



**Plans are well under way for the 2022 MAI in Sedalia, MO!**

**May 22, 2022**

**Dog to the line Sunday 8:00 am**

**Keep checking the MARC website as we will be adding information on a monthly basis.**

**By now you all know the drill! You must be an amateur and a member of the MARC before running a test for your passes to count. Log on and join today!**

**<https://www.masteraamateur.com/membersoptions20.html>**

**If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to your regional Directors.**



## 2021 Q3 Newsletter

**From the desk of the President** – Greetings from MARC. I hope all of you are training and/or running your dogs in hunt tests. My wife and I just returned from running the Master National in Idaho and were delighted to hear multiple compliments on how well our Invitationals in Corning and Emporia ran. So, congratulations to all of you who participated and volunteered at these two events. Hard work is ongoing for the 2022 Sedalia Invitational and I hope to see you all there. Good luck with your dogs and stay safe.

**Fred Nusbickel, President**



**From the Eastern Region** – "Congratulations to all our MARC members that qualified their Dogs in Idaho at the Master National!

In New England, training and testing has taken a back seat to the early duck hunting season and the beginning of upland bird hunting. Many of us will begin our Master Amateur Invitational Training in January as we head south to our Winter Training Grounds.

Remember, our qualification period began last March and will end on the last day of February, 2022. Be sure that your four Master Passes are received during the qualifying period and that your Dues are current.

Looking forward to everyone again at our 6th. Invitational in Sedalia, MO, Dog to the line May 22, 2021 at 8:00 am!

**Mark Frederick, Director Eastern Region**

**Larry Blasbalg, Vice President Eastern Region**



**From the Western Region** - What a great summer it has been! In the West, we go north or to the coast to beat the summer heat, and we hope you have had a great summer training and taking advantage of the many weekend tests offered. Many have also have taken advantage of national events closer to home this year, like the Toller National Specialty and the Master National Hunt test - good warm-ups for our MAI this spring in Sedalia, Missouri. But with the onset of fall, many also team up with our canine athletes to put food on the table as bird seasons open again. Pheasant season is my favorite time of the year, and Ted just got back from a great pheasant (and more) hunting trip to the Dakotas. I love the teamwork in the field with my dogs (and especially Pheasant Picatta...) but I've learned that it's important to keep up with some structured training during the hunting season, for both a better hunting experience and to maintain that competitive edge. So, enjoy your dogs and the season, and keep that training edge through the final qualification period!

**Ted de Looze, Director, Western Region**

**Rhonda Reed, Vice President, Western Region**



**From the Central Region-** Isn't fall a great time of year? We trained our dogs and ran tests all summer, now we take them into the fields and ponds and show off their skills. The leaves are turning, the skies are ominous, and the pumpkins are on the porch. Enjoy the season! If you are still running tests in the warmer regions of the country, remember to make sure your membership is up to date so all those passes count towards Sedalia in 2022. Even as we type this, the team is doing the prep work for an outstanding MAI event. For those of you that have worked on a hunt test committee at your own club, you know how much work goes into making sure it is one that handlers enjoy and want to repeat. Now imagine just how much work is involved in preparing for a national event. We have a super team and a great head start on the preparations. This is truly a labor of love for us! See you in Sedalia!

[Wilson Lejeune, Director, Central Region](#)

[Beth Gerdes, Vice President, Central Region](#)



**From the West Central Region -** David and I hope everyone is doing well. We would like to congratulate all our members who qualified at the Master National in Idaho.

Currently we are working with Beth, Boogie and others to put on an incredible event in Sedalia in May. Remember, the qualifying date ends Feb. 28, 2022 for the Invitational. We hope to see you all there.

[Jeff Bundy, West Central Director](#)

[David Christianson, West Central Vice President](#)

Beth and Boogie will need all of us to step up to the plate for next year's MAI. With the MAI in a central location, we expect our numbers at the event to be higher than they've ever been! They will need equipment teams, gun captains, hospitality leads, head marshals, safety and traffic leads. Even if you've never held one of these positions, we will help you learn.

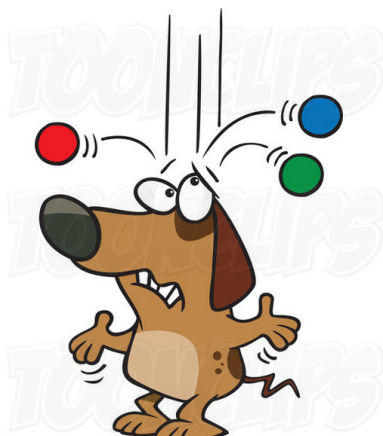
As the Central team begins their plans, send them an email letting them know you're ready to get to work.

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So we originally thought we could manage the tracking of Amateur passes as a club. Well we found ourselves to be juggling too many balls and the results were less than spectacular. Willing to admit our shortcomings, we looked for help. Thankfully, Entry Express volunteered to help us out.

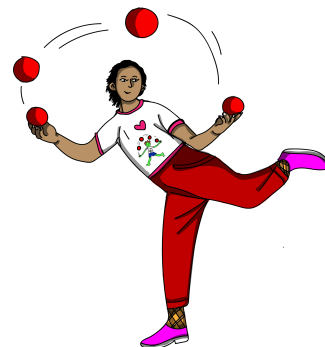


Great people, great organization and it turns out they are really good at it!

**Thank you, Glenn and all of Entry  
Express!**

**You guys rock!!**

We expect the MARC website to accurately display your dogs passes beginning in early November. You will be able to see their progress as the two of you work towards the four passes needed as a MARC member to run at Sedalia in the spring of 2022. It takes a ton of data entry work to prepare it, but it will be really worth the wait!



## *-In the News*

Outstanding news from the Master National Board! They are looking to return the reciprocity we have always shared with their members in like kind with the Master Amateur members. We will keep you posted on those discussions.

We are grateful to them for their support!



These are the new colors for the 2022 Event.

(In case you hadn't noticed, I love colors!!)

I thought you might like a head start in shopping for new clothes!  
Oh, that was probably me!

The Master Amateur Retriever Club is growing! Don't be left behind! There are currently 674 members and we would love to see that grow. Remember, you must be a member for your passes to count towards the 2022 MAI event in Sedalia! We are already planning for three flights, join us! Let's make this the largest Amateur event yet!

<https://www.masteramateur.com/memberoptions20.html>



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When we lost Colin Powel this October, we lost one of the true great leaders. I felt the need to use a quote of his in my closing, as it is one that we can all take to heart and act on. The United States will truly miss him.

*"None of us can  
change our  
yesterdays but all  
of us can change  
our tomorrows."*  
*-Colin Powell*

*Respectfully submitted  
Nancy Bauer*