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Message From The President



Hello PVHRC Members and Happy New Year!

For all of you that attended the 2026 Annual Meeting – THANK YOU. Great seeing everyone and having a strong start to 2026.

We have 3 open positions for the 2026 PVHRC Board: 2 Board Members and Newsletter Coordinator. If you're interested in exploring the

roles and joining the PVHRC board, please call me directly via my cell at 720-320-1921 to discuss.

Our 2026 training schedule and hunt test events have been updated and posted on our website.

We're still looking for someone to lead the training day for May. Please reach out if you're interested in leading a training day.

We're all looking forward to another great year at PVHRC.

Best regards,

Rudy Krupka

PS – We are aware there's a problem with Google email sending out multiple messages to club members, and we're working on getting this fixed.

Rudy Krupka
 President
 Platte Valley Hunting Retriever Club
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PVHRC Calendar

- 3/7/26 PVHRC Upland Training Day
- 03/14-15/26 PVHRC Upland HRC Test
- 03/21/26 SCHRC Hosting Judges/Handler Seminar, Pueblo Reservoir
- 04/11-12/26 SCHRC 40th Ann Hunt Test
- 04/18/26 PVHRC Training Day Place TBD
- 04/25-26/26 PVHRC Regular Hunt Test
- 05/9-10/26 Great Plains HRC Regular Hunt Test
- 05/17/26 PVHRC Training Day Place: DR. Powell's
- 05/30-31/26 Mt Rushmore HRC Regular hunt Test
- 06/13/26 PVHRC Training Day Place TBD

Go to PVHRC.com/Calendar for detailed dates

[LINK TO ALL HRC PREMIUMS](#)

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Member contributions to this newsletter is encouraged

PV OFFICERS

President – Rudy Krupka
 Vice President – Curt Lacey

Jeremy Lowry	Mike Brockman
Allen Goff	Brett Morganflash
Ryan Armstrong	Jim McLaughlin
Joe Soucek	Chris Jeffers

Treasurer— Lee Ann Heldt
 Secretary—Mike Kuetemann





Platte Valley Hunting Retriever Club Annual Meeting Agenda

January 14, 2026

(Rudy Krupka) Welcome. Introductions of current Officers and Board members. Announce Elections for Current Leadership Positions / **Determine if anyone else is interested in running for any roles.**

Current (4) Officer Roles: President – Rudy Krupka
 Vice President – Curt Lacey
 Treasurer – Lee Ann Heldt
 Secretary – Mike Kuetemann

Also (2) Chair Positions: Newsletter / Social
Media Chair – **OPEN** – Possibly Curt Lacey?
 Membership – Mike Brockman

(6) Board Members Jeremy Lowry
Currently, Need 8 Alan Geoff
 Chris Jeffers
 Jim McLaughlin
 Mike Brockman
 Joe Soucek

(Rudy Krupka) Voting for Proposed New Leadership Roles and Board Members: No 2026 Changes in Board positions.

(RUDY Krupka) Introductions of new members present who joined in 2025 ... Please Stand Up and Tell Us a Little About Yourself.

(RUDY Krupka) Discuss opportunities for club participation. This club is only successful because of the volunteer hours everyone puts in.

Lead Monthly Training Days

Hunt Test Roles

Joe Soucek and Wes Dillon's role in Berthoud Land Opportunity

Weekly Training for Started Dogs with Joe Olsen

Chris Jeffers. Our IT Project Guy

Auction Committee with Mike K

(RUDY) Discussed planned Seminar, Hunt Test Dates, and Club Training Schedule:

Reminder that all regional hunt test dates and locations are posted on the Platte Valley website.

Judges & Handler's Seminar:

Region 13 Seminar - March 21, 2026

Lake Pueblo State Park Visitor Center
640 Pueblo Reservoir Rd, Pueblo, CO 81005
9:00am Mountain Time
RSVP to Willie Ratliff at iam4dux@aol.com

Region 13A Seminar - March 21, 2026

Duncan Building
373 Main St, Unadilla, NE 68454
8:00am Central Time
RSVP to Russ Fadling at duke-enterprises@hotmail.com

March 14 Platte Valley HRC **Upland HUNT TEST** in Fort Lupton, CO – Mary's Place.
(Curt - Hunt Chair)

April 25 & 26 Platte Valley Spring **Regular Hunt Test** in Snyder, CO – INDIAN MEADOWS **(David - Hunt Chair)**

August 29 & 30 - Platte Valley Fall **Regular Hunt Test** in Berthoud, CO STILLROVEN FARM **(Curt – Hunt Chair)**

PROPOSED Training Days Schedule for 2026

March 7 - 8 AM (Sat) – Mike Kuetemann
Weekend before March 14 - Platte Valley HRC Upland Quad in Fort Lupton, CO
April 18 (Sat) –



Weekend before April 25 & 26 Platte Valley SPRING Hunt in Snyder, CO

May 16 (Sat) – Training Day

June 13 (Sat) – Training Day
Weekend before June 20 & 21 Hidden Pines Hunt Test in Cheyenne, WY

July 18 (Sat) -Training Day

Aug 22 (Sat) – Training Day
Weekend Before August 29 & 30 Platte Valley FALL Hunt in Fort Lupton, CO

Regional Club Test Dates:

4/11/26 – Southern Colorado – Pueblo West

7/11/26 – Boom Town – Casper, WY

7/11/26 – Western Colorado

(RUDY) Annual Club Picnic – DATE TBD Location at David & Lee Ann’s TBD- Plan to attend!

(RUDY) Weekly Started dog training nights start. Joe Olson Introduction.

(RUDY) General Membership Q&A Session

(RUDY) CLOSING OF MEETING

January 7, 2026 / PVHRC Board Meeting Notes

Attending: Rudy Krupka, Lee Ann Heldt, Curt Lacey, Dave Heldt, Joe Soucek, Jeremy Eldridge, Mike Kuetemann, Alan Goff, Jim McLaughlin, Chris Jeffers and Mike Brockman

Committee Updates:

- **Treasurer’s Report** – LeeAnn Heldt– \$Well in the Black

Club Test Ribbons Ordered but still need to pay Tom for Lease

- **Membership Update** – Mike Brockman
Mike’s Brockman’s discussion/ proposal for a new Membership software platform
As of 1-7-26 we have 126 Paid Members, (57% renewal), 15 New Members

Training Lease Updates:

- Meeting update with Mark Powell – Curt and Jim discussed meeting with Mark on better Management/ Lease of property. Options to help support to keep area mowed, weed free and mitigate the Blue Green Algae in lake. Meeting went well and most issues addressed. PVHRC will need to set a Clean Up Day to help support the property maintenance. Target the lake for a serious Club clean up day this Spring.

- Weed issues at Mary’s Place – Curt and Jim- Working to reduce the Mullen Weed that is showing up in NW Corner and can quickly spread. Look at possible Weed Spraying after an on site review by Weld County.

Tom’s place renewal- Ok’ by Board.

Spring Upland Hunt Test:

- Bird order for training and test status- Will reach out to PK Gamebirds in Lamar as a new supplier.
Will need 150 Training Day birds + Upland Test birds to get ordered asap.

PVHRC Annual Meeting Update:

- Head count is at 38 as of today (will we need more food)?
Add 3 Pizzas to help if more show up

Test Dates:

- PVHRC Upland Hunt Test – March 14 – Held at Mary’s Place
- PVHRC Spring Test – April 25 & 26 – Indian Meadows – David Heldt will be Hunt Chair
- PVHRC Fall Test – August 29 & 30 – 40th Anniversary Test – Stillroven – Curt Lacey to be Hunt Chair

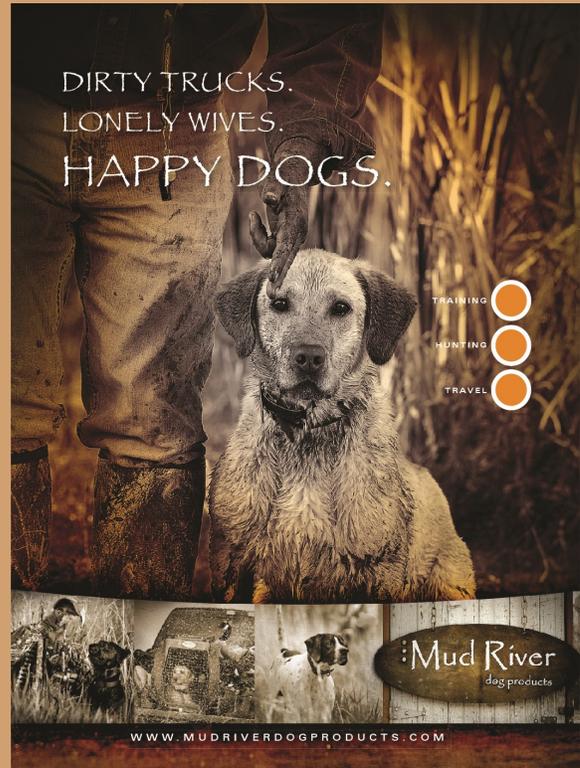


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Judges Seminar

Open to all HRC Members

Region 13 /13A

Date: March 21st, 2026

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Location:

**Lake Pueblo State Park Visitor
Center**

640 Pueblo Reservoir Rd,

Pueblo, CO 81005

**If questions please call 303-
589-3346. RSVP by email only
please!**

Willie Ratliff: iam4dux@aol.com



PVHRC
Upland Training Day
March 7th
Mary's Place
Ft Lupton, Co
8:00 AM





PVHRC
Upland Hunt Test
March 14th & 15th
Mary's Place
Ft Lupton, Co



Big Thank you to the Upland Hunt Test
Committee for putting this together.

Mike Kuetemann, Jim McLaughlin, Alan Goff,
Mike Brockman, Natalie Lowry, Dave Marsteller,
and Curt Lacey

Special thank you to Lee Ann Heldt as Hunt Secretary and
Chris Jeffers for maintaining PVHRC's entry's program



PVHRC Colorado Toller Group



PVHRC member, Randy Harold putting on a
Toller puppy training day at Mary's Place
Training Grounds





PVHRC Colorado Toller Group





PVHRC Wags & Brags

Special thank you to Jeremy and James Lowry for inviting my grandsons Milton and Elwood along with Annie and myself to do a little goose hunting out of one of his pits





PVHRC Wags & Brags



Alan Goff and Beque,
Western Kansas Pheasant Hunt

Mike Phelan and Quinn,
South Dakota Pheasant Hunt





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Mike Brockman and Mojo,
Frosty morning at the East Pond

Chris Jeffers and Shea,
Flush and Retrieve





Lunch, the most exciting part of
Goose Hunting. Grandson Elwood
and son Keil Lacey eating
Grandpas famous Panini Chicken
sandwich



Photo of Mallards that made it
through the season.

Paul Navarre



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Snow Goose Hunting East of Lamar, CO with Ben Dorenkamp and Jim McLaughlin and couple of new friends, Shawn and Matt O'Keef



Annie had a great time



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Randy Barsaraba and "SHR Maggie",
Jeremy and James Lowry and "SHR Jolie"



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It was slow going in Eastern CO
with very few birds for the larder
this year...

Oakley on track of a Boone &
Crockett Beaver near Orchard
CO



One of the only highlights in
November... A true right-left
double off of a stanch point
from "the Oak" !!





PVHRC Wags & Brags

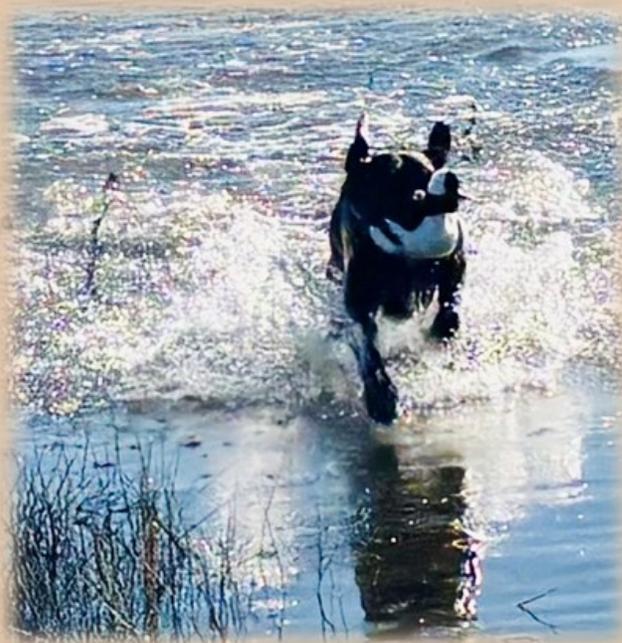


Larry Suedmeier kept is dog Gunner
Busy this winter retrieving Snow
Geese, Canadian Geese and Ducks
for a total of 156 retrieves



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Jonh Edmonds
Nice Buck!!!



Jonh Edmonds
&
Murphy, Waterfowl Hunting





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Jane Evans Cornelius

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