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# NATIONAL RETRIEVER derby club ANNOUNCEMENT

## The NATIONAL RETRIEVER DERBY CLUB (NRDC)

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PRESS RELEASE: NATIONAL DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP

From: John A. Stracka  
Secretary-Treasurer National Retriever Derby Club, Inc.

The National Retriever Derby Club, Inc. is an American Kennel Club approved club; created for the singular purpose of hosting a championship retriever field trial event annually selecting a National Derby Champion for dogs under the age of two years old. The winner will be awarded the American Kennel Club's new NDC title (National Derby Champion) and a perpetual trophy until the next year's championship event.

The legal filings for the club are completed and the club has obtained a Federal Tax ID number, State of Wisconsin approved name and charter. The club is organized as a not-for-profit corporation. Internal Revenue Service tax status filings under code section 501(c)7 are in process including requisite budget projections.

The club was organized by a formulation committee of long-term participants from the field trial community. The members of this organizing committee are;

Dennis Bath	Yvonne Hays	Judy Powers
Pat Burns	Mike Lardy	John Russell
Wayne Curtis	Loren Morehouse	John Stracka
Charles Hays	Larry Morgan	Ray Vreeland

The club's By-Laws were constructed by this formulation committee and recently approved by the AKC. The club's initial Board of Directors, Officers and resulting Field Trial Committee were nominated by the formulation committee, each having previously served as officers in the National Retriever Club, Inc. or National Amateur Retriever Club, Inc.

The initial Board of Directors for the National Retriever Derby Club are;

- John Russell, President
- Ray Vreeland, 1st Vice President
- Larry Morgan, 2nd Vice President
- John Stracka, Secretary and Treasurer
- Wayne Curtis, PRTA Director

The President, appointed by the formulation committee and residing in the southeast region, shall have a term of one year. The President will be replaced, by election, at the first National Retriever Derby Club Championship, by a resident of the southeast region, who will then enter the rotation of officers as 2nd Vice President the following year. The 1st Vice President, shall be a resident of the Northeast region and the 2nd Vice President, will be a resident of the West region. Each elected Officer shall serve a term of three years and rotate through the 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and President positions. Thereby each elected Vice President will serve two years and in their third year of office be eligible to be nominated President. The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve a three-year term and then also be replaced by election. The PRTA shall appoint a Director each year at their annual meeting.

The NRDC has secured significant sponsorships with pledges of

financial, goods and services support from Nestle Purina, Avery, Kent Munitions, Garmin, Entry Express, Retriever News and Starline Brass. Numerous advertisers and additional sponsors will want to offer support as we publicize the championship event. Contact Dennis Bath for sponsorship information.

The NRDC has reached a multi-year agreement with Robert Hayden, of Sedalia, Missouri – which secures a highly desirable event venue for many years.

The first National Retriever Derby Club Championship will begin on Sunday, October 15, 2017, which begins per AKC Corresponding Date Table during event week 41. The Retriever News will continue to sponsor the National High Point Derby List and will provide the point tracking, qualifications and verification for the Championship events entrants under the direction of the club secretary. Retriever News has provided championship event qualification and verification for decades for the National Retriever Club and National Amateur Retriever Club.

The event will be held under the existing American Kennel Club rules for Derby events with NRDC club policies provided for the events Field Trial Committee to assure the smooth running of the event. The championship's event policies currently provide for between eight and ten series and five days of competition.

The club's Vice Presidents and judges have been selected from each of three established regions depicted as Northern, Southern and Western.

The qualification for the 2017 NRDC Championship will be five or more Derby points, as tracked by Retriever News for the National Derby List. (5 points for 1st place, 3 points for 2nd place, 2 points for 3rd place and 1 point for 4th place.) The qualification period is recorded as all Derby points earned while under age two, which qualify for the Retriever News National Derby List. Any dog under age two on the start date of the first series of the event with the requisite five points may enter the event. Event entries, verified by Retriever News will be managed by Entry Express. The NRDC has researched historical Derby placement results and it is anticipated the Championship event will have appropriate qualification numbers where Derby aged dogs qualify may with five or more points. Look to the official championship premium for the final Championship qualification standard.

The judges selection committee is comprised of a club officer who is also a representative of the Field Trial Committee and for first year they are John Russell, President, Ray Vreeland, 1st Vice President and Larry Morgan, 2nd Vice President. The judges for the 2017 National Retriever Derby Club Championship event are John Goettl from the Western Region, Jerry Kamphuis from the Northern Region and Yvonne Hays from the Southern Region. The Field Trial Chairman is Loren Morehouse.

The American Kennel Club, National Retriever Derby Club's Board of Directors, Field Trial Committee and Judges are excited to provide this championship event bringing together a competitive event showcasing the very best Derby dogs from across the country. Further details will be provided as the AKC Premium for the event is approved and published. Should you have questions please contact any officer of the club. ■

### NRDC Officers

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