



Newsletter

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go!

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May the wind at your back
not be the result
of the corned beef and cabbage
you had for lunch.



Happy St. Patrick's Day



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Hi THRC Friends & Guests,

I saw a sign a few weeks ago in front of a veterinarian's office in Tallahassee. "Need a Job? Scratch a Dog's Head and You Will Have a Job for Life"! I loved it - this so true at my house.

Hunting season is over and we are getting down to business - our test is only 18 days away! We have put together a fabulous panel of judges; five of them will be judging Master National this year. I have been talking to the judges and they are excited about coming to Thomasville. Entries close Thursday, March 10th at 11:59 PM CST. Can you help? Yes, we are looking for volunteers! Contact Jim Branning at jbrann7565@aol.com or 850.877.9411 to help with airport transportation, marshaling, lunch delivery, etc. Bill Pedersen is coordinating gunners; contact him at wlpiii@comcast.net or 850.510.1103. Please do not say "no one calls me to help"; we are asking you to contact these guys to volunteer.



The 2011 [membership list](#) has been updated on the THRC website; please check and make sure your membership is current. Club dues make it possible for us to bring judges in from across the country, repair roads and have outstanding hunt tests. Whenever I am on judging assignment, people come up and say "I want to come judge for the THRC club- can you get me an invitation?"!

Please remember that Borderline's grounds are for members only. This winter I have observed a number of people using our grounds that are not members or have not renewed their membership. We encourage our members to bring guests, however it should be with the intent that the guest will become members and help with our events.

Happy Training,
Sam



MASTER NATIONAL UPDATES: The MN board meeting was February 18-20 in Cambridge, MD. Big plans have been made to celebrate the Master National 20th Anniversary hosted by [The Suquehanna Retriever Club](#) (SRC). The Opening Ceremony is September 30th and the Closing Ceremony is October 9th. SRC has done a remarkable job planning this event! They have beautiful grounds

for the tests and 20 or more training sites. The land is flat farmland, along with an abandoned golf course which has hills and lots of cover. Susquehanna has a lot for these judges to work with to challenge the dogs and handlers! There is a great [slideshow](#) on the MN website that shows the current terrain, but be prepared for it to look completely different when we arrive due to new crops and vegetation! The weather should be perfect for an outdoor event, with highs in the upper 70s and lows in the 50s. The grounds are within 20-30 miles of the host hotel. We visited St. Michael's, Easton and Salisbury. We enjoyed museums, shops (including an outlet mall), antique stores with lots of decoys, a winery, a brewery,

boutiques, and many restaurants with wonderful food. There is lots for you to do while you are not working with your dog(s)!



Bow season is open while we are in Maryland. If you would like to go deer hunting, contact Frank Durham of the Maryland Shore Pet Resort at 410.376.2107 or www.MarylandShorePetResort.com. The Eastern Shore has the most comprehensive site for hunting the Sika Deer. Frank's (President SRC/MN Event Chairman) and Terri Stevens-Durham's (Treasure, SRC) farm will be used for test grounds. They have a beautiful boarding facility with all kind of vacation treats for the dogs, such as nature trail hiking, indoor fitness, and aqua massage.

NEW AKC MNH TITLE: The Master National Hunter title (MNH) is given to dogs that successfully complete three Master Nationals, which is equivalent to the Master National Retriever Clubs' (MNRC) Hall of Fame designation. When the MNH is earned, it will retroactively go on the dog's pedigree. Every dog currently in the Hall of Fame will now have the new AKC title. The MNRC Board of Directors agreed that they (MNRC) will pay the \$20 AKC fee for recording the new title retroactively, as well as in the future. The AKC will offer the option to purchase a MNH certificate. If an owner would like an AKC certificate, they can complete a form provided by the AKC and pay the \$30 fee.

Congratulations to our club members who are MNH title holders: Bodine's Graceful Abegale- MH Randle Ayers, MD; Borderline's Lista- MH Sallie P. Sullivan; Borderline's Carbon Copy- MH Sallie P. Sullivan; Borderline's Dead Ringer- MH Sallie P. Sullivan; Borderline's Late Addition- MH Sallie P. Sullivan; Borderline's Miss Liberty- MH Sallie P. Sullivan; Borderline's Spitting Image- MH Sallie P. Sullivan; Lance's Little Miss Runaway- MH Paul Lance; Medicine Man's Feather Quest- MH Beckey Malphus; Morningside's Smackwater Jack- MH Valarie Marks & Christina Poulos; Petal To The Metal- MH Sandy Yanke; Smackwater's Confederate Rose- MH Valarie Marks & Christina Poulos; Snake Eye's Kubla Khan- MH Fred & Glorida Nusbickel; Strike A Major Chord- MH Francis & Nancy Prendergast.



Chase Away K-9 Cancer is updating their video for this year's Master National and they are looking for photos of hunt test dogs. 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 the dog. Make sure to include in the e-mail that this is for the Master National K-9 Cancer video.

Click here for last year's [video](#).

2012 MASTER NATIONAL: Master National 2012 will be held October 19 — October 28, 2012. The event is being hosted by the Black Warrior Retriever Club at the Forever Wild State Cattle Ranch in Greensboro, Alabama. You have lots of time to qualify your dog(s) for the event. We hope to see you there!



IN LOVING MEMORY: Susan Fulenwider was a judge, hunt test secretary, mentor and dear friend to many in the hunt test game. On Saturday, February 19, 2011 the Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club (MFGRC) lost someone that was truly very special to our game. A celebration of Susan's life will be held Saturday, March 12th at 11 a.m. at Anne Rowe's house. Additional details will be provided on [their website](#). The MFGRC [newsletter](#) had a beautiful memorial page dedicated to Susan and her dogs.

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](#). The presenter will be Jerry Mann, one of the AKC reps that you

may have seen at hunt tests. This is the first step to becoming a hunt test judge and will be an opportunity to learn what judges are looking for.



DOGGY BYTES: We received fantastic news about Abbott Austin, Darrell and Danielle's son: HE CAN HEAR! Abbott is scheduled to have his second cochlear implant March 22nd and he is doing great. Keep this family

in your heart and prayers.

NEW TITLES: Kathy Hornsby's "Vanna" Willowbank Vanna White and "Layla" Willowbank Got Me On My Knees both earned their JH last fall at Mid FL Golden's test going 4 for 4. "Eyla" Willowbank Smiling Irish Eyes earned her MH in Bruce, MS. Sallie Sullivan's "Imp" Borderline's Miss Impossible earned her SR at the Jacksonville test. Chris Bodine's "Bee" Meg's Fat Chance Of Borderline got her JH title at the Jacksonville test.



happy st. patrick's dog!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: This month we want to welcome Bill Stone to THRC. Bill will be relocating to Crawfordville from Bradenton, FL.

CONGRATULATIONS to the new Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards. Bill and Genie were married February the 15th. It is amazing how dogs can bring people together.

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