to all who have made this an enjoyable week.



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Registered Name: GMHR-II HRCH DELTA MARSH FIRESTORM CHASE SH

Registration Number: SR40296402

Owner: Dick Ofstedal

Date of Birth: 1/24/2007

Color: Yellow Sex: Male

Sire: RAMERS INSTANT CASH MACHINE MH

Dam: GMHR-I CP HR UH FIRESTORM BELLE'S AMAZING GRACE SH

Call Name: Chase

Handler: Dick Ofstedal

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Dan Hove



Chase has indicated he is willing to run in one more Invitational. Last fall he was a goose guide dog in Rochester, MN then traveled with the same guide to hunt waterfowl in the rice fields and flooded timber in Arkansas. Reports from that experience proved he is still an outstanding waterfowl dog. However, his behavior at hunt tests has not been admirable. He broke on the honor once again during his one outing this spring showing Kathy and me that he is not trustworthy. Larry, we will not have to train with the ninja this year because Chase will be on lead when honoring. At least he can enjoy the company of the other NAHRA dogs for part of the week.

Registered Name: GMHRCH-II HARVEST THYME'S TANKS-A-LOT MH

Registration Number: SR27999706

Owner: Jeff & Cheryl Riebling

Date of Birth: 8/14/2005

Color: Black **Sex:** Male

Sire: GMHRCH-I MFR FOWL WEATHER'S TOKEN TROUBLE

Dam: GMHRCH-III HRCH SILVERBROOK'S RAVIN REBEL MH

Call Name: Tank

Handler: Jeff Riebling

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Cheryl & Jeff Riebling

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Tank has been a blessing in disguise for us. He was not to be our dog, as we were only going to keep one pup from the litter. My wife, Cheryl, fell in love with him right away. She persuaded me to keep him, and I am very thankful to her for that. Tank has been a very solid competitor over the years. This spring, Tank achieved the 1,000 point plateau at Southwest PA. Tank has also made us somewhat of a celebrity in Maryland & southern PA by winning the 2010 Maryland Gun Dog Championship. The event has aired numerous times on Maryland public television. From time to time someone will come up to me and say, "Weren't you on some dog show with a black lab?" Guess that's our 15 minutes of fame. I have really grown fond of "Tanker", even though he is a darker shade of chocolate than I prefer. His muzzle is beginning to show a hint of grey from Father Time, but so is mine —. Thanks Kali & Trouble for passing a great genetic footprint along to our boy! Also, thanks to all who have judged, thrown birds, or helped us in any way to progress as a team. Best of luck to all the athletes and their handlers!

Registered Name: GMHR CAYUGA CREEK RACH STAR

Registration Number: SR34193510

Owner: Jim Karr

Date of Birth: 5/12/2006

Color: Black **Sex:** Male

Sire: GRHRCH IMA ROCK STAR

Dam: HRCH NORTHSTAR'S BLACK DIAMOND MH

Call Name: Rachy

Handler: Jim Karr

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Paul Stewart

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Seven years ago, my wife Darragh and I were on our way home from southern Quebec with our new, unnamed, lab pup. We had a legal pad listing of possible call names for him, but none of them seemed to click. As we neared the end of the list, Vermont Public Radio then started to broadcast the 3rd piano concerto of Sergei Rachmaninoff. Puppy cocked his head and began to vocalize, we assumed with approval, and then we had it...Rachy is his name! Rachy is an integral part of our family and a hunting partner supreme. He approaches NAHRA tests with a certain sense of purpose and to say he gives it his all is an understatement. We have hunted from the coast of Maine, to Western New York, and with the NAHRA gang from SWPAHRC, we've had some great hunts in Western Manitoba. Two years ago we had a fabulous 2-day hunt in Northern Vermont with my old college buddy Ned Spear, NAHRA's first President. We had six retrievers before Rachy, including Ivan, WR and Treper, GMHR. I have spent a fair amount of time judging and running in all levels of NAHRA testing, yet, after all these years, I still get a serious case of the jitters every time I go to the line and I hear "guns up"; my heart is pounding and my knees are knocking. I am thrilled and honored to be here at the 2013 Invitational. I look forward to seeing NAHRA friends and making new ones at this most prestigious event. We wish all the handler/retriever teams the very best. Good luck, and above all, have fun!



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Registered Name: GMHRCH-II WR NORTH STAR'S DEUCE OF DIAMONDS

Registration Number: SR35437704

Call Name: Deuce

Owner: Michael Tome

Handler: Michael Tome Date

of Birth: 6/30/2006 Breed: Labrador Retriever Color: Black Sex:

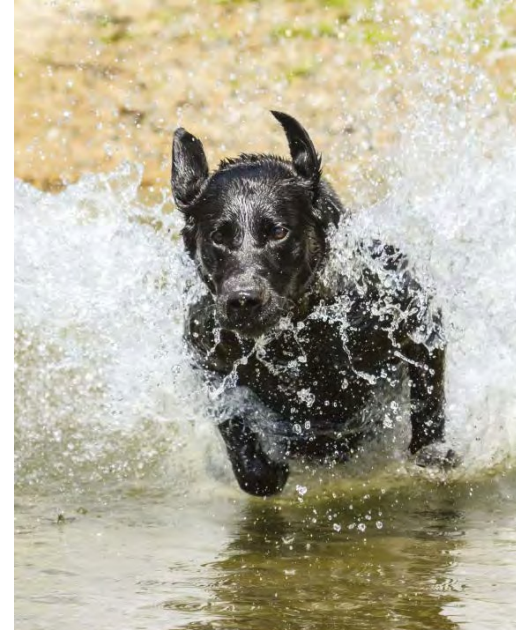
Male

Breeder: Nate & Carol Baxter Sire: FC

CANDLEWOOD'S MEET JOE BLACK

Dam: MHR NORTH STAR'S CROWN JEWEL

When I first talked to Deuce's breeder I told him that I wasn't sure I'd get back into hunt tests.... I just wanted a good hunting dog. Well, that didn't last very long... the training started and I saw Deuce's potential and now here we are participating in our third NAHRA Invitational after earning a GMHRCH this year. Deuce is an intense, focused, hard-charging retriever in the field, but a calm, quiet companion in the home. There is no doubting his enthusiasm when you see him at a hunt test and he has become an awesome hunting companion. I have enjoyed his successes in the hunt test game, but he has made me even more proud on many occasions by making that "impossible" retrieve out hunting or finding that bird that we were afraid was lost. None of this would have happened if it were not for the NAHRA program and my Northern Piedmont Retriever Club training partners. A heartfelt "THANK YOU!" to everyone who has been a part of this journey with us.



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Registered Name: MHR WR HR SR JACQUES De FRENCH CREEK

Registration Number: SR55297809

Call Name: Jock

Owner: Jim Bennett

Handler: Jim Bennett

Date of Birth: 2/26/2009

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Color: Black Sex: Male

Breeder: Shawn Trzeciak

Sire: WILDROSE FRENCH CREEK DIEBLE

Dam: FRENCH CREEKS BLACK KERSEY



I originally bought Jock as a hunting companion and by accident became involved with SWPAHRC. Everyone from the club helped with the finer points of training a lab. Jock and I started doing NAHRA field tests a couple years ago and the rest is history. Jock is probably the happiest hunting pheasant, running field tests or lying at my feet and not necessarily in that order. With the help of Frank Plewa he just earned his MHR and we look forward to participating in our first Invitational.

Registered Name: MHR WR HR SSD WILDCAT'S TIMBER 'TRIEVER

Registration Number: SR41172401

Call Name: Meto

Owner: Tom & Karen Johnston

Handler: Tom Johnston **Date of**

Birth: 2/12/2007

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

Breeder: Tom & Karen Johnston **Sire:** SSD'S WHITE ASH

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OLIVER

Dam: GMHR-II WR WILDCAT'S MAY BE ABLE TDI



Meto is my latest "Dog of a Lifetime", but maybe for other reasons. Meto is pronounced: "Meat-tA" She is named after the Bayou Meto WMA in Central Arkansas. When people talk about hunting in Stuttgart, they are likely talking about hunting in the Bayou Meto WMA. She is the fifth-generation of NAHRA MHR that started with MHR Impetuous Shenah, the grand matriarch of Fowl Weather Adventures Kennel in Gettysburg PA. She is a cross between the NAHRA world and the Service Dog world; her daddy was a Service Dog stud and her momma was a GMHR. Like her momma she also does important therapy work with kids with traumatic brain injuries. She got a late start in NAHRA Field Testing due to some injuries when she was a puppy. She is a solid Field Test dog and a once steady goose dog; but she is an outstanding pheasant dog. After five years of terrorizing the pheasants & sharp-tails of Western North Dakota, she is a pure pleasure to hunt behind. But more than all that she is the best companion dog I have ever kept. She has an everyday happiness that is simply contagious...and you can't train that.

Registered Name: MHR ULSTARE BRYNN OF DEERFIELD

Registration Number: SR64886001

Call Name: Brynn

Owner: Bruce Jenkins

Handler: Frank Plewa

Date of Birth: 10/13/2010

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Color: Black **Sex:** Female

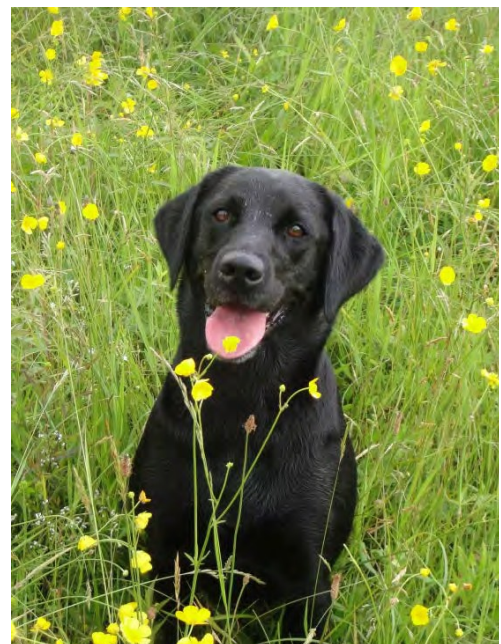
Breeder: Bruce W. Jenkins

Sire: ULSTARE OPAL OF LITTLEOWLS

Dam: GMHRCH-III TTF MISS BELLE OF DEERFIELD

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Though small in stature, don't let that fool you. She is a ball of fire when it comes to her work and very businesslike in her performance. Early on, her size and timid personality made life a little tough for a while, but she has stayed the course and blossomed into a first rate performer. Her attitude and obedience were paramount in allowing Brynn to become a skilled marker and good handling dog. Like her mother Belle, she is extremely quick, which is a function of her lacrosse ball training. She is a smooth upland hunter and she possesses a superior nose allowing her to breeze through the stiffest trailing tests. She is pretty good at locating a Big Mac as well! Brynn had only one stumble in her first 10 Senior tests earning her spot in this year's Invitational lineup. She will join her mother and littermate Hoot in running for the big ribbons. We are hopeful that Brynn and all the dogs perform well in this year's event. Good luck to everyone.



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Registered Name: GMHR CHESTERGLEN'S WATERFOWL MAGNET

Registration Number: SR41903807

Owner: Bill Everly

Date of Birth: 4/21/2007

Color: Chocolate Sex: Female

Sire: EVERETT'S LOTS OF TROUBLE CD SH

Dam: EVERETT'S SHE AIN'T NO ANGEL CD JH

Call Name: Maggie

Handler: Bill Everly

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Roger Everett

Maggie's my pheasant dog. While she can certainly hold her own in the duck blind, her size, stamina, teamwork, and high prey drive makes her the go-to dog for upland work in my house. She's a 75# chocolate female who LOVES people and is skeptical of most other dogs. She is my 5-year-old son Christopher's "Baby Girl" and she spends her nighttime hours sleeping in his bed. I'm lucky that he *allows* me the opportunity to take her for weekend tests and hunting trips! In addition to hunting as much as we can locally, she's enjoyed trips to Missouri and North Dakota the last couple years, and we've had lots of fun together on those adventures. Although Mag is sometimes overlooked because she's not as eye-catching or attention-getting as Gunner, I remember every day that she's my consistent performer who loves to train and would do anything for me. We're happy to be competing this week and you can be sure that we'll both enjoy our first Invitational.



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Registered Name: GMHR-II SILVERBROOK'S LIFE OF BRIAN MH

Registration Number: SR56578001

Owner: Larry Housman & Victoria Pepper

Date of Birth: 5/14/2009

Color: Yellow Sex: Male

Sire: GMHR HRCH UH SILVERBROOK'S AMAZING SPARKLE BOY MH

Dam: MHR SILVERBROOK'S MUSTANG SALLY

Call Name: Bry

Handler: Larry Housman

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Trish Jagoda



Bry continues to be a narcissistic little delinquent, dependent on Vik and me for food and shelter, but little else. He hangs with a bad crowd, as evidenced by the picture he insisted we submit, and engages in other lifestyle choices evocative of his primary role model, Lindsay Lohan, at her worst. Efforts to rein him in and instill even a modicum of discipline are met with his idle musings regarding his possibly diminished capacity to hear my whistles on future water blinds, and I have no choice but to fold like the Bruins in game six. A sad state of affairs, but we still love him, and will defend him with the same fervor as would any other Baltimore parent on the court house steps, claiming what a good boy he is, even as the penalty phase begins.

Registered Name: GMHR MAY'S SOUTH OF THE BORDER-KAROB

Registration Number: SR53075502

Owner: Ray May

Date of Birth: 11/6/2008

Color: Chocolate **Sex:** Female

Sire: GMHRCH-I MFR FOWL WEATHER'S TOKEN TROUBLE

Dam: GMHR KELLY ANN FINCHER

Call Name: K

Handler: Ray May

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: John A. Fincher

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K is 4 yrs old. She is the first Chocolate lab we have owned. She has a somewhat challenging personality, especially when it comes to my wife ... But that's another story !!

When it comes to Hunting and Retrieving... She's 100%. She's a very loyal dog and loves what she does.

We have worked hard to get this far. But at the end of the day, it's all about what they love to do.

Registered Name: MHR WR CHANCE TYD ONE ON SH

Registration Number: SR40989709

Owner: Wayne Goodrich

Date of Birth: 3/10/2007

Color: Black **Sex:** Male

Sire: GMHR-I DIAMOND BROOK'S LUCKY CHANCE

Dam: MICHAEL'S TABOO IRICK HUNTER

Call Name: Ty

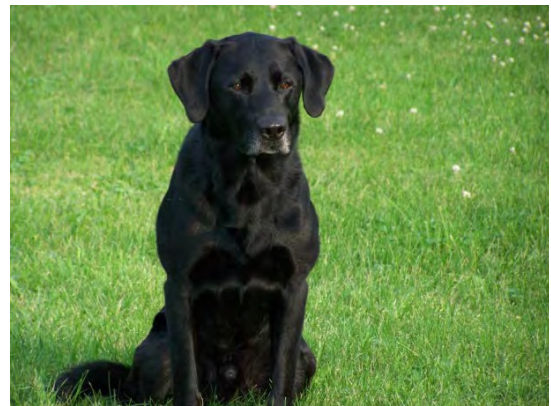
Handler: Wayne Goodrich

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Michael L. Cameron

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TY is a six year old black labrador retriever that is full of retrieving desire and always wants to please. TY has earned his MHR and is working towards a GMHR. TY loves to train, trial and hunt. He has great temperament, desire and loves attention. He has a watchful eye whether in a duck blind, duck boat or goose blind. He is very quiet and always eager to retrieve downed game. TY and I would like to thank NAHRA for all of the fun field tests and wish all participants good luck at the 2013 Invitational!



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Registered Name: GMHR APR CHESTERGLEN'S TOP GUNNER

Registration Number: SR21547609

Owner: Bill Everly

Date of Birth: 10/20/2004

Color: Chocolate Sex: Male

Sire: GMHR SOUTHLAND LEROY BROWN

Dam: HOPE LEE SLADE

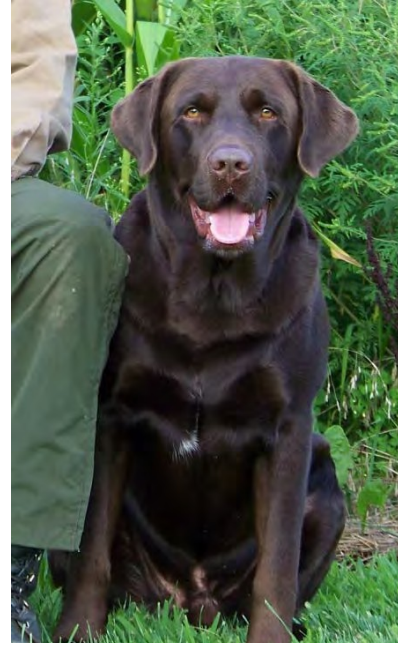
Call Name: Gunner

Handler: Bill Everly

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Mark Slade

Gunner is my first dog. He's the partner with whom I made all those 'first dog mistakes' and he forgives me and keeps on going. He's my buddy and my #1 waterfowl hunting partner. He's an excellent marking dog, and I think he knows it. Because of that, he sometimes thinks he doesn't need me on the blinds... Although I've never done much to help steady him, he's also titled as a Pointing Lab. There doesn't seem to be much this talented dog can't do. Over the years, he accompanied me to Missouri, North Dakota, and many outings on the Chesapeake and Delaware Bays. This past Christmas, Gunner had emergency surgery to remove his spleen and some other stuff. Turns out that it was cancer, and an aggressive kind... However, the cancer is a rare strain that's acting non-typically. What that means is he's still here, and apparently healthy. We are thankful for, and sure to enjoy every day with him. This will be his first and last Invitational, as he will enter into retirement at the conclusion of this week. I want to thank him for teaching me patience, the importance of consistency, and helping to prepare me with those and many other essential parenting skills. He's enriched my life in ways only *dog people* would really understand.



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Registered Name: GMHR CRESTHILL CONFEDERATE THOMAS MH QAA

Registration Number: SR04822403

Owner: Howell Simmons

Date of Birth: 1/1/2003

Color: Yellow Sex: Male

Sire: FC AFC REBEL WITH A CAUSE

Dam: GMHR KINGSTONS YEBO TOMBI MH

Call Name: Tom

Handler: Frank Plewa

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Wendy Bonello



Tom is a consistent and dependable performer even at age 10. He continues to amaze despite his age and the injuries he has overcome in the past. Tom has been one of the anchors of the Fowl Weather Team that he has been a part of for the past three years running many NAHRA Field Tests. Tom is as reliable as retrievers come whether it is training, testing or on the hunt. Tom has trained, tested and hunted throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region for nearly a decade and pleased all who have had the pleasure to watch him. Throw in a number of hunting trips to Canada and Tom's resume is complete.

Tom has excelled in several venues and it is not surprising given his attitude and willingness to cooperate with his handlers, who have been many. While these handlers have taken him many places in many of the retriever games, I think Tom is most content with being a NAHRA gun dog.

While he is the ultimate blue collar worker, he also has a softer side that makes him a special home companion as well. Older dogs generally do not have the patience for puppies but Tom seems to love the opportunity to wrestle a six month old while on his back on the living room floor. We anticipate Tom will once again show his stuff in his workmen like manner at this Invitational. Good luck to all the teams!

Registered Name: GMHRCH-II SPRING CREEK'S GENERAL EISENHOWER

Registration Number: SR41855405

Owner: Tony Carlo

Date of Birth: 4/5/2007

Color: Black Sex: Male

Sire: NFC FIVE STAR GENERAL PATTON

Dam: GMHR STILLWATER'S DOLLY VARDEN

Call Name: Ike

Handler: Tony Carlo

Breed: Labrador Retriever

Breeder: Jeff Cornell

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Ike has taken me to more places than any person could have convinced me to go. From Vermont to Arizona and many places in between. He has helped me get to know some wonderful and genuine people. But most of all, Ike has helped me to understand why dogs are only with us for such a short time. They can give a human's life worth of love and devotion in just a few short years.

***** RIP IKE *****

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5	BOO	LARRY DUSANEK						
6	CARBON	FRANK OR VALERIE PLEWA						
7	MAGIC	DIANE SHEPPARD						
8	HOOT	DUANE MAYBERRY						
10	BELLE	FRANK PLEWA						
11	RUBY	TED EGGERTSON						
12	LIZZIE	JOAN OR DAVE HILTS						
13	JUICE	JACKIE LUTSKUS						
14	RILEY	JAMES LANGA						
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