



**2022 MAI in
Sedalia May 22nd
- to close**

**Schedule of
events**

**May 15th 1st
training draw for
Mon – 5pm**

**May 16th 2nd
training draw for
Tues/Wed 5pm**

**May 18th 3rd
training draw for
Thurs/Fri 5pm**

**May 21st
Merchandise
store opens –
10am
Handler check-in
and registration
11am-3pm
Mandatory
Handlers
meeting 3pm
MARC annual
meeting 4pm
Opening party
5:30pm**

**May 22
Bitch check 7am
Instructions
7:30am
Test dogs 7:45am**

**Dog to the line
8am!**



2022 Q1 Newsletter

From the desk of the President – Fellow amateurs, Congratulations! We are heading into our sixth year! As President of the Master Amateur Retriever Club, I want to thank and congratulate you for supporting our club. The \$50 annual dues you pay ensure that our club will continue to provide a national venue, run by and dedicated to amateur dog handlers. The volunteer Board of Directors of the Master Amateur pledge and ensure the health and viability of our club by listening to, and whenever possible acting on suggestions from our membership. We vow to continue to support “what works” but also to anticipate and adapt to what the future may bring. Thank you for all your verbal, emotional and financial support.

Fred Nusbickel, President



From the Eastern Region – It seems like just yesterday; we were readying the East to host the Master Amateur Invitational in Emporia. Now here we are a year later and moving 1,000 miles west, preparing for the Invitational in Sedalia, Missouri! The country is beginning to return to normalcy, allowing for us to bring back the opening night party and the workers party. We’ve earned this!

Mark Frederick, Director Eastern Region

Larry Blasbalg, Vice President Eastern Region



From the Western Region - Well another qualifying year is in in the bag! Congratulations to all of you who had dogs successfully qualified. We hope that we will see you in Sedalia. It's time to start planning for that Spring vacation with your dog! And with spring upon us, we know many of you are busy practicing for Sedalia and running tests to qualify for the 2023 event in our West Central Region. Good luck to you all.

It's also that time of year to elect our MARC officers to the positions that will become vacant at the end of their term. From Rhonda: I'm sorry to lose the seasoned opinions and expertise of Ted de Looze, when he steps down from the West Director position, as is required by MARC Bylaws. However, we are both so proud of the Western region for nominating 3 highly called qualified candidates for the role of Western Region Director. I would be delighted to work with any of the nominated candidates in planning our 2024 event as well as in the management of our organization. It also makes me so proud of the West that we have so many people who are willing and able to volunteer their time to make MARC successful. We are you! And you make MARC work!

Ted de Looze, Director, Western Region

Rhonda Reed, Vice President, Western Region



From the Central Region- With each new day, I become more enthusiastic about the Invitational in Sedalia. This has been a new experience for me, learning from the ground up how to lead a team through the many facets of throwing the biggest Hunt Test of our lives! It's hard to put into words how many working parts there are to this job but its easy to recount how much fun it has been learning them. I am truly looking forward to the Invitational, meeting all of you there, enjoying the fruits of our labor, and maybe, just maybe bringing home a plate. I would encourage any of you who are on the fence when it comes to jumping into the game when your number is called - do it! You won't regret the time spent as it brings new friends and knowledge that will be useful in many other areas of your life. See you in Sedalia!!

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



From the West Central Region - Hello from the West Central Region. Our southern members have been running events in preparation to qualify for the 2023 MAI as the North is still thawing out. We are excited about the event in Sedalia as the hunt test committee is putting the finishing touches on the event. You may be contacted by Boogie or myself to help at one of the flights.

If you believe you have qualified for the Sedalia event and do not see your name on the list, please reach out to Dave or me.

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

“Always be looking for that which you do well and that which you love doing, and when you find those two things together — man, you got it.” – Colin Powell





-In the News

*You may have already heard, but just in case you missed it, all weekend Hunt test books will now be only accessed electronically. While it's different and none of us really embraces change very readily, but this move makes good business sense.

The "How Tos" are on the MARC website.

Good news though, the Master Amateur Invitational in Sedalia will have printed programs!

*Set your sights on Giddings, Texas for the 2023 Master Amateur Invitational. We are already working to make it the next best event!! We will be on the fantastic Roger and Kaye Fuller's grounds.



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The Sedalia Hunt test committee, led by Beth Gerdes, has been working together since the Invitational in Emporia wrapped up last spring. In prepping for this Invitational, the committee has attempted to address many of the concerns presented by the membership. To that end we are working to address one of the recurring requests by members to hire some workers to lessen the load. Stay tuned!

I think you will all be very happy to see the return of the opening party and the workers' party. We all deserve the return to normalcy!

The draw for training sites will be held at Headquarters (Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 South Limit Ave. Sunday, May 15th @ 5pm-1st draw for Monday Monday, May 16th @5pm – 2nd draw for Tuesday and Wednesday Wednesday, May 18th @5pm-for Thursday and Friday. There will be NO TRAINING on these sites on Saturday!

Sedalia is open on Entry Express! Please enter early to help the Hunt test committee to plan! Our caterer would really like to know as soon as possible. We are all familiar with the supply chain issues, so the earlier you enter the better for all! Entries close April 18th at 11:59:59pm CST.

Merchandise Sale:



Teasers! Don't forget your wallet!

If you have any items to donate, please reach out to Rhonda Reed at salmonlady@sbcglobal.net

Yes, there will be a Merchandise sale at the Invitational! We are assembling a huge number of items. Our super sponsors have stepped up again! Thanks, Rhonda, for all your hard work!

Thank you!

... to our generous Sponsors!

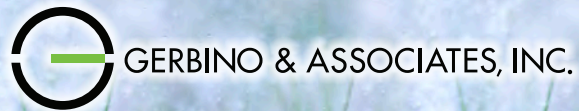


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MARC sincerely thanks you for all your **contributions** and **support!**

Through attrition, the Master Amateur Retriever Club's Board of Directors is losing two extremely dedicated, talented individuals. We would like to thank both Larry Blasbalg and Ted de Looze for their determined efforts in support of the amateur handler. These two people personify what the Amateur means in this sport. They handle their own dogs, work as judges at many a weekend event, work for the Master Amateur Club as a Board member, and lobby tirelessly for the amateur to excel. When you see them in the field, please give them the thanks they deserve!

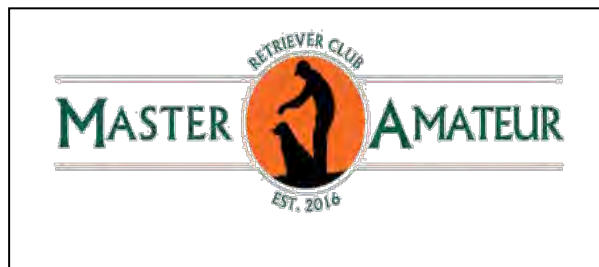


A special request from both the MARC Board members and Entry Express:

As all of you know, our two organizations have been working together as a team to improve the process of logging Amateur passes after the completion of each hunt test, to ensure every Amateur pass is credited correctly and the membership can be confident the entries have been rigorously vetted. This process has been ongoing for the past year and although we are close, there are still issues to resolve.

As a handler, you can help by ensuring the following:

- 1- **Make sure you have updated your profile on Entry Express. If your email address has changed, it is critical that you also change it on Entry Express. Likewise, your phone number.**
- 2- **The data collection program uses your registered name when adding your dog's passes. So, if you have registered as James, don't sign in with the Marshal using the pet name your grandmother calls you. It will not recognize you as Skippy! It will also not recognize you as Jim. So, help out the tracking by using that registered name.**
- 3- **Also keep your dog's titles up to date. You worked hard to get that MH, make sure it is listed in EE so no questions arise as to the validity of your dog running the MAI, because the title will be listed for all to see. It is easy to update, but if you need help, reach out to EE, they are super!**



*"Nobody was born a master;
amateurs become experts because
they did not give up on learning.
You are going as far as you can if
you'll learn and apply"*

– Israelmore Ayivor

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Bauer