

2016

Rick Van Bergen



- Participated at many levels in the NRC and NARC over many years.
 - † Judged NARC in 1991, Steamboat Springs, CO.
 - † NARC field Trial Chairman in 1993, Co-chairman in 2013.
 - † Chief and / or Co-Chief of Marshall's Committee in 1997, 2005 and 2009.
 - † On bird thrower or bird steward committee's starting in 1974.
- President of NARC in 2001
- Served as NARC Officer from 1997-2001
- Owned and trained several titles dogs
- 5 AFC and 2 NC
 - † Qualified 6 different dogs for NARC or NRC.
 - † NARC Finalist 2013.
 - † Currently training and campaigning 3 dogs.
- Judges approximately 80 Major Trials and many Minors.
- Member and Officer of several AKC clubs in MN and ND starting in late 1960's.
- Began competing in AKC trials late 60's - early 70's.
- AKC Delegate mid 1970's. (NDRC)
- Participated in 2 judge's seminars
- Served on Board of Directors for Retriever News from 2001-2011.
- Breeder of Labrador Retrievers since 1970.
 - † Member AKC Breeder of Merit.
- Member of The Labrador Retriever Club since 1970.
- Continues to serve on Boards of Directors of local clubs.
 - † Founding member and contributor of Benton Retriever Grounds (1989.) A trialing and training facility near Princeton, MN.
 - † First CEO of BRG.
 - † Interest in retrievers as a teenager.
 - † Started as a bird boy in the mid 1960's.

Rick continues to serve in a leadership role at several levels in our sport and exemplifies the word integrity in all he does for retriever field trialing.