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And Another Point (A Message from the President)...

Wow – was Texas fun or what! Mud, rain, scorpions, mud, stickers, friends – old and new, good food, good beer, mud, excellent dog work, camaraderie, cool horses, hard work, and a good time. Oh, and did I say mud? I am still trying to get that stuff outta my boots and rain gear! But seriously, I am proud of each and

every one of you for all the hard work you put in to get you and your dog there, compete and stay competitive in spite of rain (and mud), exhaustion, etc, and in helping the MNRC put on this event! A big congratulations to all the qualifiers and the new Hall of Fame award winners (see also Page 4). And a big Thank You! for a job well done to Rick Greer and all the Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club helpers, and the MNRC Board for putting on this event. I do know the blood, sweat, and tears that go into this. And to Bill Teague: few know the amount of love and time you have put into this organization – your shoes will be hard to fill. Thank you for your leadership and wisdom. Lastly, thanks to our judges—Corrine, Rip, Joe, and Mike – I had a great couple of weeks working with you and am so proud of what you did.

California Dreaming – I am looking forward to California and I think you all will like what Jay Phelps and the Lassen Retriever Club and the MNRC are planning. The event will take place at the Clear Creek Sports Club, which is a 1,400 acre hunting club located at the Rolling Hills Casino in Corning California. Check it out at www.clearcreeksportsclub.com. The Casino will be the Headquarters and Jay has blocked rooms for the event participants and friends. Remember to mark your calendars for 10 10 10 and check out Jay's article on Page 5.

As for what's on the MNRC's plate – lots! As you may or may not know, we are actively working with AKC on evolving the Master National and the program! Boy haven't we made some progress in this arena – we all like what we see over the horizon. Stay Tuned!

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Looking Ahead:

The 2011 Master National will be hosted by the Susquehanna Retriever Club at Anatidae Farm in Rhodesdale, MD. Frank Durham is the Chair and tentative dates are Oct 1-8.

Past President's Message

The opportunity to serve you and this fine organization as president in 2009 is deeply appreciated and constitutes a humbling honor for all who serve in this capacity. I tip my hat to each of the past presidents for their contributions and their continued support; I called on many of them for their guidance and institutional memories and all responded well.

It was a year of many successes and numerous 'firsts' for the organization and I again take this opportunity to publically thank the members of the board of directors for their support and guidance; they served the membership well. We implemented our first 'online entry system' for the annual MNRHT and it went well. We reduced the entry fee and absorbed both the credit card fees and entry processing fees to further reduce the load on entrants. We offered online merchandise sales for the first time; we offered a new 'Qualifier Pin' designed to be worn by those whose dog(s) qualified to enter the event and numerous member clubs bought them to give to their members; we established a meeting schedule between MNRC leadership & AKC leadership to discuss the future of both organizations and held the first meeting in May; it was a success and future meetings will be held. Topics on the agenda include but will not be limited to quality of judges, potential new titles, how to adequately test a large number of dogs at the annual event, etc We approved a reciprocity with our friends in the Canadian Kennel Club's "National Master" hunting test. We established a strategic planning committee, a history committee, updated the Women's Challenge Trophy and bought replicas for previous and future recipients and many other benefits to members. We had a record amount of Corporate Sponsors' contributions of cash and in-kind products & services; we are grateful to each of them.

At the annual business meetings, the delegates approved a new requirement to qualify for the event; six (6) passes that replaces the '5 of 7 or 8 total' requirements. The original proposal that would have required one of the passes to be earned by the owner was amended to remove the owner requirement. This new requirement is effective August 1, 2009 so all passes since that date count. If the dog qualified at this year's event, they get credit for '2' passes toward the six required. The delegates approved reciprocity between the Canadian Kennel Club's "National Master Event" and the "MNRC"; they also approved special qualification requirements for dogs in Alaska. For details, go to the website and review the proposals. Delegates elected directors from two regions and a vice president for region 4. They also elected four judges for the 2010 event—Myrna Zumwalt, Mary Williams, Bill Cummins, & Keith Kiesow.

The annual event outside Giddings, TX went well in spite of torrential rains being responsible for losing a full day of testing; go to the website under the '2009 Event' and look at 'photos' to see evidence of the disruption of the schedule.

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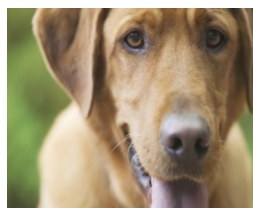
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Meet our New Region 4 VP



Janet Wood Was Elected in the 2009 Annual Meeting

While I started with my first Golden when I was 18, it was not until about 14 years ago that I became interested in field work. That happened when a friend invited me and my show-bred golden to a local club's 'picnic trial'. For the first time I saw a retriever doing what it was bred to do – happily and stylishly. I was awestruck. And then, when that golden handled...well, I was hooked! I knew that was what I wanted to be doing with my dogs. So I came to hunting from the opposite direction - and while I can't claim to be the avid hunter many of you are, I have done

enough pheasant and duck hunting to know the value of a well-trained retriever, to say nothing of the thrill of watching good dog work.

Roxie is my first Master dog – with over 30 Master passes and several good years still ahead of her. While my show-bred golden 'brought me to the dance', it is Roxie who takes my breath away - sometimes literally, as any of you who have watched us run a blind may know. She has only one speed – as fast as she can go! Hopefully her daughter Keeper will be following in her footsteps as she begins to run Master in 2010.

Having found my passion, I try to support and give back to the sport where I can. I am a member of NORCAL Golden Retriever club – serving as Field VP for 3 years, and editor of the club newsletter for 6 years. I have chaired several Hunt Tests and WC/WCX tests. I am also a member of Sagehens Retriever Club, currently serving as Secretary. I have judged AKC Hunt Tests at the Junior and Senior level. When it comes to Master Level, I feel that the more I know, the more I know I don't know – so I have concentrated on my handling and running Roxie for the last few years. I anticipate taking the plunge soon towards judging Master.

In my life away from dogs I am a Project Manager for large software development projects. With many years honing my organizational and 'attention to detail' skills, I hope I am bringing something to the table as Region 4 VP. That is, as soon as I get out of the 'deer in the headlights' phase.

Having attended 3 Master National events I truly appreciate the enthusiasm, planning and just plain hard work that goes into putting on a showcase event for the top handler/retriever teams in the country. I look forward to standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the dedicated folks I admire so much – the ones who 'make it happen'.

***"And then, when
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2010—California Dreaming

By Jay Phelps—2010 Chairman

Welcome to NORTHERN California! The Lassen Retriever Club is honored to host the 2010 Master National Hunt Test being held in Corning, California at the Clear Creek Sports Club and in association with the Rolling Hills Casino. The Lassen Retriever Club was formed by people dedicated to the promotion and enjoyment of activities and events related to retrieving dogs.

The site of this years event is being held on a 1,400 acre ranch owned by the Nomlaki Indian Tribe. The Clear Creek Sports Club is a family run hunting club that opened in 1986. Owners Brad and Evangelina Henman are third generation hunting club operators. A slide show of the Clear Creek Sports Club is available on the Lassen Retriever Club Web Site at www.101010masternational.com.

The host hotel and convention center are at one location, The Rolling Hills Casino – all social and business activities will take place there and it is located about 5 minutes from the test site. Hotel reservations can be made at either the Ramada Inn located adjacent to the Casino, or, at the Vagabond Lodge located within the Casino. When making reservations be sure to state you

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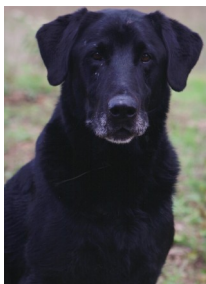


2010 Event (continued)

are with the Master National Club so you can obtain the negotiated group rate. The Ramada Inn has set aside 44 dog friendly rooms and the Lodge has set aside all the lower floor rooms as dog friendly rooms. Reservation information can be found on the Lassen Retriever Club Web Site

www.101010masternational.com under Accommodations. We recommend you make reservations early, not is, no later than by the end of February, if you want a dog friendly room at the host hotel. We are working on additional offsite accommodations and will post those in the next month or so – but don't worry, there are plenty of rooms nearby!

For folks flying in from out of state you have a selection of five different airports. All five airports are listed on the Lassen Re-



triever Club Web Site.

The club web site also provides driving instructions from each individual airport to Corning, California.

The Rolling Hills Casino has a first class RV Park with full hook-ups. The RV Park has a 24 hour patrol. Located adjacent to the RV Park are private showers and laundry facilities. We have also made arrangements for Dry Camping on Clear Creek Sports Club grounds adjacent to the Club House. Information on how to reserve a spot will be coming out soon.

The temperatures in October are normally mild, but can range from hot to an unseasonal rain.

Training grounds are still being acquired and we anticipate having around ten different sites available for training purposes.

To order training birds go the

Lassen Retriever Club Web Site, www.101010masternational.com and click on Birds. You will find an order form, that once filled out will go directly to Brad Henman at the Clear Creek Sports Club. All training birds come directly from Brad. Reference Websites:

www.lassenretrieverclub.org

www.clearcreeksportsclub.com

www.rollinghillscasino.com



Past Presidents Message (continued from Page 2)

High winds, heavy rains and a temperature drop of about 27 degrees challenged the time management schedules. However, the participants and workers never complained; they took it in stride and made the best of a tough situation. Congratulations to the members of the Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club for their two years of planning

and strong implementation. Thanks to the Texas Area's Retriever Clubs (Alamo, Brazosport, Bryan/College, Heart of Texas, Rose Country & Tejas) for providing volunteers to work in the field from Thursday 'til the end of the tests on Sunday. Thanks to each of the people from the gallery for their hard work at the event.

Take time to look at the events described on the website to get a good feel for how it went and talk to those who attended. If you attended and see a way to make the next one better, please let us know. We're anxious to hear your thoughts. If you have any questions about the event that aren't covered here, please let us know. Good luck with your dogs and we hope to see you in Corning, CA.

2009 Hall of Fame Achievements

8 Passes

Norwood's Ocoee JJ MH - Fay Norwood

7 Passes

Big Two Hearted River II MH 112- Lyle and Debby Steinman

5 Passes

Watermark's Maximum ROI MH 91 – Lyle and Debby Steinman

FR Jim's Rebel Yell MH – Fr Jim Stange (Doug Shade)

Lab's Unlimited Live Wire MH – Bill Cox

Dynamite's MS Yankee Rebel MH – Lyle and Debby Steinman

Wizard's Little Guinevere MH – Jackie Thibodeaux

4 Passes

Pine Acre's Webfoot Winger MH- Mark Parman

Westwind's Raven of Aliho MH – Elaine Brock

Beckylou's Bayou Beamer MH – Louis & Becky DeJohn (Ronnie Lee)

3 Passes

Too Terrible Tillie MH – Mike Collson (Doug Shade)

Windigo Flip N' Fly MH – Janet Peters and Ron Sauls

Lab's Unlimited Scrappy MH - Bill Cox

Sir Wolfgang Jack Maverick MH – Dean Grand (Rody Best)

Buckshot's Yukon Bontonbeau MH – John and Mary Graf (Brian Hartfield)

Zoey's Black Magic MH – Louis and Becky DeJohn (Ronnie Lee)

Herman's Nitro NICI of Sunnyview MH – Bill Herman (Doug Shade)

Swamp Run's Go Get Em Gator MH – Ray Shanks

Tall Pines Long Shot Tanker MH – Glenn Rogers

End O' Lane Wet & Wild MH – John Goudge (Brian Hartfield)

Dippommarsh Zephyr MH - Charles Hightower (Ed or Jackie Thibodeaux)

Stoneridge Koko Raisa Gage MH – Marcus Millikan (Don Johns)

Mosses' Coal Mine MH – Jennifer and Joe Moss (Don Johns)

Hope Lock Heirex MH – Missy Lemoi

Kosmic Kate MH – Jack O'Conner (Lyle Steinman)

Taylorlab Downtown Cooter Brown MH – Debby and Lyle Steinman

Smackwater's Confederate Rose MH – Valarie Marks & Christina Poulos (Jill Volsch)

Sureshot's Rio De Dinero MH - Steve and Carrie Raney (Bobby Purser)

Siskiyou's Water Hammer MH- Carolyn Goll (Carolyn, Joe Reinhardt and Janet Peters)

Moon Schoon Quicks Sureshots MH -Jeff and Virginia Schoonover (Lyle Steinman)

FC Little Wing MH – Michael Moss (Buck Shope)

Armagh's Pug Mahon MH – Jim Bergh

Drycreeks Rocket MH – Mike Longey (Buck Shope)



*Welcome to the Hall of
Fame*



Presidents Message (continued from Page 1)

Other stuff in the works – oh we have the typical list – updating the Policies and Procedures document (a never ending task), 2011 judge selection, etc, but we are also working on expanding the merchandise selections and program, website facelift – updating and upgrading, 2011 is already in the works - see Page 1, possible inclusion in the Bird Dog Hall of Fame to name a few! Let me assure you, this is NOT a cushy job.

Well that is about all I have time for – need to get back to the real job or maybe I will head out and work the dogs (isn't my new pointer puppy - Dash – cute – I just had to be different) or go for a ride.

Happy Trails and Good Shooting, JP

What We're Up To

We thought you might want to know what we are all working on this year so here's a list of the 2010 Committees and who is doing what...

2010 Judges Selection—John Marchica
Policies and Procedures Revisions—John Marchica
Finance Review—Sam Ferguson
Vision—Bill Teague
Nominations—Larry Kimble
History—Ray Muth
Communications/Website—Gloria Mundell
Merchandise—Pam Bunnell
Bird Dog Hall of Fame—Sam Ferguson
3 Flight Event Evaluation—Bill Teague
Women's Challenge Trophy—Jill Volsch
2010 Event Planning—Janet Wood and Kevin Bunnell

Corporate Sponsor Update: Dave Kress resigned from the Corporate Sponsor Liaison (CSL) position due to work and personal commitments—a **big thanks** to Dave for his efforts over the last year. With that, we went on the hunt for a new CSL and at the same time knew we needed to evolve and improve our program. So we decided to try something new...welcome back to Theresa Stevens, who was our CSL previously, and welcome to Jim Paxson, who has volunteered to help with our Sponsorship program. I am sure you all remember Terri from our previous events and we are looking forward to having her on the team again. Jim Paxson is retired from his corporate life as a sales/sponsor rep for Apple Computer and he is NOT a dog person. Jim is a good friend of John Marchica and was looking for an organization in need of his talents—a match made in heaven. So what's new is the “team” approach to this position. Terri will be leading up these efforts focusing on evolving the program and the Jim will be in an assisting role focusing on new and existing sponsors. Stay tuned!



Vision Statement

Master National Retriever Club

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.