

## 2023 END OF YEAR REPORT

Belated Happy New Year! As per usual, I'm late in posting the 2023 End of the Year Report. I sincerely hope that you and your dogs have had a successful year.

The 2023 Master Amateur Invitational (MAI) was held in Giddings, TX on the beautiful properties owned by Kaye and Roger Fuller. We appreciate the Fullers generosity in sharing their land with us. Of the 385 dogs that qualified to run the MAI, a total of 189 participated. In Flight A, 86 dogs started and 36 passed (42%), while in Flight B 93 started and 56 passed (60%). I congratulate all of you who participated. I want to thank Dave Christianson, Vice President Central Region, for all his hard work in making this a successful and memorable event.

The 2024 MAI in Carnation, Washington begins on June 9<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to attend and run your dogs in this beautiful part of our country. Rhonda Reed, Vice President West Region, as the Hunt Test Chair, is working hard to make this a great Invitational.

The 2025 MAI will be held in June in Waterville, Maine. Mark Frederick and his team are already very busy planning this event. Please remember that qualifications for this Invitational begin on March 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. More specific details regarding this event will be forthcoming.

I also want to remind you all of the upcoming vacancies on the MARC Board of Directors. These positions include President, Central Director, West Central Vice President, and West Director. If you are interested, or would like to nominate someone for these openings, please contact your regional director via email by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. This club's existence, past and future, requires volunteer participation or it cannot function. By submitting a nomination, you will be "giving back" to this sport we all love.

I'm happy to report that our organization is healthy and growing. We currently have 785 Members, this includes Annual, Lifetime, Charter, and Associate members. Thank you all for supporting MARC.

After serving four years as your President, I want to thank those Board members (officio and ex officio) with whom I served. I also want to thank those Board members who are rotating off the board for their contribution to the MARC. I appreciate meeting so many of you who love this sport as much as I do. I am confident that our paths will cross again in the future.

Respectfully submitted:  
Fred Nusbickel, President