



Newsletter

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Happy 4th of July!



Hi THRC Friends & Guests,

The training ponds look absolutely wonderful. Sallie has been pumping the ponds and with the afternoon showers the water is cool and the dogs are enjoying short swims. I want to remind you that the training pond is open to all club members on Saturdays and Sundays for open training. Feel free to come out on weekends and work with the group or independently!

A number of people have asked me for the address of the 2011 Master National (MN). I have referred them to the [Susquehanna Retriever Clubs](#) premium on Entry Express. Scroll down to the bottom under "Directions" and you will find a helpful guide to addresses of properties we will be using for Master National. Additionally, if you are going to MN, note that "Maryland law requires you to show proof of your dogs' rabies vaccination upon request".

Over 10,000 dogs have entered Master Tests this year. 619 retrievers have qualified for Master National, and there are still a number of opportunities to qualify! This is up from previous years, so we're expecting Master National this year to be even bigger than last year. Dogs have till the last day of July to qualify for Master National and a number of the tests are in region 1 (the region that is hosting this years event).

During the Master National conference call on Tuesday, July 20th, the big concern among board members was the November 2010 amendment to Section 8, page 20 ("Gunning") of the "Regulations & Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers". The AKC's new rule states that during "Senior and Master tests, handlers shall always carry and shoulder an empty shotgun". Take a minute to refresh your memory of the rules in [the new book](#).

Happy Training,
Sam

Due to rising costs and a tight budget, the decision was made to eliminate this Saturday evening's tailgate party. We hope this does not cause you a problem. However, Thomasville has a number of outstanding restaurants! Information about restaurants will be available when the event is updated on Entry Express. Many of these have parking lots that will accommodate your dog trailers.



MASTER NATIONAL UPDATES: A new [slideshow](#) was posted Tuesday, June 21st to the Master National webpage. It

CITRONELLA CANDLE SAFETY

Keep citronella candles, insect coils and oil products out of the reach of pets. Never use candles around dogs if left unattended and keep them stored in an area inaccessible to pets.

Exposure to candles can potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma to the face and/or paws of curious pets.

Ingestion can produce stomach irritation and possibly even central nervous system depression. If inhaled, the oils could potentially cause aspiration pneumonia.



features pictures of Anatidae Farm, the head quarters for this years event. There is a good photo of the stick pond.

Chase Away K-9 Cancer is now looking for hunt test dogs to put in this year's video for the opening ceremony at Master National. If you have not already sent your photo it is not too late! If you have a dog that has been diagnosed with cancer and would like for him or her to be featured in the video, please send photos to Cera at reusserfarm@yahoo.com in the highest picture resolution with a brief statement about your dog. Make sure to include in the e-mail that this is for the Master National K-9 Cancer video. If you would like assistance with this, you can also send your picture and information to jmcferguson@gmail.com. To see the video from last year's event, click [here](#).

If you have a retiring dog this year, send your "[Request to Retire a Dog form](#)" to MN Secretary Frank Barton at fbarton@bartonpowersports.com, and please copy samuelferguson@gmail.com in the email. Frank needs these requests no later than 5 weeks prior to the Opening Ceremony. You can also send new Hall of Fame photographs for 2011's event. To see last year's great video, click [here](#). Just a reminder: once a dog is retired it will not be allowed to run in future Master National events.

MNRC AND AKC WELCOMES SPECIAL NEEDS HANDLER AT HUNT TESTS: "Tommy, a 30-year-old from Arkansas and has been handling dogs for about three years. Tommy has Down syndrome. He began dog training with Dale and Denise Johnson, who have helped Tommy become the confident and enthusiastic handler familiar to the HRC tests in the Louisiana and Arkansas region."

To read more, click [here](#) to read the Master National website's great article about Tommy!

HIS MONTH'S PET TIP: Did you overdo your dog's nail trim? Bleeding toenails

can often be remedied with household ingredients. A small amount of flour packed onto the nail can help to quell bleeding. You can also try rubbing a bar of soap on the end of the nail for the same effect. However, nothing beats having a stash of styptic powder, which you can buy at your local pet store or vet's office.



DOGGY BYTES: Elly and Ray Muth returned to their home in Wisconsin in late June. Ray's doctors said he could travel, so they loaded the dog truck and headed north. The doctors are happy with his progress in his battle with cancer. They laughed

and said he will be back in January when it is cold up north. Send him a card or give him a call and let him know you are thinking about him in the cool weather.

BRAGS: Coco's Fat Chance "[Diesel](#)" Injected got his Master Hunter title during the Keystone Retriever Club in Elkton, Maryland, June 11-12, 2011. Diesel is 13 months old. He is the son of Fats Waller's Joint who is Jumpin "Fats" Kathy Folsom's dog and Tom Rankin's female Claddagh's Celtic Piper, born April 28, 2010. Also cheering him on was Nancy Eisman, who owns Deisel's grandmother. Eddie is very proud of his puppy -- and no, Kathy, you can't have him back!

"TOUCHING HEARTS, CHANGING LIVES": The AKC is sponsoring a new title program for dogs and their owners who volunteer as a therapy team.

Because most of us do not subscribe to Poodle Variety magazine, we thought we would share a link to [a beautiful article](#) that Mia DiBenedetto wrote about this for next month's issue. Be sure to scroll all the way to the bottom for an adorable picture of Ten with one of her new friends!

MEMBERSHIP: We want to welcome Robert Herrera and his family to the club.

They are from Miami. Robert and his son have driven up to train and we are excited to have them training with us!



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