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Performance Events Department

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To: **All Clubs Licensed to Hold Retriever Hunting Tests**

Subject: **RETRIEVER HUNTING TEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

This is to inform the Retriever Hunting Test community of a change in the Chairperson of the Retriever Hunting Test Advisory Committee. Bill Teague, who has provided leadership as the Chair of this Committee for nine years, is stepping down and Jack Combs has accepted an offer to serve as the new Chair.

Bill, who proudly hails from Texas, has coordinated the efforts of the Advisory Committee for nine years. His commitment to the program has had a significant influence in addressing the challenges presented by an evolving and successful program. He has reviewed the suggestions submitted by participants, judges and clubs and presented them to the committee for consideration. The Performance Events Department appreciates his dedication to the sport and acknowledges his many contributions.

Jack, who splits his time between Rhode Island and Georgia/Florida, is currently the President of the Master National Retriever Club. His wife Mia is in charge of Public Relations / Communications for the Master Nationals. They clearly have their hands full at the moment with the upcoming event in Cheraw, SC. They are also members of three local clubs. Jack loves the sport, loves training his dogs and is committed to contributing to its future success. The Performance Events Department appreciates his willingness to serve as the Chair of the Advisory Committee.

A listing of the Advisory Committee can always be found on the AKC Retriever Hunting Test [webpage](#) where current members of the [2019 Advisory Committee](#) and their contact information are listed.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Bill for his many years of counsel and guidance. Enjoy the sport and best of luck with your dog.

*This e-mail is being sent to the President and Secretary of all clubs licensed to hold Retriever Hunting Tests. Comments can be e-mailed to the AKC at [huntingtest@akc.org](mailto:huntingtest@akc.org).*