

2016

1993 National Amateur Field Champion  
Field Champion  
**MD's Cotton Pick'n Cropper**  
**"Cropper"**



**DOB:** June 3, 1989

**(Sire:** FC-AFC Candlewoods M.D. Houston **ex Dam:** Krugerrand's Honey Bee)

**Owned By:** Newt and Karen Cropper **Breeder:** Edward Seal

Our first knowledge of Cropper was a conversation with Melissa and David Wallace describing their litter of Houston and Bee puppies. She mentioned one male puppy who would fall asleep at your feet if you stopped for more than a few seconds. She continued to mention this puppy and after telling her we weren't ready for a pup, she notified us to be at the airport for a special delivery on August 26, 1989. Asleep in his kennel from the airport, we drove to a small shallow pond, woke him up, and proceeded to throw some puppy bumpers on land and water. Never have I witnessed such desire by any pup to retrieve.

Copper make me proud, having made the top ten Derby List with 33 points, winning his first and only qualifying at 21 months, and completing his FC and AFC as a 3 year old.

He first qualified for the National Retriever Championship in 1992 and went to the 5th series as a 3 year old. He was a finalist in 1996.

Cropper qualified for seven National Amateur Retriever Championships and was the winner in 1993, the first year he qualified. Cropper was only 4 years and 23 days old at the time. In the 10th series I was in the last holding blind with Cropper, when Bill Speck came up and saw that Cropper was lying down in the blind and was concerned that something was wrong with him. When I explained that he was asleep he didn't believe it until Cropper brought in the last bird in the final series. Cropper was also the first yellow Labrador Retriever to win the National Amateur.

Cropper had 29 Open placements including 12 open wins, 39 Amateur placements with 9 amateur wins, totaling 68 All Age Placements with 21 All Age Wins, amassing 185 All Age Points. Cropper ended his career qualifying for 14 Nationals, 7 Open and 7 Amateur.

Cropper's marking ability also passed on to his progeny. Cropper sired more than 11 FC and AFC Labradors including the 1999 National Champion, NFC AFC FTCH AFTCH Croppers River Water Black Teal.



"Cropper" – Owners, Newt and Karen Cropper with induction scroll and photo at the 2017 Induction Ceremony, Feb. 11, 2017.