

MASTER AMATEUR INVITATIONAL GIDDINGS, TEXAS • APRIL 23-30, 2023 INVITATIONAL PROGRAM & TRAINING GUIDE



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• Schedule of Events • 2023 Master Amateur Invitational

EVENT:	DATE:	LOCATION:
First Training Property Draw for Monday April 17	Sunday, April 16, 5:00 pm	Super 8 Motel, Giddings
Second Training Property Draw for Tuesday & Wednesday April 18	Monday, April 17, 5:00 pm 3/19	Super 8 Motel, Giddings
Third Training Property Draw for Thursday & Friday	Wednesday, April 19, 5:00 pm	Super 8 Motel, Giddings
Merchandise Store Opens	Saturday, April 22, 10:00 am	The Silo, Giddings 1031 County Road 223
Handler Check-in & Registration	Saturday, April 22, 11:00 am	The Silo, Giddings
Mandatory Handlers' Meeting	Saturday, April 22, 3:00 pm	The Silo, Giddings
MARC Annual Meeting	Saturday, April22, 4:00 pm	The Silo, Giddings
Opening Party	Saturday, April 22, 5:30 pm	The Silo, Giddings
Bitch Check	Sunday April 23, 7:00 am	Entrance to the Property KC Beefmaster Bluff Creek Ranch
Test Dogs	Sunday, April 23, 7:45 am	KC Beefmaster Bluff Creek Ranch
"Dog to the Line!"	Sunday, April 23, 8:00 am	KC Beefmaster Bluff Creek Ranch
Workers' Party Awards/Closing Ceremony	Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 pm TBD	The Silo, Giddings Homestead Ranch, Giddings 1146 Private Road 5018

- Note: Schedule Subject to Change -





Howdy Y'all, Welcome to Texas where everything is bigger.

Proof that everything is bigger, go to a gas station called Buc-ee's in Bastrop, TX. This place is a site to see, you may spend a lot a money while visiting but the gas is cheap. Lots a souvenirs, and the cleanest bathrooms anywhere. Only 20 minutes from the hunt test grounds.

The board of directors worked very hard year-round planning the invitationals so please tell them thank you and when they ask for help, please step up and help make these events happen. We cannot do this without the help from our members.

Congratulations to all the dog/handler teams who have qualified for the 2023 Master Amateur Invitational. By meeting the qualifications, you have already demonstrated that you and dogs are a talented team. Remember, pass or fail, you are taking home the best dog.

I also want to thank Roger and Kaye Fuller for generously volunteering their beautiful land so that we can play with our dogs. Roger and Kaye's place was home to the 2009 Master National and the 2020 National Open. This place is also home to Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club who hold two or three events on the properties and multiple training days. The Waterloo Club also helps Roger and Kaye with controlling the mesquite trees, so I want to thank the club for their efforts.

Thank you to all the landowners who have graciously volunteer their land for pre-national training.

The Master Amateur Retriever Club is a proud member of the Master National Retriever Club. MARC also supports the work of the Canine Health Foundation and encourages everyone to donate at checkout on entry express.

Good Luck, Stay Safe and have a great time.

Your truly,

David Christianson Hunt Test Chairman

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Thank You Sponsors!

The Master Amateur Invitational requires an army of volunteers and hundreds of work hours, most of it behind the scenes. Supporting them is a team of sponsor companies that help make our event successful and memorable. Because of their generosity, our handlers enjoy brand-new equipment, receive premium nutrition products and wear caps and bibs created especially for our event. Many of the items in our auctions and drawings are provided by our sponsors.

Avery Sporting Dog and Purina signed on as MARC's largest sponsors long before our first Invitational. As we head into our seventh event, we're very fortunate to continue benefiting from their partnership. Among their contributions, Purina provides direct financial support and bags of ProPlan, while Avery Sporting Dog donates field equipment along with hundreds of items for our handlers and judges.

Other returning sponsors include Dogtra, Garmin, Kent Cartridge and Zinger-Winger—all providing top-ofthe-line equipment. Gerbino and Associates created our distinctive MARC and Invitational logos and graphics. And throughout the week, UpClose Photo will photograph all of our dogs so we have lasting memories after the Invitational.

The teams at Retriever News and EntryExpress support our operations and communications; including tracking and registration for the Invitational. This summer, Retriever News will publish special coverage of our event.

During the week, please say hello and thank our sponsor representatives that have joined us. When you go home, make it a point to support their companies by buying their products and services—and remind your fellow handlers to do the same.

I have the privilege of working with our sponsors and I can't thank them enough for their contributions to our Club and the Invitational. We couldn't't do it without them!

Cordially,

Betsy Pohl Corporate Sponsor Liaison



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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.



John O. Blackbird May 19, 1947 – September 9, 2017

CRITERIA

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

- 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 inquires 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.

Test Dogs Amateur Invitational

Dave's Tank Commander MH (Tank)

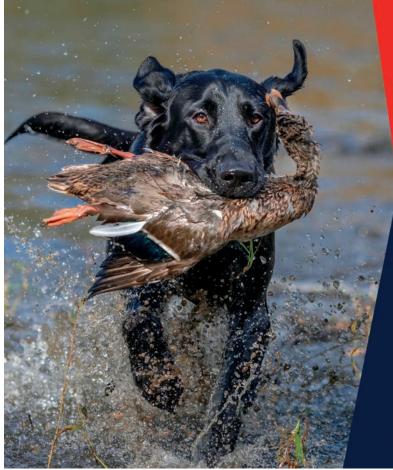
Labrador male April 03, 2018 Handler: Dave Brannon

Red Dirst's Penny For A Nickle MH (Penny) Labrador female May 22, 2020 Handler: Will Patterson

Weebe Sawtooth Sic'emmore RN MH 34 HTHF MAH WCX (Sawyer)

Golden male Jan 1, 2014 Handler: Sean Rice

Wild Games' Grizzly's Road Trip to Glory SH (Blue) Labrador male Oct. 05, 2018 Handler: Paul Eishen



To all the qualifiers of the Master Amateur Invitational . . .

Congratulations!

- Kevin Cheff

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All the best to our friends at the MASTER NATIONAL R.C. and MASTER AMATEUR R.C. We greatly appreciate the opportunities given us to participate in the branding and design of special projects for both clubs.



WELCOME TO TEXAS! Have a good time & good Luck! David & Vicki Christianson

TRY NOT TO STEP IN IT!

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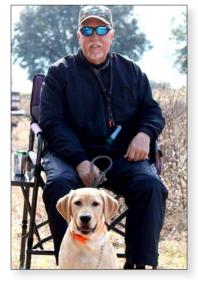




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2023 Flight A Judges





I am honored and would like to thank the MARC board for asking me to judge the 2023 MAI in Giddings, TX.

I am from south Florida and reside in Jupiter, FL with my girlfriend Stacey and our three Labs; Tito, Jake, and Sky. I started judging in 2006 and over the years I have been running and judging both hunt tests and field trials. I have also judged the Master National in 2016 and 2018.

I wish all the participants safe travels and most of all may your birds land belly up and the wind always be on your side. Remember this is a team sport and most of all, have fun!

Fred Collins

Mike Collson

My name is Mike Collson and it is an honor to have been selected to judge this year's Master Amateur. I live with my wife Dee, and two black Labradors: MH Cricket and a 17-month-old up and comer, Wren. We live in the small community of Ridgefield, WA located in Southwest Washington along the Columbia River.

I began the retriever game in 1996 when I purchased a puppy with the intent of creating a retriever that could pick up waterfowl better than I could wading into the Columbia River. Well, we did that and a lot more along the way. I had the help of a professional trainer with force fetching that first dog. He suggested that maybe she had the skills and definitely the desire to compete in AKC Hunt Tests. I had no



idea what that meant or what all that would entail. Here we are 27 years later and we're still playing the retriever game. We've made lifelong friendships, traveled countless miles and had more fun than I could have ever envisioned.

I have had the privilege of being the president of the Oregon Hunting Retriever club for the past 21 years. It is a collection of the best people I know; they are selfless and dedicated in growing our sport and spend countless hours putting on four hunt tests per year on Sauvie Island outside of Portland OR. I have also served on the Master National Retriever board and am the current Past President. I am anxious to get to Giddings, see old friends and meet new ones. Be sure to enjoy this journey your four-legged companion is taking you on, meet new people, try new things, and take in the sights along the way. It will enrich your experience and create lifelong memories. I look forward to seeing you all in Texas.

Guns Up! Mike

2023 Flight B Judges

Richard Gravely



I'm extremely humbled to be asked to judge the event and really looking forward to seeing everyone in Texas.

How many people do we meet at different hunt tests that start with a conversation with "I just wanted a dog that would go out and pick up my ducks?" I, for one, said that exact same thing in 2006 when I got my first lab. Little did I know what a dog was truly capable of doing until I attended a hunt test in 2009. I still vividly remember the look on my wife's face while watching a Master series and telling her I wanted a dog that could do that. A couple of years later, we had a two MH dogs laying in the living room with us.

I decided to start judging in 2012 and stayed judging Junior and Senior until 2018. ADuring that time, I served as club president, secretary, chairman, and every other assignment needed, including gofer for multiple tests in Alabama and Mississippi. The lasting friendships and relationships that have been made while hanging out in the gallery, manning the flyer station, and judging mean a lot to me. Several people I consider to be my best friends have come from watching dogs run, throwing birds for each other, and traveling together.

I wish everyone the best of luck this year's event and look forward to shaking your hands at the closing ceremonies.

Richard

Patty Polish

Let me begin by saying I am deeply honored to have been selected to judge the Master Amateur Invitational. I wish to thank the Master Amateur Retriever Club and my peers for this opportunity. I would also like to thank my husband, Michael, for his support of my dog activities.

I was born and raised in Reno, Nevada. I have always loved the outdoors. At the age of five I was given my first puppy, a Labrador retriever, who I named Midnight.

In high school I was introduced to chukar hunting and I was enthralled by my friends' black Lab. Upon graduating college and securing a job I bought a Lab and a book, "GunDog", by Richard Wolters. I was on my way to creating new adventures – chukar hunting, dove hunting, pheasant hunting, and duck hunting.

The next year a National Championship was held in Genoa, Nevada. It is here where I saw a bunch of people in white coats with their dogs. And wow, it was amazing what these dogs were capable of doing. My boyfriend and I went to take a



closer look and we met folks from the Sierra Nevada Retriever Club. This led to running monthly picnic trials, and a few Derby and Qualifying stakes. Then the Hunt Test program began, and since then I have had four Master Hunters. One made it to the Master National in Carnation, Washington.

I am a 44-year member of and currently serve as the President of the Sierra Nevada Retriever Club. I am a past Pacific Representative on the AKC Retriever Hunting Test Advisory Committee. I currently serve as the Region IV Vice President for the Master National Retriever Club. I think it is important to give back to the sport, either by volunteering to work or to judge as it takes a small army to put on a weekend event or a large army to put on a national event.

I wish success to all handlers, and I hope you all have a great time in Giddings, Texas.

Patty Polish

MARC Membership

MASTER AMATEUR RETRIEVER CLUB – Who We Are

The Master Amateur Retriever Club (MARC) was established in 2016 as a national retriever club dedicated to the amateur handler. MARC believes that amateurs are the purpose and backbone of the AKC Hunting Test for Retrievers program and will support and encourage their involvement in the sport. As stated in the Club's by-laws our mission is to:

- 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.
- Conduct each year a Master Amateur Invitational Hunting Retriever Test, licensed by and conducted under the AKC Regulations and Guidelines for Hunting Retriever Tests.
- Diligently protect the American hunting tradition while practicing conservation of our game resources with the use of trained hunting retrievers.

Membership

Voting membership is available to amateur individuals and clubs engaged in AKC Retriever Hunting Tests. Associate – non-voting – membership is available to anyone interested in supporting the Club's mission statement. Beginning with the qualifying year for 2018 and going forward, handlers must be active members in MARC. Full membership information and subscription forms can be found on our website:

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See you next year in Washington 2024 Master Amateur Invitational • June 8-16 2024 Join us in the beautiful Pacific Northwest for a great event!

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Congratulations to All of the Qualifiers ... We Wish You All the Best of Luck!



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Congratulations ! Handlers & Teams

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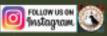


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Bastrop Ascension Seton Bastrop 630 State Hwy 71 W Bastrop, TX 78602

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GOOD LUCK!

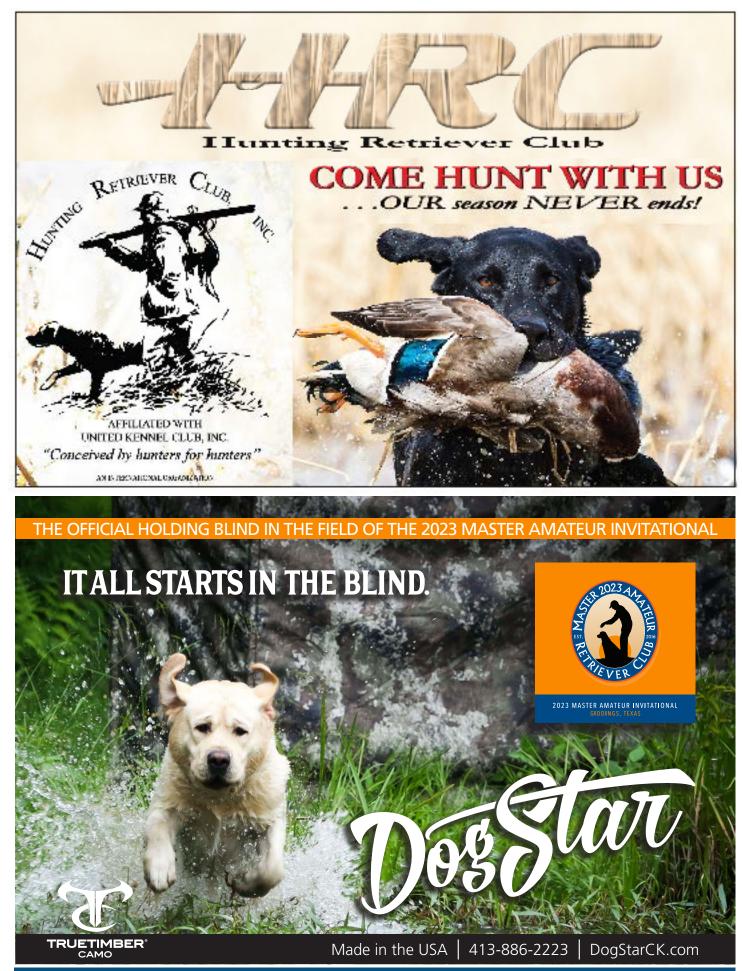
We look forward to seeing you at our hunt test **September 22-24** in Mebane, NC



Interested in becoming a Yadkin River Retriever Club member?

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Club Charter Member and Host of 2020-21 Master Amateur Sponsor of 2006 and 2014 Master National tests

The Marin Retriever Club wants to congratulate its 2023 MAI Qualifiers and wish them the Best of Luck!

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Good luck to everyone! www.marinretrieverclub.com

MASTER

Best Retrievers would like to wish the Best of luck to all participants in this year's Master National Amateur!

We would especially like to extend a special good luck to our Best Retrievers amateur family!

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ARIN RETRIEVER

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• Training Site Rules & Regulations • A Guide to the Use of 2023 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.

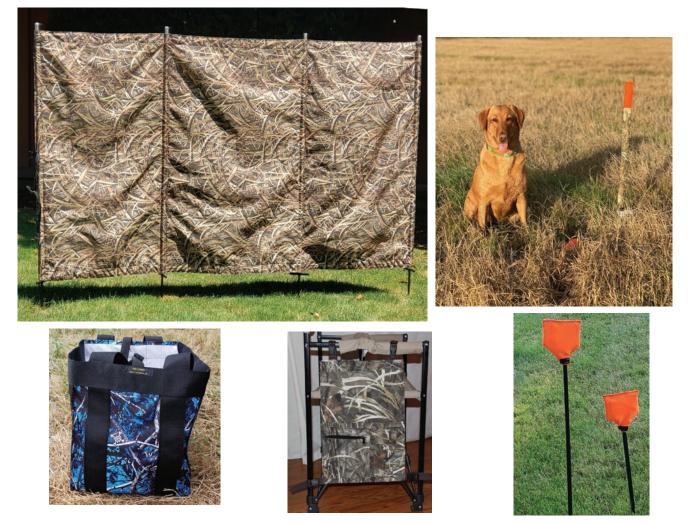
- 1. The properties listed in the Training Guide are all private grounds. We are their guests and should act accordingly.
- 2. The use of these grounds shall be coordinated through the Hunt Test Committee and the random draws for property use.
- 3. No one may contact owners for individual or group use 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. Keep vehicles to the edges of fields and away from pond banks. Access fields only with ATV's or 4-wheelers and when wet walk into all grounds.
- 7. Be wary of livestock and neighbors. Never shoot in the direction of any visible livestock or residence.
- 8. Unless otherwise noted, smoking on any property is prohibited, 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 in approved trash containers or may be dropped at the main Test Grounds where they will be disposed of properly.
- 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 State of California, the landowners and their neighbors.



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NW Camo is happy to be a sponsor of the 2023 Master Amateur Invitationals. We would like to congratulate all of the participants and wish you the best of luck in the test. We look forward to running our two young girls with you in this event.



Stop by to see us while we are in Giddings.



BEST OF LUCK IN GIDDINGS, TEXAS TO ALL THE HANDLERS AND DOGS AT THE 2023 MASTER AMATEUR INVITATIONAL

Howdy and Welcome to Texas! THE BRYAN / COLLEGE STATION RETRIEVER CLUB

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The professional trainers from south Texas would like to wish all the handlers and their dogs the best of luck as they participate in the 2023 Master Amateur Invitational.



• Training Property #1 •

Lamar Jones Property Owner: Lamar Jones

Physical Address: 730 Reis Rd West Point

GPS Coordinates: 29.88344 ^oN 97.02373 ^oW



Training Property #2

Water Mark Retrievers Owner: Mary Tatum

Physical Address: 1138 PR 2103, Giddings

GPS Coordinates: 30.7576 ^oN, 97.02396 ^oW



• Training Property #3 •

Circle K Ranch Owner: Brett & Theresa Krause

Physical Address 1685 CR 480, Thrall GPS Coordinates: 30.22285oN 97.12011oW



• Training Property #4A & B •

Stellar Retrievers Owner: Jack & Marta Morris

Property Description: Two training areas, but can only accomodate one group per day. Training group must decide if they want area A or area B.

Physical Address: 2686 Co Rd 213, Giddings

GPS Coordinates: 30.05647 ^oN, 97.01928 ^oW

Notes on property: Go through the second gate.



Training Property #5

Marsh Dog Kennels Owner: Mark Strickland

Physical Address: 1294 PR 2141, Giddings

GPS Coordinates: 30.08203 ^oN, 96.94895 ^oW

Notes on property: Entrance to Private Road property in the back.



Training Property #6A

Skinner Property Owner: Cindy Skinner

Property Description: 100 acres, two technical ponds, one square pond, rolling terrain, hay bales etc.

Physical Address: 1259 Walch Lane, Lexington

GPS Coordinates: 30.44031^oN, 97.02753^oW



• Training Property #6B •

Skinner Property Owner: Cindy Skinner

Property Description: 100 acres, two technical ponds, one square pond, rolling terrain, hay bales etc.

Physical Address: 1259 Walch Lane, Lexington

GPS Coordinates: 30.44031^oN, 97.02753 ^o W



• Training Property #7 •

Deepwood Acres Owner: Bob & Nancy Neipert

Physical Address 1389 N Hwy 77, Lexington

GPS Coordinates: 30.5049 °N, 96.98544 °W



• Training Property #8 •

Red Mark Kennels Owner: Mark & Debbie Watson

Physical Address: 4520 West FM 696, Lexington

GPS Coordinates: 30.38726 ^oN 97.16330 ^oW



• Training Property #9 •

Best Ranch Owner: Rody & Kristen Best

Physical Address: 194 Stockdale Ranch Road, Paige

GPS Coordinates: 30.22285^o N 97.12011^oW



Training Property #10

Vision Retrievers Owner: Clint Avant

Physical Address: 1157-1229 County Road 103, Giddings

GPS Coordinates: 30.19321^oN 97.01595 ^oW



We wish all Master Amateur Retriever Club participants the best of luck. Travel safe and may all the dogs run straight.

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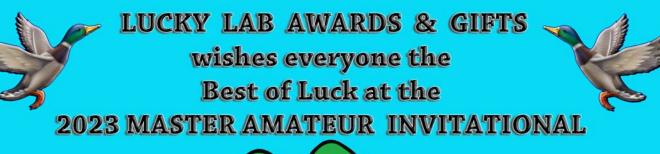
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The Wiregrass Hunting Retriever Club of Georgia congratulates everyone who qualified for the Sixth Annual Master Amateur Invitational. Good luck and have fun!

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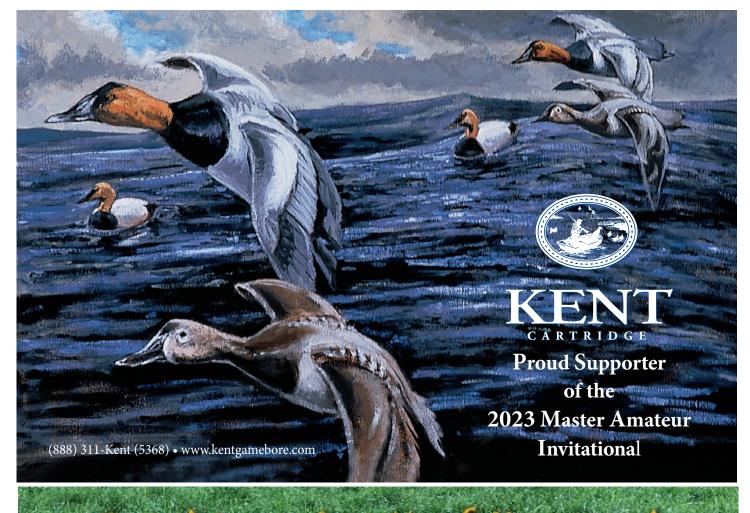


Rattlin Ridge's Willin o RanMar, MH, MNH "Alice" RanMars North Bound Train, MH "Tripp"



HRCH Justin Time Salty Margarita, MNH4, MAR 2009—2023 We say "Good-bye" to our Beloved "Rita" My G.O.A.T. dog.

Loving you changed my life, losing you did the same!



Good Luck to all of this year's competitors and their handlers!

> L-R: Aspetuck's My Little Margie MNH Aspetuck's Hurricane Abbey MH Aspetuck's Take It Down The Field Brady

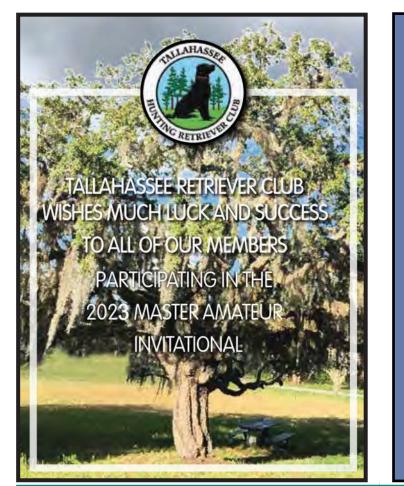


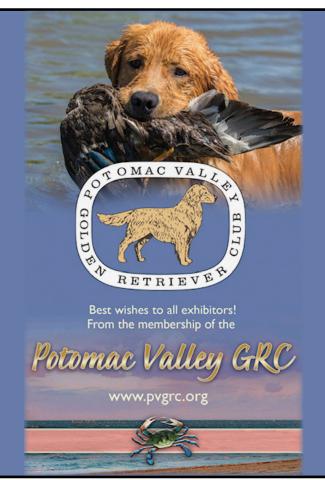


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Good Luck to ETRC's 2023 qualifiers:

- Alan Bruhin and Tennessee Cinnamon
 Fireball MH
- Lois Luthenauer and Bear Country's Love on the Rox MH
- Jeff Rader & Rader's Charley Belle MH
- Barbara Reed & Trinity's Zoey Love MH
- Mike Reed & Gator Pts Don't Mess With My Toot Toot MH







Congratulations to all of the Dog/Handler Teams that qualified for this year's event!

Ed Sullivan, Jane Sullivan, Barbara Lindtner, Tom Jackson, Jack Combs

Frankie Pendergast, Lee Hanes, Steve Davis, Betsy Fritz, Jane Sullivan, Ed Sullivan

Good Luck to Everyone running the seventh Master Amateur Invitational in Giddings, Texas!



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