



THRC Newsletter

Dear Club Members and Guests,

I'm all for saying goodbye to the long hot humid days of summer and hello to the beginning of cooler evenings and hunting season. I always get excited at this time of year getting ready for dove and duck season, football games, THRC Fall Hunt test (October 27 & 28), and this year the Master National (October 14—21).

I want to remind all of you that our Fall Hunt test has a very early closing date! The test closes on Sunday, September 30th. Enter on-line with [Entry Express](#) or mail in your entry NOW. I want to have everything taken care of before the Master National so it will be one less thing to worry about. We think this will be a small event because it is the week after Master National. Currently, we only have a single Master. If the numbers look like we are going to need a split, then we will need to round up additional judges.

We're going to need for everyone to be "volunteers". Our usual friends that come out to help us by shooting, etc. may not be around since I hear it is a football weekend and deer season opens. So we will be counting on **you** all to make our test great!

A total of 474 dogs are qualified for this year's Master National. This event is not only for the handlers and dogs that are going to be in Virginia to enjoy. For those of you not going to be there, you can check out all the action online. Their website has a place to see the diagram of the tests and call backs to see who is still left, so remember to bookmark the Master National home page on your computer at <http://www.masternational.com/index.asp>.

Happy Training! ~ Sam

"How's it going Mr. Peterson?" asked Woody. "It's a dog eat dog world, Woody, and I'm wearing milk bone underwear." - Norm from Cheers

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Newsletter Spotlight

Don't Overheat Your Hound!

As the days get hotter, dog owners need to be particularly vigilant about the dangers that summer heat pose to their dogs. The AKC has a list of tips to help you keep your dog safe and comfortable this summer.

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GETTING READY FOR THE MASTER NATIONAL



Make sure your dog is ready for Virginia. The Master National is right around the corner and it is time to start conditioning your dog for the big week. Be careful of the heat right now. Even the water is hot so be sure to train in the cooler times of the day.

Other suggestions to make sure your dog is prepared for problems that may arise in Virginia is to be ready for the ticks. I suggest that you apply FRONTLINE PLUS just prior to departing for Virginia, regardless of when it was last applied. Also, Lyme's Disease is prevalent in the area. If your dog is not vaccinated for Lyme's go ahead and vaccinate now and repeat in 3 weeks.

Good Luck and bring back a Plate!
~ Dr. Beckey



Congrats! THRC Members in the 2007 National Amateur Retriever Championship Stakes held June 16—23, 2007 at Ensign Ranches of Utah, Castle Rock Unit, Castle Rock, Utah:

- #77. FC AFC Watauga's Bull Gator/Handler: Stephen O'Connell (4th Series)
- #82. FC AFC Emberain Beau Geste/Handler: Judy Rasmuson (6th Series)
- #70. AFC Hawkeye's Coast Guard/Handler: Jeffery J Talley—**Finalist**

We are especially proud of Jeff Talley and Cutter, finalists in this year's National Amateur Retriever Championship trials. Jeff trains hard and is often seen working his dogs at Borderline.

We all had faith in Jeff and Cutter, wishing them well as they headed off to the Nationals. However, we were a bit concerned about the schedule as Jeff doesn't do regular time — he works on "Talley Time". Word is...he stepped it up for this event or someone messed with his watch!

Jeff is one of the founding members of THRC and has always supported the Club. He has been there as a mentor to many who have wanted to move into the field trial world.

Congratulations! Jeff ~ You are special to us.



Chris Chantland
Artist of Champions

Chris, a self-taught and highly sought-after artist in the dog world, has been named Artist of the Month by [AllLabs.com](#). Read his story and how he came to be the official artist of the National Open and the National Amateur Retriever Clubs. To contact Chris for details on ordering your own commissioned dog portrait and/or a THRC picture frame, click on this logo:



"If your dog doesn't like someone you probably shouldn't either." — Unknown