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President's Message...

I am deeply honored to serve as president of the Master National Retriever Club this year and tip my hat to all of the past presidents. It is truly an awesome responsibility that can't be fully appreciated until you have served in this capacity. I applaud our member clubs, their delegates and contacts for their continued support of the Master National Retriever Club and look forward to your input, guidance and support.

As noted in my bio on this website, I have hunted all my life but didn't get my first retriever until 1990. This was a yellow Lab puppy named Katie. She earned her MH quickly, and as I later learned, qualified to enter the 1992 MNRHT. However, I hadn't heard of the MNRC, so we did not enter her. We have enjoyed many Labs since then and currently have Cheers (MH and QAA), and Cozby (MH), both of whom are amazing "pardners." I ran Cheers in last year's event and expect both dogs to qualify for the event this year. I am retired and enjoy hunting with my dogs, training, running tests and judging.

On page 6, you'll find a message from our Immediate Past President, Dave Kress. I want to add my thanks and congratulations to Dave and each individual who was responsible for the excellent event in Minnesota. It was a test for which we can all be proud. Additionally my thanks and appreciation go out to the MIRRC for their contributions to its success. Congratulations to the dogs and handlers who qualified last year!

The local arrangements committee of the Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club have been diligently working to make the October 23-November 1, 2009 event in Manheim, Texas another memorable experience. Please read Rick Greer's invitation on page 7. The MNRC Board had its first chance to view this year's test grounds and facilities at the annual winter board meeting January 23-25. A complete review of the MNRC's "Policies and Procedures" was completed and the results will be posted on the website. This is a dedicated and loyal group of individuals comprising an amicable, dedicated and well functioning team. I am honored to work with them. I encourage you to communicate with the board if you have issues you feel need to be addressed. Don't hesitate to stay in touch with your regional (director & vice president) representatives. They and their contact info are listed in this newsletter and you can read their bios on the website. In addition to the annual winter meeting the MNRC Board will conduct quarterly telephone conferences.

There are many good things happening in the MNRC. Having been on the MNRC Board for six years now I know how much the annual event means and how much effort it takes
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to put it on. Many committees (Women's Challenge Trophy, History, Entry Fee, Annual Event Sites, Strategic Planning, Electronic Entry, Annual Event, Online Store for MNRC merchandise, etc.) are functioning in an effort to keep our organization viable, progressive and give our members an opportunity to serve. There is much more to tell but not the space to tell it now. However, the bottom line is that the MNRC is a healthy and progressive organization. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you at this year's event.

-Bill Teague, President



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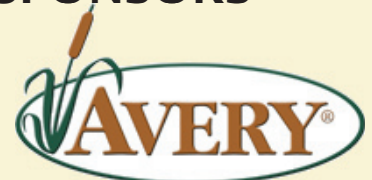
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Vision Statement

The Master National Retriever Club, Inc., is committed to the hunting tradition, and devoted to the promotion, breeding, training and best interests of retrievers. In order to carry out our commitment, Master Hunters will be tested annually in a non-competitive manner at the Master National Stake to the maximum of the standard set out by the American Kennel Club. We firmly believe in supporting the hunting test program and that all participants should conduct themselves as good sportsmen. To obtain the maximum of the standard there shall be such utilization of terrain, bird placement, and natural conditions so as to provide significant challenge to the abilities of the master hunting dog.

MANY THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSORS



New Members to the Master National Retreiver Club Hall of Fame

Seven Qualifications

LANCE'S LITTLE MISS RUNAWAY MH
Paul Lance

Six Qualifications

BIG TWO HEARTED RIVER II MH
Lyle Steinman

Five Qualifications

HIGH MILEAGE HILLTOP'S HUSTLE MH
Martha & David Kress

KERRYBROOK'S IN HIGH SPIRITS MH
Paul & Karen Brown

SUGAR BULLET MH
Jack O'Connor

Four Qualifications

FR JIM'S REBEL YELL MH
Fr Jim Strange

LAB'S UNLIMITED LIVE WIRE MH
Bill Cox

WOLF CREEK'S TEXAS TWISTER MH
Darrell Layman

WIZARD'S LITTLE GUENIVERE MH
Jackie & Robert Working

WATERMARK'S MAXIMUM ROI MH
Lyle Steinman

MEDICINE MAN'S FEATHER QUEST MH
Beckey Malphus DVM

CALL ME MR SPUNKMEYER MH
Gregory Nelson

BLACKWATER'S FOWL PLAY MH
Daniel & Melissa Heard

Three Qualifications

BECKY LOU'S BAYOU BEAMER MH
Louis DeJohn

DUST DEVIL'S JOLTIN' JOE MH
Wes Magee

IRONWEEDS HI-BIRD SHOOTER MH
Paul & Karen Brown

PINE ACRE'S WEBFOOT WINGER MH
Mark Parman

PIN-MARK'S CREOLE PEPPER QUEEN MH
Ida & Bob Richards

REBEL'S BEST SON MH
Glenn Coterill

RAIDER'S JUMPIN JACK FLASH MH
Larry Kimble

SUSQUEHANNA LOSY HUNTER MH
Herbert Smith

SWEET DESIRE LITTLE MISCHIEF MH
Kim Shade

NEW MASTER NATIONAL HUNTERS (MNH)

ARMAGH'S PUG MAHON MH

AUTUMN'S BACK IN TIME MH

BODIE'S HIGH TIDES MH

BORDERLINE'S MISS LIBERTY MH

**COMING SOON ...MNRC ONLINE MERCHANDISE!!
CHECK THIS WEBSITE IN MARCH**

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HANDLERS MEETING & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Hibbing Park Hotel, Hibbing, MN

September 20, 2008

1:00PM

The handlers' meeting was called to order by President Dave Kress. Dave reported to the group on death of the wife of Jack Morris. He also reported that Bob Reckart, of Ohio, was in a serious traffic accident and Jerry Perkins of the Tallahassee club had recently had a stroke. Dave requested a moment of silence to pay respects to these individuals and their families. Dave next introduced Chief Marshal John Marchica

John introduced the 2008 judges: Region I, Auggie Argabright, Region II, Ed Sullivan, Region III, Tim Buck, Region IV Ron Sauls. John announced that the pairing would be Auggie and Tim; Ed & Ron. A blind drawing was held and Auggie and Tim drew Flight B and Ed and Ron will judge flight A. Flight A will start at Horse Pasture and Flight B will start at Furin

The starting number was determined the previous night at the Handlers Reception, by Frank Barton and his dog Niki. Niki chose 48 as the starting number. The lucky handlers Bill Cox and Elly Muth were given special caps denoting their accomplishment.

Traffic Directions were given by Mary Williams.

Judges then gave their remarks. Ron Sauls went first and thanked the host Club for all they did for this event. Tim stressed gun safety. Handlers may set the gun down after the marks are down. Challenge the blinds. Ed announced the procedure on no-birds: first no-bird go three back, second no-bird go five back, third no-bird go to the end of the line. Do not line the dog up on any marks. If you handle on a mark, handle to the mark. Ed spoke about handling to a mark versus handling on a mark. Auggie said that the judges will not crowd the handler when taking the bird. Auggie reminded everyone to wear proper hunting attire for the tests. Some blinds and some marks will be by invitation. No cell phones at the line.

Questions were asked and answered by handlers

John Marchica reminded everyone to respect the grounds and obey all off road parking directions.

Dave and John presented the judges with their gifts.

The Handlers Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM

The Annual Meeting

President Dave Kress called the Annual Business Meeting to order at 2 PM.

Dave introduced all of the MNRC board in attendance.

A roll call of member clubs by MNRC Secretary, Frank Barton was taken and it was announced that a quorum was present.

The minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting were published on the website and copies were also available at the 2008 meeting. A motion was made by Bill Teague, and seconded to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried.

Bill Teague gave a report on the 2009 Master National event. The event will be in Giddings, Texas on October 23 – Nov 1 and will be located on Roger Fuller's property.

Janet Peters gave a reported that the 2010 event had been awarded to the Lassen Retriever Club and will be held in the Redding California area from Oct 3 -10, 2010.

Dave Kress recognized Region 2 Director Ray Muth and Region 4 Director Jim Huston, both of whom had completed their respective terms of office.

Dave Kress called on Bill Teague to give the report from the 2009 Judges Nominating Committee. Judges elections for the 2009 event were held and the following were elected: Region 1: Mike Bunting; Region 2: Corrine Dillow-Clavey; Region 3: Joe O'Brien; Region 4: Rip Shively.

The next order of business was the election of Directors and Vice-Presidents.

- Ray Muth was nominated as Director for Region 2. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations and elect Ray Muth by acclamation. Motion passed.
- Gloria Mundell was nominated as Vice-President for Region 3. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations and elect Gloria Mundell by acclamation. Motion Passed.
- Larry Kimble was nominated as Director for

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Region 3. A motion was made and seconded to close nominations and elect Larry Kimble by acclamation. Motion Passed.

- Kevin Bunnell and Don Aker were nominated as Director for Region 4. A vote was taken and Kevin Bunnell was elected.

The next order of business was the consideration of amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. The following amendment was considered:

SECTION 3. Number of Contestants, Eligibility and Entry Fees

(a) Contestants shall be limited to the following:

(1) Qualifying dogs of the previous year's Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall receive credit for two qualifying scores.

(2) All contestants shall be required to obtain qualifying scores in a minimum of five Master tests in seven attempts conducted by member clubs, plus possessing an AKC Master Hunter title, subject to (1) above or earn a total of eight Master passes. A dog qualifying at the Master National in the previous year will be credited with two passes in two attempts. Except as follows

(3) Dogs domiciled in Alaska may qualify by passing 5 tests at MNRC Member Clubs holding tests in Alaska.

(b) In order to be counted towards the qualifying requirements, hunting tests at which qualifying scores are awarded must have a beginning date falling between August 1 of the year preceding the current National Master Hunting Retriever Test and July 31 of the year of the National Master Hunting Retriever Test.

(c) Each entrant must pay an entry fee, to be determined by the Board of Directors.

After lengthy discussion a motion was made, and seconded to table this amendment to give more consideration to clarifying the language. Motion passed.

Under new business the following was submitted in a timely manner for consideration at this meeting:

From the Lumber River Retriever Club:

We, the Lumber River Retriever Club, move that the Master National Board of Directors contract with Entry Express /Dogs Afield to track qualifiers beginning on Aug 1, 2009 and take electronic entries, organize flights and publish the catalog for the 2010 Master National Hunt Test.

From the Yadkin River Retriever Club:

We, the Yadkin River Retriever Club, move that the Master National Board of Directors contract with Entry Express /Dogs Afield to track qualifiers beginning on Aug 1, 2009 and take electronic entries, organize flights and publish the catalog for the 2010 Master National Hunt Test.

Dave Kress reported that he had formed an ad-hoc committee consisting of Ray Muth, Theresa Stevens and chaired by Frank Barton to review these proposals. Frank gave the committee's report and offered the following amendment to the main motion:

We, the Lumber River Retriever Club, move that the Master National Board of Directors review proposals from Entry Express/Dogs Afield and Retriever News to track qualifiers beginning on Aug 1, 2009 and take electronic entries, organize flights, and publish the catalog for the 2010 Master National Hunt Test; and make a decision in the best interest of the Master National Retriever Club.

After very lengthy discussion a motion was made and seconded to table the two previous motions and the amended motion and to form an ad hoc committee to study the matter. Motion passed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Barton
MNRC Secretary



A MESSAGE FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

The Master National event was held in Region 2 in 2008 on club and private grounds near Virginia Minnesota. The Minnesota Iron Range Retriever Club (MIRRC) was the host club with Jace Tramontin and Ellis Wojciehowski acting as co-chairs of the event. The experience and maturity of the club coupled with the pristine grounds owned by the MIRRC, Dave Furin and Gary Mccwlain, made for a perfect setting for the 2008 National event.

Our judges; Auggie Argabright (Region 1), Ed Sullivan (Region 2), Tim Buck (Region 3), and Ron Sauls of Region 4, and our 290 contestants from across the land were treated to great weather, wonderful accommodations and spectacular training grounds. When we gathered at the end of the event for the qualification ceremony I believe that many were thinking that this was among the best ever of the Master National events!

There are so many people to thank for the success of this event. Chief Marshal John Marchica kept all organized and marching onward. Stake marshals Janet Peters and Bill Teague had the individual stakes moving forward. John Blackbird and Jim Huston had the official guns aligned. Sam Ferguson kept the stewards and throwers in motion. Ray Muth organized the game, and Gloria Mundell, along with Secretary/Treasurer Frank Barton did the announcing. Mary Williams kept the signs aligned so all could find their way to the various events and following series. Then we had the five clubs of the Minnesota Retriever Association stepping forward to furnish labor and make our event run smoothly. The contestants were helpful filling in open slots and helping in many ways. Retriever News sent Dennis Bath, Ron Ainely, Rick Van Bergan and Mark Roseblum who pitched birds, moved the port-o-lets while capable reporter Nicole Busch took the notes. There certainly was a can-do spirit as photographer Molly Schlachter snapped away with her durable camera.

Our social events ranged from the spacious ROC in Eveleth MN, to the Worker's party in Hibbing, and Frankie's party held at the Minnesota Iron Range Retriever clubhouse, had great food and wonderful camaraderie. All of the above would not have been possible without two more key ingredients: the corporate sponsors and their liaison Theresa Stevens. Our sponsors came through in a big way and these parties would not be possible without them. Many, many thanks Purina, Avery Sporting Goods, Iams, Tritronic's and Dogtra. There were also many individual contributors and without their donations of money, time and merchandise our event would not be the same.

Finally we need to say thank you to our canine companions. Whether you went out in the first series as I did, or you were one of the 131 left standing and received that coveted plate, ribbon and duck band our dogs deserve a big hug. They give us their all and they dearly love the game we play.

The spring hunt test season is just around the corner and another group is preparing for the Master National in Texas, so as hunting season concludes it is time to be thinking of and preparing for the 2009 Master National. I hope to see you there.



My time as President of the MNRC went way too quickly and I would like to say thank you to all the many wonderful supporters.

Dave Kress



Welcome to Texas!

The Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club (WARC) is excited and honored to host the 2009 Master

National in Manheim, Texas. WARC club members annually host and work two hunt tests with up to 380 entries. The membership includes past Master National entrants and three past Master National judges.

The site of this year's event is KC Beefmaster's Bluff Creek Ranch in Manheim Texas. It is owned by Kaye and Roger Fuller and is made up of grounds designed to train retrievers. It includes 655 acres and 13 ponds. The terrain includes woods and rolling pastures.



We currently have thirteen training properties and we expect to add more properties to the list. All are owned by retriever enthusiasts, include water and have been developed for retriever training. There will be ample and excellent training opportunities for everyone.



The host hotel is the Ramada Inn located at 4002 E. Austin Street, Giddings, TX 78942. Reservations should be made no later than September 30, 2009. Any questions regarding reservations should be directed to Deanna at the

Ramada Inn, (979) 542-9666.

Texas visitors can visit **Austin**, the state capitol and home to the LBJ Presidential Library, 6th Street music nightlife, Congress Avenue Bridge, the bat colony and Capitol Cruises on Lady Bird Lake. Other Texas attractions include the Alamo, River Walk, Six



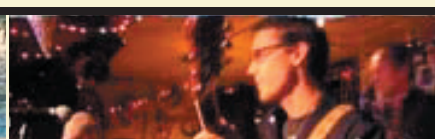
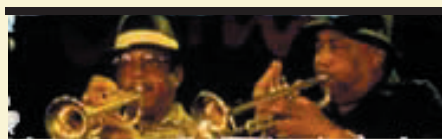
Flags, Sea World, NASA Johnson Space Center, Texas Ranger Museum, Dr. Pepper Museum, Blue Belle Creamery, Inner Space Caverns and shopping.

70 degrees is the average October temperature. However,

Texas weather can be unpredictable so you should plan for rain and variable temperatures.

The members of Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club invite you to visit us at www.waterloo-retriever.org. Information about the 2009 Master National will soon be available online. On our forum, there will be a Master National section for your use. It will be a great place to visit with others, form training groups, exchange information and plan your visit.

-Rick Greer, 2009 Event Chair



New MNRC Hall of Fame Members con't

MORE NEW MASTER NATIONAL HUNTERS (MNH)

BUCKSHOT'S YUKON BONTONBEAU MH

BUD'S LITE MH

CAYTE'S LITTLE OPALESCENT MH

CHILI'S SUPER SONIC BOOM MH

CYPRESS CREEK HARLEYS MS MAC MH

DIPPOMARSH ZEPHYR MH

DRY CREEKS ROCKET MH

FC LITTLE WING MH

HERMANS NITRO NICI OF SUNNYVIEW MH

INDIAN HEIGHT'S CHIEF MH

ISLAND ACRES WIDOW MAKER MH

KOSMIC KATE MH

MOON SCHOON QUICKS SURESHOTS MH

MOSSES' COAL MINE MH

NEW ENGLAND SKY BUSTER MH

PACHANGA MISCHIEF'S EL KODA MH

PD DRAKE OF MISS JENNA MH

RAMBLIN MAN'S BELLA DONNA MH

SHOOTER'S MR ZIPPER MH

SISKIYOU'S WATER HAMMER MH

SMACKWATER'S CONFEDERATE ROSE MH

STONERIDGE KOKO RAISA GAGE MH

STORMS GENTLE SWOOP MH

SURESHOT'S RIO DE DINERO MH

SWAMP RUN'S GO GET EM GATOR MH

TALL PINES LONG SHOT TANKER MH

TAYLORLAB DOWNTOWN COOTER BROWN MH

ZOEY'S BLACK MAGIC MH

Current Committees MNRC (January 2009)

As noted in the president's message on page 1, there are several committees hard at work to insure the MNRC stays viable and progressive. The committee, its charge and the chairman are listed below and if you have any questions or suggestions, please let the chairman know. Reports on the committee's progress will be published in future newsletters, on the website and/or at the next annual meeting..

Women's Challenge Trophy, *Chairman, Jill Volsch*
Update entries, repair the trophy and recommend any changes in the current policy.

Electronic Entry, *Chairman Dave Kress*
Review electronic entry options for the MNRHT.

History, *Chairman Ray Muth*
Secure and document the history of the MNRC.

2010 Event, *Chairman Janet Peters*
Plan and coordinate the 2010 event in region 4.

Entry Fee, *Chairman Gloria Mundell*
Recommend the entry fee for the 2009 event.

Possible Locations for the Annual Event, *Kevin Bunnell*
Study possible locations for the event and recommend acceptable locations to the board.

Strategic Planning, *Chairman Dave Kress*
Look at the vision for MNRC for the next 5-10 years and make appropriate recommendations to the board.

Audit, *Chairman John Marchica*
Review the MNRC financials & insure there are checks & balances in place.

Policies & Procedures, *Chairman Janet Peters*
Recommend revised P & P's to board (completed January 24, 2009).

Nominations, *Chairman, Ray Muth*
Prepare and present slate of officers and directors for 2010.

Judge's Selection, *Chairman, Janet Peters*
Recommend slate of judges for 2010 MNRHT to board.