



2019 MASTER AMATEUR invitational

DATES: Sunday, June 2 through
Sunday, June 9, 2018

LOCATION: Held in and around Butte, MT. Bob Sparks Training Grounds, managed by the Treasure State Retriever Club. The address is 40 Sawmill Gulch Road, Elk Park, MT. There is no landline on the grounds.

ENTRIES: Enter online at: www.entryexpress.net or mail entries and make checks payable to Entry Express, LLC

Mailing address for entries: Entry Express, LLC
P.O. Box 743
Charleston, AR 72933

UPS and FedEx shipping: Entry Express, LLC
16121 Hwy 217
Charleston, AR 72933

Mailed entries MUST include the \$4.50 Administrative Fee per entry. Administrative Fee of \$4.50 for ONLINE entries.

ENTRY FEE: \$400

ENTRY OPEN / CLOSE DATE:
Entries Open: Monday, April 15, 2018

Entries Close: Wednesday, May 8, 2018 at 11:59 pm CT.

JUDGES: **West Central Region**
Doug McGuire (*Subject to AKC approval*)
West Region
Mike O'Bannon (*Subject to AKC approval*)

Please Note: This information is subject to change. Please check the MARC website and Facebook page for updates as the event approaches.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Tina Styan – Retriever News
OFFICIAL REPORTER: Retriever News – 262-278-4201
OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER: Mark L. Atwater, UpClose Photo

EMERGENCY INFORMATION:

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Emergency 911 (ensure they answer with "Jefferson County Sheriff Office") Non-Emergency 406-225-4075
Highway Patrol 911

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

This is a tentative schedule. Watch for schedule updates at: www.masteramateur.com, the MARC Facebook page and at the event.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

Quality Inn & Suites
2100 Cornell Avenue
Butte, MT 59701
406-494-7800, 406-494-2875 Fax

NOTE - When making your reservation, advise that you are with the Master Amateur Retriever Club to receive the \$80/per night rate. There are 120 rooms blocked for this event, so please make your accommodations at your earliest convenience.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2019

All events will be held at the Quality Inn & Suites, Butte, MT, unless otherwise advised. Merchandise will be available.

3:00 pm Handlers' check-in and meeting
4:00 pm Master Amateur Retriever Club Annual Meeting
At conclusion of the Annual Meeting you are invited to a
Cocktail Welcome Party – (*heavy hors d'oeuvres, no dinner*)

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2019

7:30 am Introductions (*Test Grounds*)
7:45 am Test Dogs
8:00 am TEST BEGINS – First Running Dog

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019

6:30 pm Dinner and Raffle hosted by Treasure State Retriever Club
(Time Subject to Change)

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019

6:30 pm Workers' Party

BITCH CHECK

Times and locations will be announced at the handlers' meeting

SCRATCH POLICY:

Entry fee(s) for scratches will be refunded in full for a bitch in season prior to and during the running of the Invitational, and with appropriate veterinarian certificate for sick or injured dog or extenuating circumstances approved by the Hunt Test Committee.

RUNNING ORDER:

The draw will be conducted by Entry Express. The first running dog number will be determined at approximately 4:30 pm, during the handlers' meeting Saturday, June 1, 2019, the day before the Invitational starts.

BIRDS: Mallard ducks

FOOD: There will be food services on the grounds serving breakfast and lunch.

TRAINING BIRDS:

Bob Hunt
406-491-5240, bigskyretrieverducks@gmail.com
Please place orders anytime after January 1, 2019

TRAINING AREAS:

Training areas will be allocated each day by lottery drawing starting Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 5:00 PM.
The drawing will take place at the Quality Inn & Suites.

The Training Grounds and Test Site Book with descriptions and photos of each training area will be available online and in print. Once available, you can also print your own copy, if needed.

PRIZES:

Event Pin – Awarded to each participant
AKC Rosette – Awarded to all Qualifiers
Goose Band – Awarded to all Qualifiers
Master Amateur Invitational Trophy – Awarded to all Qualifiers

ACCOMMODATIONS:

AIRPORTS:

Bert Mooney Airport – 101 Airport Rd., Butte, MT 59701
406-494-3771

HOTELS

Other Accommodations in Butte area:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Butte
2609 Harrison Ave., 800-345-8082
Clarion Inn Copper King Convention Center
4655 Harrison Ave., 406-565-5001
Best Western Plus Butte Plaza Inn
2900 Harrison Ave., 406-494-3500
Hampton Inn Butte
3499 Harrison Ave., 406-494-2250
Comfort Inn
2777 Harrison Ave., 406-494-8850
La Quinta Inn & Suites Butte
1 Holiday Park, 406-494-6999
Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Butte
2340 Cornell Ave., 406-494-3000
Finlen Hotel & Inn
100 E Broadway St., 406-723-5461
Econo Lodge
122005 Nissler Rd., 406-782-5678
Eddy's Motel
1205 S Montana St., 406-498-9767
America's Best Value Inn
122001 W Browns Gulch Rd., 406-723-5464
Motel 6 Butte – Historic City Center
220 N Wyoming St., 406-723-4391
The Miner's Boutique Hotel
53 W Park St., 406-723-8928
Super 8 by Wyndham, Butte MT
2929 Harrison Ave., 406-494-6000

RV Parks in the Butte area:

2 Bar Lazy H RV Campground
122015 W. Browns Gulch Road, Butte, MT 59701, 406-782-5464

Butte KOA Journey
1601 Kaw Avenue, Butte, MT 59701, 406-782-8080, www.koa.com.
This location is offering an MAI rate.

PLEASE NOTE:

NO CAMPING WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE GROUNDS OF THE INVITATIONAL.