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• Welcome •



On behalf of the Master Amateur Retriever Club Board of Directors, I want to welcome you to the 2021 Master Amateur Invitational. Congratulations to all qualified handlers who persevered through 2020 and all of its uncertainties. We can all be thankful and proud to be here participating in this sport we love. Each member of the Board of Directors has worked diligently to ensure this event occurred. A special thank you goes to Mr. Larry Blasbalg, the vice president of the Eastern Region. Larry has spent countless hours organizing and coordinating the many details which will make this Invitational a success.

I also want to thank the Steve Ferguson Memorial Retriever Grounds Inc. for allowing us to use their wonderful property in Emporia to run our event. I would like to thank the Mid Atlantic, Tidewater and Atlantic Flyway Clubs, as well as the Brink Hunt Club for their invaluable support of the Invitational. In addition I want to acknowledge our sponsors and donors who have supported us this year, as well as in years past.

Due to the pandemic our nation is dealing with, there will be new rules and requirements that must be followed for your safety and the safety of those around you. These will be listed in a separate section of the Training Guide.

Again, congratulations and welcome to the 2021 Master Amateur Invitational. I wish you all good fortune. Be safe, enjoy yourselves and hug your dogs.

Sincerely,

Fred Nusbickel

Fred Nusbickel, President

• Schedule of Events •

2021 MASTER AMATEUR INVITATIONAL

EVENT:	DATE:	LOCATION:
First Training Property Draw For Monday <i>ONLY</i>	Sunday, May 9, 5:00 pm	Hilton Garden Inn 111 Carolina Crossroads Pkwy, Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870
Second Training Property Draw For Tuesday & Wednesday	Monday, May 10, 5:00 pm	Hilton Garden Inn
Third Training Property Draw For Thursday & Friday (<i>No Draw for Saturday</i>)	Wednesday, May 12, 5:00 pm	Hilton Garden Inn
<i>Note: Instructions for future draws for training properties during the event will be given at the last draw.</i>		
Final Test Preparations	Friday, May 14, 8:00 am	Each test site
Handler Check-in & Registration	Saturday, May 15, 8:00 am-12:00 pm	SFMRG, Inc. 4526 Brink Rd Emporia, VA 23807
Bitch Check	Saturday, May 15, 8:00 am-12:00 pm Monday-Friday at your respective flight	SFMRG, Inc.
Mandatory Handler Meeting	Saturday, May 15, 1:00 pm	SFMRG, Inc. At your respective flight
MARC Annual Meeting	Saturday, May 15, 2:00 pm	SFMRG, Inc. Pavilion Area
Handler Instructions	Sunday, May 16, 7:30 am	SFMRG, Inc. At your respective flight
Test Dogs	Sunday, May 16, 7:45 am	SFMRG, Inc.
"Dog to the Line!"	Sunday, May 16, 8:00 am	SFMRG, Inc.
Awards/Closing Ceremony	TBD	SFMRG, Inc. Pavilion Area

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Just five short years ago, the Master Amateur Retriever Club held its first Invitational in Cairo, GA. Flash forward to 2021, and the club is hosting the rescheduled 2020 event and the fifth anniversary Invitational—both within a month of each other—and on opposite coasts.

Holding two events would have been impossible without the partnership, support, guidance and constructive criticism from organizations and individuals that have provided direct funding, services and product donations to make us successful. Saying thank you is hardly enough.

We are especially grateful to our two charter sponsors that early in our history made significant long-term commitments to the future of MARC and the amateur handler. Purina provides financial support and dog food products along with handler contributions and Avery Sporting Dog donates equipment for the tests and hundreds of items for our handlers and judges.

The teams at Retriever News and EntryExpress have supported our operations and communications, including tracking and registration for the Invitationals. They have lent their expertise and creativity to support the Training Guide and event blogs; this summer, Retriever News will publish special coverage of the Invitationals.

Returning major sponsors include ADI Workplace Acoustics, Dogtra, Garmin, Kent Cartridge and Zinger-Winger—all provided top-of-the-line equipment for our use. Gerbino and Associates created striking MARC and Invitational logos and graphics, providing us with our distinctive identity. And throughout the competition, UpClose Photo will photograph all of the dogs and handlers so we have lasting memories after our events.

To everyone here this week, please say hello and thank you to our sponsor partners who have joined us. When you go home, buy their products and services, and remind your fellow handlers how these companies support our sport and the amateur.

Even though I can't say it enough, thank you to all of our partner sponsors! We couldn't do it without you!

Cordially,

Betsy Pohl

Betsy Pohl, Corporate Sponsor Liaison

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2021 Master Amateur
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*From your friends,
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• Test Dogs •

2021 MASTER AMATEUR INVITATIONAL

Flight A

Hollaways Lean River General MH QA2 - "River" - (Black Lab M)

Owned and handled by Harry (Hal) Holloway

Bay Breeze Lady Blondie SH DS CGC - "Blondie" - (Yellow Lab F)

Owned and handled by Rick Hoggard

Flight B

Blackfoots Ya Gotta Believe MH - "Tug" - (Yellow Lab M)

Owned and handled by Zak Jennette

Sarvers Amazing Grace SH- "Gracie" (Black Lab F)

Owned and handled by John Sarver



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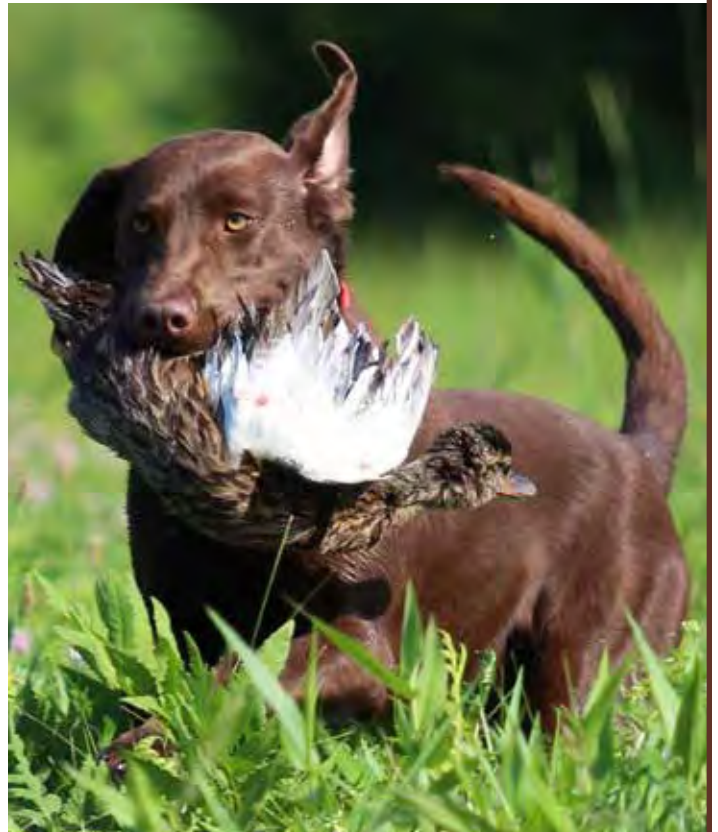
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THE NEXT GENERATION

Miss Sally M&T's Pettaquamscut River Queen MH



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• Important Information •

COVID-19 Policy

Welcome to all handlers and their dogs who have qualified for the 2021 Master Amateur Invitational. The final decision to move forward or cancel will be made before entries open, based on the most current CDC data together with Virginia and North Carolina state guidelines. This event will be held following current public health practices.

By entering this event you acknowledge your willingness to comply with rules and guidelines issued by the states of Virginia and North Carolina, the local counties, and the MARC. You acknowledge your choice to attend is voluntary, and you accept all responsibility resulting from attendance.

Only handlers wearing a mask will be permitted to approach the line to watch test dogs. Spectators and gallery will be located a distance away from the line and asked to wear masks or socially distance.

For the safety of all attendees, anyone who has tested positive (even if asymptomatic) has an elevated temperature (100.5 F or above), is pending the results of a Covid-19 tests, or is showing signs of illness with 14 days of the event, please remain home.

Symptoms of Covid-19 include: Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.

Our meetings and gatherings can be conducted outdoors, under a tent, to facilitate social distancing.

Our success depends upon the participation and cooperation of all in this member run club. If you have any questions, please contact you region's director or vice president.

JUDGES SHOWN FOR THE STAKES LISTED MAY NOT BE AS SHOWN, but will be assigned to the correct stake the week of the event. The most current information will be available on the MARC website: www.masteramateur.com. Please check often as the information will be updated continually as it becomes available.

Master Amateur Retriever Club is proud to be a member of the Master National Retriever Club.

Thank you, safe travels, and good luck, everyone!

DeDe Paterson

DeDe Paterson

Health and Safety Comittee Chair

• John O. Blackbird Memorial Award •

The retriever world lost a leader, a friend, a mentor and a staunch advocate with the unexpected passing of John Blackbird on September 9, 2017.

The purpose of the John O. Blackbird Memorial Award is two-fold. First, it is to honor, celebrate and perpetuate the life lived, the accomplishments, the lasting influence and legacy of John Blackbird.

Secondly, it is to honor a recipient who has demonstrated through their own work and efforts that they, too, have made significant contributions to the retriever hunting test program through training and handling retrievers as an amateur. Also, working and judging local hunting tests, being a leader in local, and perhaps regional or national clubs, and mentoring and supporting others in the retriever games.

The award will be presented at the MAI and may reflect the work a person does to work within or for the MARC and MAI or the effort to bring a dog to a national event. But, this award isn't just about a single event. This memorial/award is to recognize those folks that are cut from similar cloth as John Blackbird. An individual who not only shows up to an event and makes an impact, but also makes an impact on the retriever world throughout the years wherever they go. A person who is dedicated to the local clubs at the grassroots level, a "worker bee" when needed or a chair or secretary, someone who is a mentor to others, a person who trains and handles their own dogs to the highest level.

The work the individual does at the local level is perhaps even more important than what happens on the national stage. No person gets to a national event without going through a number of local weekend tests. What people do in their own backyard is paramount to their future success regardless of what stage or venue it may be.

CRITERIA

Please consider these criteria when making a nomination for this award. All



John O. Blackbird

May 19, 1947 – September 9, 2017

of these criteria need to be met for an individual to be considered for nomination.

- An amateur handler.
- Does not need to be a member of the MARC.
- Active in the retriever hunting test program as an amateur handler.
- Active in their local club(s) as a dedicated and reliable worker at events, serve in positions such as club officer, board member, event committee chairperson, secretary or committee member.
- Active as a retriever hunting test judge.
- Through one's individual efforts have made numerous and long lasting impacts for the betterment of the retriever sports/clubs/events.
- Consider other qualities, characteristics and personality, deemed appropriate.

HOW TO NOMINATE

Any person(s), regardless of MARC membership, can nominate an individual for this award. Multiple parties may nominate an individual and/or a club or group of clubs may submit a nomination.

Complete the Nomination Form lo-

cated on the MARC website at www.masteramateur.com, the MARC Facebook page or contact any member of the Master Amateur Board of Directors. There are two ways in which to submit the Nomination Form;

- 1) print, complete and mail the form to the contact outlined at the bottom of the Nomination Form OR
- 2) complete the digital Nomination Form found on the website.

The Nomination Form shall include the name of the nominee, the nominee's address, phone number and email, and list the nominee's home club(s). Also include a narrative of the accomplishments, leadership positions and other evidence, which supports the work, character and lasting impact the nominee has had on the retriever community.

The person(s) and/or club or group making the nomination must include their own personal contact information so the selection committee may reach out to them for further questions or details, if needed.

— Nominations are due no later than January 1st —

Nominations will be submitted to the Chairman of the John O. Blackbird Memorial Award Committee as appointed by the MARC Board of Directors.

After all nominations have been received, the MARC Board of Directors, and/or special committee, will review the nominations and supporting evidence and may also make separate inquiries vetting the nominees to determine the recipient of the award.

JOHN O. BLACKBIRD AWARD

The recipient will be announced at the Handler's Meeting/Opening Ceremonies of each MAI. There will be a "perpetual" plaque to be displayed at each MAI that will outline recipients name and year awarded. An individual award will also be presented to the recipient. The award recipient need not be present to receive the award.



Southern Berkshire Golden Retriever Club honors its Club's Members *and their* 2021 Master Amateur Invitational Qualifiers!



Ben SUNFIRE'S LONG HOT SUMMER
MH50 CDX VER CCA RA CGC HTHF
Can CDX
Owners: Michael Book & Barbara Biewer
Handler: Mike Book



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Handler: Carmen Kuegler



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Handler: Dawn Terrill



Hawk HRCH SUNFIRE BERETTA
SILVER HAWK OF HIGH FARMS**
MH39 WCX CCA
Owners: Robert & Virginia Worrest,
Handler: Bob Worrest



Flash BRASSFIRE'S ATTITUDE SAIL'N
W/CAPT'N FLASH WCX MH MAH HTHF
Owners: Jack & Sue Belicka
Handler: Jack Belicka



Nick GAYLAN'S OLDE ST. NICK
NAUGHTY OR NICE WCX MH
MAH HTHF
Owners: Jack & Sue Belicka
Handler: Jack Belicka



Chester HR OLD LYME'S
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Owners: Carmen and
Karsten Kuegler
Handler: Carmen Kuegler



Rocket OLD LYME'S
BREAKWATER LIGHT MH WCX
Owners: Carmen and
Karsten Kuegler
Handler: Carmen Kuegler



Mattie
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MXB MXJ MJB NF WCX CCA VCX ADHF
Owners: Randal and Patricia McKinney
Handler: Pat McKinney



Pepper OLD LYME'S DASHING GIRL
NIANTIC WCX MH
Owner: Carmen Kuegler
Handler: Carmen Kuegler

**Good Luck To All Those Running
in Virginia!**



Tulsa Retriever Club

Contratulates all the amateur handlers and their retrievers who qualified for the
2021 Invitational in Emporia, VA

Your dedication and commitment has paid off and we wish
you the very *Best of Luck!*

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• 2021 Judges •

Flight A



Alan Bruhin

I first started into the world of retrievers 29 years ago when I got my very first lab named Doc. As you can imagine, he taught me more about training retrievers than any book I could find to read. I remember it like yesterday when Doc made that very first junior hunter retrieve. He returned to the line dragging a ten-foot tree limb along with the duck. The judges commented on what a great job I had done force fetching. I still remember thinking, what the heck is force fetch. I have come a long way from those days, and I still am learning each and every time I train. (By the way, I did finally figure out what force fetch is). Today, I enjoy training my two labs and hunting with them every chance I get.

My other hobbies aside from dogs and hunting, include fishing and traveling. I have been employed by the University of Tennessee for the past 41 years where I enjoy working with the farmers and homeowners.

As a judge, I will be looking for great team work between handler and dog. Well placed marks with challenging blinds would be my goal for the week.

I want to wish all handlers a very successful Master Amateur. Good luck, great marks and one whistle blinds are my wish for you!

Alan



Mike Akeroyd

First, let me offer my sincere congratulations to you and your dogs for earning an invitation to the 2021 Master Amateur Invitational. Your mere presence here is tribute to the team that you and your retriever have become.

I remember well a hunt with some firemen during South Texas' 1997 dove season. I was chasing a crippled white wing through thick briars with no chance to catch him. That's when I made the decision to find my first retriever. Twenty two years later I find myself with a dog who's brought me to greater success than I could imagine, two Master National plates that are the most beautiful (and most expensive) items in my home and are displayed prominently.

Glenda and I currently have 3 dogs, 14 year old Lola now sees to things around the house and is in charge of keeping guests and family company. Spice is 10 years old and has brought me the most success. Two year old Willie is one of Spice's pups and we have very high hopes for him.

I am so grateful to be trusted to judge the best dog/handler teams in the sport. I know what it has taken to get here and truly hope each of you and your dogs perform to the best of your ability. Good luck, and let's have all the fun we can.

• 2021 Judges •

Flight B

Rich Ellis

What a great honor to be chosen to judge at the 2020 Master Amateur. We ran Otter, our current Lab, in the 2018 Master Amateur at Sedalia, MO. What a great event! We were lucky enough to earn a plate, and made some great friends. Lynn and I were so impressed with how everyone pitched in and helped. It represents how hunt tests were designed to be.

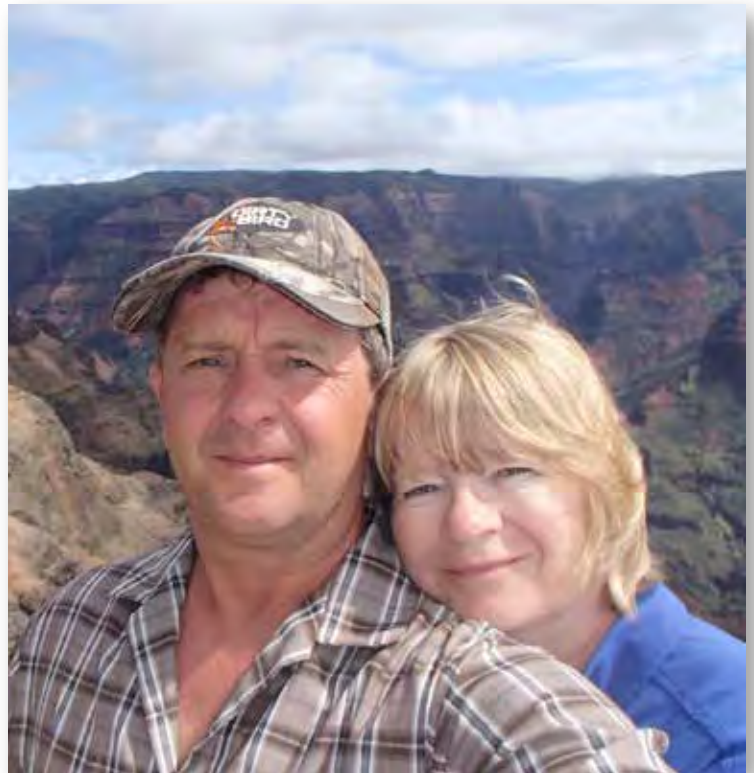
We all know how much work goes into qualifying for such an event. I promise to give it my all setting up fair and fun tests. I will give my full attention to every team. This is why I love hunt tests, it's a team sport. I hope you all enjoy the experience.

Lynn and I started judging to become better handlers. You learn a ton sitting in that chair, and it's a great way to give back to the game. I believe everyone should judge and belong to a club.

Please take a little time out of your busy week to thank all the workers and people behind the scenes for all their hard work. Without them we could not enjoy such an event.

Have a great week!

Rich

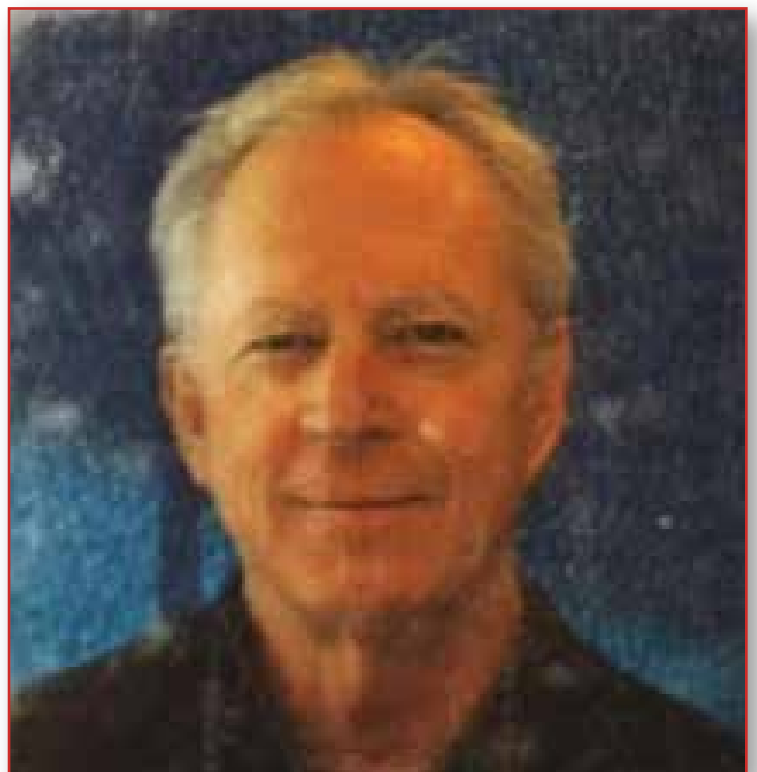


Rob McNeill

My wife Ellen and I have raised and hunted with working retrievers for over 26 years. We especially enjoy training and hunting our dogs and watching them learn and develop their skills. We started our first competitions in NAHRA and realized that even though we had been training our dogs for hunting, they hadn't had the level of training and control to become premier hunting companions. In the late 1990's we started competing in AKC retriever competitions and continue to participate in both hunt tests and field trials. We have competed dogs in numerous master nationals and have been fortunate enough to qualify one of our goldens into the Master National Hall of Fame.

I enjoy setting up challenging tests that are technical but realistic and fair, and are rewarding for both the dog and the handler. It is exciting for me to watch the dogs work with their handlers and to display strong teamwork. I wish everyone to have good luck and enjoy the moments with your dog.

It is a privilege to be selected to be a judge for the 2021 Master National Amateur event. I have thoroughly enjoyed my previous judging assignments including the 2019 Flat coat Retriever Specialty, the 2007 Labrador Retriever National and many junior, senior, and master stakes. I have tried to work hard for my home Club in the various events including helping in setups and gunning and cooking.



• 2021 Alternate Judges •



Alan Dillard

My wife Lydia and I live in Huntsville, AL, which is on the Tennessee River in the north part of the state. I was introduced to retrievers via my passion for waterfowl hunting. I acquired my first Labrador in 2004, we entered our first hunt test in 2007 and we were hooked! We acquired our second lab in 2007, a black female named Sam, and attacked the games ferociously. We progressed through Junior, Senior, and Master titles, qualifying for our first Master National in 2011 (in which she got a plate), again in 2012 (where we got our 2nd plate), and in 2014 became a member of the Hall of Fame. During this time I became actively involved in the North Alabama Retriever Club, serving as a director, hunt test chair, and president. In 2011, I began judging. I have judged several stakes around the country and really enjoy the opportunity to work with other clubs and judges. We currently own four labs; the old girl Sam, Amos (my current duck dog) Lacy, and Otis. Outside of the retrievers, I am CFO of a public company headquartered in Huntsville; we have two daughters, two grandsons and a lovely granddaughter.

Alan

Lin Gelbmann

I am excited and humbled to be a Master Amateur judge, and I consider it a privilege and honor to be selected. I have previously participated at the Master National, but the true highlight of my life was when I ran a dog and qualified at the Master National. Qualifying at this level as an Amateur required all the knowledge and know-how, I have acquired over 50 years of training dogs, and I was exhilarated!

My life and career have always evolved around dogs and horses. I retired after 30 years at the University of Minnesota Veterinary School as a Veterinary Rehab Practitioner where I established the Canine and Equine Rehab Center. I continue to see and treat horses and dogs for rehab and conditioning. I have written the book, Canine Structure Performance and Conditioning, and I frequently give seminars across the country.

I have been extremely fortunate to have wonderful mentors along the way who have helped me teach my dogs and coached me as a handler. Learning is a life-long venture, and training techniques continue to develop and evolve. I love judging because I learn new things with every assignment, and that makes me a better handler, trainer, and judge. There is nothing I like better than watching dogs work at what they love. I know all of the hard work you have put in over the past year will pay off, and I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. Good luck and let's have all the fun we can! Lin Gelbmann



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• Training/Test Site Rules & Regulations •

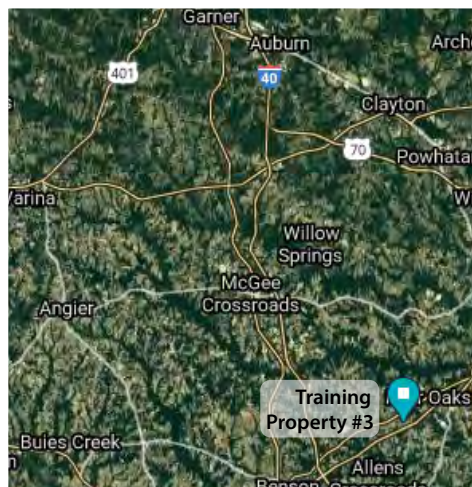
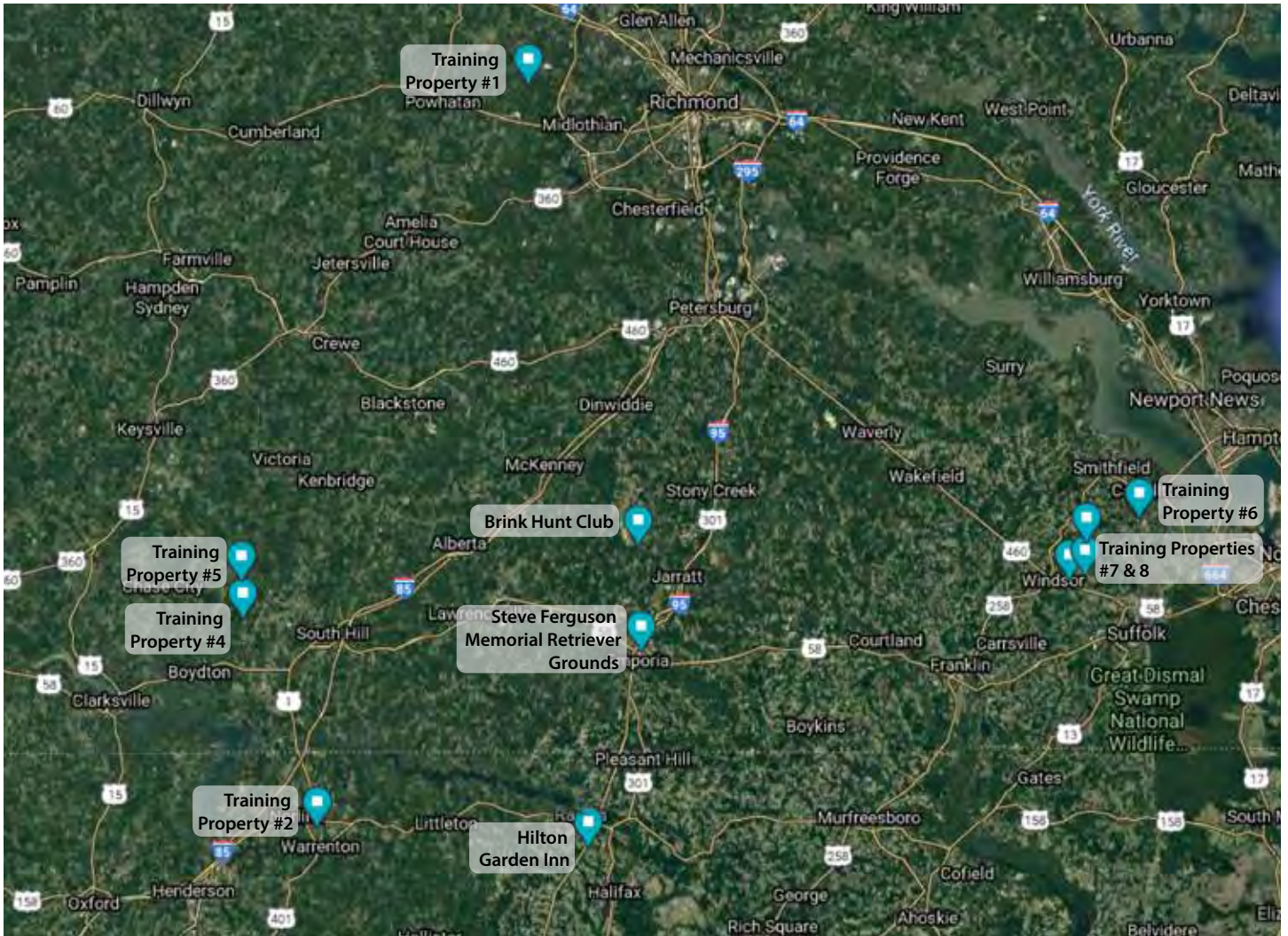
A Guide to the Use of 2021 MAI Training Properties

The following "Guidelines" list important considerations for the use of the pre-Invitational Training Grounds, thanks to the generosity of the owners, are available for our use. These are in no way meant to cover every possible consideration. When in doubt, use common sense and courtesy. Remember, we are invited guests on these properties. The Training Property sites are open from 8 am to 5 pm.

1. The properties listed in the Training Guide are private grounds. Please announce your arrival and departure to the respective landowner. Adhere to any special instructions upon arrival. We are their guests and should act accordingly.
2. The use of these grounds shall be coordinated through the Hunt Test Committee and the random draws for property use.
3. No one may contact owners for individual or group use or access these properties except through the Hunt Test Committee.
4. The regulations listed for each property are in addition to these general guidelines.
5. Unless instructed otherwise close and secure all gates at all times.
6. **For all properties in the Training Guide – Please stay on the roads or trails.**
7. Be wary of livestock and neighbors. Never shoot in the direction of any visible livestock or residence.
8. **Smoking on any property is prohibited, unless otherwise noted**, except in a closed vehicle.
9. Remove all of your trash, including spent shells, dead birds and any other trash you find. Do not leave food scraps or spilled dog food on the grounds. Some properties specifically prohibit feeding on the grounds.
10. Stay well-away from residences.
11. Dead birds must be disposed of in plastic bags and removed for disposal at the Brink Hunt Club.
12. By entering any of these properties you acknowledge the risks inherent in outdoor sports whether such risks are apparent or hidden. All participants accept those risks and agree that they alone are responsible for the health and safety for themselves and others in their group. Participants, by their use of the properties, acknowledge that they hold the property owners, MARC, its officers and members harmless and free of any liability for any accidents, injuries or damage to their persons or vehicles. Entering any the properties is further subject to the participants' agreement to be held fully responsible for any damage, accidental or otherwise, to the property and any animals, facilities, buildings or equipment located on the property.
13. Enjoy these wonderful properties. But, please, be courteous to the landowners and their neighbors.

• 2021 MAI Training Properties •

Training Ground Property Map Legend



• Test Site •

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Property Address & Description: 4526 Brink Road, Emporia, VA 23807

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• Training Property #1 •

Janet Sower Property - S&B Development Company of Virginia, Inc.

Property Address & Description 2000 Norwood Creek Drive, Powhatan, VA, 23139

From Exit 8 take 95 North to Stoney Creek, Exit 31, to Rt. 40 East. Take Rt 40 east 7 miles and turn south on to Courthouse Rd, Rt 735/626 (Sussex Court House). Take Court House Rd. 4 miles to left on Pine Tree Rd. Rt 718. Take Pine Tree Rd., a narrow road, 1.2 miles. Property on left (north) side of road.

- Area 1 is 30 acres of rolling open grass field
- Area 2 is a total of 60 acres divided into a 16 acre field and a 44 acre field. Both fields are rolling open grass.
- Both areas allow for long retrieves with side hill challenges etc. if desired.
- There is a beaver pond at the north east corner of Area 1. There is no access at this time.
- Vehicle access is limited, TRAVEL AT YOUR OWN RISK.
- If there is logging on the property, stay clear and give all logging operations a wide berth.



• Training Property #2 •

Jim Elam's Property - Lake Country Retrievers

Property Address & Description 1083 Warren Plains Road, Warrenton, NC, 27589 From US 158 Bypass in Warrenton, N.C., turn South on Warren Plains Road; continue about 1/2 mile to 1083, driveway on your right; follow driveway towards house and kennels; follow drive/path to the left past buildings towards the far tree line. Training fields/tech pond will be on the right, behind and adjacent to the kennels.

- Train from 9:00am to 4:00pm
- No flyers if school is in session on adjacent property
- Limited to four vehicles regardless of the number of people.
- Frozen ducks are available if needed.



• Training Property #3 •

Dillon Bass - Old Mill Retrievers

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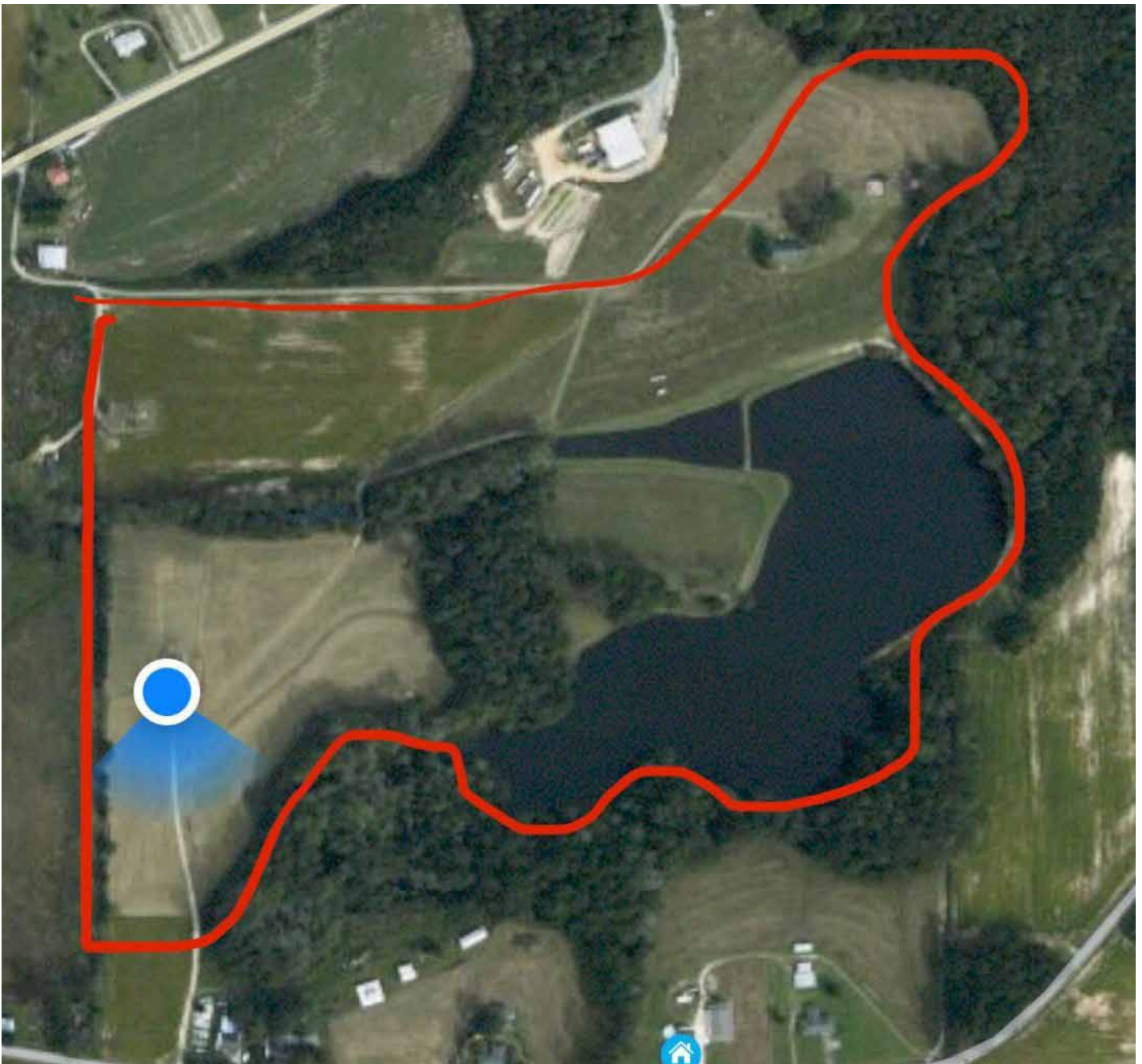
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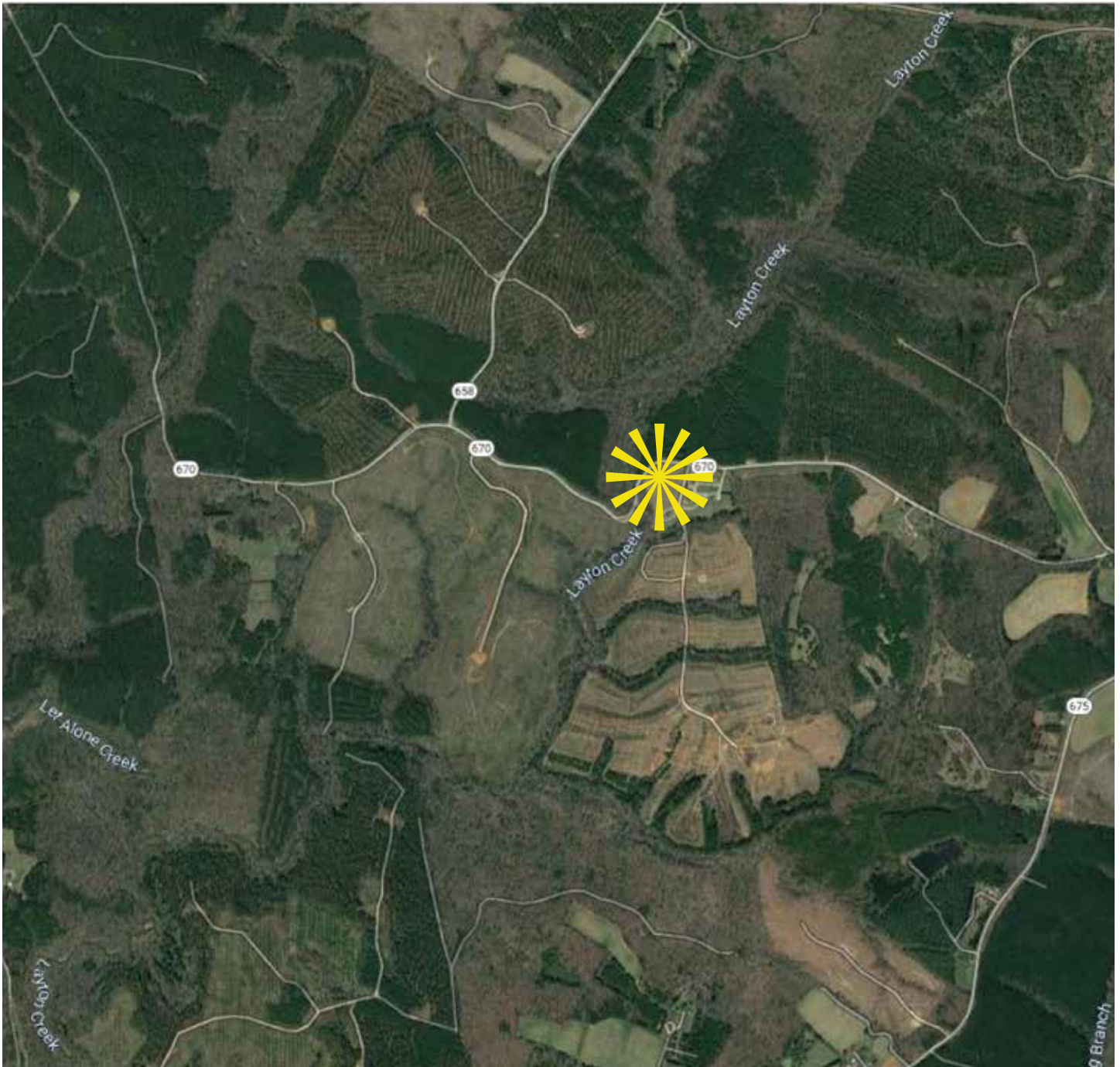
Stay on paths and ATVs Only in hay field



• Training Property #4 •

Alex Reid - DeltaWing Retrievers

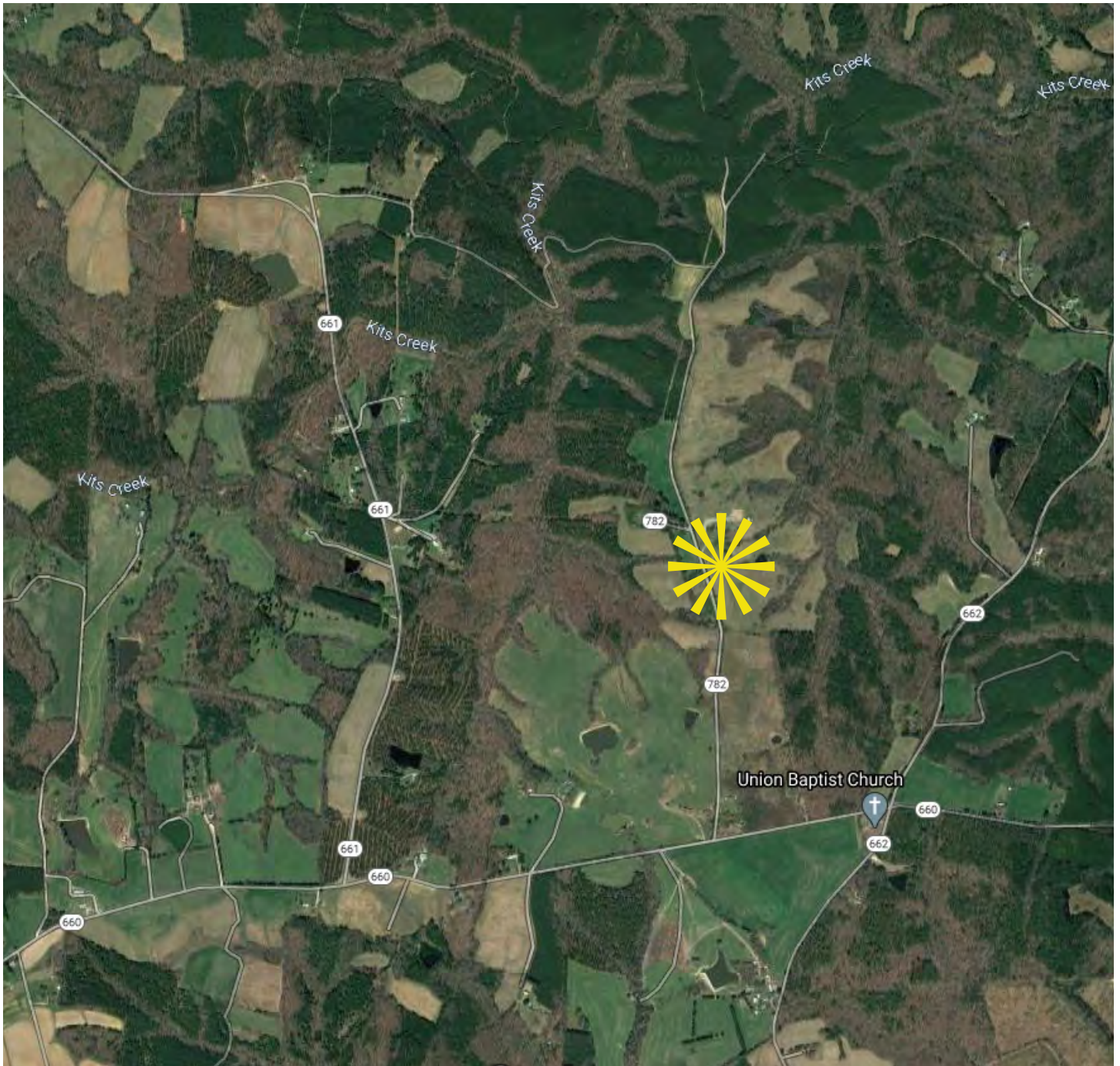
Property Address & Description 2161 Hutchenson Road, Baskerville, VA, 23915. The property has technical ponds and hay fields.



• Training Property #5 •

Jeff Smith

Property Address & Description 554 Trailer Park Road, Chase City, VA, 23924. This property has plenty of hay fields.



• Training Property #6 •

Locust Grove Farm

Property Address & Description 17076 Benns Church Boulevard, Smithfield, VA, 23430, Robert Taylor, 757.328.4004

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• Training Property #7 & 8 •

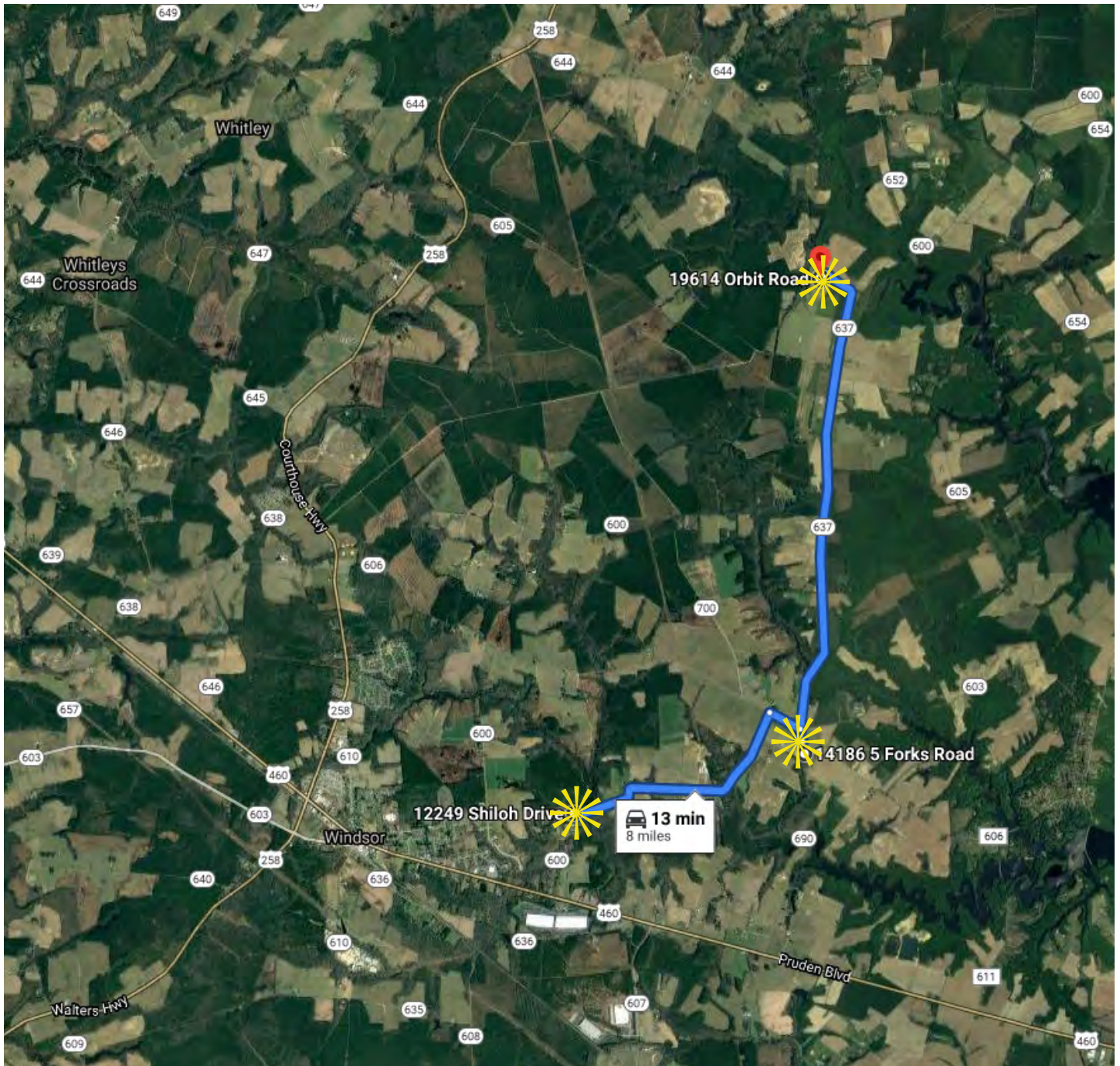
Indika Farms, Inc.

Property Address & Description All groups meet at the following address for daily property assignment: 12249 Shiloh Drive, Windsor, VA, 23487. The property will accommodate two groups alternating between land and water.

Bobby Bridges 912.272.3818

Property A: Indika Farms, 14186 Five Forks Road, Windsor, VA 23487

Property B: Indika Farms, 19614 Orbit Road, Windsor, VA 23487





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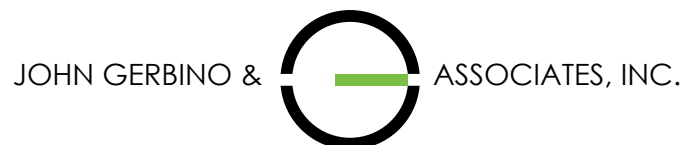
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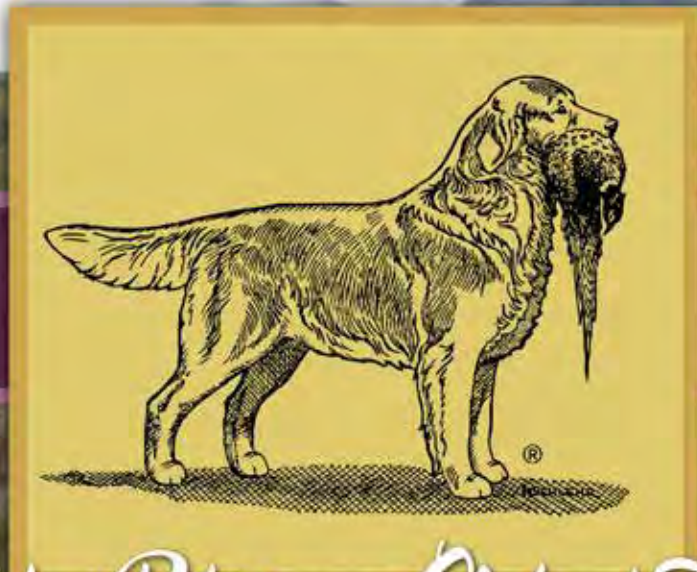


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- Promote and protect the breeding, field training, hunting traditions and best interests of all retriever breeds and those breeds qualified to enter American Kennel Club ("AKC") Hunt Tests for Retrievers.
- Promote the interests of amateur owners and trainers of hunting retrievers.
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