



THRC Newsletter

Dear Club Members and Guests,

It has been a busy spring! I know you all have a lot going on too—getting ready for the Master National, hunting season, fall hunt test, etc! The Master National will be here before we know it. When I checked the latest **Field Trial News**, THRC had over 40 dogs that had qualified for the Master National (I'm sure more of you have qualified now as Master National's web page has 281 dogs qualified). I hope to see all of you in Virginia.

The "Shooting Clinic" was wonderful; Scott Welch did a remarkable job. Scott made everyone feel comfortable. The shooters ranged from novice to advanced, men and women, youth to seniors. There was an overwhelming response; unfortunately we exceeded the number of shoots we could accommodate and hope that we can host another shooting clinic, so more of you can participate that want to learn about gun safety and shooting. Scott worked with everyone 'til they broke a clay pigeon. Lots of fun and good food. Photos are posted on the THRC webpage.

The THRC Fall test is going to be the weekend **after** the Master National on **October 27 & 28**. We are going to have a single Master and double Seniors and Juniors. **The closing date for this test will be September 30**. This date is purposely early so we can have everything taken care of before everyone heads to Virginia for the National. The event is up on **Entry Express** (please enter early). Florida State University and Florida A&M are hosting football games in Tallahassee the same weekend as THRC's test. If you need to make room reservations do so as soon as possible since football guests will overflow into Thomasville for lodging.

THRC's grounds are in excellent condition in spite of the lack of rain. The Borderline and Springhill staff have been keeping the ponds and fields in very good shape for us. If you see them be sure to THANK THEM for all their hard work.
Happy Tanning! Sam Ferguson

June-July 2007

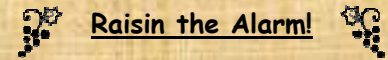


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John & Scott

Newsletter Spotlight



Many people give their dogs grapes or raisins as treats unaware of the danger. As few as 7 raisins or grapes could be toxic. Learn more from the ASPCA site or go to Snopes.com.

For home made recipes without raisins, visit Hungry Mutt or Gourmet Slueth.

"Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant." – Unknown

NOTE: The Mid-Florida Golden Retriever Club's AKC Hunt Test is scheduled for September 8 & 9, 2007 in Montverde, FL and includes a double Senior and a double Junior but NO MASTER level tests. You can view the [premium](#) here, print and sign the [entry form](#) then snail mail it to them (not on Entry Express) or visit their website www.mfgrc.org under 'Coming Events' September.



Tick Removal: This is a great solution because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc. Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and let it stay on the repulsive insect for a few seconds (15-20), after which the tick will come out on it's own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me. *A School Nurse*

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN... People that have never given their heart to an animal cannot understand the pain of losing him/her, however, the pain felt can be as strong as that of losing a family member or cherished friend. We extend our deepest sympathy to the following members:

- On April 25, **Janet Horton** said goodbye to her beloved Chesapeake, **Caddy**, one week before her 13th birthday. She lived to retrieve and especially loved chasing tennis balls in the yard. She would often carry 2 balls in her mouth and then play "soccer" with a third ball at her feet. **Caddy** is greatly missed.
- **Mark Atwater's** old yellow lab, **Babe**, was laid to rest May 18th after struggling for several weeks with a respiratory illness. She was 11-1/2 years old and the mother of '**Ruger**' and '**Molly**' as well as several other fantastic dogs. She was the first dog bred to **NFC Five Star General Patton**. Although she never ran in any AKC events, **Babe** picked up literally hundreds of ducks over the years. By no means would she ever quit. It's never easy to watch an old friend go. **Babe**, a true friend and a great dog that will be sorely missed.



• **Mario**, you were little but you will leave a big void in our hearts. I remember it like it was yesterday. It was a beautiful spring morning, Saturday, May 3, 2002, and we were at the Piney Pond running dogs. **Beckey Malphus** took you from her truck and everybody turned around to see her new cute little dog along with a birdcage of orphaned birds that needed to be fed. **Mario** came to the Malphus family and the hunt test game after a brief visit to the Thomasville Animal Shelter. Hunt test friends knew and loved him from everywhere. **Mario** traveled with the Malphus family like he was one of the Big Dogs retrieving. He would go to the line with **Doc** or **Bella** like he was going to work! Five years later at the same event, **Mario** was at Piney Pond—a member of the hunt test family—working the handlers for food, laughs, and love. Little did we know...Beckey had also just lost **Bella** to cancer earlier this May. I am sure the two are back together now in dog heaven. Love and miss you, **Mario!** ♥ *A Friend*

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." *Roger Caras*

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