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The Official Newsletter of the Master National Retriever Club



Welcome

With just ten weeks until the Master National event the Board of Directors and the **Susquehanna Retriever Club** are working hard to pull all of the pieces together to make this 20th Year Anniversary event the best ever!

Handlers and their dogs we know are working just as diligently to prepare for the challenge.

This Summer Edition of the **Master National Newsletter** is created to bring you up to date as you prepare for your trip to Maryland.

Be sure to check the List of Qualified Dogs available at the Master National web site homepage. As you know, the list is being updated as information becomes available to us from Retriever News. Don't panic if your dog is not on the list, as there is a delay in reporting. But do follow up with Retriever News and the AKC to be sure you will be included.

So enjoy your training and your dogs as you prepare for this year's event! It will be great to see so many old friends and valued canines Sept. 30- October 9th! See you there.

2011 Master National

Schedule of Events :

This is a tentative schedule. Watch for postings at the Event headquarters.

Friday, September 30, 2011, Opening Ceremonies

Sail Winds Conference Center, 200 Byrn St, Cambridge, MD 21613

5:30-6:30 pm.....Social Reception and Opening Ceremonies

6:45- 7:00 pm.....Selection of Starting Dog Number

7:00- 8:00 pm.....Handlers Dinner

8:00 pm.....Auction

Saturday, October 1, 2011, Sail Winds Conference Center

8:00-10:00 am.....Bitch Check 1 (Parking Lot)

9:00 am MNRC and Host Club Merchandise Sales Begin (**Holiday Inn Express Conf. Room**)

9:30 am.....Chief Marshal meets with Committee Chairs

10:00 am.....Vendor Sales Begin (Parking Lot)

10:30-Noon.....Delegate and Proxy Registration

11:00.....Committee Chairs meet with Workers for assignments

1:00 pm.....Judges Instruction to Handlers (ALL HANDLERS MUST ATTEND)

2:00 pm.....RHTAC Report

2:15 pm.....AKC Report

2:30 pm.....MNRC Annual Meeting

4:00-5:00 pm.....Bitch Check 2 (Parking Lot)

4:00 - 5:00 pm.....Handlers Registration

(NOTE: This will be the only time available to pick up your handlers bags)

Sunday, October 2, 2011. Anatidae Farm, Woodlands Property, Fuguet Property and/or Watkins Property –
Please refer to Posting in Holiday Inn Express Lobby for your flight

7:30 am.....MNRC Hunt Test Begins

(Sunday, Oct 2, 2011, 7:00 PM “Camo Concert” hosted by Layton’s Chance Vineyards, Vienna MD)

Monday, October 3, 2011. Anatidae Farm Pavilion, Vienna MD

7:00 pm.....SRC Crab Feast

(Tuesday, October 4, 2011, 7:00 PM “Camo Party hosted by Millies Roadhouse, Vienna MD)

Wednesday, October 5, 2011. Sail Winds Conference Center, Cambridge

7:00 pm.....MNRC Workers Party

Thursday, October 6, 2011. Anatidae Farm Pavilion, Vienna

7:00 pm.....MNRC Frank’s Party

Sunday, October 9, 2011. Anatidae Farm, Vienna

When event ends.....MNRC Closing Ceremony

2011 Master National Judges



Dr. James Wonnell: Region 1—Florida

I was born and raised on a farm in central Indiana. High school involved mostly basketball, shop, and hunting. I got my first single barrel 16 gauge shotgun at 12 years of age. The farm and surrounding countryside offered excellent duck, pheasant and rabbit hunting.

After high school graduation I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and spent three years on active duty achieving the rank of E-4 Sargeant and three years inactive reserve duty. I feel this and the farm years layed the ground work for my future.

In 1961 I enrolled in Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana for my pre-veterinary school classes. In 1963 I was admitted to the school of veterinary medicine program. I graduated from Purdue in 1967 and moved to Stuart, Florida. I have lived here ever since, have my own Vet Hospital and am still in active practice.

I am married and have two sons, Michael 32 and Jeffrey who is 29. Jeffrey went with me to the Master National in 2009 in Texas. My wonderful wife, Sarah is owner of Remedy Labradors and also was on the slate from Region 1 to judge the Master National several years ago, but did not judge.

I have qualified dogs for several Master national events, entered and ran dogs in five tests, 1999 was the first. I qualified three of those tests, GA, TX and VA. I have run AKC hunt tests for about eighteen years and have judged many tests, mostly being at the Master level.

The Master program events are set up to test, in my opinion, the average Master level dog. Some are far better and some are far worse. I feel a weekend test should be set so fifty percent of the field of dogs should be able to pass with all things considered. The program is established to test the abilities of a retriever against an established set of standards without tricks, competition or political interference. I feel most tests demonstrate a retrievers suitability and ability as hunting companions.

The Master National event is the super bowl for retrievers. Everything a weekend test provides, such as good use of ground cover, terrain, obstacles, bird placement along with the use of numerous decoys and good time management, the Master National provides only, with a greater degree of difficulty than the weekend hunt test, here proven Master Hunters are being tested.

A judge should display a good knowledge of hunting, have compassion, patience, know the rulebook and have a good understanding of the dog and handler team.,

Thank you for electing me to judge the 20th anniversary of the Master National, 2011. Good luck to all of you and above all else, have fun.

I know we as judges are probably not going to be your best buddies, but we are all sincere and will do the best job we can.

“Doc”

Jim Wonnell, D.V.M.



Martha Kress: Region 2—Alabama

The journey began in 1998 (Really it began when I was a child growing up with animals). Our sons were out on their own, Dave and I needed an activity to do together and we had just lost a wonderful retriever because we had not done the proper training. Since we 'always' had retrievers it was natural to upgrade our skills. Little did we know it would change our lives and become our passion?

Today we no longer have the Labrador Retrievers we started with, but we do have six loving Labs, GMH NMHx4 Hustle MNHx5 AM/CAN MH *** (11 ½ , retired), GMH NMHx4 Pixie AM/CAN MH *** (11 ½, Retired), NMHx3 Hope AM/CAN MH *** (9), NMHx3 Faith AM/CAN MH QFTR *** (7), Powers a future achiever (3) and Warrior (the BIG puppy, 12 months). All are amateur/owner trained and handled.

“Hustle“took us to our first Master National in Thomasville, GA in 2003. Our time there was short, but we were hooked. Hustle and I went on to complete six Master National’s in a row. Dave and I and our Lab pack have eleven master plates. We have campaigned from Coast to Coast, Border to Border (and across the border) and I am happy to say we have enjoyed the hospitality and company of the good people across the USA (and Canada) and have made lasting friendships throughout.

With 8 AKC Master Nationals plus 6 CKC National Masters and all the weekend events it takes to qualify for the MN and NM, the numerous judging assignments in both Hunt and Field under my belt I have a lot of experience to offer.

I am looking forward to the coming season and this October event. October in Maryland should be great.

Being fortunate to travel extensively, I have had the honor and the pleasure of judging with Dr. James Wonnell in Thomasville, GA, David Illias in Carnation, WA and Jim Morris in Elkton, MD. I look forward to spending time with all of the judging team in Maryland this fall.

I am excited and honored to be a part of this event. Teams with good communication, enthusiasm yet control are what I like to see. A dog with courage and desire, I highly recognize.

Train hard, qualify your teams and enjoy the Master National. I know I will. I plan to do the best possible job as one of your 2011 Judges.

Thank you for the privilege, the support and the honor, of being selected by my peers to be a part of the judging team for the 2011 Master National. I have also been honored with the privilege of judging the 2011 CKC National Master being held in BC on Vancouver Island starting in mid August.

Last but not least, a great big thanks to Dave my awesome husband, for all his encouragement and support.

Let’s make new and lasting friendships, enjoy the event and meet the challenges put before us with courage, grace and laughter in 2011!

Marty Kress, Greensboro, AL



DuWayne S. Bickle, Region 2 — Wisconsin

I was born and raised in southern Wisconsin and have lived my entire life enjoying the changing seasons and the bountiful hunting. I became interested in the sport when I met and became friends with my eighth grade science teacher who was involved in training Labrador retrievers for hunt tests. The more we talked the more interested I became in the sport. I began my weekly training as a "Bird Boy." I guess you could say I've worked my way up from the bottom.

I became interested in judging because I felt a true feeling of dedication to the sport and I wanted to be able to offer something in return for the enjoyment I received. At the time it seemed there were too few judges to go around and it was obvious this was an area I could lend both support to the organization and a helping hand. I thoroughly enjoy watching the teamwork that is demonstrated between a handler and his/her dog. The loyalty, trust and dedication displayed are a constant reminder that they are truly "best friends."

My most memorable experience with the sport is of the beginning of a close relationship that began when I competed in my first Master National in Glasgow, Delaware. I qualified my first Master Hunter, Sunny a yellow lab, and was invited to do some "pre-national" training several weeks before the national would be held. Due to my inexperience and being green to the sport I had never heard of this or the "early training" that followed in Delaware. Fortunately I was offered help from a key individual that was well versed in the routine of the sport and with "Big Brother's" advice and a few key training tips the National went off without a hitch. Sunny worked her heart out picking up all the birds making it look easy like she'd done this a hundred times before. Feeling proud of what we had accomplished together I felt confident that we had finished well. To our disappointment we later learned that we were to be one of only two dogs that did not qualify in the final test.

I soon got over the disappointment of that day, as did Sunny. We may have lost out that day where the Master National is concerned, but the friendships that were created from that experience were never lost. Today I have two of the best hunting partners and friends you could ask for. Together we have logged a lot of miles, good times and memories.

My definition of an exceptional hunting dog is a dog that marks well and uses his/her head when faced with confusing or complicated situations. The dog should be controlled and handle crisply to blinds or missed marks.

Style is extremely important to me. I look for a dog that displays a high level of intensity in difficult situations. I try to set up tests that are easy to score. I place my "falls" wide enough to judge then apply my hunting experience (how the birds would get there in a real hunt), to increase the level of difficulty. I believe in the use of calls at all stations to make sure the dog sees the "mark." Blinds should be placed so the handler can see the dog all the way to the bird.

At the completion of the Master National, my objective is to leave the handlers and the dogs believing that their abilities were challenged fairly and with the feeling that it was truly a rewarding experience for both.



**Dorthy Ruehman: Region 3—
Texas**

Training retrievers began as a necessity some 20 years ago during the duck hunting season, when I grew tired of my husband Michael's chocolate Labrador "Otis" taking all of my birds to him. So, a few weekends later, I drove out to the country and returned home with a flea-infested, 5-week-old chocolate Labrador I soon named "Elle Lee." She was my

first gun dog, and thoughts of her today still bring a rush of delightful memories to mind.

Four home-schooled Labradors later, four Master Hunter titles in no-telling how many valiant attempts and five exciting Master Nationals under our belt – bestow countless hilarious stories to share about "learning experiences" acquired at the line.

I owe a debt of gratitude to Steve Hendricks and to the many other professional retriever trainers who have guided and graciously coached me in training and running our dogs.

I am a native Texan and owner of a public relations company, specializing in corporate public relations and Christian-based motivational speaking. "A few years back," I earned a bachelors degree from Texas A&M University and masters degree from Houston Baptist University.

Since childhood, I have loved singing gospel music and in 2004 released a gospel CD. I currently am working on a second gospel CD and writing a children's book titled "Building Champions."

Michael and I reside in Richmond, Texas, and enjoy sneaking away every chance we get to our fishing camp on the Texas coast for saltwater wade fishing when not on the prairie hunting waterfowl. Both of our retrievers, Coal, 5, and Ruby, 1, are certified therapy dogs who work each week with patients in the Occupational Therapy Department at the Texas Medical Center.

I enjoy supporting our extraordinary sport and judging weekend Hunt Test and Field Trial events when not competing. I am looking forward to working with the dynamic slate of judges selected for 2011 Master National. I am a handler first and wish all of the contestants and their "Super Star retrievers" the very best as they prepare for and compete in our Super Bowl this October. See you at the line.



Dave Illias: Region 4—Oregon

I am honored to be on the team of judges at the 2011 Master National in Maryland. The National is a great event that challenges those dogs that have demonstrated the talent and skills to be outstanding master hunters.

I was born and raised in the state of Oregon. My experience with retrievers begins when I was 14 years old and I got my first hunting license. After completing my hunter's safety course, my Dad bought us a lab puppy. It was my responsibility to train our new family member. Dad

faithfully drove us to weekly obedience class and twice a month to picnic trials to train our happy young dog.

I am grateful to the terrific people in those Oregon field clubs that helped me to train the pup to become a reliable and dependable retriever for many years of hunting. I am currently president of one of those clubs and board member in the other.

When I finished college and started my career as an engineer I took time out from hunting and dog training for a few years. However, when I meet my wonderful spouse she introduced me to over 18 memorable years of competitive obedience trail competition. During that time I multi-titled four Golden Retrievers and obtained Obedience Trial Champions on two.

In 1992 I went waterfowl hunting again and I have been hooked since. Shortly after I took up hunting again, we obtained a lab who became my first master dog.

Since then I have master titled 3 other retrievers and am now running 3 others at master level. I have qualified dogs for a number of Master National events and ran my dogs in 3 Nationals in Wisconsin, Texas, and California.

My passion for hunting has now taken second place to training retrievers, and running my dogs. I understand the importance of supporting the sport and I am actively involved in 6 AKC field events each year.

In 2000 I started judging AKC hunt tests to initially obtain a better understanding of judging and to contribute to the sport. I have been fortunate to co-judge with many judges that taught me the various aspects of dog work, and test setup.

At the National I plan to work hard and leave the handlers with a positive experience. I want to help make the 2011 National an event to remember. Good Luck to everyone!

David Illias, Portland, OR



Jim Morris: Region 4 —Oregon

What an honor it is to be chosen to judge the Master National for a third time!

Rest easy, that I have walked many times in your handler shoes. In addition, I've been to many Master National tests as a worker, too. And I have judged all levels at the weekend tests as well.

In 1997, I was one of four judges that judged a split at a National, for the first time. Now, we are in our second year of a three way split! Have we come a long way or what?

In 2003, I had the honor of filling in for a great judge, Russ Reavis, when a national defense problem took him to Washington, DC.

What do I look for as a judge? First and foremost team work. Giving a test that makes a team think. A

team that does the best it can each time up to run. A team under control at all times.

I always consider every thing that happens to a team when it's up to run. Do the best that you can each time you run and let my wonderful co-judges and I judge you the best that we can. Trust us to do the job you asked us to do!

Try to have a good time, smile and enjoy your National event.
Good marks and straight lines to you all.”

2011 Master National Event News

Attention Handlers: Training Birds Available For MN 2011

Training birds will be available from Buettner Farms. To ensure availability: Training Birds must be ordered at least 1 (one) week prior to the training period (Sept. 25 - Oct. 1) of the event.

The cost per bird is \$12.00 for Drake Mallards and \$12.50 for Rooster Pheasants. Birds can be ordered by phone or text to Kiley Buettner 605-351-1811 or email: outdoorsmanhc@alliancecom.net .

Payment (check or cash) will be due upon pick up at test site. Buyer must supply their own crates. Contact number for on site Game Steward: Kenley Buettner: 605-929-6899. *Submitted by: Auggie Argabright*

MNRC and AKC welcomes special needs handler at hunt tests

The **Master National Retriever Club** in cooperation with the **American Kennel Club** is pleased to announce that special accommodations have been made to allow a disabled handler to enter the Master National event.



The AKC Performance Events Department has recognized Tommy Landers’ desire to qualify for and enter the Master National. “The AKC is aware of Tommy’s situation and believes the AKC should provide all reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities to enjoy the sport as long as it does not change the fundamental nature of the event,” stated Doug Ljungren, Vice President of Performance Events.

Tommy, a 30-year-old from Arkansas and has been handling dogs for about three years. Tommy has Down syndrome. He began dog training with Dale and Denise Johnson, who have helped Tommy become the confident and enthusiastic handler familiar to the HRC

tests in the Louisiana and Arkansas region.

“Tommy comes to the line with the assurance and strut of John Wayne,” says Denise Johnson. For years Tommy would just sit in the truck at tests, but when given some camouflaged clothes, a lanyard and whistle and the opportunity to handle a dog—he just blossomed into a confident and brave young man.

“Handling a dog at a hunt test has meant everything to Tommy. It has allowed him to cope with the outside world. It’s the greatest thing in the world,” says Tommy’s father Bennie Landers. It has just brought him out of an egg shell and now he is outgoing, smiles all the time and can’t wait for his next test.”

Tommy was almost non-communicative before this experience happened, and now he will go up to a judge, shake their hand, and even “kiss” the women judges! It’s the best therapy in the world says his dad.

Tommy’s parents, Ann and Bennie Landers, of Arkansas City said they are extremely grateful to the **Master National Retriever Club** and the **AKC** for making accommodations for Tommy.

He will need assistance at the line, and his eye sight is limited, but Tommy can call out the commands, blow the whistle and handle the dog with some coaching. “His coach is just an extension of Tommy,” says Denise. We may provide help by tapping him on the shoulder, but Tommy gives the commands.

Tommy will most likely be coached at the Master National by either handler Allen Sandifer or handler Tommy Harp, both of whom have been coaching the young man. Tommy will run one of Sandifer’s or Harp’s dogs at the 2011 event.

The MNRC is excited about seeing Tommy in Maryland and hopes all handlers will welcome him into the group.

When you see the smile on his face, you are sure to understand the pleasure and excitement this young man has gained from this enriched therapy says his dad.

Call For Retiring HOF Dogs and First Time HOF Qualifiers

If you are planning to retire your **Hall Of Fame** dog this year (2011), please fill out the [Master National Retiring Dog Form](#).

<https://mnrc.publishpath.com/Websites/mnrc/Images/Retire%20a%20Dog%20Form.pdf>

And if you would like your dog's picture to be included in the 2011 Hall Of Fame Retiring Dog video, to be shown at the 2011 Master National event, please send a .jpg or .gif image to [Kevin Bunnell](#) at kpbunl@douglasfast.net

Pictures needed of first-time Hall of Fame qualifiers!

If your dog is on this list --and you would like to be included in the 2011 Hall Of Fame video shown at the Handler's Dinner, please send a good quality .gif or .jpg photo with information about your dog to Kevin Bunell. Send photos to: kpbunl@douglasfast.net Deadline to be included is Sept. 1st!

AKC DOG NAME

ASPEN'S MR MAVERICK MH, MNH
BORDERLINE'S BIG ECHO MH, MNH
BORDERLINE'S MISS LIBERTY MH, MNH
CONTRAILS TAILSPIN MH, MNH
CREDITRIVER'S WILD CARD MH, MNH
DJ'S RAMBLIN RASCAL MH, MNH
EMBERAIN LEFTY LUCY MH, MNH
FATS WALLER'S JOINT IS JUMPIN MH, MNH
FR JIM'S TERRIBLE ENIGMA MH, MNH
GROUSE CREEK'S BLAZIN' CINDER, MH, MNH
ISLAND ACRES WIDOW MAKER MH, MNH
KATE'S DIAMOND IN THE RUFF MH
LLOYD'S CASH CALL MH, MNH
MOLLY'S MAGNOLIA MH, MNH
PHINEAS OF OAKSTONE MH, MNH
REAL GOLD ROXIE MUSIC TO MY EARS MH, MNH

OWNER'S NAME

ART STONER
SALLIE SULLIVAN
SALLIE SULLIVAN
MICHAEL MOSS
RANDY BOHLMANN
JAMES LOWRY
PAT DENARDO
KATHLEEN FOLSOM
FR JIM STANGE
JAY & RAELENE PHELPS
DOUG SHADE
DOROTHY & MICHAEL RUEHMAN
DAVID & ELLEN LYBECK
BETSY & WES MAGEE
JOHN & SUSAN MICHELI
JANET WOOD

REBEL RIDGE LET'EM RIP MH, MNH
REBELS DAZLIN TEXAS GUNSMOKE MH, MNH
RIPPLING WATERS MO SPRITE MH, MNH
ROCKING M BLACK RIVER RAIDER MH, MNH
SARAH'S BACK N SMOKEN MH, MNH
SATCHABRAT MH, MNH
SAWTOOTH'S NO FOOLIN' MH, MNH
SWIFT RIVER'S SPEED TRAP MH, MNH
WEBSHIRE CAN-DO CANOOK MH, MNH

WENDY ROWAN
DALE TOLMSOFF
KATHLEEN & ALAN LUTHY
JOHN & JUDY LORENZO
DENNIS GREER
Doug Shade & Sharon House
DEBRA ZIEGLER
BUCK SHOPE & TARA YOHAN
LYNN MACDONALD

Master National Pin Donations

The Master National Retriever Club is looking for donations of some MN pins! The years needed are: **2001, 2003, and 2004.**

The pins will be used as part of **Surprise Auction** items to be offered at this year's 20th anniversary Master National event.

Thank you to all those who have so generously responded to our call!

If you can donate a pin from one of the years listed above, please send to: Terri Stevens, 4635 Maiden Forest Road, Rhodesdale, MD 21659.

Your donation is greatly appreciated.

2011 Master National Event Photographer

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of **Steve Surfman Photography** as the Officials MN photographer for this year's event.

Steve Surfman is recognized for his high quality work and is sought out by owners of performance dogs throughout the Mid-Atlantic area.

Steve has been photographing animals for more than 35 years. He has won numerous awards for his striking photographs which capture the beauty, energy, and enthusiasm that animals display in competition and in everyday life.

Steve has photographed dogs at some of the most prestigious events, including the Westminster Kennel Club, the National Gun Dog Championship, and the national specialties of Golden Retrievers, Poodles, Scottish Deerhounds, Whippets, Rhodesian Ridgebacks and Borzoi, the AKC National Lure Coursing Championships, ASFA International Invitational, All Star Obedience, Agility, and Rally Championships.

His work has been published in the AKC Gazette, Portal Publications, National Geographic Website, major United States newspapers and numerous breed specific publications.

For a look at some of his magnificent photos be sure to check out his web site at [Steve Surfman Photography](#)

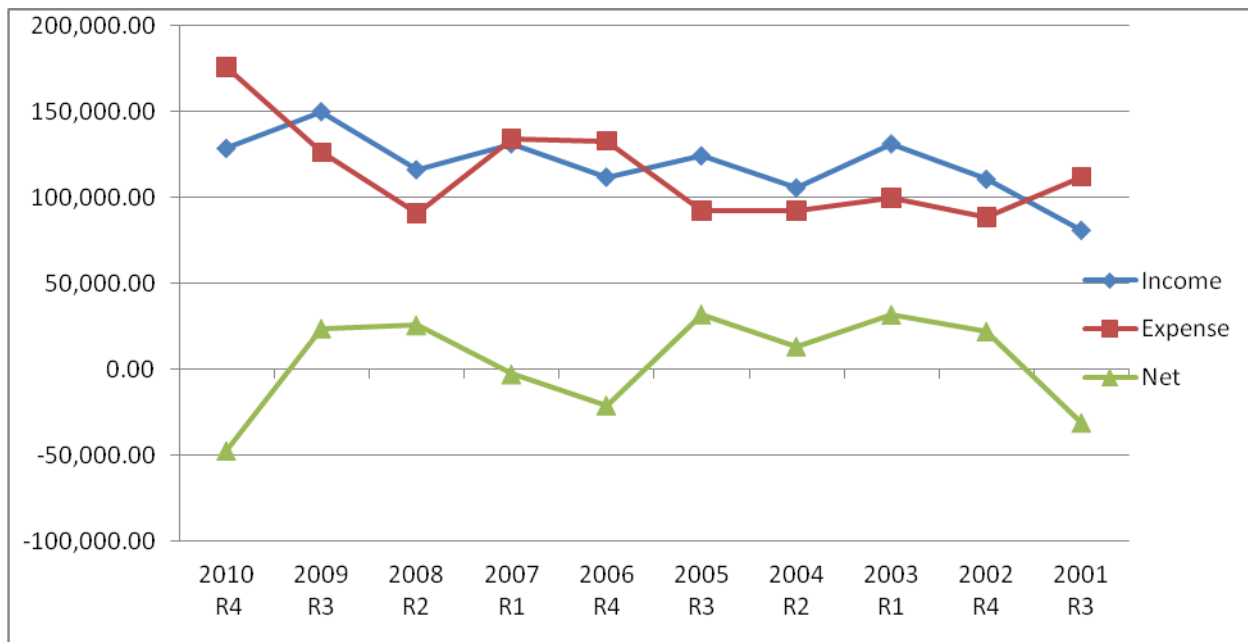
Welcome Steve to the Master National community. We look forward to meeting you in Maryland.

Dollars and Sense – A Look at the MNRC Finances

We would like to thank all of you for your interest and inquires regarding the financial status of the MNRC. We welcome such correspondence with our member clubs and stress that we have always and will continue to operate in a spirit of openness and transparency. It is unfortunate that the financial results of the 2010 event have been discussed out of context of both the event and the way the MNRC yearly cash flow cycles work. With this article we hope to bring about a better understanding of both.

Let's start with some facts about the cash flow of the MNRC events as I think the big picture should help you put 2010 in perspective. The MNRC rarely makes a profit at the Region 4 event, and generally does not make a profit in Region 1. The costs to conduct the event on the two coasts are simply too high. The last time we held the event in Region 4 (2006), there was about a \$21,000 loss without the extra expenses of capitalizing the third flight (see below) and we even saw a loss (\$31K) at the 2001 Region 3 event for a variety of reasons. In general, the profits are made in Regions 2 and 3 (Figure 1). Our long-term and yearly event financial plans take these profits and losses into account, with the Region 2 and 3 events used to capitalize and cash flow the events in Regions 1 and 4.

Figure 1. Multiyear Financials for the MNRC Event



As for the 2010 event, it was never budgeted to generate a profit from the beginning, and several factors occurred after the construction of the original event budget or at the event that increased the 2010 event loss beyond the anticipated deficit. Also, let us be clear – by a loss we mean that the event did not bring in more money than it cost to put it on. We also have another category of profit and loss for the administrative side of our activities and you need to examine both statements to understand the true financial standing of the MNRC. All of our financials (the administrative and event profit and loss (P&L) and the overall financial balance sheet of the MNRC) are distributed at the Annual Meeting every year and discussed with the delegates of the member clubs every year.

The major factors impacting the 2010 event financials are discussed:

- There was not a financial planning template to use for a 3-flight event so a straight increase of \$15,000 was applied on top of the amount predicted by our 2-flight template to predict costs for the 2010 event. As we were in new territory, we simply made our best guess. Subsequently, this template has been revised based on the actual 2010 costs and will aid us in continuing to make good financial decisions.
- The draft 2010 budget was not available at the 2010 Winter Meeting due to a critical work commitment that prohibited Frank Barton, MNRC Treasurer, from attending that meeting. This resulted in the Board making financial decisions (see next bullet) without a complete financial picture and did not allow for the rigorous debate and final approval of the budget that usually happens. Had we done this, I think we could have put additional measures in place or made some different decisions to slightly lessen the anticipated financial loss. Regardless, there would still have been a loss at the 2010 event.
- The Board approved, for the second year in a row, a lowering of entry fees. In hindsight, this was not a good decision but I commend the Board for continuing to look for ways to make this event more accessible to the majority who qualify.
- The 2010 event capitalized the equipment and supplies needed for the third flight and this capitalization was not in the 2010 Budget. Future events will not have this one-time cost.
- During the 2010 equipment trailer inventory, many of the supplies were found to be old, expired, or unusable. An extensive list was compiled and some of the needed equipment was donated by individuals or our sponsors but most was replaced and the expenses were charged to the 2010 event budget. These new supplies and equipment will be used for subsequent events.
- Our equipment trailer needed significant repairs this year along with new tires (which blew out once on the drive from Texas to California and again on the drive from California to Kansas. Fortunately no one was hurt.) Unfortunately, the 2010 event bore the cost for all the trailer related expenses.
- Worker expenses are always high on the West Coast as we just simply do not get the local club member support that we do in Regions 1, 2 and 3. We started using paid workers on the second day of the 2010 event whereas at other events, the paid workers were not needed until sometimes as late as Friday or Saturday. In addition, and unknown at the time the 2010 event budget was developed, California law requires that anyone using paid labor must have an Injury Illness Prevention Plan and must train all workers on the contents of this plan. This resulted in additional (non-productive) hours that we had to pay our workers in order for them to attend this training.
- A significant portion of our normal income was redirected (via loss of merchandise sales and auction income) to the Chase Away Canine Cancer organization (foundation?). While the MNRC believes that this is a good and charitable cause, we are stopping such charitable ventures until the member clubs can weigh in on the decision whether to essentially donate a portion of our revenue.
- Costs have just simply gone up and again are exacerbated on the West Coast. Prices for fuel, lodging, meals and supplies are simply higher in today's world. We have updated our financial planning template to account for this inflation in cost.

I think these are the most pertinent budget issues related to the 2010 event. While I agree that many of these costs should have been spread out between several events or accounted for on the administrative side that is not the way it has been done in the past and we chose to continue with past practices to allow for year to year financial comparisons.

In regards to the questions regarding cost controls, the MNRC has excellent financial planning tools but again keep in mind the newness of the 3-flight event. The template used for the 3- flight event was gone over exhaustively at the 2011 Winter Meeting and the revised tool should allow us to better plan future events. In addition, the 2011 event draft budget was discussed and debated at length at this meeting in an effort to ensure the best financial decisions were made.

Another factor that affected the 2010 financial year is that this was the first year that our new committee costs were felt. In response to overwhelming input from you that we needed to upgrade our program especially in regards to communication and safety, we had additional costs related to these issues (e.g., status texting, new chair members, website overhaul, website updates during the event, etc). In addition, much time was spent in 2010 and prior years in working with the AKC on the MNH title. I think everyone agrees that the improvements in these areas were badly needed but these improvements do not come without some incremental cost.

The MNRC policy requires that our financials are audited yearly and this is religiously done. We also performed a long-term financial analysis in early 2011. The results have been incorporated into the 2011 event discussions and decision making process to determine exactly what our income streams needed to be and what costs/expenses were necessary and what we should cut.

In summary, the 2010 event was never expected to bring in more money than it cost to put on. There were some equipment and trailer related costs that were allocated against the 2010 event budget, as well as higher than anticipated labor costs. The additional flight ended up costing more than expected. When you combine these with a reduction in entry fees and the redirecting of a portion of our usual revenue to Chase Away Canine Cancer, the result is a net loss that exceeded that anticipated by the Board. In fact if we add up these unanticipated costs they account for the majority of the unplanned 2010 event deficit. As we do every year, the Board has used the lessons from 2010 in our planning for future events.

Again, I'd like to thank those of you who inquired about this matter for your interest in the MNRC financials. This Board remains committed to openness and transparency in our dealings with the member clubs, and we welcome the opportunity to share these details with you all.

As always the full MNRC financial report will be presented and discussed at the annual meeting. The financial performance of the MNRC is well documented and understood. This Board takes our fiduciary responsibilities very seriously and believes that we have been good stewards of the MNRC. What the 2010 event really shows is our continued growing pains – over the years we have grown this event from a single flight event to a 3 flight event. Along with that growth, we have been able to deliver many of the upgrades and desired improvements to the MNRC.

The Master National Retriever Club Board of Directors

The 2012 Judges Slate Nominated By Master National Clubs

Nominees for the four Regions Are:

Region #1 candidates:

Mike Moss
Michelle Love

Prior MNRC judge candidate:
Sydney Williams

Region #2 candidates:

Randall Ayres
Carol Hynes
Edgar Johnson

Region #3 candidates:

First time MNRC judge candidates:

David Christianson
Jeff Schoonover
Bill Teague

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Russ Reavis

Region #4 candidates:

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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.

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