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**2023 MAI in
Giddings,
Texas
April 23-30,
2023**



2023 Q1 Newsletter



The 2023 Master Amateur Invitational in Giddings, Texas will open on Entry Express on March 1st!

Don't be left behind at the starting line!

Tentative Schedule of Events:

Sunday April 16th 5:00 pm – First property training draw for Monday the 17th

Monday April 17th 5:00 pm – Second property training draw for Tue/Wed April 18th-19th

Wednesday April 19th 5:00 pm – Third property training draw for Thur/Fri April 20th and 21st

(The program and training guide will be available at the draw.)

Saturday April 22nd – The Silo – 1031 County Road 223, Giddings, Texas

10:00am – Merchandise Store opens

11:00am – 3:00pm – Handlers check in and registration

3:00pm – Mandatory Handlers meeting

4:00pm – MARC annual meeting

5:30pm – Opening party meet and greet

Sunday April 23rd – KC Beefmaster Bluff Creek Ranch

7:00am - Mandatory bitch check

7:30 – Introductions

7:45am – Test dog

8:00am – Dog to the line

Tuesday April 25 – The Silo – 1031 County Road 223, Giddings, Texas

6:30pm – Workers party

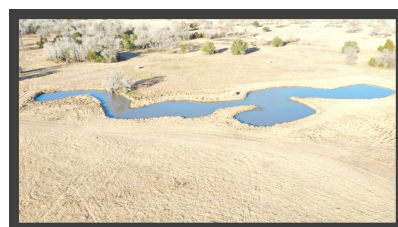
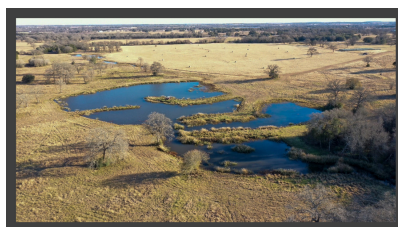


Awards ceremony – Date to be determined

Some pictures of the Roger and Kay Fuller properties where the 2023 MAI will be held.
(Don't let your dog have a sneak peak either!)



- Home to the Waterloo Amateur Retriever Club's Hunt test
- 2009 Master National and the 2020 National Open were held on this property.
- Roger and Kay have three separate properties that are in the vicinity, they are known as the 175, the 70, and the 345.
- The Fullers are huge supporters of the retriever game!



Mark your calendars and register to run! As always, remember, you must be a current member to run the test, so if you haven't renewed yet, please do so asap!



-In the News



From the AKC Competition Management Enhancement Project:

An upgrade to the Judge Panel Management (JPM) system is in final internal testing. It will then move to outside user review. This enhancement allows clubs to manage their judging panels across multiple days of events. Programming is in progress on a suite of judge reports. Once programming is complete, they will be reviewed by Sports & Events Staff and when approved, shared with all judges using their My AKC Accounts. These reports will assist judges in tracking their judge requirements, experiences, and be able to easily provide clubs information on approved competition types. It will also assist staff as judge requests and applications will have less errors and require less time to process.

-If you haven't read the rules for either AKC Hunt tests or field trials in a while, you should keep yourself updated! Here is a link to each: <https://images.akc.org/pdf/RFTRET.pdf> (for field trials). http://images.akc.org/pdf/rulebooks/AKC1295_RHTRET_0518_WEB.pdf (for hunt tests).



Is everyone listening? Good because you all have an assignment! Log onto your lap top or PC and pull up the Master Amateur Retriever Club site- here's the link: <https://www.masteramateur.com> Paste that into your browser. Open it.

Click on membership

Click on membership options in the drop down.

Click on your membership option (for instance: Annual Associate Member)

Type in your email address in the box

Click on update and update your information

That's it!!

Next log onto Entry Express at www.entryexpress.net, click on My Profile and not only update your information, but make absolutely sure that your information in Entry Express is exactly the same as your information on the Master Amateur Retriever Club site.

Most of the phone calls we receive from members not receiving mailings or Blasts is due to missing or inaccurate information.

Then make ABSOLUTE sure you are listed as the first handler (as an amateur) as that will go directly to Entry Express and be counted as an amateur pass.



The nomination period for new Board members is NOW!

It is always good to have new people with new ideas to drive change!

This year the following positions are up for nomination:

- **Vice President, Central Region** – *Beth Gerdes has reached the end of her term. She **WILL NOT** be seeking another term.*
- **Director, West Central Region** – *Jeff Bundy has reached the end of his term. He **WILL NOT** be seeking another term.*
- **Director, Eastern Region** – *John Dawber is currently serving in this position. He **WILL** be seeking another term.*
- **Secretary** – *Nancy Bauer has reached the end of her term. She **WILL NOT** be seeking another term.*
- **Treasurer** – *Carolyn Kurth is currently serving her term in this position. She **WILL** be seeking another term.*

Please contact your regional Director!

“Never confuse movement with action.” – Ernest Hemingway

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

The only way we are able to put on a national event like the Master National Invitational is with the unending support of our sponsors.

I help to run my home club's tests (as I'm sure many of you do as well). We have received support from a number of small businesses, some may have viewed their donations as small, but I always thank them by shopping at their stores whenever I am in the area. On the next page of my newsletter, you see the large sponsors who are the at the heart of the MAI. Don't miss a chance to buy from them and thank them at every turn. We will also have many donated items for sale at our merchandise store. Make sure you let your wallet do the talking!

THANK YOU!



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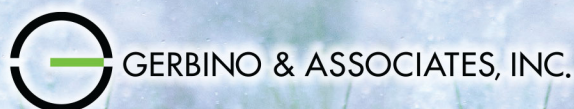


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MARC sincerely thanks you for all your **contributions** and **support!**



“Today’s amateurs are tomorrow’s champions.”

☐ **Matshona Dhliwayo**



Respectfully submitted
Nancy Bauer