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Newsletter

Sending warm and heartfelt wishes for a very happy and successful New Year.

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Hello THRC Friends & Guests,

Happy New Year! Hunting season will be over soon, then we will be working hard to get our dogs ready for the Spring hunt tests. Congratulations to everyone that made the trip to California! Friends from the West Coast could not believe that so many of us made the trip. I told someone one day: "We came to show you some good dogs!"

I want to thank everyone for their help at the Fall test. THRC sent a \$600 donation to "Chase Away K9 Cancer" from the raffle and the pink blinds at each stake. At the Master National, one club was telling us that they have so many signatures on their Master blinds that they have added a second pink blind to the line up. This will be a new tradition at all of our tests.



I want to thank Aurelia Carter for agreeing to become the Newsletter editor. Please send news to her at shootermh@gmail.com or call her at 229.225.1371.

In December, THRC membership renewal notices were mailed out. There was, however, a typo on the envelopes-- if yours came back, please re-send it to Jim Branning, 6912 Priority Lane, Tallahassee FL 32311. If you still need to remit your dues, please send to Jim.

Kash, Vet, Jeannie and I were all in the front seat of my truck going to Dr. Becky's Christmas party when we heard WCBM's Les Kinsolving present a beautiful tribute to Mark Levin's dog *Griffen*, as well as all dogs and dog owners. If you have not heard it, take a few minutes to [listen here](#). You may want to bookmark it for a time when you have a friend that has lost a friend- it is touching and reassuring.

Happy Training,
Sam



Tallahassee Hunting Retriever Club



Master National

CANINE SPORTS MEDICINE AND THE
RETRIEVER ATHLETE SEMINAR:

Snowbird Retriever Club of South Georgia is hosting a free seminar on

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

This month, we are welcoming Mia Dibenedetto and Jack Combs from Wickford, RI. Hopefully, we will be seeing a lot of Jack, Mia and their dogs. In 2009 "Ten" Bibelot's Tolka Hands Up, MH, was the first poodle to qualify at a Master National . She's training hard for next year.

SAVE THE DATES

Wiregrass Hunt Test March 5-6
Tallahassee Hunt Test March 19-20

A club is only as strong as its membership. We encourage everyone to come out to train and to participate in our hunt test and club events. Hunt tests require a lot of workers. THRC needs your support and we encourage you to lend your support to Wiregrass as well.

Be sure to check [Entry Express](#) for other hunt tests in our area.

WINTER FRIENDS HAVE ARRIVED:

Paul Lance and his group have returned and are busy training. They were here to celebrate the New Year and get their place ready for the winter. Paul recently purchased property and is setting up kennels and runs. A lot of work!

Leslie Karnes and Duwayne Bickle are here from Wisconsin. He will stay and train for a couple of weeks. Duwayne is one of the 2011 Master National judges and will be one of THRC's Spring judges.

Nancy and Kenny Eisaman have arrived for the winter. It is good to have them back. We sure do miss these folks when they leave in the spring.

Mike Berube is here from Maine and his Chessies want to know why they are the only dogs enjoying the water. We hope that all of our Northern visitors have a successful winter in Thomasville!

IN MEMORIAM

There is special comfort in knowing that the words "welcome home" have been heard in heaven, as the beautiful memories of our loved ones remain here in our hearts.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Jim



Canine Sports Medicine and the Retriever Athlete on Saturday, January 29th at 10:00 AM. Dr. Jennell Appel (DVM, CCRT) from Los Robles Animal Hospital is the presenter. Preregistration is required by January 26th; please RSVP to barb@jaybar.com. For more information on the seminar, [click here](#).

2010 THRC MASTER NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Maddie – Chris Bodine, *Bones* – Leslie Karnes and Doug Janes (Leslie), *Chi* – Tom Zoellner, *Chance* – Tom Zoellner, *Bees* - Kathy Folsom, *Fats* – Kathy Folsom, *Kate* – Carol Reed (Paul Lance), *Patriot* – Frank Prendergast, *Vet* – Sam Ferguson, *Mo* – Kathy and Allen Luthy (Kathy), *Doc* – Becky Malphus, *Libby* – Sallie Sullivan, *Echo* – Sallie Sullivan, *Maverick* – Sandy Moody, *Sage* – Beth Trudel (Paul Lance), *Bandit*– Eddie Rodriguez.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

MASTER NATIONAL UPDATE

The January MNRC newsletter is posted on the [Master National](#) website. MNRC has introduced the new AKC title MNH, and it is now in effect. This title will be retroactive for all dogs that are in the MNRC Hall of Fame.

Plans are moving right along for the 2011 event in Cambridge, MD. Officers and board of directors will be headed there in February. Sam will be able to report back to us with lots of valuable information about the training grounds, accommodations and test site. Jeannie is going with Sam and she will let us know about restaurants and shopping.

PROTECT YOUR DOG!

There is a very serious emergency that is becoming more and more common. It is caused by what is called expandable water-activated glues. One common brand is called "Gorilla Glue". This is a great product that works really well for gluing but is a disaster when ingested by dogs.



When the glue is ingested it is activated and expands when in contact with liquid. It becomes a rock hard mass that cannot be digested, vomited or passed on. The only option is surgical removal.

Some other common dangers to dogs include antifreeze, grapes, raisins, corn cobs, food and gum sweetened with xylitol, and human medications of all types.

We really need to be aware of our environment and protect our precious dogs from unexpected emergencies.

and Linda Branning. Jim's mother passed away in November.

Our sympathy and prayers go out to Paul and Dee Lance. Paul lost his mother in October.

Keep Sam and Jeannie Ferguson in your thoughts and in your prayers. Sam's mother passed away earlier this month.

"There are many rooms in my Father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you... so that you will always be with me where I am." John 14:2



Only A Dog

(Epitaph from a tombstone in a pet cemetery)

Only a dog, but such love he gave.
Cannot have perished in the grave.
So constant and faithful
and true of heart
Must in eternity have some past.
And sometimes I fancy
When I've crossed life's sea
I'll find him waiting to welcome me.

They will be missed:

IN MEMORIAM

*Grits Oven, Ruby Eisaman, Shine Landau,
Dusty Moody, Patrick and Scotch Carter,
Rider Reed, and Rugger Rigsby.*



REMINDER

Please send any news about you, your dog and your friends to Aurelia at shootermh@gmail.com or call her at 229.225.1371. If we know it we can share it!

DOGGY BYTES



Darrell and Danielle Austin's little boy, Abbott, is doing very well. The

doctors know that he is hearing sounds. The cochlear implant is working. Darrell and Danielle are pouring as much language as possible into him. Danielle tells us that this is not a problem for her. However, Darrell is having to learn to talk and talk and talk. Darrell may become real chatty. Please keep this family in your hearts and in your prayers.

Bill Edwards has returned from a wonderful hunting trip to Kansas with Paula and Perry Odem. Paula said it was a great trip. *Hawk* picked up lots of pheasants and had more fun than anyone. Word is Bill is turning right around and heading to Mississippi with a group of friends duck hunting. He is really staying on the road these days.

Chris and Meg Bodine, Jamey and Katie McClenny, Randall Ayers, Mike Peters, and Bill Pedersen are planning to spend a good part of January at their hunt camp in Mississippi (their dogs will have had a great time, too.)

NEW TITLES: Family Affair: Sallie Sullivan's *Imp*, Mike Peters' *Pearl*, and Aurelia Carter's *Whiskey* are all brand new Junior Hunters. Sallie's *Chance* and Kathy Folsom's *Fats* are the proud parents. How 'bout that!

Joe Carter's *Lucy* received her Junior title at the Fall THRC test. Katie McClenny's *Baley* is Lucy's sire. They are very proud of this achievement!

EXTRA BRAGS: Word has it that Jill Volsch passed 20 dogs at the Lower Alabama hunt test. She also finished 5 titles that weekend. WOW! Jill said such a weekend was definitely a first for her and one to remember.



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