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## ETRC NEWSLETTER

## ETRC UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

ETRC Semi-Annual Picnic/General Membership Meeting  
Saturday, August 11

SATURDAY, August 11 ETRC will host our annual picnic and general membership meeting from 4 PM to 9 PM at the Pearson Springs Park Pavilion, 1467 Montvale Station Rd, Maryville, TN 37803. The club is furnishing hamburgers, hot dogs, and buns. The grill will fire up at 6 PM. We need a volunteer to handle the charcoal grill. There are 10 tables with benches in the shade. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. Please RSVP to Patti Gibson, Event Chairman, at holstonview@bellsouth.net or phone her at 865-356-8834 so we will know how much meat to buy. At 7 PM we will hold a general membership meeting to discuss the upcoming Fall club trial, the September 29-30 AKC Fall Hunt Test, the Master National in Alabama, and new member applications. We encourage all members to attend to help plan the Fall schedule, and enjoy the good food and fellowship. DIRECTIONS: From Knoxville take Alcoa Hwy past the airport and stay on 129 By-Pass as if you are going to Fontana. Go past Foothills Mall onto Hwy 411 South and turn at the 1st left. Take a left at the 4-Way Stop and go to Best Road, then turn right. Go to next Stop sign at Montvale Station Rd and turn right, you will then turn right into Pearson Springs Park.

## ETRC Fall Club Trial-Chota Refuge-September 22

The ETRC Fall Club Trial will be held at Chota Wildlife Refuge, Citico Road, Vonore, TN by permission of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. The event will begin at 8 AM. Thawed ducks will be thrown in the stakes, except bumpers will be thrown for puppies under one year of age. Club trials are practice sessions held in preparation for entering the AKC Hunting Tests. Help and assistance will be available for new members. No e-collars or training aids permitted in ETRC club trials. Points earned for passing each stake will count toward Gun Dog of the Year and Puppy of the Year awards. Stakes will be Singles Classic, Master, Senior, Junior and Puppy. Master and Senior dogs will run the same setup and the Junior stake will be separate. Each event entered is \$10.00 except puppy stakes cost \$5.00. Bring a chair, water, and your lunch. DIRECTIONS: Take Hwy 411 South of Maryville 20 miles to red light in Vonore, TN. Turn left on Hwy 360 and go 8.2 miles to split intersection and a large bridge. Take the left fork onto Citico Road. Go five miles to Chota Refuge sign on left. Go 1/2 mile into center of refuge. For further information contact Brent McCoy, President 423-240-8023 or Roberta Williams, Hunt Test Secretary, Cell 865-680-1388.

## FALL AKC Hunt Test, Birchwood, TN September 29-30

The ETRC Fall AKC Hunting Test will be held on September 29-30 at the Hiwassee Refuge, Birchwood, TN. The stakes are a single Master, and a double Junior and Senior. The event is AKC approved but the judging assignments have not been finalized. We have received notice from the Sunbright High School football team that they will not be the birdboy group for the Fall event. Their parents were unhappy with the extreme heat and resulting sunburn of the kids at the May test. If anyone knows of a youth group who would like to make \$3000 for the weekend work please contact Brent McCoy, President.

## CALENDAR

PICNIC AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MTG	August 11
ETRC FALL CLUB TRIAL	Sept 22
AKC FALL HUNTING TEST BIRCHWOOD, TN	SEPT 29-
2012 MASTER NATIONAL GREENSBORO AL	OCT 19-28

## 2012 AKC Fall Hunt Test

September 29-30, 2012  
Hiwassee Refuge  
Blythes Ferry WMA  
Birchwood, Tennessee  
Approved Event

## NEW TRAINING GROUNDS— ROANE ALLIANCE INDUSTRIAL PARK —LENOIR CITY, TN

ETRC and the Industrial Board of the County of Roane have signed a use agreement for a 400+acre tract (aka Roane Alliance) with one 1.1 acre pond (owned by members Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce) to be used by the club for training retrievers. Rules of use were established at the ETRC Board meeting on July 8. The following general guidelines were agreed to: 1. ETRC users shall not damage the grounds or trees, 2. ETRC users shall not erect any structures, except canopies. 3. ETRC users shall not conduct activities in a noisy and disturbing manner. 4. No live ammunition. 5. Saturday use only. 6. Roane Alliance must be notified by Wednesday of ETRC use via ETRC members Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce who own adjacent property. 7. ETRC has furnished a certificate of insurance designating the Industrial Board as an additional insured party. Organized training days will be announced on the website and by e-mail with 5 to 7 days notice by a Training Director. The entire use agreement will be posted on the website under Training. **DIRECTIONS:** *From Knoxville:* Take I-40 West towards Nashville, stay right on I-40 at the I-75/I-40 split. Go 4.1 miles. Take exit 364 for TN-95 toward US-321/Lenoir City/Oak Ridge and turn right onto TN-95 at the end of the exit ramp. Go .4 mile and take the first left onto Buttermilk Road West. Go one mile. Take the 2nd right onto Sam Rayburn Parkway. Go .5 miles. Take the 2nd left onto Pawnook Farm Road. Pass by a small tan block building with racing stripes on the right (Pegasus Technologies). *From Points East:* Take I-40 East toward Knoxville. Take the exit "Industrial Park Road". Turn left onto Industrial Park Road and cross over the Interstate. Go .3 mile. Take the first right onto Buttermilk Road West, into the Roane Regional business park. H. T. Hackney plant will be on your left. Go 1.2 miles. Turn left onto Sam Rayburn Parkway. Go .5 miles. Take the 2nd left onto Pawnook Farm Road. Pass by a small tan block building with racing stripes on the right (Pegasus Technologies) and take the next right onto a dirt/gravel track through the woods onto the property.

## NEW AKC REGULATION—From Performance Events - July 19, 2012- Cell Phones

To: All Retriever Hunting Test Clubs. The Performance Events Department would like to make Retriever Hunting Test Clubs aware of a recent change to the Regulations *Cell Phone on the Line*. Occasionally onlookers do not think about turning off their cell phones or placing them on vibrate mode while in the vicinity of the line. When birds are being thrown, the dog, handler and judges are concentrating on the action. A cell phone going off can be a distraction. The new Regulation is meant to caution the gallery, enable the club to take action if this becomes an on-going problem and provide judges guidance on how to handle the situation. The change becomes effective August 1, 2012. The following new language will appear as Section 24 in Chapter 1.

### Chapter 1, Section 24. Cell Phones and Electronic Devices.

In order not to distract dogs, handlers and judges from their work, cell phones, pagers or other electronic devices which emit a sound shall be turned off or set on vibrate mode when in the immediate vicinity of the line or in the field. Clubs should post signs if they feel it is necessary. It is the job of the marshal to enforce this regulation. Out of courtesy to the working dog, judges shall not accept calls or send messages while a dog is under judgment. A handler has the right to appeal to the judges if he believes the sound from an electronic device has interfered with his dog's performance. It is the decision of the judges to determine if the sound had a material impact on the dog's performance. It is the decision of the judges to determine if the sound had a material impact on the dog's performance. If they believe meaningful interference has occurred, they may allow the dog to be re-run at a later time. This regulation is not meant to hinder the ability of the marshal to keep in contact with event officials in order to expedite the running of the event, however, the marshal shall maintain consideration for the working dog and handler. (See link on website home page)

## STANDING COMMITTEES FORMATION (ANNUAL)—CLUB BUSINESS—NEW MEMBER APPLICANTS

At the July board meeting, past president Carol Stone, presented a proposal to form standing committees for the fiscal year to advance the work of the club. The board voted yes in a majority vote. The following committees and Chairmen and Co-Chairmen were appointed: 1. TRAINING Committee. Co-Chairmen Brent McCoy and Roberta Williams

2. MEMBERSHIP Committee. Co-Chairmen Karen Edwards and Roberta Williams; 3. PROGRAM AND EVENTS Committee. Patti Gibson, Chairman; 4. AWARDS Committee. Co-Chairmen Mike Evans and Roberta Williams; 5. EQUIPMENT Committee. Co-Chairmen Trudie Kuka and John Guinn.

All members are invited to consider volunteering for participation on one of these committees. If you are interested in serving on a particular committee, please contact the Chairman or co-Chairman of that particular committee. ETRC Members contact info is listed on the Up to Date Membership directory posted on the club website password protected page. If you do not have the password, contact Secretary, Karen Edwards (edwardskc@att.net).

### PUPS AND STUFF

ETRC members Rick and Diane Fyfe have a 10 week old Golden retriever puppy for sale. Cell 423-331-7561 or [dianefyfe@yahoo.com](mailto:dianefyfe@yahoo.com). Pikeville, TN

ETRC members John and Heather Guinn have a litter of Black Labs three weeks old. Phone 423-223-4532 or [mvretrievers@yahoo.com](mailto:mvretrievers@yahoo.com). Lancing, TN

### MASTER NATIONAL 2012

September 19-28, 2012

### GREENSBORO, ALABAMA

As of July 31, 2012, 902 dogs and owners have qualified to enter the Master National event, the most ever dogs. The AKC has approved four flights of six series each starting on Saturday, September 19. There is a severe shortage of hotels, motels, and cabins available requiring a drive of 50 miles back to Tuscaloosa each day.

The Black Warrior club is the host.