

North American Grand Championship Performance Trials



Masters of Foxhound Association of America

November 4th – 7th, 2018

Fitzpatrick, Alabama

August 1, 2018

Dear Friends of Foxhunting,

We are proud to announce the inaugural North American Grand Championship Performance Trial being held November 4th through the 7th, 2018 in Fitzpatrick Alabama. This Trial will rival the Great Hound Trial of 1905 and the original Hardaway Trial to take its place in the annals of North American sporting history.

We will be hunting the hallowed ground of Fitzpatrick, Alabama, the birthplace of the Mounted Hunting Performance Trials. The forerunner of this endeavor began in 1996 as a competition for the Hardaway Crossbreds. Ben Hardaway's popularity and success in hound breeding made it a great success and set a sound template for competing high performance hounds. This Grand Championship will continue those ideals by including the best hounds hunting this continent today through the same legendary country.

Epp Wilson, MFH spearheaded the Hark Forward performance trials drawing thirty-six couple of hounds from 37 hunts across North America qualified for this historic event. Twelve qualifier performance trials were run during the 2017-18 season to assure this trial will have the best hunting hounds from across the continent, Canada to Florida and California to New York, competing for Grand Champion. There will be a premier field of honored benefactors in the forefront, followed by a field of volunteers, landowners, and qualifying hunt participants. What is sure is that all will be in the hunt and part of the history being made.

Become a Benefactor of this historic event. This is the time to take your place among many great names in foxhunting history, see old friends and make new ones. The southern hospitality will be unparalleled. From the hunt breakfasts, dinner parties, calcutta and hound show to the legendary hunting, the entire experience will exude the jovial sporting comradery famous at High Log Lodge and the Fitzpatrick hunting country.

Benefactors will also be building a legacy for the future of our sport as the proceeds are dedicated the Masters of Foxhounds Headquarters and Museum currently under construction in Middleburg ,VA. This legacy will create a public platform to promote and educate others about our sport. Benefactors will be listed on the Donor recognition plaques to be displayed at the new headquarters.

Benefactors will ride in a premier field for the fee of \$5000 paid to the Masters of Foxhound Association Foundation. \$4000 of this is tax deductible. Benefits of being a Benefactor include all events for one person, stabling for two horses, and six meals over the event. Only benefactors are eligible to ride in the Premier Field. Each benefactor can bring two guests at an additional \$250 per person plus stabling if needed, For those arriving early, there is the option of attending the Callaway Gardens Steeplechase in Pine Mountain, GA on November 3rd.

Due to size restrictions, only benefactors and their guests, qualifying hunts, volunteers, and landowners will be invited to participate in the Grand Championship. There are few opportunities to become part of sporting history. Now is the time to be part of this hound challenge while leaving a legacy to the future of the sport.

Fee details and chedule of events are attached.

Mason Lampton, MFH
Field Trial Host

Patrick A. Leahy, MFH
President, MFHA



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Benefactor Fees and Details

There are only two ways to be part of the historic event one is as qualifying hunt and the other is as Hunt Benefactors. Benefactors do not have to be members of a qualifying hunt.

MFHA Benefactors- \$5000 (\$4000 of this is tax deductible through the MFHA Foundation.) To include:

- A position in the forefront Premier Field made up of Benefactors and their guests only.
- \$4000 will be credited as a tax deductible donation to the Foundation to support the Headquarters project and your name will be included on the Donor plaques at the Headquarters.
- Three Dinners and Three Lunches for 1 participant.
- Two Stalls with bedding. Additional stalls available at \$150.
- Benefactors may invite two additional guests at \$250 per person plus stabling.

Accommodations – Fees do not include accommodations. See list of lodges and hotels.

Registration Must be Completed by October 1, 2018.

Checks should be made to the MFHA Foundation.

**Mail check & registration to: MFHA Foundation
P.O. Box 363
Millwood, VA 22646**

Please call the MFHA Office if you have any questions 540-955-5680.



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Benefactor Registration Form

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Benefactors receive a position in the forefront Premier Field made up of Benefactors and their guests only. \$4000 will be credited as a tax deductible donation to the Foundation to support the Headquarters Project and your name will be included on the donor plaques at the Headquarters. Guest Fees are not tax deductible. There are three dinners and three lunches for each Participant. Benefactor fee includes two stalls with bedding. Additional stalls available at \$150 each. Benefactors may invite two additional guests at \$150 per person plus stabling.

Name	Fee	Total
Benefactor _____	\$5,000	_____
Guest 1. _____	\$ 250	_____
Guest 2 _____	\$ 250	_____
Total Participant Fees		_____

Each Benefactor Recieves two stalls with their Package.
Additional Stalls for Benefactor Guests can be reserved.
Guest Stabling - \$150 includes Stall and Bedding

Guest Stalls will be labeled under benefactor Name.	# of Stalls	Fee Per	Total
Guest Stalls _____		\$ 150	_____
Total Stall Fees			_____

Total Fees	Total Participant Fees	_____
	Total Stall Fees	_____
	Total	_____

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Schedule of Events

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Saturday Nov. 3rd

Callaway Gardens Steeple Chase -Optional- Not Included in Fee / Contact Mason Lampton for details.)

Sunday Nov. 4th

Arrive and settle in horses. (Tented stalls located in the hunt country are available but must be reserved. \$150 per stall covers the entire event.)

Monday Nov. 5th

Hounds will be Numbered at Hark Forward Tent Village (Off Hwy 7.) Lunch at Hark Forward Tent Village.

4:00 p.m. CST: Performance Trial Hound Show at Foxpatrick, Moore Rd. Fitzpatrick AL (Dog, Bitch, and Championship Classes.)

5:00 p.m. CST: Hound Calcutta (40% going to MFHA.) The Grand Champion Hound will determine the auction winner. Drinks and Dinner to follow at Foxpatrick.

Tuesday Nov. 6th

Hunt from Rutlands at 8:00 am CST. Trial Hunts last 3 Hours. Lunch following. 7 p.m. CST Celebration at High Log Lodge. Hosted by Masters of Midland Foxhounds Chicken Drop (Bring some cash to join in the fun.)

Wednesday Nov. 7th

Hunt from Hark Forward Tents at 8:00 am CST. Lunch, Awards, and Closing Ceremony to Follow.



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Lodging

Lodging Arrangements are not included in the fees and should be made individually. Please make your arrangements as soon as possible as Blocked Rooms will be released after dates indicated.

LODGES Lodges are Located near the Meet

Bucktrails at Sweetwater Reserve, 1139 Old Union Road, Fitzpatrick, Alabama
4 Rooms at Lodge, 3-4 rooms at motel. Pool available between both places.
\$100/night
Contact: (334) 320-8957 Ashley Durie

Pop-A-Top Lodge, County Road 7, Fitzpatrick, Alabama
\$75 per person – 4 private rooms available with baths
Contact: Rocky Griffith, www.facebook.com/PopATop-Lodge-367674973310273/
(850) 974-7143

Two Bedroom Cottage, 6390 County Road 37, Mathews, Alabama
Contact: Airbnb Website - www.airbnb.com/rooms/20208708?s=51
\$110 per night

Dream Field Farm, 6376 US Highway 82, Fitzpatrick, Alabama 36029
info@dreamfieldfarms.com or (334) 534-6976
<http://www.dreamfieldfarms.com/the-cabins---dream-field-farms.html>
Rent a room or an entire cabin. A private Master Bedroom suite with bath for \$100/night. A whole cabin includes 3 masters, three baths plus a sleeping loft for 8, full kitchen and front porch for \$300 night. There are 3 cabins.

Hotel lodging continued next page.

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HOTELS: Hotels are approximate 30 Minutes from Meet.

Holiday Inn Express, 9250 Boyd-Cooper Parkway, Montgomery, Alabama
(334) 271-5516 Hark Forward Performance Trial Room Block – 10 King Rooms Reserved, Must be booked before October 18th
\$99 per night

Sleep Inn & Suites, 10150 Chantilly Parkway, Montgomery, Alabama
(334) 356-5400 Hark Forward Performance Trial Room Block – 10 King Rooms Reserved, Must be booked before October 15th
\$71.10 per night

Comfort Inn & Suites, 10015 Chantilly Parkway, Montgomery, Alabama
(334) 532-4444 Hark Forward Performance Trial Room Block – 10 King Rooms Reserved, Must be booked before October 3rd
\$99 per night

Fairfield Inn & Suites, 8970 East Chase Parkway, Montgomery, Alabama
(334) 260-8650 - No room block reserved

Country Inn & Suites, 10095 Chantilly Parkway, Montgomery, Alabama
(334) 277-4142 - No room block reserved

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham Montgomery, 100 Gibbons Drive, Montgomery, Alabama
(334) 649-4465 – No room block reserved

Homewood Suites by Hilton, 7800 East Chase Pkwy, Montgomery, Alabama
(334) 277-9383 – No room block reserved

Candlewood Suites East Chase, 9151 Boyd-Cooper Pkwy, Montgomery, AL
(334) 277-0677 – No room block reserved.