



Early August morning Master Test set-up by Dianne Clark and Sunny Freeman

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From the Prez.....

Fall has arrived with brilliant tree colors, rain and blustery winds wrapping up our Club events. I hope everyone has been able to get out and enjoy the gorgeous colors either with a day hunt, hike or other outing. We are starting to plan next years Hunt Test events and have both volunteer and committee opportunities for those interested.

During our October meeting we decided to launch a new fund-raising committee. The selection process for this committee, the nomination committee, (Club Treasurer opening), and Judges committee, will commence in November.

If you have interest in either serving on a committee or filling a board position, please contact Jean Fowler at fernhaven@comcas.net. We will post the Spring and Fall 2022 Hunt Test dates on Entry Express soon to assist with your spring and summer planning.

We plan to host our annual Awards Banquet in February of 2022 where dogs and handlers will be recognized for their accomplishments as well as recognizing the RHRC Member of the Year and President's Award. In addition your 2022 Officers will be elected. It is always fun to celebrate the accomplishments you and your dog have achieved in the previous year. We will be requesting all who attend the banquet to follow State Covid guidelines that we will review in January. We will continue to look for a suitable location to hold the banquet and if you have any suggestions, please let us know asap.

We continue to welcome your ideas and recommendations to improve our hunt test experience. Visit the RHRC website at www.rainierhrc.com for club information or to offer any comments or suggestions for seminars or other related events.

I hope this message continues to find you and your families well.

Best to you and yours, *Betsy*, RHRC President



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First Aid Seminar A Success!!!

Cascade Retrievers Hosted a Canine in the Field First Aid Seminar on September 11th at Jerry's Place in Monroe, WA . This was presented by Dr Anders Thoreson of Klahaya Animal Hospital. Dr Ander's started off with a Power Point presentation then responded to any questions both during the Power Point and at the end of the seminar. We discussed some of the most common field emergencies, and some emergencies that were not as common.



Some of the issues that Dr. Anders addressed were:

Bloat - what to look for and what you can do until you are able to get medical attention.

Foods containing Grain vs Grain Free foods.

Insect bites – Use Benadryl for all insect bites including bee stings.

Snake bites – if from a poisonous snake – get help ASAP. Rattlesnake vaccines are not typically in stock in Western Washington however it can be ordered.

Porcupine quills

Skunk attacks

Heat Exhaustion was discussed including how to notice if your dog is suffering from heat exhaustion and what to do. It needs to be treated as soon as possible. Dr. Anders indicated that the most effective areas to cool down a dog are the foot pads and genital areas.



First aid kits are a “Must Have”. Dr Anders encouraged everyone to ask their own personal vet what items they recommend to be included in your first aid kit.

There was also a raffle with all proceeds divided between RHRC, PSLRA, and EGRC. The participation from the audience and topics made this a very worthwhile seminar to attend.

Submitted by *Dianne Clark*

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Judging the 2021 Master National by Susan Bell



I have been judging for over 20 years so of course I thought about judging the Master National (MN). I was on the ballot several times that chose the yearly judges but was never picked. So, that thought was far from my mind when Patty Polish called last summer and asked if I would be OK with judging if they needed to add an extra flight due to more than anticipated dogs being entered. Entries opened in August and I entered Betty thinking that Valley County, Idaho was not going to get over 800 dogs. Well, that number just kept climbing and Patty called me in August after the event entry period closed asking if I was still up for the task. Of course, I said yes and then called Frank Barton (MN test secretary) to scratch my dog.

I was surprised to hear that I didn't have to and that the MN was trying an experiment. They had been having issues finding enough judges since if you were judging, your dog could not run. Even though judge's dogs were given an automatic pass for the event, that was still not enough enticement for qualified judges to agree to judge the event. The MN board wanted to see if their new idea of "Pods" would work. A "Pod" is an area of land that has room to do a land, land water and a water series plus have sufficient parking space. This makes it very easy on the competitors as they don't have to drive from site to site which saves time.

I worked on 2 Pods with several other judges. The trainer that was running my dog could not run on the Pods I worked on or even seen. The MN board felt that this would allay fears that a judge could influence tests in their own dog's favor.

I arrived in McCall Idaho on Friday evening, Sept 24th. At dinner we were told that we would be divided up into teams and would go out to specified land and water to set up tests. Each group was made up of 3-4 judges We worked Sat and Sun setting up our 2 pods. Each pod had a Land test triple with a double blind and an honor; a Land water triple



The land where the Master National tests were held.

walkup with a water blind and a Water triple. I was in a group of 4 (all from the west) and we worked well together. Monday, we joined up with another group of four and started running our tests and

their tests with dogs. It was unfortunate that we didn't have flyers, but it was what it was.

It was both an exciting and a humbling experience. Teamwork prevailed and our expanded group set up some good tests. We also had classroom activities due to snow outside and continued going over the proposed tests. We discussed consistency and we agreed on rules that would be sent to the handlers. Jimmy O. (one of the judges) was noticeably sick by this time and was not able to join us when we went back out on Wednesday to finish setting up and



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proofing the tests. By Friday he was in the hospital. All of us were tested for Covid and asked to provide our vaccination certificates. Three judges were not vaccinated and were excused from further participation. The start of the Master National was postponed to Sunday (from a planned Saturday start) while four qualified judges who could step in and take over were located.

Saturday, I was out at the test site where I would be judging at with my Co-Judge, Mark Schlender. We spent time along with our Marshal Chuck Strange and several boys from the Triumph organization (it works with troubled youth). I can't say enough about Mark. He was the best Co-Judge I have ever had. The commitment to fairness and safety were in perfect tune with my beliefs and our pairing helped reduce the stress of the responsibility that this judging assignment entails. It is a whole different ball game than our weekend tests. Feelings run higher, nerves abound, and calmness is key to maintaining focus.

Nerves do not bother me on a weekend test. However, I was nervous when the Master National tests actually started. The way the MN is run is a bit different than a weekend test, the judges do not have to signal the gunners, they just release the working dog and honor dog (if needed). Covid protocols meant we didn't have to handle the birds unless there was a question about its condition. We concentrated on watching the dogs do their work and diagramming it (essential that these drawings were an accurate reflection of the dogs' work for at the end of the day when we were going over it and in case of a question by the handler). Please don't think this was easy. It was long days and evenings (because we had to go over all the dogs that had run that day. You stay on

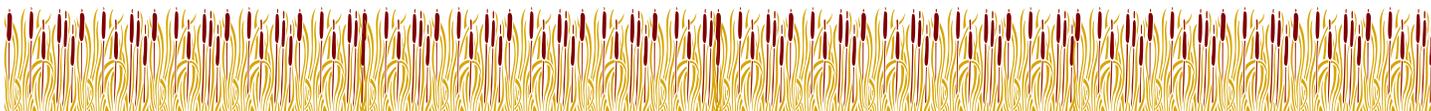
top of this or become confused from too much to remember). There were 160 dogs entered in Flight E which we judged. There were 13 scratches so that left only 147 dogs to evaluate! It was not a piece of cake!



The responsibility was enormous. The tests have to be fair and doable but challenging. Even more important; safe for the dogs and handlers. The more dogs running over an area, the more you have to be aware of. And then there is the weather to consider. We were lucky in that it wasn't too hot or cold and that the snow held off. That would have been miserable to run a big test in.

It was interesting that we never felt tired while the dogs were working however, exhaustion would hit in the evening when we were going over the day's work dog by dog. Eating just sort of happened when it could be fitted in.

Thank goodness both Mark and I had consulted former MN judges and worked during a set up or two at previous Master Nationals, so we had a pretty good idea of what to expect. It was an endurance event--for us, the dogs and their handlers. The dogs and handlers were so good. Having been at every Master National since 2014 and 2 Master Amateurs, it was amazing to see the level of difficulty today and how easy these teams of dog and handler made it look. Mind boggling. It was an experience of a lifetime.



Congratulations

The Following Dogs Qualified for the 2021 Master National that was held in McCall, Idaho September 30—October 10 . **Bold** Indicates Dogs who were Entered **Bold/Italics** Indicates Dogs who were Entered and Qualified



Autumn's Don't Look Down MH – Katie Quarles

Autumn's Klondike Kate MH – Tom Quarles

Autumn's Ruffcut Diamond At Fernhaven MH – Jean Fowler

Boogie Jean's Happy Here and Now MH – Sue Meyring

Brassfire's Its5oclocksomewhere MH – Chris Braswell

Cascade Ranges High Hunts Low MH – Colin Ching

Cascade's Handle At Your Own Risk MH – Colin Ching

CH Fynder Never Cry Wolf MH SHU TKN – Christine Robertson

Ireland Farms Dutchess Of Stormy Mtn MH – Kevin Medved

Island Acres Bronco Betty MH – Susan Bell

Justin Time Salty Margarita MH MNH – Dianne Clark/Randy Clark

Obsidian Corinna Corinna MH – Katie Mearns/Robert Mearns

Rattlin Ridge's Willin O Ranmar MH – Randy Clark/Dianne Clark

Skyriver's Mr Winston Goes The Distance MH – Kevin Medved

The Captain's Vincent Rolls Like Lightnin' MH – Liz Gibson/Mark Keen

Topgun Have A Little Faith MH – William Woll



We are delighted to brag about our boy “The Captain’s Vincent Rolls Like Lightnin’ MH”. For the first time, at 10 years old, Vincent headed to the MN’s in Idaho and received a pewter plate, duck band and ribbon for his endeavors! We are so proud of him passing, and want to thank Brooke Van deBrake Jr for his hard work and dedication getting our chocolate boy to the goal! ~Liz and Mark



Farley is the first Irish Water Spaniel to qualify at a Master National. My Nike was the first IWS to run in the MN in Minnesota in 2008 along with her half-sister Nova (Farley's granddam). Neither dog qualified. Nike went on to run in the MN in Texas in 2009 and in California in 2010 but did not qualify in either. She died of cancer six months after her last MN. This is Farley's first time qualifying for and running in the MN and I hope not his last. A big thank you to Bucko Van deBrake Jr of Conway Kennels for training and running Farley in Idaho! ~Christine

Congratulations



Bill Woll and Faith celebrating at the 2021 Master National in McCall, Idaho.



Jean Fowler and Lucy who qualified at her second Master National.



Colin Ching's Cade and Danger (2.5 years old!) scored at the Master National.



Congratulations to "Sis" Addison Pelan and to Randy Clark for earning not only a JR title but a SR title on the same weekend! Sis is the Granddaughter of Randy and Dianne Clark.



Congratulations



Master National Awards were presented by flight under cover of a hay barn and out of the back of a pickup and a dog truck! How fitting!
Photo by Bill Woll



Randy Clark celebrates with BA Alice. As a team in Flight B, Alice not only had a clean run with no handles, she earned her second Master National Pass.



The Master National was a Family Affair for Tom/ Katie Quarles of Autumn Retrievers. Daddy "Trigger" from Utah and his three daughters, (L—R) Dolly (owned by Yvonne Becker), Kitty (owned by Tom Quarles) and Lucy (owned by Chuck/Jean Fowler) all Qualified! Trigger, Dolly and Kitty ran in Flight D and Lucy ran in Flight B.



Tom and Katie Quarles celebrate Kitty's qualification at the 2021 Master National.



A Handler's Perspective of the 2021 Master National by Bill Woll



This year's Master National was the largest ever, with over 1,100 dogs entered from all over the US (and usually some from Canada). Although last year's event was cancelled due to COVID-19, this year the event was held with accommodations for on-going concerns regarding Covid and all participants' safety.

This was my ninth Master National and the first time I have only run 4 tests verses the usual 5 or 6 tests. This was due to the delayed start and time constraints for all flights to complete the same number of tests. It was a great event again this year despite the COVID related changes which minimized social activities. The experience to compete and meet people from around the country (if even in your own flight) and to see these outstanding dogs perform at the highest levels is simply an amazing and fun experience. The test grounds were some of the most scenic ever, with beautiful mountain back drops surrounding the various valley ranches with stream and ponds reflecting the beautiful fall colors!

Major changes this year included no large group gatherings for the opening ceremony, Starting Dog # selection, Judges pairings, Handler's meetings, etc. Instead, these activities were held via Facebook Live and/or posted on the Master National website, or sent via text messaging. These communications worked very well and I think MNRC did an excellent job of communicating with so many people over the course of a couple of weeks with updates and information. However, without the big social gatherings I think that people may not appreciate the enormity of this event and the tremendous amount of planning and work necessary to hold it! If it was your first time attending,

I believe you could easily not appreciate the scale of the event since you basically stayed within your

flight of approx. 160 dogs. Handler's registration was scheduled at specific time slots by Flight to allow for social distancing and this approach was also used at the end of the event for Plates & Ribbon ceremonies which were held by Flight. In my opinion this worked well and I believe some of the modifications used this year will potentially carryover to future years so that they can better accommodate the size and growth of Master Nationals going forward.

On Thursday, prior to opening ceremonies, it was announced that the start of the test would be delayed from Saturday until Sunday because 4 judges had to be replaced due to Covid/medical concerns. This delay increased the demand for local training grounds that were assigned through a random drawing – property draw. This year's property draw was the largest I have experienced since attending Master Nationals.



Once the event was under way (starting on Sunday, October 3), everything ran smoothly. The weather was cool in the mornings with temps in the mid 20's, but once the sun was up by mid-morning, people began shedding their layers and by afternoon were down to shorts and tee shirts. Until Wednesday, daytime temperatures ran in the mid-60's. Rain moved in Thursday with some light showers in the AM for a couple of hours, with a steady rain starting again on Friday AM. The temperatures were perfect for running the dogs all week long!

Next years MN will be held in eastern Washington so get training so that you and your dog can qualify!

RHRC Board Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021

Zoom Meeting@6–7 PM



Attendance: Betsy Reali, Doug Gallucci, Jean Fowler, Liz Gibson, Susan Bell, Cat Martini-Rashid, Bill Woll, Eric Marek. Absent: Sue Meyring, Dianne Clark

President Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Minutes from the September meeting were approved as written.

Treasury Report: Sue Meyring was absent however there should be little change from the September report with about \$13,000 in the Rainier account.

Master National Debrief: Several board members spoke about their experiences at the 2021 Master National held in McCall, Idaho. Many RHRC members attended the event. Prior to the opening ceremonies, 4 of the 14 judges had to be replaced due to medical issues (Covid) and this delayed the start from Saturday, October 2 to Sunday, October 3. Given the number of dogs under judgement and the shortened time for the event, only 4 series could be completed rather than the 5 – 6 usually presented. Closing ceremonies were held on Friday, October 8 and Saturday, October 9. Weather was good (clear/cold) for the most part with a little rain on the last two days. RHRC member, Susan Bell, served as a judge at the event and shared that she saw a “lot of good dog work”. Next year’s MN will be held in Eastern Washington and a lot of help is going to be needed to support the event. Contact Susan, Mike Colson or Katie Williams if you can volunteer.

Three Boom Guns were purchased for \$650 at the Master National Auction. Hopefully the Tri-Club will approve sharing the cost of this equipment. It would mean an increase of \$20 for EGRC and \$40 for PSLRA/RHRC for Auction Boom Guns – 3 purchased @ \$650 (\$550 pre-approved via email). Tri club will probably approve purchase.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED): After a discussion regarding the merits of renting/buying this equipment and the fact that we really need one at every stake, the issue was tabled due to additional research needed. The Board will resolve this issue before May.

First Aid Seminar: Dianne Clark will be contributing an article for the newsletter on the material covered during the seminar. Proceeds from the seminar will be split between RHRC, PSLRA and EGRC.

Gary Abbot Photography: Gary plans to contribute a portion of the proceeds from the sale of photos taken at the RHRC August Test, to RHRC. He received 5 photo orders.

Old Business

Grievance Follow-up: President Betsy followed up on concerns raised at the September Board meeting. She requested that the goals of RHRC be moved closer to the front of the club newsletter.

Tri Club Meeting Planning: A meeting between RHRC, PSLRA and EGRC has been postponed to November due to many members either hunting or attending the Master National in Idaho. Items to be addressed at the meeting include:

**Pre-Purchased Items by RHRC (request to share costs):

✓Field First Aid Kits: \$383.30

✓Gas Canisters: \$85.68

✓Boom Guns: 3 Guns Purchased by RHRC at the Master National Auction for \$650.

Pre-approved expenditure by Tri-Club was \$550. If agreed, EGRC would owe an additional \$20, PSLRA and RHRC would owe \$40 (each).

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RHRC October 12th Board Meeting Minutes-continued



**Proposed Expenditures:

- ✓ Automated External Defibrillator (AED): Need discussion on renting vs purchasing. Cost estimate is \$1500/AED. We would need a minimum of 3 to be safe.
- ✓ Event Canopy: Cost estimate \$120 - \$150

Event Birds: Wendy will still be available to provide birds for 2022. Price has not been determined.

HRT Dates: Dianne will post our 2020 Hunt Test Dates on Entry Express.

Open Board positions 2022: Treasurer, Member at Large. Jean will ask for recommendations/volunteers in next newsletter. The nomination committee will be appointed at the November board meeting per RHRC bylaws.

Annual Banquet: Liz Gibson will contact Liz Skillingstad to see if she will work with the Tacoma Yacht Club to establish cost/availability in 2022.

2022 Event Judges/HRT Secretary: Members have submitted names of individuals they would like to see

as judges for RHRC hunt tests. Three RHRC members are asked to serve on a judge selection committee: Bill Wohl, Susan Bell, Dianne Clark. They are asked to report back to the Board at the November Board meeting. Cat Martini-Rashid volunteered to help with the HRT Secretary job. Susan volunteered to mentor her.

New Business

Sunshine Committee: Dianne Clark will send cards to club member, Katie Mearns, for the loss of Golda, MH and a get-well card to club member, Lee Redd, who had an accident at home.

Fund Raising Ideas: Bill Woll recommends that we hold another raffle at our August HRT and would like to see RHRC have a fund-raising committee. There was a motion to appoint a Fund-Raising Committee that was seconded and passed. Appointments will be made soon.

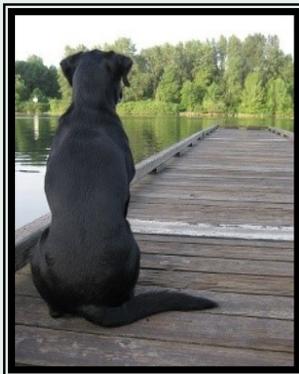
The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Jean Fowler, RHRC Secretary



A beautiful fall day in McCall, ID. This is the Robert's Ranch where Flight B, 2021 Master National was held..

Chase Away K9 Cancer



Many of us have lost our four legged companions to canine cancer and many are currently fighting this disease.

ChaseAway K9 Cancer has partnered with The National Canine Cancer Foundation (NCCF). ChaseAway is a designated fund within the NCCF, a nationwide, contribution funded, 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to eliminating Cancer as a major health issue in dogs by funding grants directly to Cancer researchers who are working to save lives, find cures, better treatments and accurate, cost effective diagnostic methods in dealing with canine Cancer.

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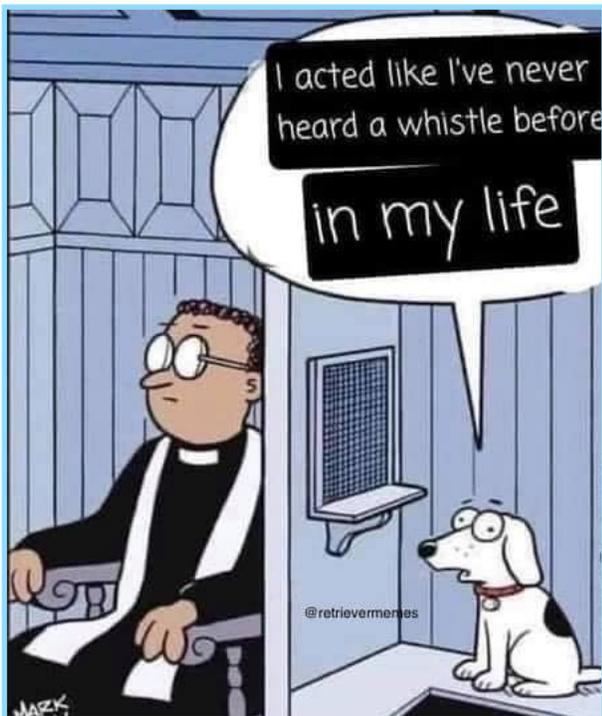
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A Ray of Sunshine In Times of Need

The Rainier Hunting Retriever Club is a community of support and love for anyone who is ill, who may have lost a beloved relative, pet, or is in need in any other way.

Please contact Dianne Clark if you, or someone you know, could use a helping hand, phone call or other support. You can reach Dianne at: 360-568-3368 (home), 425-299-4252 (cell) or dianneclark@comcast.net

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<p>CANINE CANCER CHECK Use these pictures to help you check every area. Start with the tip of their nose, and work your way to the tip of their tail. For the greatest potential for success, conduct the exam in a familiar environment where your pet is not easily distracted. For example, avoid the time of day the UPS gal makes deliveries, or at dinner time. It might be a good idea to make a body chart: Using a simple outline, note any points of concern in each area. This will help identify when something changes. *Please be sure to do a K9 cancer check of your dog once a month.</p>	
<p>NOSE/MUZZLE: Check the nose for lesions, debris or excessive drainage and take note of whether it is wet or dry. (Your pet's nose will not always be wet, it will typically vary from moist to dry throughout the day.) Check for symmetry of the nose and note any differences from one side to the other.</p>	
<p>MOUTH: Check inside the pet's mouth for lesions, swelling, and bad breath. Their gums should be pink, their teeth free of tartar and plaque. Check the tongue and underneath it. Pay special attention to the gums and the roof of the mouth for symmetry or any obvious masses. Pay attention to the normal ridges and ensure that there is no difference from one side from the other. Not all animals are comfortable with checking their mouth. Take it slow if this is the first time working in their mouth (and while you are there, go ahead and give their teeth their weekly brushing - a healthy mouth ensures a healthy pet!)</p>	
<p>SKIN: Brush back the hair and look at the skin and coat. Check for excessive flakiness, lumps and bumps. Pay special attention to either side of the spinal cord. Make note of the normal color of the skin. Note any changes in skin color including darker or red spots.</p>	
<p>LEGS: Check for heat, bumps and swelling and test the range of motion of the joints. All joints should move freely with no discomfort to the pet.</p>	
<p>UNDERBELLY: Gently palpate the belly to look for lumps and notice if your pet seems to experience discomfort or pain. Note any bumps, lumps and sensitive areas over the skin. Examine your pet regularly to determine what is normal so you can determine when there are changes.</p>	
<p>EYES: Take a look to see whether there is abnormal eye discharge (each pet has different eye weeping. Pay attention to what is normal for your pet and make note when it increases or decreases.) Check the symmetry between both eyes - consider shape, color, discharge, and active movement. Observe all parts of the eye including the whites of their eyes. Note any change in color including increased redness or graying.</p>	
<p>JAWLINE: checking outside the mouth, the jaw line should maintains a consistent texture along the entire length of the jaw with no sensitivity to touch and is the same on both sides of the mouth.</p>	
<p>EARS: Check the ears for any abnormal swellings, debris, and odor.</p>	
<p>TORSO: Evaluate muscle tone and weight. Note any changes. If your animal is overweight, work to address the issue. Carrying excessive weight can be very harmful to their overall health.</p>	
<p>FEET: Look at the claws and the pads of their feet, there should be no debris between their toes and should be fairly symmetrical to the alternate side. Examine the nail bed for any abnormal masses or discoloration. Note excessive heat in the paws. Take note to determine what is normal for your pet.</p>	
<p>ANUS: Also examine your pet's anus for cleanliness, uniformity and a consistent color.</p>	



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October 31st is Halloween. Cancer is scary. Do A Pup Check to Chase Away K9 Cancer. Early detection may affect prognosis and treatment!

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Trick or Treat—Happy Halloween!

