

2020

Martha Russell



Martha Russell with husband John Russell, Jr. at the 2021 Retriever Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

Martha participated in her first retriever field trial in 1975. She became both the Secretary/Field Trial Secretary of the Lone Star Retriever Club in 1977. In the late 1980's she became the Secretary/Treasurer and Field Trial Secretary of the Women's Retriever Club. She went on to later serve the Colonial Retriever Club in the same capacity. Here we are some 40 years later and she is once again the Secretary/Field Trial Secretary of the Lone Star Retriever Club.

Martha has long participated at Nationals as a contributor and a handler. She started in approximately 1980 on the Stewards Committee. She not only served that committee many times, but also has been a fixture on the Marshals Committee for many years and has helped with the Hostesses over the years. Martha has been the Chair or Co-Chair of two National Amateurs, was the Chief Marshal or Co-Chief Marshal at two additional National Amateur stakes. She was the Co-Chair at the 2012 NRC. In addition, Martha judged the National Open in 2010.

Martha has always participated in the training of her dogs in a hands-on fashion. She has trained and run many dogs in field trials and titled a number of dogs. She has qualified 8 different dogs for National competitions, while being a Finalist many times. Martha achieved the ultimate goal in 2014 by winning the National Amateur Retriever Championship with NAFC-FC Texas Troubador, "Tubb." She has received two Purina Outstanding Retriever Awards for Top Amateur dog, in recent years. She achieved this with FC-AFC Trumarc's L'il Ms Pogo in 2011, and again in 2015 with NAFC-FC Texas Troubador. She has been a mentor and a wealth of information to many as a trainer and competitor for many years.

NAFC-FC Texas Troubador qualified for six National Open Championships and was a Finalist in two. He also qualified for nine National Amateur Championships, winning in 2014 and a Finalist in four (one with John Russell handling).

Retriever News & Purina Top Amateur Winner, NAFC-FC Texas Troubador in 2015 & FC-AFC Trumarc's L'il Ms Pogo in 2011 - owner/handler

Dottie Metcalf Memorial Trophy Winner, FC-AFC Fenway's Triple Crown in 2011

Women's Challenge Trophy Winner, NAFC-FC Texas Troubador in 2019 & FC-AFC Trumarc's L'il Ms Pogo in 2011

Judged the 2010 NRC in Vicksburg, MS, and judged over 45 total All-Age major stakes

Dedications - 2017 NARC Championship was dedicated to Martha & John Russell, Jr.