

Heartland Region Report

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South Dakota hunt with good friends young and old

A lot has happened in the Heartland Region since the last Munster Tales. This past October we had four SM who tested in Natural Ability. They were Hunting Hills' V Bella owned by Tom Spellman earned a NA 98 Prize III, Hunting Hills' Xpress Flynn owned by Kristine Hill earned a NA 112 Prize I, Hunting Hills' Yulia (Remi) owned by Jim Nachreiner earned a NA 110 Prize I, Mustain's Anja von Annalise (Lucy Lu) owned by Tom Meginnes earned a NA 96 Prize III. One member tested in Utility Preparatory The two members tested in Utility were Castiron's Flying Jet owned by Jim Blaha earned a UT 191 Prize III and Hunting Hills' Nixie Rae owned by Pamela Robinson earned a UT 194 Prize II. All seven dogs prized!!!! It was a great weekend in the Heartland so lets have a big "Way to Go" for the dogs and their handlers!!

It is great that the hunting season begins in Nebraska with grouse and prairie chicken! Tom McDonald with Gero & Jule, Trevor Schmidt with Tyche, Keith White with Roody and me with the boys traveled to central Nebraska to hunt in mid September. The weather was very nice and the hunting was very successful.



After the Heartland test was over it meant to the dogs and me that summer is over and the "fun season" was about to begin in earnest. Our hunt was a pheasant hunting trip to The Hoffman Ranch in Long Lake, SD. The hunt was put together at the last minute and I invited good friend and fellow SM

owner John Mustain to come along with his dog Angus. What a time we had. Please make sure you read Johns article on his introduction to hunting pheasants in S. Dakota in the next Munster Tales.



Pat DeGrace with Ida, Ka\$h, Angus, Meat & Zip

My next major bird hunting trip was back to S. Dakota in mid-December to participate in the Sharpshooters Classic that took place the second weekend in December in Winner, SD. John Mustain and I were invited to be on a team by fellow SM owners Lin & Rick Shippy who live in Winner. What a wonderful but pressure experience. The pressure comes when you have six (6) gunners and are given one box of shells for all six of you to harvest your limit of 18 total birds. I know I felt more pressure than the dogs did to perform. That about wraps up my hunting experiences for the fall and winter of 2014.



With that being said there is no way I would enjoy the outdoor life as much as I do without my faithful companions Zip, Meat and Ka\$h!!!
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