



Newsletter

Happy Father's Day



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Hi THRC Friends & Guests,

June 21 is the official first day of summer, but you could have fooled me by the temperatures we have been having! It has been hard to work the dogs in this heat. If you are out, remember to give your

dog(s) lots of water. Gnat season arrived early with the heat. Every time we work the dogs, we've been waving our hands in front of our faces and blowing air over our faces, trying in vain to shoo the tiny flies away. Gnats swarm people because they are attracted to the moisture in our eyes, mouth and nose. They are also attracted to the higher carbon dioxide levels that occur when humans and animals exhale. An old man at the store said you just have to learn to live with the pests.

I am sorry to report that Southland's Flying Mallards of Leesburg, GA is going out of business. I asked Randy if he knew of anywhere we could buy birds for training and at this time he does not know of anyone. If you have any suggestions, please let us know and we will do the same.

Also note that Entry Express is now owned by Retriever News, so it has a new look. The "Administrative Fee" is \$4.50 per entry, and mailed entries must also include this fee.

Happy Training,
Sam

UPDATES FROM THE AKC: Three new breeds are now eligible to run hunt tests, which means that there are now 11 eligible breeds. We will soon be see the following breeds at our events: American Water Spaniel (effective 4/1/11), Spinone Italiano (effective 7/1/11) and Wirehaired Pointing Griffon (effective 7/1/11). A few of our club members have Spinone Italianos so we may see them at our fall test.



NEW MASTER NATIONAL TITLE: Master National Hunter Title

(MNH) is official: it has been applied to all dogs' records. The title is given to any dog that successfully completes three Master Nationals, which is equivalent to the Master National Retriever Clubs' (MNRC's) Hall of Fame designation. When the MNH is earned, it will go on the dog's pedigree. Owners may order title certificates from the AKC [here](#) . The order forms and any questions will be handled by Lisa Carroll, Manager of Performance Events. Lisa's contact information is LAC@akc.org or (919) 816-3900.

MASTER NATIONAL RETRIEVER CLUB TITLE (MNR): There is a new "club" title to replace the previous MNH that is earned when a dog passes 2 Master Nationals. The new "club" title is the Master National Retriever (MNR) which will be granted to all dogs qualifying at two Master National events. This is a "club" title and cannot become part of the dog's pedigree.



Congratulations to the 280 dogs and handlers who have qualified for the 2011 [Master National](#).

IMPORTANT DATES:

2011 Master National September 30 - October 9, 2011
THRC Fall 2011 Tests: November 12 - 13, 2011
THRC Spring 2012: March 16 - 18, 2012
2012 Master National: October 19 - 28, 2012

THRC's fall dates are November 12th and 13th. It should be a lucky weekend since it starts the day after 11/11/11-- this happens only every 823 years! This year we have four unusual dates: 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, 11/11/11, and that's not all: Take the last two digits of the year you were born and the age you will be this year and the result will add up to 111 for everyone! 2011 is said to be the year of MONEY. Also this year, October will have 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays, and 5 Mondays. These particular years are known as Moneybag Years. We hope this is reflected in all of your bank accounts!



DOGGY BYTES: Mary Ann Sauer says...
"Sky and I enjoyed our trip to the Master National grounds in MD. Sky got his 12th consecutive Master pass. The roads in the areas were great and travel to different grounds was easy. (I love my On Star!) The land was pretty flat, ponds I saw were technical, and most of the cover was grass. There was young corn planted so running thru corn rows will be possible in October. The only negative I encountered was ticks. They were terrible! The worst were the tiny seed ticks, but the Lone Stars ticks were also pesty. I am sure there were more ticks on me than on Sky. The locals said the ticks would be worst in the Fall. UCK!!!

We (Sky & I) also enjoyed some sight seeing. We saw the White House and met a nice Capitol K9 Officer and his dog. In MD we went to a National Park Beach which is dog friendly and inhabited with wild horses. That was really neat.

The drive took about 14 hours, very doable. I am looking forward to my first trip to the the Master National.

Melissa Wojciechowski's Memorial was held on 5/28, it was beautiful. She will be missed. Ed is staying busy getting settled in his new home in Monticello, it is beautiful."

Bob Hughes, Denise Byerly and Sandy's husband Jimmy Moody have all been in the hospital lately. Know that we are thinking of you and praying for your full recoveries. Being sick isn't easy but we hope it makes it easier knowing that your dog friends are thinking of you and sending well wishes your way!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Denise Byerly from Port Charlotte, Fl.

To make heaven the perfect resting place for loved ones we adore, God made sure the pearly gates contained doggie doors. Meg, Traci and Chris Bodine, we all know where Ginger Bodine is today: she found her way through the special doggie door in the sky.

DOGGIE FACTS: Did you know that more than 150,000 dogs and cats get bitten by snakes every year? It is estimated that 90% of snakebites occur between April and mid October so it is important to be especially careful during this time of the year!

AKC JUDGING SEMINAR: The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club is hosting an AKC Retriever Hunting Test Judge's Seminar June 4th. You can find more information about this on [their website](#).

Please take this short [survey](#)!

"I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive." ~Gilda Radner

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