



## **Master National Retriever Club**

### **Elaine Goodner – Club Secretary**

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I'm Elaine Goodner and despite my address I am a Prune Picker (born and raised in California) and that is where my love affair with Labs began. In 1982 I was given a chocolate pup and we did obedience together. About that time I began to hear about Hunt Tests, but before we could



try our hand at them I lost him to a brain tumor. Fast forward to 2010 I find myself driving home to Medford, Oregon with a Master National plate and orange rosette. My best buddy, Gem, and I completed the journey from force fetching to qualifying at the Master National. What a trip! We hope to complete her MNH title in Kansas.

Along that journey I met some very generous dog handlers willing to share their time and knowledge with me. These wonderful folks helped make my, seemingly impossible, goal of a Master title on Gem come true. Poppy, a yellow girl, has joined our journey and is training hard for her first MN qualification. I am really looking forward to Kansas to be with that eclectic group of people with the common interest of watching dogs work.

I have been a member of the Lassen Retriever Club since the early 80's. That is where I learned the art of marshalling. I served as secretary for several years. Upon moving north to Medford I joined the Rogue Valley Retriever Club, where I am currently serving as the secretary/treasurer. I am also a member of the Umquah Valley Retriever Club in Roseburg.

I am a clinical laboratory scientist and currently managing a laboratory for a group of physicians. A large part of my responsibilities is keeping and maintaining various records. I hope my organizational skills can contribute to the further growth of the Master National Retriever Club. I'm looking forward to working with everyone on the board.

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