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# KCRC NEWS



Kansas City's own Bill Eckett being congratulated after winning the 2004 National Retriever Championship In Montgomery, Texas with NFC FC AFC Dewev's Drake of Moon River



The Apparent winner of the 2004 Top Derby Dog is "Taylorslab Downtown Dusty Brown" Co-Owned by Fred Brown & Danny Heard. It's not official at this point; however as of press time the score was 72 to 69 for total points.  
Congratulations  
FRED!!

## 2004 K.C.R.C. Officers, Directors, & Committee Members

### Officers

**President:** Dannette Doolittle

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Sandra Anderson

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Ron Batman

**Secretary:** Stephanie Batman

**Treasurer:** Carol Morehouse

### Board of Directors:

**2 Year Directors:** Kip Anderson, Sue George  
Debbie Newton, Eli Reichman

**1 Year Directors:** Susan Lagergren, Mike Westfall,  
Craig Thompson, Phillip Mefford

### Committees:

**Field Trial Steward:** Will Wilbanks

**Field Trial Secretary:** Joanne Wilbanks

**Field Trial Committee:** Stephanie Batman\*, Will Wilbanks,  
Loren Morehouse, Carol Morehouse, Ron Batman, Joanne Wilbanks

**Field Trial Judges Committee:**

**Hunt Test Steward:** Sue George

**Hunt Test Secretary:** Joanne Wilbanks

**Hunt Test Committee:**

**Hunt Test Judges Committee:** Will Wilbanks\*

**Captain of the Guns:** Field Trials – Ron Batman  
Hunt Tests – Phillip Mefford

**Membership Committee:** Dannette Doolittle\*, Sandra Anderson, Debbie Newton, Carol Morehouse

**Budget & Finance:** Carol Morehouse\*, Kip Anderson, Susan Lagergren, Kirk Knight

**Trophies:** Stephanie Batman

**Social Ways & Means:** Stephanie Batman\*, Sandra Anderson

**Historian / Newsletter:** Susan Lagergren

**Sanctioned Trial Judges Committee:** OPEN

**Licensed Events Marshals Committee:** Field Trials: Will Wilbanks\*, Sue George, Susan Lagergren  
Hunt Tests: OPEN

**Emergency Procedures:** OPEN

## New Member

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## 2 LITTERS DUE!!

### **MUDDYWATER RETRIEVERS PRESENTS: REPEAT BREEDING TO THE NEW NATIONAL FIELD CHAMPION!!!!!!**

Drake & Maxie's Pups from 1<sup>st</sup> litter showing strong promise!! Watch for them in the 2005 Derbys!!!

**NFC FC AFC Dewey's Drake of Moon River**  
X

**Maxine's Midnight Pursuit, JH**

Littermate to: FC AFC Comstocks' Bodacious & Max Daddy's Delta Force QAA (2 Open 2nds)

PUPS DUE JANUARY 22, 2005

ALSO!

**AFC Look What Followed Me Home**

Qualified and Ran 8 Nationals

X

**Castilecreeks Misty Morning**

Sire: FC Running With The Devil

2001 Top Derby Dog/Sibling to FC Cosmos Concerto Charlie

Dam: Way Da Go Sky's the Limit MH out of Lean Mac & AFC Candlewoods Oprah Win For Me

PUPS DUE JANUARY 30, 2005

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The Kansas City Retriever Club held It's annual Christmas Party, Saturday December 4, 2004 at the Super 8 Hotel in South Kansas City. Approximately 55-65 members attended. In addition to the normal awarding of club trophies, special awards were given to **Bill Eckett and Fred Brown**. Bill recently won the **National Retriever Championship** in Montgomery, Texas and Fred is the apparent winner of the **2004 Top Derby Dog** award (It's not official at this point). The gathering was a huge success and those of you who were not in attendance missed a marvelous evening. In addition, the nominees for the 2005 board and officers were announced, as well as the auditor's report. The new officers and board members are listed below.

<b>President</b>	<b>Dannette Doolittle</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Phillip Mefford</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Stephanie Batman</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Carol Morehouse</b>
<b>Two Year Directors</b>	<b>Kip Anderson, Debbie Newton</b>
	<b>Loren Morehouse, Mike Westfall</b>
<b>One Year Directors</b>	<b>Susan Lagergren, Becky Eckett</b>
	<b>David Payne</b>

### Puppies For Sale

Contact : Julie Deen at [CHAZD@peoplepc.com](mailto:CHAZD@peoplepc.com) or (816) 415 8790 or Vince Benedetto at [Crazedmom527@netscape.net](mailto:Crazedmom527@netscape.net) or (816) 415-9428

**Puppies Due on Christmas \$500.00**

		NAFC FC AFC The Little Duke Of Fargo OFA 81F BLK
	FC AFC Blackwater Bart II OFA27G BLK	FC AFC Rocky Mountain Star II OFA28 BLK
FC AFC Blackwater Rudy Black OFA Excellent 159.5 All Age Pts. Thru 2002	Little Misty Of Tulsa OFA49G BLK	FC AFC Hiwood Piper Pacer's Pic OFA 28 BLK
FC Barton Creek's Classic Glass Black OFA Good LR-123089 G 24	FC AFC Way-Da- Go- Soul Man OFA24E BLK National Finalist	FC Ebony Comet's Misty BLK
Jaybar's Contrary To Ordinary SH	Westwinds Kirby OFA28G BLK	NFC NAFC FC AFC Candlewood's Super Tanker OFA24
Sadie's Zipparoo Too Black OFA	FC AFC Trumarc's Ziparoo BLK OFA24G	Lakenheath's Zero Gravity OFA24 G BLK
CJ's Shooting Star Black OFA72E(excellent) EYES: LR-37615N/2003-62	Trumarc's Sadie Lady MH	NAFC FC AFC Winsom Cargo OFA 27 BLK
Tara's Rising Star Black OFA37E 17 Derby Pts Qualified All Age	FC Lakes BLK OFA 25G	Westwinds Super Boots OFA 27 BLK
	Laura's Black Tara BLK OFA37 E	FC AFC Trumarc's Zip Code OFA24
		FC AFC Ms Mischief's Magic Marker OFA47 BLK
		FC AFC Trumarc's Hot Pursuit OFA24 BLK
		Simmerdown Shades Of Country OFA33 E
		FC NAFC The Little Duke Of Fargo OFA61 F
		Black Jacks Lucky Star BLK
		FC AFC Crook;s Pork And Beans BLK
		Sprig Alley Rascal BLK

# **A Christmas Story**

**Courtesy of the Kansas City Star  
Friday, December 24, 2004**

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## **Awe accompanies all miracles, and jubilation escorts a special few**

**JOE POSNANSKI**

Sammy had not spoken in a long time. This is a Christmas story, so you know it will have a happy ending, a small miracle even. It also has a dog, a black Lab named Dollar. Many of the best Christmas stories have dogs. Sammy sat in a wheelchair in a hospital. He was a small man, thin and frail, and he wore an old coat that was frayed and threadbare. He shivered as if he were cold — though, as it happens, this story is from autumn, before the winter chill. Sammy stared at the floor, and he looked sad, although no one was quite sure what Sammy was feeling. He would not talk. This is how it can be, at the end. Judy Grant and Dollar walked in. There is a group in town called Pets for Life, and what these folks do — what they have done in Kansas City for 20 years now — is take their dogs (and, occasionally, other pets like cats and birds) and visit people. They visit hospitals and retirement homes and shelters for victims of violence. They visit children who cannot read and families preparing for death and correction centers. Volunteers visit almost every day, and they bring along all sorts of dogs, poodles and Pomeranians and pugs and pekepoos and pointers, pretty much every pedigree of pup you could possibly picture. Judy touched Sammy's shoulder and said, "Dollar came to visit you." His eyes looked far off; the nurses said he had been unresponsive for a long time. Judy did not know anything about Sammy, where he had come from, what he had done in his life, why he was in the hospital. Volunteers don't know. She guessed he was in his 70s. "We got Dollar out of the pound," she told Sammy. He stared off to the wall. In her time as a volunteer, Judy had been amazed at how people responded to Dollar. This is the point of Pets for Life, of course. She had been told about studies that show how much good a dog can do for the elderly and sick and discouraged. There is a heart doctor in town that actually writes "Walk your dog" as a prescription. Still, she was not ready for the way people opened up around Dollar. They all do in some way. With some, it is a hint of a smile or a glint in the eye. Once, she was walking Dollar around a psych unit when suddenly an older man blurted out, "A dog is a man's best friend." She turned around and took Dollar over. He petted the dog and then began to cry. He remembered his own dog from when he was young.

"I'm sorry," Judy said. "We don't want to make you sad."

"No," the man said. "It's not sad. I just remember."

All Pets for Life volunteers have stories like this — stories about Alzheimer's patients who always remember the name of the dog, children who learn their letters by reading to puppies and so on. One tells of a stroke victim who first used her arm to pet her dog. There's one of an elderly woman who talked in gibberish for three years every time the volunteer came by. Never understood a word. Then one day, the woman looked up and said, "Thank you for visiting." Then she looked at the dog and said, "You're my sweetheart." Judy was not getting through to Sammy, though. So she had Dollar do a few tricks — shake hands, lie down, all the classics. Suddenly, he was enthralled. He watched closely. Judy asked Sammy if he wanted a treat for Dollar. He nodded.

The nurses were almost in tears.

Judy gave him a little treat. He gave it to Dollar.

He wanted another. These were small treats, the size of peas, and Dollar is a big dog, 80 pounds or so. She gave him the treat. He gave it to Dollar.

He put out his hand for another. Judy gave it to him.

And then, the miracle happened. Judy will never forget it. Sammy spoke.

"How come you're so (expletive) stingy with your treats?" he asked.

*For information on Pets for Life, visit the Web site at [www.kcpetsforlife.com](http://www.kcpetsforlife.com) or call (816) 363-3665.*

*Pictures From the 2004 Christmas Party*

