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2023 MAI in
Giddings,
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2022 Q3 Newsletter

From the Secretary:



Wow, October already?? I don't know about you, but I can't help but wonder where the summer went! Hopefully everyone had a successful Hunt Test season and no one forgot to join the MARC before you ran a test! It was fun to be at tests and watch the young dogs progress through the season. Many of them started their quest for titles early in the year and completed their goals as the summer came to a close.

If you are still working to qualify your dog for the 2023 MARC, there are many more tests available across the country before the qualifying year closes on February 28, 2023. Take advantage of them, support those clubs, and meet us in Giddings!!



Our long time Corporate Liaison, Betsy Pohl is stepping down from her position after the MAI in Giddings. She is leaving a hole that might be impossible for us to fill with only one person! If you have marketing skills and are interested in stepping up, please let your regional director know! Betsy, from the bottom of our hearts, we so greatly appreciate what you have done and the professionalism that you brought to the position at every turn. May you and Rob enjoy your time off and please visit every MAI in the future!



It's also that time of year to send your nominations in to Ed Sullivan for the 2023 John O. Blackbird Award. All nominations must be received by January 1, 2023.

Criteria:

- Amateur handler
- Does not need to be a member of the MARC
- Active in the hunt test program as an amateur handler
- Active in their local club 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 hunt 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.



Print the form from the MARC website and send to:

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Surveys

Seemingly, everytime we turn around someone is asking us to fill out a survey. If you place an order on Amazon, you receive a request the following day asking you to fill out a survey detailing your love of the toothpaste you had delivered. If you visit your doctor's office, they ask you to fill out a five page survey with questions on how the staff (to include the janitor) treated you during your stay. Now here we come with more surveys! I personally hate them and am reluctant to be a part of sending them out, but.....they do serve a purpose as they give a voice to the people of this club who we as Board members are trying to serve. My sincerest promise to you is we will limit them, sending only when necessary, make them as short and to the point as possible, and once completed share the results with you. Thanks for not ignoring us!



-In the News

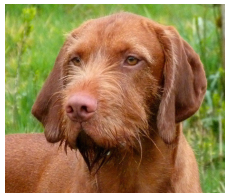
-From the desk of the AKC concerning Hunt test rule change requests –

The Performance Events Department works closely with the Retriever Hunting Test Advisory Committee (RHTAC) regarding suggestions brought forward from the retriever hunting test community.

Recently, the Performance Events Department received an item from the RHTAC that would change the regulation so the handler of the honor dog would not be allowed to talk even at a soft volume to the honor dog, once the working dog handler has called for the test to begin. In further examination of this proposed regulation, at this time the Performance Events Department, in agreement with the RHTAC, does not believe this change is necessary.

However, AKC approved retriever hunting test judges are to be cognizant of the following fault as written in the Regulations & Guidelines for AKC® Hunting Tests for Retrievers which states on p. 66 under Serious Faults: Talking to the honoring dog – loud enough to interfere with other handlers, the working dog or the Judges.

Judges must be vigilant of this fault and be mindful of this regulation. When handlers are observed to be talking loud enough to potentially cause interference, particularly in situations of a controlled break, dogs should be faulted accordingly. AKC representatives will be monitoring this aspect of the test when in attendance.



With a addition of the Wirehaired Vizsla, there are now 22 different breeds eligible to participate in an AKC sanctioned Hunting Retriever Test!

Can you name them all? Answers are on the last page.

Thank you!

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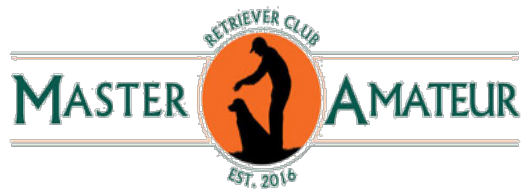
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MARC sincerely thanks you for all your **contributions** and **support!**

Answer to the question – can you name the 22 dog breeds eligible to run an AKC Hunt test:

- Airedale Terriers
- American Water Spaniels
- Barbet
- Boykin Spaniels
- Chesapeake Retrievers
- Curly-Coated Retrievers
- Drentsche Patrijshond (Drent)
- Flat-Coated Retrievers
- German Shorthaired Pointer
- German Wirehaired Pointer
- Golden Retrievers
- Irish Water Spaniels
- Labrador Retrievers
- Miniature Poodles
- Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers
- Small Munsterlander
- Spinone Italiano
- Standard Poodles
- Vizsla
- Weimaraner
- Wirehaired Pointing Griffon
- Wirehaired Vizsla (6/1/22)



*“Success is the sum of
small efforts repeated
day in and day out.”*

—Robert Collier

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Bauer