



## Master National Retriever Club

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While I started with my first Golden when I was 18, it was not until about 14 years ago that I became interested in field work. That happened when a friend invited me and my show-bred golden to a local club's picnic trial.



For the first time I saw a retriever doing what it was bred to do – happily and stylishly. I was awestruck. And then, when that golden handled...well, I was hooked! I knew that was what I wanted to be doing with my dogs. So I came to hunting from the opposite direction - and while I can't claim to be the avid hunter many of you are, I have done enough pheasant and duck hunting to know the value of a well-trained retriever, to say nothing of the thrill of watching

good dog work.

Roxie is my first Master dog with over 30 Master passes and several good years still ahead of her. While my show-bred golden brought me to the dance, it is Roxie who takes my breath away, sometimes literally, as any of you who have watched us run a blind may know. She has only one speed – as fast as she can go! Hopefully her daughter Keeper will be following in her footsteps as she begins to run Master in 2010.

Having found my passion, I try to support and give back to the sport where I can. I am a member of NORCAL Golden Retriever club – serving as Field VP for 3 years, and editor of the club newsletter for 6 years. I have chaired several Hunt Tests and WC/WCX tests. I am also a member of Sagehens Retriever Club, currently serving as Secretary. I have judged AKC Hunt Tests at the Junior and Senior level.

When it comes to Master Level, I feel that the more I know, the more I know I don't know – so I have concentrated on my handling and running Roxie for the last few years. I anticipate taking the plunge soon towards judging Master.

In my life away from dogs I am a Project Manager for large software development projects. With many years honing my organizational and attention to detail skills, I hope I am bringing something to the table as Region 4 VP. That is, as soon as I get out of the deer in the “headlights” phase.

Having attended 3 Master National events I truly appreciate the enthusiasm, planning and just plain hard work that goes into putting on a showcase event for the top handler/retriever teams in the country. I look forward to standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the dedicated folks I admire so much – the ones who make it happen.

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