

Robert Rascoe: Region 1— North Carolina



It is an honor to be elected a Master National judge. To the Region 1 Clubs, I sincerely appreciate the confidence you have shown in me, and I promise to do my best as one of your representatives.

I will strive to be a competent and fair judge at all times, one who upholds the AKC standards and adheres to the AKC Rulebook.

To my training group at home in North Carolina, I appreciate your support, encouragement and patience over the years as I have tried to learn the skills to become successful in this sport. You are all great friends and fun to be around.

Who knew that one crazy loveable lab that needed obedience training could lead me to such a great sport and give me such a wonderful group of lifelong friends.

I have always loved dogs and hunting, but it wasn't until I had a lab, who truly

loved to retrieve, that I "went to the dogs" as my wife, Mollie likes to say. I thank her for letting me pursue this passion, and it is a passion. There's nothing I enjoy more than being out in the field with my dogs and my buddies.

I must give special thanks to one dog-savvy friend who has suffered through trying to teach me to be a decent handler. Buddy, I know your blood pressure has spiked on many a training day as you watched me "mess up a good dog." However, without your help, I could never have had the success I've had or passed two Master Nationals.

My nerves can still cause me to be a DAH, so perhaps that is why I appreciate watching a good handler and dog working quietly and precisely to figure out a difficult hunting scenario together. The joy of judging is getting to watch such great teamwork.

To each team participating in the 2015 Master National, Congratulation on earning your spot and good luck to you all! Don't forget to enjoy the ride.

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