



Master National Retriever Club

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I live in Roseburg, Oregon with my wife Pam. We have two sons, five granddaughters, and 2.5 black Labradors. My occupation as a self-employed contractor has given me the freedom to devote a lot of time to this sport.



I have been involved with hunting dogs for about 25 years. It was in the early '90s that I was introduced to the "hunt test" sport of training and testing. When I was first introduced to this sport, my main objective was to learn new training techniques to improve the hunting abilities of my dogs. An older gentleman, Bob Klausman, shared his observation that a lot of people start this sport to improve their hunting dogs. However, it isn't long before the sport of training and retrieving overtake the sport of hunting. At the time, I heartily disagreed. After fifteen years of training, testing, judging and lots of money ... Bob Klausman

was so right!!

I have just titled my 7th Master Hunter. I also had the privilege of judging the 2007 Master National. I am a founding member of the Umpqua Valley Retriever Club and have served on the board for many years. My family and friends know that from March to September, judging and running dogs are my obsession. Pam and I are on the road "Doggin It". Our social calendar is scheduled around hunt tests, training days, and judging. Hopefully no weddings or funerals are planned around this time - because I probably won't be able to attend! My kids have labeled me a "Hunt Test Junky".

I've come to realize that attending the MN is like a class reunion of sorts. The friendships, comradery and shared successes and failures are what I cherish most. After all, where else can you go and find a whole field of "Hunt Test Junkies"?

It is an honor to be elected to serve on the MN Board as the Area 4 Director and I look forward to working with the member clubs of Area 4 and the MN Board. Please feel free to contact me through email or phone at any time. I love talking dogs!!
