

# MGDA

The Manitoba Gun Dog Association Newsletter



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## Corner

Tough time putting this newsletter together with the loss of 2 good friends and both were “Lifetime” members of our club.

Trial/Test season will soon be here, I am sure everyone is madly training trying to get their “best friend” in shape for the season, good luck to all.

If you have any suggestions or articles to share please pass them along to either Marilyn or myself.

On the cover: “Arvy”, owned and handled by Judy Andrews at the fall MGDA Hunt Tests.

Send in your pictures for the draw for the next cover.



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**2017 CLUB MEMBERSHIP TIME**

**PLEASE GET YOUR DUES PAID**

## Greetings from the Executive

I hope everyone has had a good winter and been able to get some training in while the weather allowed. So far we've had one informal and we'll try to get more in when the snow/ice conditions are safe again.

We're looking forward to another busy and successful MGDA season which will see us host two field trials, a hunt test, a working certificate and of course the 2017 National Master Hunt Test.

Our club is built and run by volunteers so please be sure to donate your time wherever and however possible. A big thank you goes out to all of you who have already volunteered time for everything from agreeing to be on event committees to creating this newsletter and everything in between. Your commitment to the club is very much appreciated.

As soon as we can get into the grounds we'll be looking for people to help our newly formed grounds committee with opening up the clubhouse for the season. This year, above and beyond the usual, we'll use the National Master's requirements to direct our grounds maintenance/upgrades. We're also making a few technology upgrades; the new website is looking great and has helped attract a few new members already and we're starting to accept e-transfer payments for memberships and at the spring field trial as a test for the system.

On a sad note, I'd like to take a moment to recognize the passing of two long time club members who we have lost in 2017 – Maurice Martel and Charlie Perkins. Our thoughts go out to their families and friends and to the fellow club members who were their training and hunting partners, co-judges, and competitors over the years.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon and wishing you and your dog(s) much success for the upcoming season.



It is with great sorrow that we, the family, announce the sudden passing of our beloved husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa Maurice Martel. He was born on January 7, 1949, in Warroad, MN and passed away Friday, February 10, 2017, surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn (Lehman), his children: Dave (Michelle), Steve (Melody), Joanne Doerksen, Joe (Tiffany) and Kerry; his grandchildren: Marissa (Ryan), Brittany (Bill), Jessica, Brianna, Brooke-Lynne, Brody, Cloe, Ashley, Lexi, Derrick, Avery, Tommy, Gracelyn, Olivia, Owen and Wilder; great-grandchildren: Everett, Quinn and Wyatt. He is also survived by his mother Grace Martel, his siblings: Roger (Lorraine), Denise (Jerry) McFadden, Adele (Ted) Seidler-White, Doug (Gail) Popeil, Loretta (Steve) Wallace, Gloria Nault, Marianne (Darren) Krentz and Jim.

Maurice was predeceased by his father Vezina (Joe) Martel.

Maurice grew up in Middlebro, Manitoba, briefly in Wade, Ontario, and then Giroux, where he remained the rest of his life. He married Evelyn (nee Lehman) in 1968, and soon after began a family, raising three boys (Dave, Steve, and Joe) and two girls (Joanne and Kerry). They were married for nearly 49 years at the time of his passing.

Maurice was well known through his past involvement in the local Knights of Columbus, Seine River Wildlife Association, and the Manitoba Gun Dog Association. He was an avid outdoorsman who spent countless days afield hunting, fishing, trapping, and competitively running his Labrador Retrievers in field trials.

Maurice worked in various forms of construction and welding throughout his working life, building everything from schools and arenas to residential homes. Despite a tough exterior, Maurice was loved and respected by friends and family alike. He enjoyed his final years living near his family and his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Charlie Perkins – April 28, 1939 – March 10, 2017

I would like to thank everyone for the many cards, letters, emails and phone calls expressing sympathy with respect to Charlie's recent passing on the 10th of March, 2017 as well as donations in his memory. Charlie was truly his happiest when he was involved with all aspects of "The Club", the Trials, and the daily training of his dogs. He was, as well, my best friend.

With sincere thanks,  
Arlene Elrick



With great sadness, we announce the passing of Charlie on Friday, March 10, 2017. He is survived and mourned by his long-time partner Arlene; step-son Ryan (Shannon) and his sister, Margaret Perkins. He was predeceased by his parents, Charles and Mary Perkins as well as his wife Dawn in 1989.

Charlie was a well-known and respected member of the Insurance Industry for over 50 years. He was an avid curler, as well as an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman. (That being said, the geese really had nothing to worry about). His greatest passion however, was being involved in the training of his retriever dogs. Charlie spent many happy hours with his beloved "labs", his various training partners and "trailing" friends. He thoroughly enjoyed the spirited competitiveness of the Field Trail Competitions. To this end, Charlie was a Lifetime Member of the Manitoba Gun Dog Association, a member of the Delta Marsh Retriever Club and the Brandon Retriever Club.

A celebration of a life well lived will be announced at a later date

In lieu of flowers, should you wish, donations may be made to the M.G.D.A., c/o 4 MacIntosh Road, Headingley, MB, R4H 1G2 or an Animal Rescue Shelter of your choice.



**Revilo's Ravin' Luna**  
**November 2001 – December 10, 2016**

*By Carly Norris, December 10, 2016*

The absolute best of the best.

My most favourite dog ever and my daddy's favourite companion... at 15, she took the good sleep this weekend.

Our ride or die shotgun girl... I couldn't leave the yard in the truck without her, dad couldn't pull out a shot gun without her....(he couldn't dare go for birds without her, you'd never hear the end of it). Although she'd quieted in her older years, she'd still come rest her head across my neck on the floor when we'd sleep or snuggle.

Dogs aren't all made equal ... and she proved that.

Get that mouse Baby!

## Some photos from the September WC event



## "Fantastic News!" 2017 Master National Hunt Test

**The Manitoba Gun Dog Association has been chosen to host the August 14-18th, 2017 Master National Hunt Test.**

**It is a terrific opportunity to see the best hunting dogs working at the top of their game.**

**It takes a lot of money to cover the operating expenses of our Club, and events such as this give us the opportunity to make that happen. Our Club is renowned for hosting exciting events and it is only with the help of all our members that this is possible.**

**If you are able to donate some of your time to help during this outstanding event, please contact me as soon as possible.**

The National Master Committee

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## GREY CUP POOL WINNERS

Grand Prize Winner - Keith Yetman

\$100.00

Ryan Yackel

Ralph Lynden

Warren Sinclair

Brett Peters

\$50.00

Dave Freudenburg

Mark Hastie

Marilyn Bayrak

\$25.00

Al Barrett

B. Feere

Rob Kuryik

Hugh Marchan

Kathleen Ferguson

Brittain Empson

Karen Wehrle - twice

Keith Yetman

Peter Menge

Lesley Shumilak

Rob Riel

Fred Benjaminson

Leah Dyke

Blake Hasiuk



PERHAPS THE MOST NOBLE OF ALL RESCUE ANIMALS: THE LAVATORY RETRIEVER.

I DONT ALWAYS TALK ABOUT  
DOGS...

Things Dog Handlers Say

SOMETIMES I'M ASLEEP.

# SOME PHOTOS OF TRAINING AND INFORMAL TRIAL



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**MGDA**  
MANITOBA GUN DOG  
ASSOCIATION



## Preserving Working Retrievers Since 1935

The MGDA was originally formed in 1935 by a group of hunters and sportsmen with an interest in training retrievers for waterfowl hunting and competition. Incorporated in 1972, The Manitoba Gun Dog Association Inc. has played an important role in Canadian working retriever history. Today the MGDA has approximately 75 members. The Club hosts two Canadian Kennel Club licensed Field Trials and two CKC licensed Hunt Tests annually. In addition the club provides a number of informal Picnic Trials and Retriever Workshops each year .

<http://www.manitobagundog.com>