



Newsletter

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Happy Valentines

Hi THRC Friends and Guests,

Happy 2012, that has a nice ring to it... Hunting season is over, the boys and I had a great duck and goose season! Now - It is time to focus on getting ready for the spring tests and the Master National. Remember, review the changes in the [AKC Hunt Test rules](#).

Our grounds are for club members The Training Pond is reserved for club members (amateurs) on the weekends. There was a big group there this weekend. It is for your safety - during hunting season, the training pond is the only grounds open to club members. The other fields and ponds are off limits without special permission.

THRC's test will be here before we know it. The event is on Entry Express. The permit has been requested, air plane tickets have been purchased, and motel reservations have been made for the judges. We are lucky that all of the Master National judges are coming to judge for us. They are all excited about coming to the event, and I hope we have nice weather for them. We need you to help with the event. [Jim Branning](#) is the "head marshal" you can give him a call at 850.877.9411 or email and let him know where you can help, [Bill Pedersen](#) is the "gun captain" he will be looking for gunners for the event. You can reach him at 850.510.1103.



Look for additional Master National information later in the newsletter.

Happy Training,
Sam

NEW WOMEN'S CHALLENGE WINNER:
Congratulations



to Sandy Moody! Sandy had a great Master National in 2011. Maverick helped her win her first Women's Challenge Trophy. Hope there are many more in your future, Sandy.

MASTER NATIONAL UPDATES: It is with great pleasure that I introduce new MN team members:

Jack Combs is the new Region 1 member of the "MN Board Directors". Jack was elected at this years event in Maryland; he holds the position formally held by Auggie Argabright. Jack and his wife Mia DiBenedetto are from N. Kingston, Rhode Island (THRC members). You may have met them at our fall test or training on our grounds. They come down when their schedules permits it. Ten, Jack's dog, qualified at the MN in 2009 in Texas. She was the first poodle to pass a MN. Mia, manages the MN Public Relations/Communications, updates the web page, sends text messages and e-mails to handlers at the events and etc. If you have any questions about the upcoming event, please do not hesitate to contact [Jack](#) or myself.



Alice Rodriguez (she and her husband Eddie are members of THRC) has taken over the position as "Corporate Sponsor Liaison" for the MN. At the 2011 event, Alice worked with the past liaison to meet the sponsors and to learn the ropes. She has only been in the position for 4 months and she has brought some outstanding new ideas and sponsors to the table for the upcoming event. Contact [Alice](#) if you would like to help her or know someone that would like to be a sponsor.



Melissa Robinson from Brandon, MS, was elected as a director for region 2. She is a familiar face to us --she is a handler, judge and a hunt test secretary for the Mississippi club.

MEMBERSHIP: We have received membership renewals from a number of club members. If you have not sent your dues yet for 2012, please print an [application](#) form and mail it today. The 2012 membership list will be updated on the web page in February.

IMPORTANT DATES IN 2012

Mid Florida Golden Retriever Club: February 11-12
Jaksonville Retriever Club: February

17-19

Wiregrass Retriever Club: March 3-4

THRC Spring 2012: March 17-18

Atlanta Retriever Club: March 31-April 1

Master National: October 19-28

THRC Fall 2012: Nov 10-11



NEW FOR PROS: We would like to highlight your name on the THRC membership list indicating that you are a pro and train dogs for Hunt Tests and/or Gun Dog. If you would like your name noted as a pro, please send us an e-mail at thrc@comcst.net and we will make the notation.



DOGGY BYTES: Bob and Caroline Huges have moved. Their new address is 21 West Bennett Street, Camilla, GA. And their telephone number is 229.330.1010. They are both doing well. Bob enjoys working and playing with the dogs. He is walking 6 to 8 miles a day, now that they live close to town. During his walks, he will stop to talk with friends. They are now both very active in their church. Remember to update your address book and give them a call or stop in and visit.

Get Well Soon! Kathy Folsom has had a difficult time with Bees this winter. They believe she had a foreign body in her neck area. Very serious surgery was required. Hopefully, they got it and all is well. We are all looking forward to a full recovery.

Iphone users- The MapMyFitness Team has introduced a new app for your phone "[DOGWALK](#)". Dog tested. Dog approved. The app helps you to exercise your dog and get healthy at the same time! Log your walks, automatically track your calories, and sync with your free account.



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