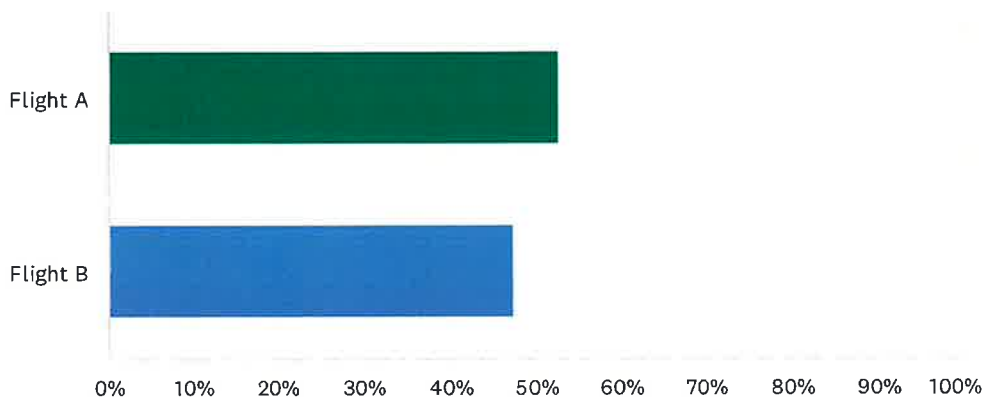


Q1 In Giddings, Texas, which flight were you in?

Answered: 97 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Flight A

52.58%

51

Flight B

47.42%

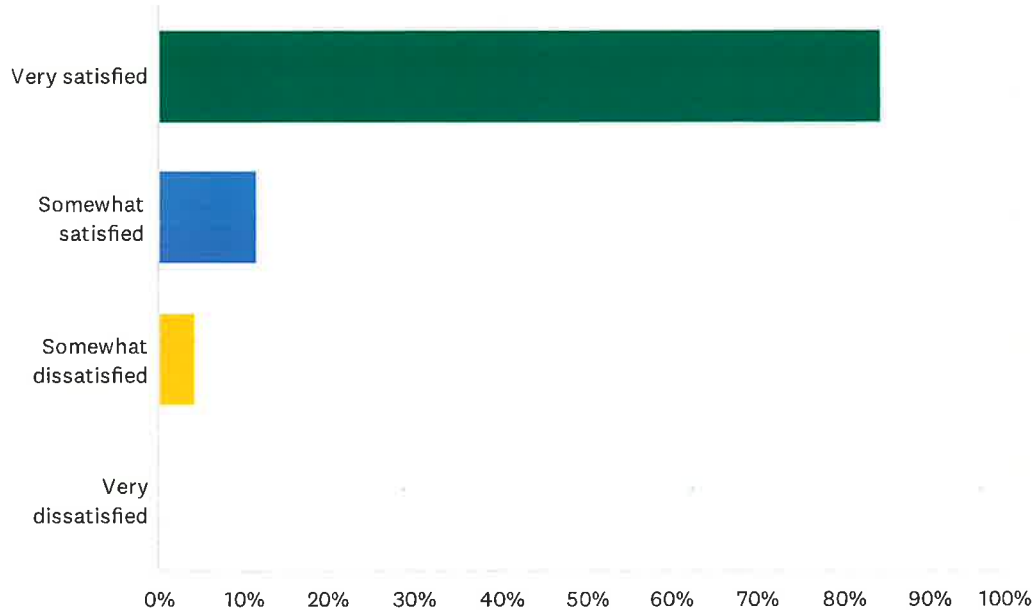
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TOTAL

97

Q2 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with the 2023 Master Amateur Invitational?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	84.38%	81
Somewhat satisfied	11.46%	11
Somewhat dissatisfied	4.17%	4
Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
TOTAL		96

Comments - Question 2

Flight A

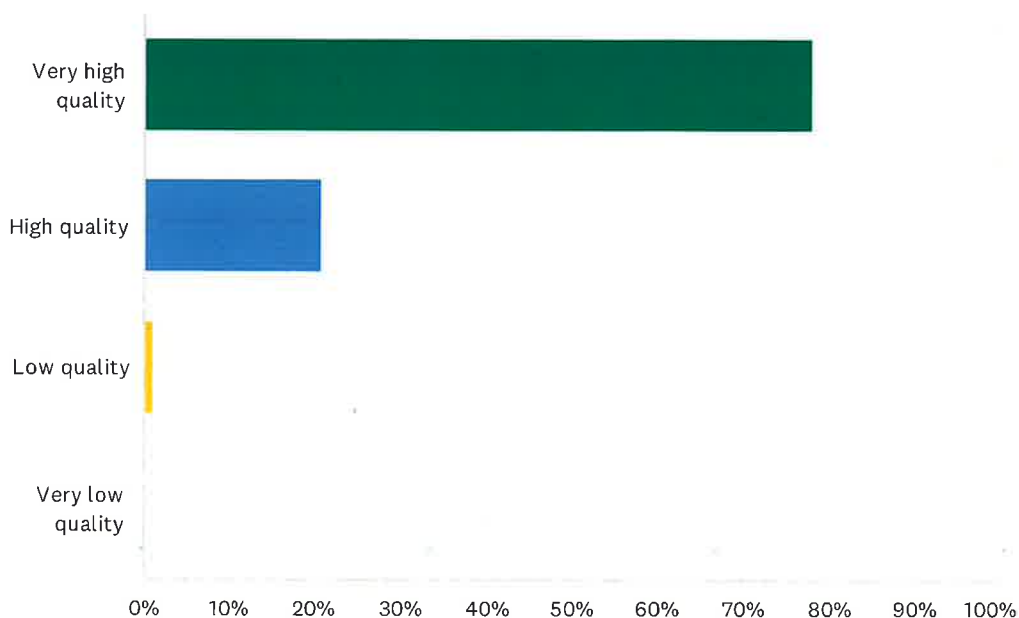
1. This was my first Amateur invitationational. Outstanding group of committee members, judges and participants. Loved the patriotic theme throughout the program.
2. Overall experience was great! The only disappointment was how the signup for the equipment was handled. There needs to be a time posted as to when the drawing will be done to know who will be receiving equipment and "only" people from your flight are allowed to be on the list.
3. Even though my dog was perfect until the last series !!
4. Felt that the set ups were heavily HRC "hunty" style and not AKC MH "conceptual" set ups.
5. I thought the judges were wonderful and hats off to the Flight A judges for scratching series 2 and doing another one.
6. I consider this event to be the most challenging but fair national test I have participated in. I have been participating in Master National tests since the
7. The event ran smoothly and was a lot of fun.
8. Only comment was thought the photos were a little light in A. Thought a drone was going to be used for some series.
9. Everything was super from the judges to the workers and the board and property owner Kay and Roger Fuller. Our judges left their egos at the door and let the dogs put themselves out.
10. Dave Christiansen and his wife did a wonderful job organizing the event. And Rhonda Reed is simply the best.
11. I found it very disappointing that lunch was not provided to the worker's who were there from sunrise to sunset, never leaving the area. I fully understand this is a volunteer organization but there are a handful of people that go above and beyond. I have not been to a hunt test where a simple sandwich was not provided including the Master Nationals. It was far more upsetting as the club announced how much money they had available and I was told one thing to my face and another was the way it was. I also find it dangerous that there was not a cooler with water available in case someone needed hydrating as the weather got quite warm. Instead of the club doing what I thought was necessary I provided for those in our flight that never left.
12. This was my first time running this event. I can't wait until it comes back to the midwest so I can run it again.
13. This was my first MAI, I was thoroughly impressed.

Flight B

1. Not too many meetings, which was good and not a waste of time. Just make sure all the word gets out to the handlers and dogs.
2. Not happy with Judges and approach, communication
3. 6th series was to technical. Sad to see dogs dropped for breaking in the 6th.
4. The grounds were beautiful. The tests were challenging, but fair. We had plenty of help, and everybody pitched in to work.
5. We were scattered around. No camaraderie. Hospitality could improve
6. I thought the judges put on 6 challenging series for the dog and the handler. Handlers meeting was well organized and enjoyed the workers party. Well done.
7. Out in the first series. The flyer should have been a no-bird as the gunners shot 8 or 9 times and the bird landed behind the left-hand control bird. The dog broke after a long delay.
8. Best event ever
9. Smooth from start to finish.
10. Best time ever
11. Not only the overwhelming camaraderie, the paying respect with the morning National Anthem was fulfilling. Hadn't seen that done on a consistent basis.
12. One of the best nationals I have ever attended!
13. The best experience, well organized and lots of excitement.

Q3 How would you rate the quality of our grounds?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Very high quality	78.13%	75
High quality	20.83%	20
Low quality	1.04%	1
Very low quality	0.00%	0
TOTAL		96

Comments - Question 3

Flight A

1. Some of the cover was to tall
2. High marks in part because of very cooperative weather! Plenty of working water, although not very technical but judges used the features well. Weather also allowed ease of parking without damaging grounds. Highest marks for the most congenial and accommodating landowners.
3. Always enjoy The Fuller's Property!
4. Quality grounds, but felt the cover was astronomically high; for the 2nd year in a row, mind you!
5. I feel that flight A's grounds were More challenging than the other flight's grounds.
6. The Fullers were excellent hosts! Beautiful property! It was so convenient having the 6 series locations near each other.
7. Kay and Roger couldn't have been more accommodating. The grounds were superb unlike Missouri.
8. Outstanding grounds they do not get any better.

Flight B

1. Spent a lot of the first day picking speargrass out of my dogs' coats
2. What did you need that you didn't have? NOTHING
3. Best ever!
4. I liked the fact we were on the same grounds for the test!
5. The cover was good. The birds were well placed.
6. Just. Awesome.
7. I did not like all the spear grass on site.
8. Only the speargrass was somewhat a concern. Otherwise very high quality. Feasibly, not much can be done about it.
9. Cudos to Roger and Kay.

Q4 How would you rate the directions to the grounds? 1=Poor; 5=Excellent

Answered: 91 Skipped: 6

4.2★
average rating



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	3.30% 3	7.69% 7	8.79% 8	27.47% 25	52.75% 48	91	4.19

Comments - Question 4

Flight A

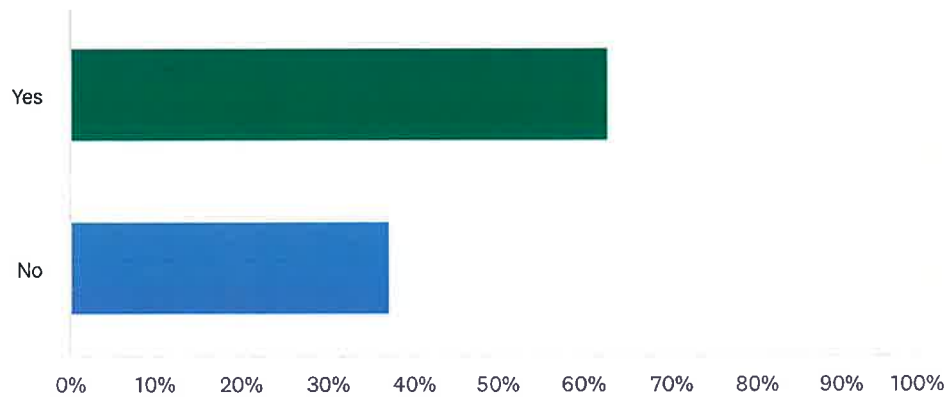
1. But I'm from the area
2. I followed people first time there and google maps app worked fine, however, I had friends who could not get good directions from their gps apps and I had to send them the coordinates to get them un-lost. Maybe a link to a picture map would have helped in their case.
3. Not really applicable since I am local to the area and knew the test grounds very well and directions were not even looked at.
4. Directions were excellent!
5. Had trouble find the site with my GPS
6. I'm glad I was in Flight A. I went out to Flight B and was never sure I was headed min the right direction. Signs were few and far between.
7. There was not a "specific" location; which caused a lot of anxiety about getting to the grounds the next day.
8. I also especially want to commend Mark Frederick and whoever helped him with the amazing job of signage on the training properties.
9. The biggest area that needed improvement was communication. I never received texts from MAI concerning the tests, locations, etc. All my communications were unofficial from those who were involved in setting up the MAI.
10. Signs were posted and very easy to follow.
11. It was great to get the actual address as the welcome event.

Flight B

1. This is probably cheating, because we know them well from use. ////thanks again to Roger and Kay
2. Once I bookmarked the location in my GPS, I had no trouble getting to the grounds. Initially finding the location was somewhat difficult.
3. I never really got any kind of directions or map. My GPS didn't recognize the address for the test location. Thankfully I finally found it. The signage assumed you were coming from a certain direction. I came from Paige and there weren't any signs unless I drove past where my GPS said I should go. My problem I guess but I know other people had the same issue depending on what direction they were driving in from.
4. Not enough signs
5. Not enough signs to test the location.
6. A map of the local roads leading to the grounds would have been helpful.
7. At the registration, it would have been helpful for directions and maps. Not everyone was from Texas or did the pre training.
8. The signage was really good.
9. Some may argue there were a lack of signs, and they wouldn't be wrong, but the gps coordinates that were supplied were spot on and made get there very easy.
10. Confusing directions on the site itself, could have been better.

Q5 Were the hotel accommodations up to standards?

Answered: 54 Skipped: 43



ANSWER CHOICES

Yes

No

Total Respondents: 54

RESPONSES

62.96%

34

37.04%

20

Comments - Question Q5

Flight A

1. We rented an Air BNB house.
2. I'm not a fan of Super8 hotels. I utilized an AirBnb instead.
3. adequate accommodations and daily room service was a surprise these days. HORRIBLE experience with reservation (they had only booked my room through half of the event - however I was able to extend because of early checkouts) and front desk staff was not very helpful.
4. Ok
5. We got an AirB&B in the area and it was ideal
6. I did not stay in the local hotels.
7. Not applicable for me.
8. Having the host hotel that charged for dogs was very disappointing! Also 2 times my key did not work and had to go to the desk and get a new one.
9. I did not stay in a hotel.
10. RV park was good
11. The smell of curry was overwhelming when you walked into the lobby. There was no green space to air your dogs.
12. did not stay in hotel
13. We stayed at an AirBnB
14. I stayed at a VRBO.
15. I stayed in a rented house near the grounds.
16. Did not stay in a hotel.....private accomodations
17. Not in Giddings.... Excellent in Bastrop
18. Did not stay at hotel.
19. Stayed in Airbnb
20. Low budget
21. Rented house
22. Stayed one night at the host hotel and it was terrible... Checked in next day to our AirBnB and it was wonderful down towards LaGrange and it was marvelous. We'd go back to an event on those grounds (especially around the same time frame) in a heartbeat
23. I stayed at a great rv park
24. Poor job of organizing reservations and keeping them straight..
25. Hotel lost reservations.
26. Too few choices available in Giddings. Hotel was third rate at best.
27. NA
28. I did not stay in a hotel
29. I went cheap and regretted it. Giddings needs better options that accept dogs.
30. HQ hotel was adequate, but barely. Outdated, dark, very little area to air dogs. Good housekeeping service, though. Other options and restaurant options very limited.

Flight B

1. N/A Camped
2. We stayed in a rental with 60 acres and a pond, and were lucky , but have stayed in many hotels in Gittings and were not very happy with them
3. AirB+B
4. didn't stay in the hotel
5. I did not stay in a hotel but haven't heard a lot of good comments about them.
6. N/a
7. N/A I rented a house
8. Stayed in a VRBO
9. The host hotel had poorest rating if any host hotel so far. We end up Findlay a hotel in zbastrop.
10. Stayed in Bastrop which would have been a much better central location than Giddings
11. Rented a beautiful house.
12. N/A stayed in our RV
13. NA Stayed on the grounds in camper.
14. Stayed in a rental house
15. Host hotel was somewhat run down. I booked directly with them for the duration of the test, and upon arriving found that they had booked me for one night only. Fortunately, a room opened up as the week went on.
16. We did not stay at a hotel rather we rented a house.
17. Did not stay at a hotel.
18. We rented a house
19. Super 8 was OK. Room was fine but breakfast was terrible, had to go somewhere else.
20. Have no idea as we stayed in our trailer. Giddings rv park was great.
21. I utilized an AirBnB so I can not comment
22. Rented a house so not applicable
23. I did not stay at a hotel, so not qualified to answer.
24. Stayed in our trailer
25. Didn't stay at a hotel
26. Rented Airbnb
27. Stayed at AirBandB, hotels in Giddings are not very nice or have place to air dogs
28. Would have like for the host hotel to be nicer
29. Did not stay at the hotel.
30. 50 yards from railroad tracks...eee gad.
31. Terrible and not acceptable, should have been in Bastrop, Texas. Better hotels and they allow pets and the rates were reasonable. The restaurants were close to the hotels and better than in Giddings. Poor planning, and we need to make sure we don't do the same in future events.

Q6 How do you rate the quality of the tests? 1=Poor; 5=Excellent

Answered: 93 Skipped: 4

4.6★

average rating



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	1.08% 1	1.08% 1	3.23% 3	25.81% 24	68.82% 64	93	4.60

Comments - Question 6

Flight A

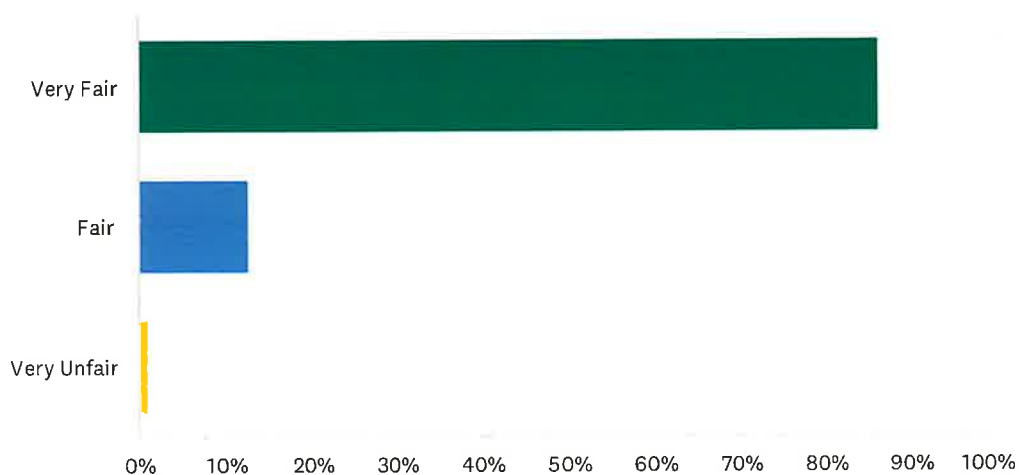
1. Excellent bird placement. Nothing tricky, but tests were very challenging.
2. I thought the test setups were excellent. I had a significant disagreement with the placement of "sleeper" goose decoys out in the field in cover high enough that they weren't visible to the dogs. My dog stumbled on one on her way to a retrieve. Fortunately she was not injured and she recovered and picked the mark up clean ... but I thought that was a very poor practice that was potentially unfair to the dog and possibly an injury risk to the dog. I had zero issue with the "head up" decoys that were also used and that the dog was able to see.
3. They were well thought out, and a little more challenging than I was expecting. We did great until we didn't.
4. Great bird placements!
5. Very challenging tests
6. Again, the set ups were not MH level conceptual tests. They felt as if they were set up to trick or fail the dog instead of testing the dogs.
7. As stated in the second question.
8. My only comment might be the difficulty of the last series. We lost 7 dogs there. I hate to see consistently great dogs go out at the end. Years ago, when the Master National was the size of MARC now, the last series was a celebration of the dogs. There were no blinds and it was generally a triple. Dogs could still break, but most passed if they had gotten that far.
9. Loved the tests. First test let everyone get their feet wet and then they got progressively harder. Loved that they were marks and challenging blinds not 3 breaking birds and a blind. We had a 12 minute 6th series test that was superb.
10. Best judges I've had at a national event.
11. They were exactly what a national event should be.
12. The judges did an excellent job with the use of the grounds, bird placement and concept work. There were no tricks or tactics to create confusion, yet the test challenged the dogs each and every series.

Flight B

1. # 6 was the best, but I personally don't like an honor in the 6th after a week of testing and not much chance to train on steadiness and have a flyer in their face. Some of the test had marks and blinds by water and didn't have to get wet, contrary to most training. Could have used a few more longer marks
2. 5
3. I thought every series was very challenging. My only disappointment (and it is probably because my old dog ran twice the last day and was so tired he failed on the very last bird) was I thought the 6th series was much more difficult than it needed to be after a grueling five series prior to that. I talked to other people and they felt the same way that it didn't need to be a gimme but it didn't need to be what it was. The line to the water blind, over land, with a small window between the gun station and the tall grassy area along the shore was nasty. The honor with a live flyer off to the right of it really wasn't called for in the last series. After successfully completing 5 series it could have been a little less tricky.
4. With the exception of 1 land blind in the 2nd series.
5. Tests were challenging. Bird placement was good.
6. Poor planning to have a triple with a flyer, double blind, and a honor for the 6th series.
7. Toughest we've run yet
8. Very thoughtful, well planned series. Ran like clockwork. Great judges.
9. Great bird placement and judged very fair.
10. Flyer shooters struggled a bit, too many multiple shots
11. Challenging and rewarding work. Wish we could have finished that last water blind successfully.

Q7 How would you rate the fairness of the judges?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Very Fair

86.32%

82

Fair

12.63%

12

Very Unfair

1.05%

1

TOTAL

95

Comments - Question 7

Flight A

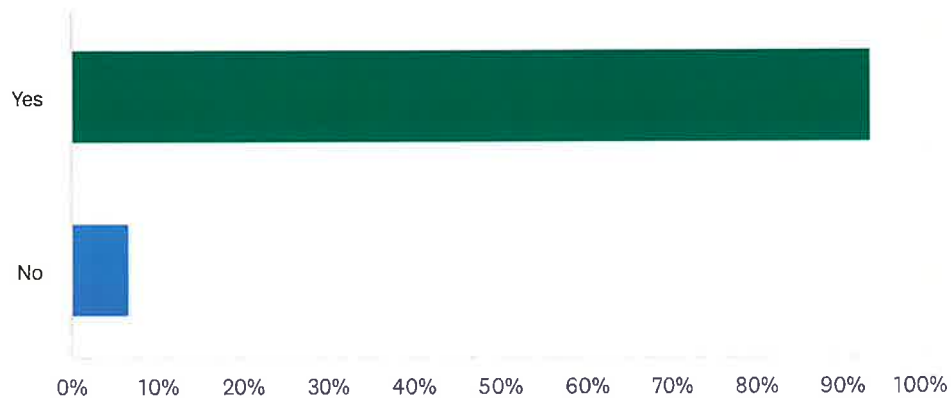
1. I saw only a couple of judging calls that I question, but I'm not a judge and don't really know if they were fair calls or not. I certainly didn't have any issues with how we were judged.
2. Both Flight A Judges were enjoyable...Considerate & Approachable!
3. The fairly judged the dogs work
4. The tests were very tricky; but I think the judges were fair, the set ups were just inappropriate.
5. Friendly and personable, but set up very challenging tests. They certainly liked out of order flyers, something that I feel is not necessary.
6. I thought our judges were tough, but fair and consistent.
7. Both Mike and Richard left their egos at the door. Can't say enough good things about them both.
8. The judges were awesome. Even though my dog failed, it was not because of the setup or the judges.
9. I was impressed with the judges ability to create a fair and very challenging test.

Flight B

1. I do think that the judges had too much tolerance for creeping and noise
2. Pretty much
3. I thought they were very generous, sometimes overly generous!
4. Even though I was out in the first series judges were very fair in the callbacks.

Q8 Did you think the tests were hunting scenarios?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Yes	93.48%	86
No	6.52%	6
Total Respondents: 92		

Comments - Question 8

Flight A

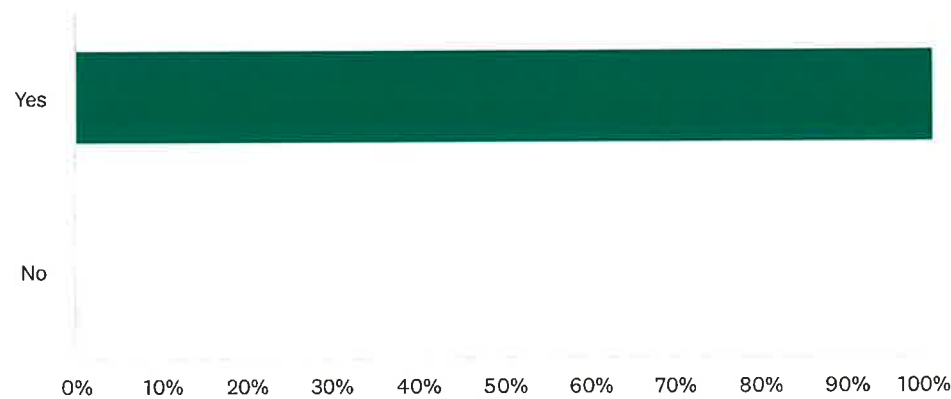
1. Not necessarily scenarios likely to occur, but generally plausible that they could occur. I don't get overly hung up on this topic as my experience has been that scenarios typically encountered while actually hunting rarely would adequately assess the capabilities of a dog worthy of being called a master hunter.
2. Most AKC Master tests do not reflect a typical days hunt or scenario, and that is ok. Distances were a little long for a real hunting scenario and that is fine too, and expected. I would throat punch anybody that shot a duck right over my dogs head while it was out retrieving if we were really hunting, and the diversion bird in series 5 was too close for a safe hunting scenario. For a testing scenario it was ok. And overall, they we very good and challenging tests.
3. The series were very HRC like. They were not concept based as MH tests are. They were set up to trick the dog instead of test the dog.
4. I don't hunt so I couldn't really say.
5. The grounds in Flight A helped them accomplish this.
6. The in your face diversion bird series 5 was a gimmick set up diversion birds are fine in your face should not be used
7. As much as hunt tests can be. I don't often shoot at or hit birds 100 yards out
8. 100% yes.
9. Some of the marks were very long and not what one would have in a hunting situation.
10. No tests are hunting scenarios anymore. Judges have to increase distances on marks because dogs are so much better these days. I understand it but to classify a test as a hunting scenario is simply not true anywhere in the country anymore.
11. Cannot give an accurate answer.

Flight B

1. Nothing we do at this level is like hunting
2. Yes, mostly but this is not the Grand and we cannot talk to our dogs at line
3. Can't talk to my dog until judges released me. 150-200 yard ducks? Nope.

Q9 Do you think your judges used good time management?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		100.00%	95
No		0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 95			

Comments - Question 9

Flight A

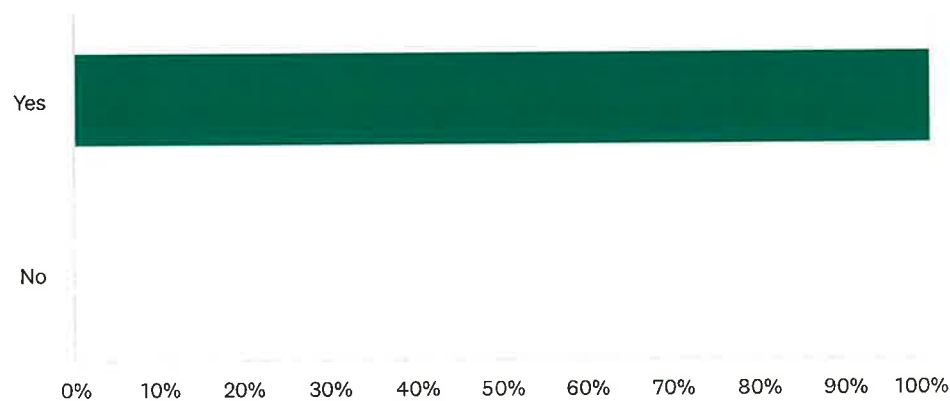
1. Good decision to scrap the 15 min/dog second series. Replacement water test got good answers. excellent coordination of timing between flights so that could have combined awards ceremony.
2. Mostly definitely. Even when conditions changed and they found the need to change a series, there was very little delay.

Flight B

1. Probably about the best I've seen at one of these events
2. We were done early!
3. The judges didn't make any mistakes but the Hunt Test Comm should have used the original format. We had a water test in the second series and it caused delays and long swims early in the test.

Q10 Did your Stake Marshal manage the event satisfactorily?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		100.00%	95
No		0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 95			

Comments - Question 10

Flight A

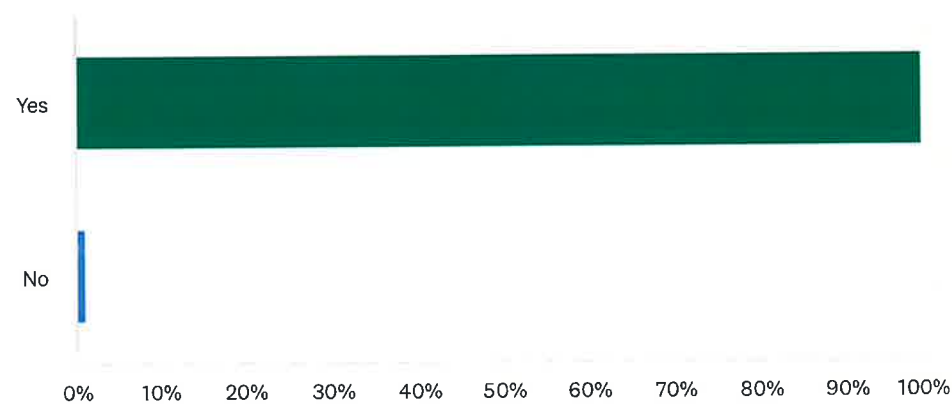
1. Lots of great help from participants
2. The people working my stake were absolutely fantastic... especially Sean!! They worked endlessly and never complained!!
3. Boogie, Shawn & Terry were excellent.
4. John Dawber did a great job. Things moved so well!

Flight B

1. He was great!!!
2. Outstandingly
3. The very best Nancy and Louanne!
4. Charles Pugh and Jeff Bundy were great. Everyone enjoyed working for them.

Q11 Do you feel the hired help was satisfactory?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		98.96%	95
No		1.04%	1
Total Respondents: 96			

Comments - Question 11

Flight A

1. To much talking on phone, I could hear them at 100yds. Only could imagine how the was hearing them.
2. First day was a little rough - help was unfamiliar with using wingers and popper guns. Should have used boom guns because that is what they were accustomed to using. Workers needed more instruction to know how and when to inform Judges of a problem. In first series, the third bird down fell out of the basket near the winger and was not visible in the sky to the dog, although the judges saw the popper chaff and thought the bird had launched. Handler didn't see it, and questioned Judge. Judge wasn't sure bird had launched and had to radio worker who then said the bird had not launched properly. Result was a very late "no-bird" call after 2 birds picked up, which wastes time and influences the fairness of the test
3. Very consistent high performance people
4. Hired help is working well. Our workers learned their jobs and did a very good job.
5. Consider increasing entry fee by \$25-\$50 and use 100% of funds for additional hired help not against working but believe to better enjoy this National event additional hired help would be appreciated

Flight B

1. Great
2. Outstanding, they are what each National event needs
3. They were excellent!
4. As a result of the hired help we had very good consistency at each station and the handlers were much fresher.
5. They were wonderful and worked their fannies off in the very hot weather.
6. Big improvement for the event to have hired help.
7. They did a great job
8. They worked their butts off.
9. Outstandingly
10. Very experienced and very polite.

Q12 How would you rate the quality of the birds used? 1=Poor; 5=Excellent

Answered: 94 Skipped: 3

4.6★
average rating



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	2.13%	0.00%	6.38%	18.09%	73.40%	94	4.61
	2	0	6	17	69		

Comments - Question 12

Flight A

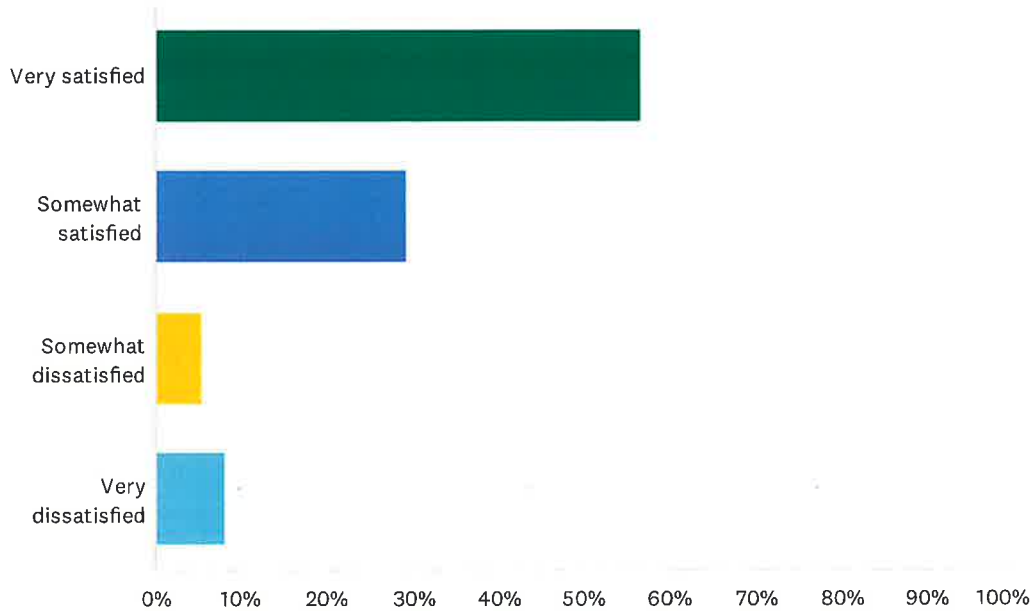
1. I appreciate the investment made to ensure that enough birds (and mature-enough birds) were available to provide good birds to all dogs throughout the test. I also fully support shooting four flyers across the six series.
2. As good as I have ever seen at an event. Excellent use of the cooler and pulling birds from the field and getting them in there as needed.
3. Birds were great. There needs to be better clarification of where to dispose of dead birds used during pre national training.
4. Later birds in water tests not great.
5. Some of the best birds I have seen all year.

Flight B

1. Mark worked with us better than anyone ever has in my. experience.
2. 5
3. They started getting a little nasty by the fourth series, but considering how long they had to use them they were not horrible
4. I thought 6th series was the most difficult. Our flyer was almost in line with the go bird I had to handle on the 2nd mark. I lined my dog for the flyer, she diverted behind the flyer station to pick up the bird. Returning to old fall was a no-no for my dog!"
5. Excellent at the start but watered-down towards the 5th.

Q13 How satisfied were you with the pre-invitational training guide and its distribution?

Answered: 72 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	56.94%	41
Somewhat satisfied	29.17%	21
Somewhat dissatisfied	5.56%	4
Very dissatisfied	8.33%	6
TOTAL		72

Comments - Question 13

Flight A

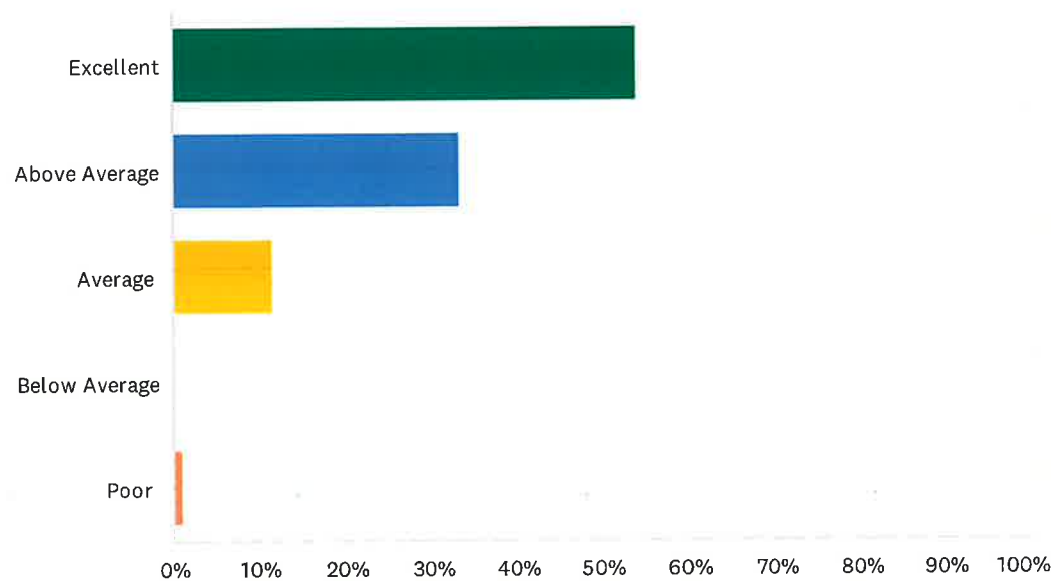
1. Our group did not receive a guide. We were told it would be in our handler's bags. Well, that's too late to utilize it during pre-training.
2. Didn't use the training grounds
3. guide was great. since it is a "training guide" it needs to be available to participants at the pre-training draw. Not very useful if you don't get it until you register.
4. Pre-training book could have been improved with satellite pics of the various training grounds.
5. Didn't train on the grounds.
6. That is actually the only complaint I had regarding the event. I was looking for the guide on the website and the link was not working before it was published so I gave up looking for it. I did not receive an email when it was published, and I ended up making my own plans for pre training which fell apart when that property was reserved by a group that did get the training guide. So that was my only complaint.
7. I wish there was more information on how to find a training group when you do not know anybody.
8. Informative
9. Did not use
10. I did not use the guide or available grounds. I had private grounds to train on.
11. N/A
12. The guide was hard to come by in paper form. Very appreciative that it was available on line to refer to. Also, you need to look at different ways to incorporate technology to assemble and draw for training grounds. Perhaps there is a way to start assembling training groups weeks ahead of time, allowing handlers to coordinate who brings what to training week, and allowing new people to feel comfortable joining a group and not having to show up and beg to be placed into a group like the last unpopular kid on the kickball team. For those who go every year and have a group, that's great, but the current set up isn't very inclusive or encouraging to new MAI participants, and isn't explained very well. The training week has some major opportunities to encourage new people to the sport.
13. There were only a few distributed during the pre invitational week. They were in each of the handler bags at registration, which made little sense because training was over at that point in time.
14. Did not use the pre-invitational training guide and land distribution
15. Did not use pre training grounds. Cannot respond.
16. The training guide itself was well done. My issue is that I believe all handlers should get theirs when they attend the property draw. Our group of 11 handlers, who were staying in different towns in the area, only had 1 copy until registration. The online copy is not always sufficient because you cannot consistently get service in rural areas. Also, I would think local businesses who paid for ads, would like that information easy to access as early as folks arrive. I'm not interested in the training guide as a souvenir; I want it to use and refer to the entire time.
17. More books would be nice
18. n/a
19. Did not do pre training in Giddings area.
20. Didn't use this so can't comment
21. NA
22. NA I did not use it
23. I did not participate in it. But I think it would have been great.
24. I did not participate in the pre-training but the guide and distribution was great.

Flight B

1. Not there
2. We did not come close to using all the quality grounds that were available.
3. N/A Did not use it
4. Did not use
5. Every handler using training grounds should had a copy during setup week.
6. Didn't see it till check in, but I thought it was very nice
7. N/A Didn't do any pre-training. I heard the guide wasn't available at the draw for the training properties. If true, that would be a problem!
8. Did not pre-train in Texas.
9. I did not utilize the guide
10. I didn't come early enough to use the pretraining grounds
11. I did not do pre training on the grounds
12. Did not pre-train.
13. Well done, plenty of training sites for all
14. For the second year, I had to arrange my own training situation because I NEVER get text messages no matter how many times I have informed the powers that be of my phone number. Didn't get any emails either during the weeks leading up to the test as well as test week. So I never saw the training guide.
15. Again, it looked good, but I did not utilize it.
16. Did not use them so not applicable
17. Not enough
18. Didn't use
19. The handlers need access to the training guide early in the week, we need it to find the grounds and the advertisers weren't too happy that the people training were not able to see their ads till the event started. Better communication is needed, when the handlers asked for the training guides they only gave them to one person.

Q14 How would you rate the test format (i.e. tests increasing in difficulty from the first to the sixth series?)

Answered: 96 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	54.17%	52
Above Average	33.33%	32
Average	11.46%	11
Below Average	0.00%	0
Poor	1.04%	1
TOTAL		96

Comments - Question 14

Flight A

1. I like the concept, although I wouldn't call the earlier series "easy". all the series were challenging in different ways.
2. I especially liked the inclusion of an actual diversion bird. This is something that has pretty much fallen by the side in weekend tests for the sake of time management, but I believe an actual diversion bird is something that a master dog should be able to handle. Probably wouldn't have been a bad idea to have worked a poison bird into one of the series also.
3. I had previously been told that all series at these national events should be of equal difficulty, and should be testing to the Master standard, and not trying to separate dogs, but I did appreciate that the first series was pretty easy and helped settle nerves as we got rolling. Our initial second series was a bit unsettling though, and I was glad to see it scrapped.
4. There was a big jump after series 4. The difficulty of series 5 & 6 gave the Judges answers. Dogs took themselves out.
5. So I don't believe the test should increase in difficulty from 1-6. I think 1 & 6 should be easier and series 2,3,4 and 5 should be the most difficult.
6. I only made it through the 2nd but checked in on a couple after them, so I don't think I could say.
7. Having the first series more basic allows handlers get rid of the "National Butterflies" and allows the "weaker" dogs and handlers a sense of accomplishment. I would also add that the last series does not have to be the most difficult series because the judges had series 2 - 5 to get their answers.
8. Did not agree with honor in 6th series. Format called for honor in 5th series.
9. I have already addressed my thoughts about the last series.
10. Would have preferred the last test to not be the most difficult as opposed to 5th series.
11. Some series were much more challenging and time consuming than others, but I do not feel that they were in order of least difficult to most difficult.
12. Again, the judges did a great job in increasing the concept work and placement of birds as the event went on.

Flight B

1. except for the honor in the 6th.
2. Except for the 6 th
3. The increase in difficulty needed to be dialed down in the 6th series.
4. Definitely, the 6th was the most difficult. 1st series had some hiccups! My dog's flyer landed behind the flyers station and wasn't called a no bird. The judge apologized for the flyer.
5. Only one test was weak.
6. Unfortunately we ran the original 3rd series before the second so we had to back to back walk up scenarios
7. Please don't put an honor in the sixth again. The dogs are cranked up after that many triples and are prone to breaking
8. We ran the series out of order for some reason.
9. The format was prepared by the original board and they sought advice from the AKC, Open and Amatuer Clubs for the best possible sequence of series'. Start out easy and end with the strongest dogs in the final series.

Q15 How would you rate the pre-invitational training grounds? 1=Poor; 5=Excellent

Answered: 57 Skipped: 40

4.7★

average rating



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	1.75% 1	0.00% 0	5.26% 3	14.04% 8	78.95% 45	57	4.68

Flight A

1. Didn't use them
2. What I saw was excellent, but didn't see them all.
3. I ended up finding a Plan B that was not on the guide because I didn't get the guide until the Thursday before the test and the drawings for property were already over. Being familiar with the properties on the list, they were all very good. In fact before the guide came out i had secured permission from one of the landowners to train there before the event.
4. Didn't use them!
5. Did not use
6. I did not use the training grounds but I am familiar with all of them.
7. N/A
8. Did not use
9. N/A
10. Couldn't have been better!
11. n/a
12. Got rained out. Of 2 properies.t
13. Didn't use any
14. NATHE pa SYSTEM
15. I did not use the pre training ground so I cannot give a valid rating.
16. NA did not use
17. I did not participate.
18. I did not participate in the pre-training.
19. Didn't avail myself of the pre-training grounds.
20. Training guides were "rationed" by the committee in the week before the event, which is when they are needed - not logical!

Flight B

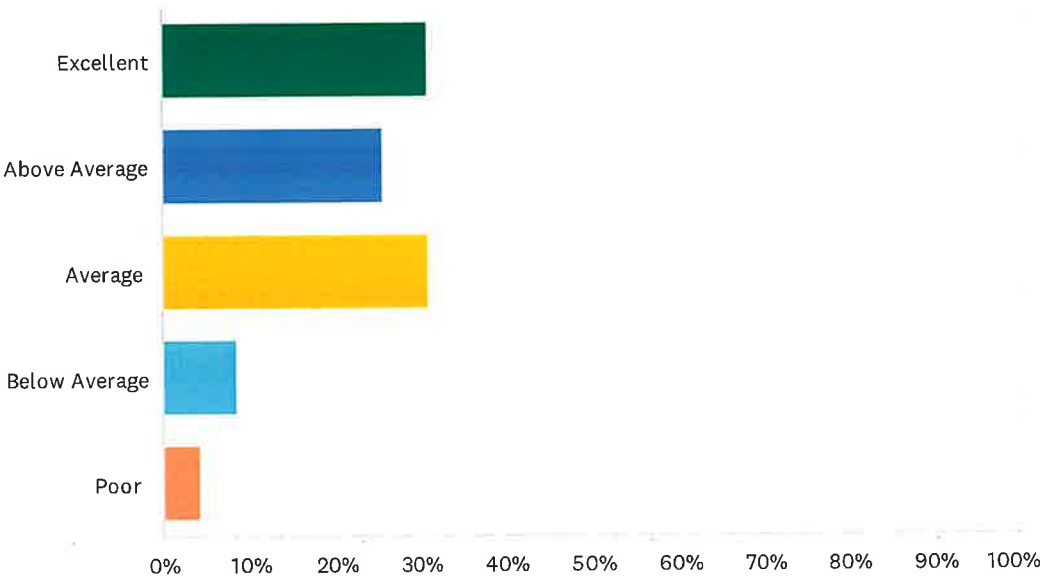
1. I don.t know how they could have been better.
2. Not there
3. only went to one and it was average
4. N/A Did not see any of the training grounds
5. Did not use
6. Didn't pre train in the area
7. N/A
8. NA Did not use.
9. Far better than Sedalia.
10. I did not utilize the training grounds
11. Never used the pretraining grounds
12. I did not use them

Flight B (continued)

- 13. Did not pre-train.
- 14. And the owners were super helpful! Even offered to loan us a wheeler!
- 15. Did utilize them
- 16. NA

Q16 How would you rate the Handlers and the Business Meetings?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	30.85%	29
Above Average	25.53%	24
Average	30.85%	29
Below Average	8.51%	8
Poor	4.26%	4
TOTAL		94

Comments - Question 16

Flight A

1. You should finish one meeting before starting the next meeting.
2. The PA system was grossly inadequate. And if there is going to be a slide-show with writing to read, there needs to be multiple screens so that people can see and read the content. Or- supply the audience with handouts of the text and keep the slides to visual images. This is hard to rate, because I think the meeting content was good and not too long, Loved the cowboy poet (RIP) - very on-point. Patriot Puppy program was interesting but because most people couldn't see or hear the message they lost interest quickly. I sat near the front and I even had a hard time seeing the slides.
3. Audio was very poor and it was very difficult to hear well enough to follow along.
4. Did not use them
5. The Audio Visual was terrible. There was no way to hear the presenters. You could have changed things up. Put the speaker in the middle of the room. Have the presenter in the middle of the room. No one could hear anything that was said. Shameful!!!
6. Well handled.
7. Need better sound system. Next year book facility that has permanent P/A system.
8. A little long.
9. Seemed to be an issue with the sound system
10. The PA system was not very good and it did not feel organized.
11. Poor sound quality
12. I did not like the scheduling of the store, check-in, handlers meeting, and business meeting, dinner day. I literally lost an entire day of training and spent the whole day in a parking lot waiting for the next person thing on the schedule to take place. Also, I had not intended to attend the business meeting, but wanted to have the dinner. So I ended up sitting through the business meeting. The food at the opening ceremony was mediocre at best. That days schedule could have been condensed so that it did not take up our entire day before the testing started.
13. Longer than preferred.

Flight B

1. Sound system was useless. Food quality was poor. Cash bar???
2. Get a new sound system or cancel the meetings!!!!!! Enough said.
3. Too long!!!!
4. Very well-organized
5. Short and to the point.
6. Poor sound system made hearing difficult.
7. Need a sound system so we can hear. Do not need to listen to the AKC ramble about their other programs.
8. Poor sound system really hurt the meetings.
9. Really could not hear much of anything being said due to the very poor sound system.
10. Sound system needs upgrading
11. During the business meeting it was emphasized that we were there to celebrate our dogs and the sport. We then we spent considerable time going
12. As mentioned below, this is a big event for amateurs and most of us drove long way to attend, food and entertainment for handlers was average at best. Selection of food vs quality of what was served was the issue. Enchilada casserole??? Showing the handlers the club made money after wasn't accepted well either

Flight B (continued)

13. Hard to hear.
14. We need to pay attention to the sound system and have someone on the Board or the Hunt Test Committee evaluate the acoustics to make sure the attendees can hear the presenters and Officers. It was a little embarrassing to hear the handlers continue to scream "Speak Up", "We can't hear you". We need better planning.

Q17 How would you rate the merchandise that was sold? 1=Poor; 5=Excellent

Answered: 92 Skipped: 5

3.7★
average rating



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
★	4.35% 4	10.87% 10	25.00% 23	28.26% 26	31.52% 29	92	3.72

Flight A

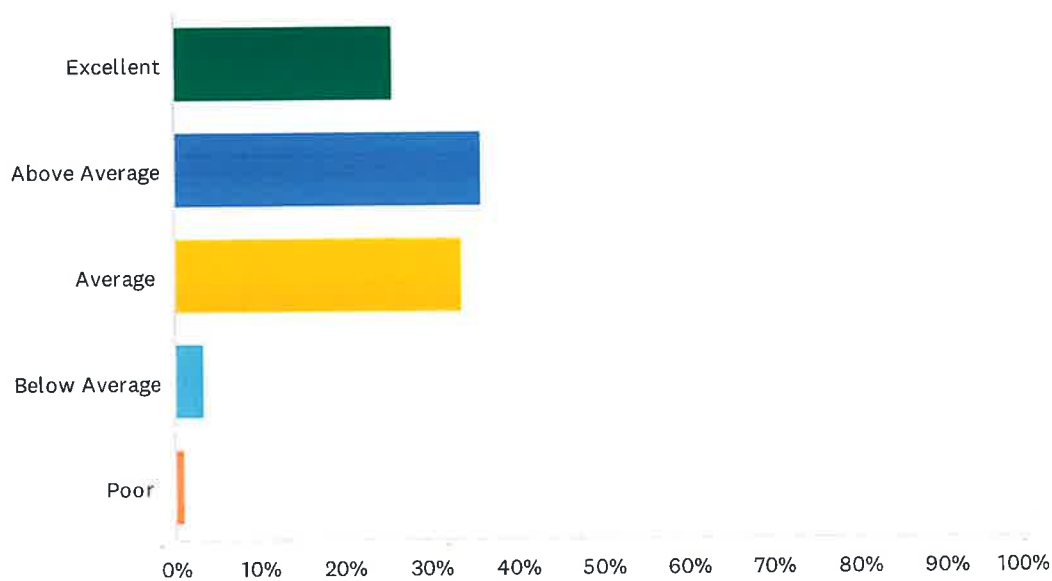
1. Very pleased! I supported the MARC 😊
2. By the time I was able to get there everything was already sold out, I was very disappointed that I did not get anything 😞
3. I did not buy anything
4. Good options. More than the last few years.
5. I wish there was more selection. But I understand a lot of vendors were at the grand.
6. silk screen t shirt not very good. Silk screen will tear and not last long.
7. Good selection of nice items.
8. The umbrella needs a bigger master amateur logo.
9. Merchandise was excellent. The amount there was to choose from was very poor. Showed up 10 mins after the store had opened and everything had been picked through like a buy one get one free bin at the flea market. Everyone should get an opportunity to purchase something nice and have multiple sizes and more of it.
10. I was very disappointed in the MA store.
11. Not enough of it. Was out of all man sized clothing when I got there and I was not late.
12. Need more handler jackets for the current year!
13. More large and plus sizes!

Flight B

1. Look at size needs closer . How about a rain proof vest? Good idea huh? few more xxl
2. Ability to order in advance would be preferred, similar to Nationals
3. Yeah, I spent WAY too much money!
4. It would be nice to be able to pre-order merchandise as was the case at the Master National. A couple of items I would have liked were sold out in my size before the store officially opened.
5. by the time I got there at 10 a.m. when the store opened up there was no Men's merchandise left
6. Why no hats for sale????
7. I was a little disappointed in limited selection of "Giddings Tx" apparel and no yeti style mugs! I really missed those!
8. Not enough on hand. Sold out too quickly.
9. Was out of many items before the store officially opened up
10. Would like to see more things that are not just clothing items- mats, tumblers, etc

Q18 How would you rate the raffle?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	25.84%	23
Above Average	35.96%	32
Average	33.71%	30
Below Average	3.37%	3
Poor	1.12%	1
TOTAL		89

Comments - Question 18

Flight A

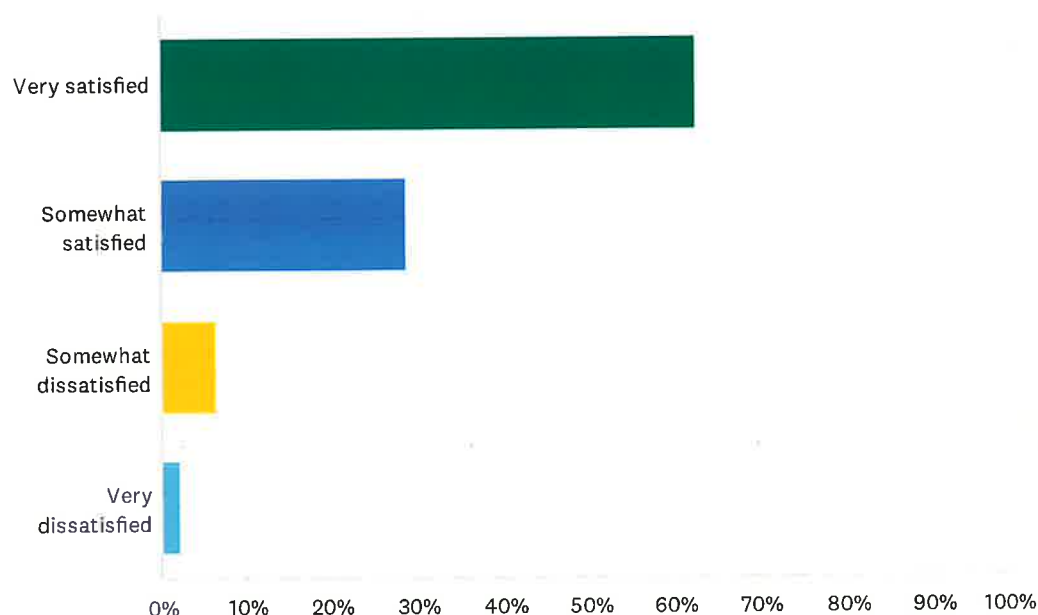
1. I'm not a raffle person.
2. Did not participate
3. When you say you have up to dinner to buy tickets stop selling them at the time you said. People had all day to buy tickets and waited until after dinner even tho it was published you had up to dinner to buy tickets, it extended the time limit and made it too long of a day, especially since I still had to travel for 2 hrs back to where I was staying.
4. Start the raffle earlier. I know you want to sell more tickets, but the night goes way too late. We all have to run dogs in the morning!!!! Start the raffle as soon as everyone is through the buffet line.
5. Lots of great items. I love the addition of local clubs donating a free master entry and that the Master National did also.
6. n/a
7. Took way too long
8. Did not participate
9. Draw for raffles live is super time consuming, loud & chaotic. Do the biggest items live and draw the rest behind the scenes and have people come check tickets or just announce without waiting for draw & claim. Don't let random raffle "nazi" interject his own rules into the raffle.

Flight B

1. Needs more talking up , but no speaker system that can be understood, so not much excitement, and unfortunately not much money .
2. Takes way too long - and - I never win :)
3. Would have rated it excellent ... had I actually won something. ;)
4. Larry is the best
5. We need one person in charge and we shouldn't let Board Members to just overrule and confuse the handlers.

Q19 How would you rate the dissemination of information before, during, and after the event (i.e. interviews, live awards ceremony, documentation of the setups)?

Answered: 94 Skipped: 3

**ANSWER CHOICES**

Very satisfied

Somewhat satisfied

Somewhat dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

TOTAL

RESPONSES

62.77%

28.72%

6.38%

2.13%

59

27

6

2

94

Comments - Question 19

Flight A

1. Mike Heard did an awesome job with interviews and videos on the blog and on YouTube. Great documentation of the setups. Folks back home particularly like these - helps them follow the progress of their friends. I didn't see the live awards ceremony. What needs improvement is instructions on how people can receive text messages during the event and pre-training (and also could help give participants a notice that they were sent a survey after the event). Folks who got the daily texts on start times and starting numbers greatly appreciated them. Those who didn't were frustrated that they were in the dark. Need to automate the sign-up process to receive texts/notices and be able to add people at the event.
2. Disappointed with the information before the event, but once we were there and running I thought things were shared very well.
3. Well Done!
4. Never got an email or text about what was happening!
5. I did not use any of the information. I was too busy helping break-down, setting-up and finding volunteers for each shift.
6. The set up videos were great. The drones were good. Loved videos of the test dogs. Wish callbacks would have been updated a little quicker.
7. I thought it was great! Mike Heard did an amazing job.
8. As far as I could tell unless you used Facebook, there was no dissemination of information.

Flight B

1. Mike did an excellent job!
2. Interviews and documentation of set-ups? Never knew that existed! Loved the awards ceremony!
3. The last 2 series results were not updated on the web until several days after it was finished. The texts on where and when the flights were starting were very helpful
4. Mike Heard did an excellent job covering the event.
5. the 2023 MAI Event Results as of today are not complete. Like to see this like past years not sure what documentation of setups means but would like to see a summary of set ups for both flights.
6. Blog was not kept up to date
7. It was excellent in the beginning and then fell off at the end. We never got the call backs posted till well after the event was over. Look, all we need to do is take a picture and post it. It looked like management lost interest as the series work went on. Reporting was good in the beginning also and then it fell off. If we want new members, let's let them see the invitation online so they can follow it.

Q20 How would you rate the callbacks? 1=Poor; 5=Excellent

Answered: 94 Skipped: 3

4.4★

average rating



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	1.06%	0.00%	13.83%	24.47%	60.64%	94	4.44
	1	0	13	23	57		

Comments - Question 20

Flight A

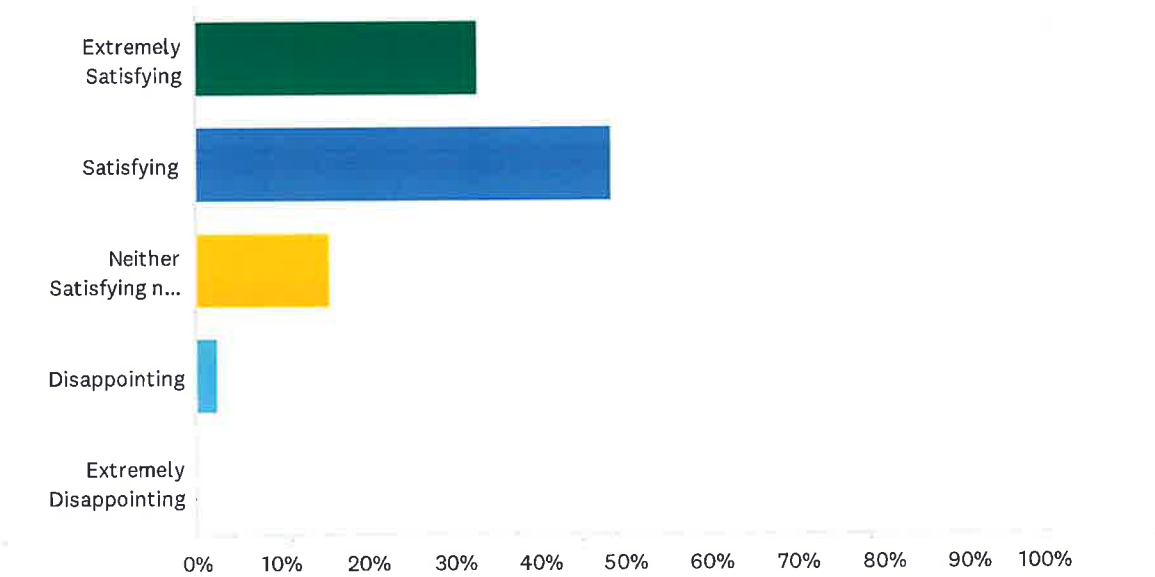
1. There was no consistent way that callbacks were disseminated: Fastest was posting of Callback sheet on Facebook. Callbacks on website/blog required you to figure out arcane steps to get there (go to blog. go to flight. Go to series. find callbacks). Should be up-front and obvious link.
2. Timing of getting the callbacks posted was prompt early in the week but got more delayed as the week progressed.
3. Pass rate was significantly different between flight A and B.
4. Wish callbacks were updated quickly and consistently. Sometimes in text message, some times on Facebook, sometimes on the website.
5. I heard that people who were following the event on Facebook had the callbacks sooner than the contestants. This was because someone took a picture of them and posted them on Facebook before they were available to the handlers.
6. Doing the callbacks quickly on Facebook was great and should be continued! However, for those back home who don't do Facebook, the callbacks stopped after the 4th series and they were very frustrated.
7. I think the test in flight a were a little harder than flight B.
8. 5
9. Went out in Series 2, so cannot comment.

Flight B

1. Except series 5 and six did not show up until we were home. Callbacks is an important tool to grow the brand nationwide.
2. Call backs we're not posted after the 5th. When asked, they said all dogs were called back. But you had to go to the Marshall and ask. If your dogs already ran and you were at the hotel, you didn't know what was going on.
3. Very good in the first couple of series and then terrible in the last two.

Q21 How would you rate our Workers' Party?

Answered: 76 Skipped: 21



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely Satisfying	32.89%	25
Satisfying	48.68%	37
Neither Satisfying nor Disappointing	15.79%	12
Disappointing	2.63%	2
Extremely Disappointing	0.00%	0
TOTAL		76

Comments - Question 21

Flight A

1. It was not clear to me who was eligible to attend the party.
2. Very Nice!!
3. We should not have raffle here.
4. did not attend
5. didn't go
6. Did not attend
7. N/A
8. Loved the menu!
9. The gentleman from New York was a little abrasive and took a little fun out of the raffle.
10. Did not go. We just assumed the food would be the same quality as the opening ceremony of high we did not care for. So sorry!
11. Did not attend

Flight B

1. still need speaker system to work well
2. N/a. Did not attend due to Covid potential
3. Did not attend.
4. Again. Need a sound system
5. Did not attend
6. did not attend
7. Food and raffle items average
8. N/A
9. Just ok.

Q22 How would you rate the Closing Ceremony? 1=Poor; 5=Excellent

Answered: 69 Skipped: 28

4.5★

average rating



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
☆	1.45%	0.00%	10.14%	24.64%	63.77%	69	4.49
	1	0	7	17	44		

Comments - Question 22

Flight A

1. Beyond my expectations. I went out in the 2nd series, but loved seeing everyone else get their awards.
2. Didn't make it
3. Liked both flights in one ceremony. Alternating awards between flights was a great idea. Much better PA system, Great snacks. Probably could have had more chairs and fewer or smaller tables for what people needed.
4. Did not attend
5. Didn't attend
6. I needed to leave town that day. It would have been better to have the photo opportunity available earlier in the day.
7. Really Enjoyed the Closing Ceremonies 😊
8. Sadly I went out in the 5th series so did not attend
9. Need bigger space.
10. Sound system for closing ceremony was poor. Ceremony was nice. Food was great.
11. Love that it was live streamed!
12. did not attend
13. didn't go
14. See number 23.
15. Did not attend
16. N/A
17. Need to shorten process. Somewhat lengthy.
18. The location was perfect and comfortable, with good parking. The food was delicious! I enjoyed the format of presenting the plates for 10 handlers in A and then 10 in B. The live coverage was very good. It was a fun way to end the week!
19. Better communication from the marshals', organizers about the event. Timing; dinner? appetizers? beverages? start time? Thought the photo shoot wasn't great timing.
20. NA
21. Did not attend
22. I did not see them
23. Sadly - I wasn't there. Did get to watch the video.
24. Was not present.

Flight B

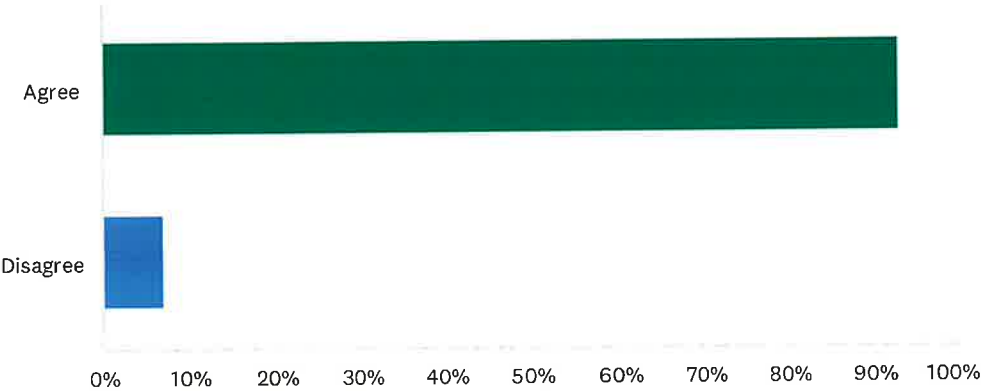
1. Speaker sys still . I'm still thinking on how to make this a big deal.
2. didn't attend
3. So great to all be together. My only negative is that we need to speed up the process!
4. The room was very crowded. Would have preferred to have the ceremony at the grounds
5. Did not attend
6. 1st class!
7. Did not attend.
8. Terrific food, wonderful woman who catered it

Flight B (continued)

9. PA system sucked. Couldn't hear much of the ceremony.
10. Didn't attend
11. Again, a weak sound system.

Q23 Did you agree or disagree with having both flights together for the Closing Ceremony?

Answered: 86 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	93.02%	80
Disagree	6.98%	6
TOTAL		86

Flight A

1. It was nice seeing people that I met during the training days.
2. That is if they finish together
3. I liked it because I had Friends in the other Flight.
4. No comment!
5. if both flights finish at the same time, it is good to have the ceremony together. If 1 flight finished much earlier, I would be fine with the ceremonies being separate.
6. didn't go
7. However, I believe that if one flight ended significantly sooner than the other one, there is no reason for them to wait on their plates just so we could have the ceremony with both flights. So many handlers are still employed and need to get back home as soon as they can.
8. I agree, but only if it makes sense. It isn't fair for one group to have to wait a day, if the other is behind.
9. I thought it was great to bring both flights together for the closing ceremony.
10. Seems more social, but size would dictate that call.
11. One of the major problems. In the master national is 7 flights of a 160 dogs at Idaho. The event should be harder. Should be harder to get in. Get into to keep it special..
12. I loved having both flights together as many of my close friends were in the other flight and I wanted to support them as well.

Flight B

1. I think the more that see awards , the more want to get one (plate). But most people are ready to go home
2. It worked out fine since the flights finished relatively close together. If one flight is way ahead of the other, I do not think it is necessary to hold up awards for the flights that finishes a day or more earlier.
3. Took much longer
4. In the event that there is a big discrepancy between finishing times, I don't think the flight that has finished should be forced to wait.
5. Since the flights finished on the same day, having a ceremony together was okay. If one flight would have finished a day early then it would have been a wee bit frustrating to have the awards.
6. No opinion
7. It's ok if test finish at the same time. Would not want to wait around a day for another flight to finish
8. Neither, whenever a flight is complete we should be able to get our plates and leave. If they finish together then it is ok. We are Amateurs and want to get on the road as soon as we can.

Q24 Approximately what distance did you travel (round trip) to attend this event?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 1

Flight A

From SC - 2,000 miles
 2,500 miles
 350
 4,200 miles
 500 miles
 1600
 3900 miles
 250
 10 miles
 2400 miles
 2,600 miles
 3600
 420 miles
 1960
 200 miles
 120 miles
 3600 miles.... A very long trip!!
 2700
 8 hours
 1000
 1300 miles
 300 miles
 2000 miles
 2700 miles
 1800
 300 miles
 65 miles
 2850 Miles
 2 hours
 1500 miles
 1800 miles
 2300 miles
 3,000 miles
 90 miles
 600 miles.
 3600 miles
 130 miles
 1000 miles
 2000+
 2000 miles
 4200 miles
 3900 miles
 400 miles
 300 miles
 From Illinois
 2.5 days
 300 miles
 400 miles
 5 hours.
 800 miles
 1600 miles

Flight B

1300
5300 miles
400 miles
500 mi
1250
1200
2800 miles
>3000
1600
40 miles
At least 2000 miles
1300 miles

2,500 miles
4000 miles
2,450
1,700 miles
1700 miles
3,500
1100 miles
600
2200 miles
2700 miles
500

About 1260 miles 20 hours of driving.

26 hours
1400
2200 miles
1,700 miles
2500 miles
3295 miles
1600 miles from PA to TX so 3200 miles round trip
5000 miles
2500 miles
2,496 miles
3600 miles
500 miles
3200 miles
2,100 miles R/T
2,500 miles
1200
2500
Flew from Washington state 2200 miles one way
2400
33 hrs (2,280 mi) via I-10 W
2800 miles

Q25 Excluding entry fees, approximately how much money did you spend attending the event? (This information is for the Chamber of Commerce.)

Answered: 86 Skipped: 11

Comments - Question 25

Flight A

\$2,000

\$3,000

800

\$2,500

\$2,000

1000

\$800 hotel, \$300 fuel locally, \$400 meals, another \$300 for items purchased at local stores and another \$500 for fuel to and from Texas.

\$500

\$3,000

\$400. House, \$300. Merchandise, \$150. Gas, \$25. Food

1000

\$1000.00

1000

Just at Giddings close to \$800

3000

\$1,500.00

1000

\$2000

700

\$2100

1.5-2k

Approximately \$4000

\$500+

\$2500

1700

Not sure

\$2000

\$4000

\$1000

\$4,000

\$50

\$800-\$1,000.

A lot! But our AirBnB host recommended side trips that were wonderful. Really enjoyed the area and shopped and ate out constantly

\$2500

\$2500

2000

\$1000

1500

\$5000

>2000

\$4,000.00

\$2000

\$1500

1500

\$1,000

\$1200-\$1500

Flight B

3000
1000
\$800
1800
\$1000 in Giddings \$1360 overall
>\$2000
2500
200
\$800 for gas and food
\$1800
\$4000.00
\$1,800
\$600
\$500 -- Stayed in RV on the grounds.
2,000
\$1,200.00
1200
\$3000
\$1000
1,100
\$2,300
\$2000
Hotel, meals, gas and laundry- \$1200
\$1,000.00
\$3,000-\$4000
2000
\$3,000 lodging, meals,gas, nerchandise
\$3500 to \$4000
\$1500.00 or so.
\$1200
\$1600 estimate
\$400
\$3,000
\$1,000
1300-1500
2,000 dollars
Airfare 470, car rental 900, hotel 1320, gas 100m
\$2550 over two weeks
\$1,600
\$5,000

Q26 What would you like to change or improve upon to help make this event even more successful?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 55

Comments - Question 26

Flight A

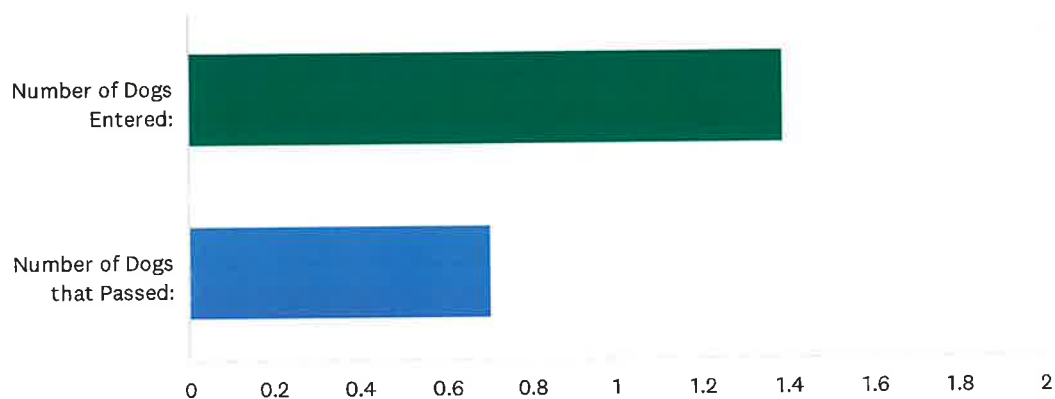
1. Wouldn't change anything
2. Share the daily workload so that you don't burn-out a small group of people who have to be there at 5:30 am through 7+ pm.
3. No suggestions other than prior comments.
4. No answer
5. keep it the same in size and test quality
6. Event was well managed!
7. Events more central US
8. It was a great event, it would be hard to identify areas for improvement.
9. Better communication
10. Find a way to get more participants involved in volunteering without having to beg for help.
11. Trying to make the flights more equal
12. Keep it in the southern US
13. Incorporate many of the things I discussed above.
14. No changes. I think it ran well.
15. I feel that registration day needs improvement. I think it would work better to begin after lunch, like 1:00pm. Between 1:00 and 3:00 have registration, bitch check, the store, and the raffle. Then meetings at 3:00, followed by the party. Registration from 10:30-3:00 was just too long.
16. The event was a successful first class event. I'd like to see more local clubs promoting the MARC getting more club members involved.
17. Nothing! Love it
18. Two flights of a hundred dogs is plenty bigger is not always better. Should be harder to qualify to keep it special.
19. Better communication, better food, more clothing options (colors)
20. I attended three MARC events. All three were excellent
21. I wish there were more of them instead of once a year in regions that I simply just cannot attend due to a full time job and family. It will take me 10 years to get a MAH on my dog
22. Consider changing the time of year the event is held to make it an even playing field for our Midwest and northern states that are unable to train through the winter.
23. Nothing
24. Preorder merchandise to pick up at event. Pre-sign up as worker. More information for first time attendee.
25. Better accommodation and restaurant options.

Flight B

1. Better communication from judges, judge to standards
2. No flier (its a waste of birds) and definitely no honor ever again in the 6th series!
3. I like the format of this event.
4. Accommodations centrally located to test grounds
5. Make sure callbacks are sent out to the flights and posted on the blog
6. Make it a Regional Event or pick a central location to host the event.
7. Nothing! Love it!
8. was very impressed with everything. would like to attend future events
9. Need better visual and sound system if you're going to do presentations and speak from a stage.
10. I think we should re-visit a central location, The National Derby is making it work.
11. Better participation by not having the event on extreme East/West coasts.
12. I think the event is progressing nicely on its own merits as everyone contributes and learns.
13. This was my first MA, I was expecting more celebration for the dogs and handlers. Food was average at best, and should be able to get event apparel. The latter seems to be a common theme based on what I heard from others
14. Can't think if anything
15. Nothing
16. Getting the word out to other amateurs that it is well worth their time, and to become a member.
17. Better communication and stick to the format, quit trying to out think the weather.

Q27 How many dogs did you enter in the test? How many passed?

Answered: 95 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	AVERAGE NUMBER	TOTAL NUMBER	RESPONSES
Number of Dogs Entered:	1	132	95
Number of Dogs that Passed:	1	66	94
Total Respondents: 95			

Question 27 Answers

How many dogs did you enter in the test?

How many passed?

Flight A

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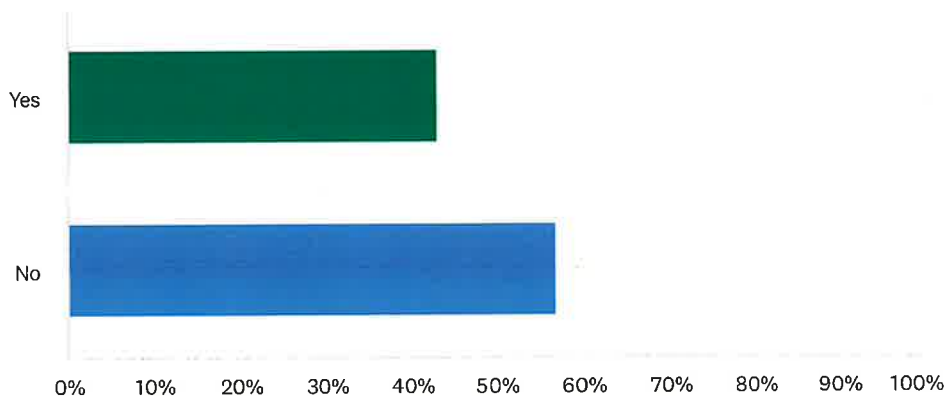
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2	1	1	1	1	2
1	1	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	1	1

Q28 In order to assist us with planning, do you plan to attend/participate in the 2024 Master Amateur Invitational in Carnation, Washington?

Answered: 86 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES

Yes

No

Total Respondents: 86

RESPONSES

43.02%

56.98%

37

49

Flight A

1. Would love too, but that's too far for me to travel at that time.
2. Too far to drive from my home in Florida.
3. Too far
4. not sure yet
5. Maybe
6. Too far to travel.
7. 28 hours is too far to drive
8. Too far from my home
9. It depends
10. I live in SC so it's just too far
11. Way to damn far requires a month commitment and very expensive should be east/west MARC event annually
12. Quite a distance to travel
13. I will be there if my vision Issues permit Me Too!
14. Maybe... my decision would be based on dates and the judges chosen.
15. Unsure
16. No. Too far to travel. I'm a working man.
17. I am not 100% because of the distance 33 hour drive.
18. Too far from home (FL)

Flight B

1. Unsure at this time. 23 hours away
2. If I can get qual. for all dogs. Wish them luck
3. To far
4. It is too far for me to travel, and I will not have a dog running Master who can qualify in time.
5. Too far to travel
6. I won't drive all the way to Washington state. I'll plan to qualify for the 2025 Master Amateur.
7. Too far and too expensive! Hold the MAI in the center of the country. Lots of places to hold the event from north to south. Adjust the date to the specific area!
8. Only have one dog to run. Can not cost justify.
9. Too far to travel. Otherwise would like to attend. Dog will be qualified.
10. It would be a three day drive just getting there and three days driving home.
11. Not sure, time and money will dictate this
12. Not sure
13. more than likely not the distance to travel from PA looking forward to 2025 in the East!!! I am 99% sure not coming to 2024 but never say never
14. Carnation is a terrible place to hold an annual AKC event. No real training grounds. Hotels/motels space and about 1/2 hour away. I've run multiple tests on carnation. And when there is multiple stakes they end up walking on each other. Area is too small for an event this size.

Flight B (continued)

15. To far.
16. Too far
17. 2,500 miles was to far. Sure not driving over 6,000. Every effort should be made to find a central location to hold the event every year.
18. Too far of a drive for 2 dogs
19. Undecided, due to distance-- 6,300 miles round trip.
20. I need details. You are taking too long to get the information to the handlers. We have nothing so far, just hope.

Q29 If you plan to attend the 2024 Master Amateur Invitational, how many dogs do you plan to enter?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 45

Number of Dogs and Comments - Question 29

Flight A

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 2 If I can get them qualified. iffy right now...
 1 almost for certain, decent chance of 2, slim chance of 3
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Flight B

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Q30 If you have any other comments, questions, or concerns, please note them here.

Answered: 21 Skipped: 76

Comments - Question 30

Flight A

1. nil
2. Better audio visual for the meeting. Also, the check-in, merchandising, general meeting needs to be shorten up. We should be out of there by 6-7pm. Have a lunch not a dinner. Do something; it's a really late and long day with a gap in the middle. Start later or end sooner.
3. I thought the dinner before the tests started wasn't great. Barbeque country and had a chicken casserole & nothing else impressive on the menu. Low quality catering I would say.
4. See above.
5. Still in favor of East coast / West coast 2 per year.
6. The sponsoring of each series with the great looking signs is a great idea. I think that should be continued. It was a fun way to defray some of the worker costs.
7. This was my first time qualifying a dog, running and passing the Master Amateur Invitational. I thought the event was every bit of a first class national event. I'm a huge fan of the MARC and looking forward to qualifying and running it again in the future.
8. Sometimes it seemed difficult to get pertinent information from the Marshalls which seemed odd
9. Stop putting white on the inside of the handler's half instead put their number on them. Make it special something they can wear not just a plate.
10. Given the length of travel to Washington and the West region's objection to merger, I respectfully suggest that the Biard ensure that the host club is capable of supporting as good of quality of a National and pre-National training as the event this year. Thank you.
11. Please consider participants that are unable to train through the winter.
12. The people were friendly, the board was accessible during the event and my first event exceeded my expectations.

Flight B

1. Get Input all year long. Maybe a survey later in the year as a followup for any new ideas. Simple, like , any ideas on what may excite our members or attract new members. Stay in their mind year round.
2. My dog was injured and had surgery which resulted in him being scratched.
3. Need to move the test sites more to the center of the USA.
4. Someone should have checked the spelling on the duck bands- they should have read "Qualifier", not "Qualifyer".
5. None.
6. I was unhappy for a friend who was only told she did not pass an hour before the awards ceremony. Because they mistakenly had her honor off leash, she thought she had passed.
7. How much does MARC interact with AKC to help improve the regulations and judging consistency overall (for w/e test and the event?)
8. Thanks for all you do for the amateur handlers.
9. Watch for article in GRCNews about 2023 MAI ;-)