



Fall 2016 Upcoming Events

1. November ??, Board Meeting, Pegasus Technologies building, date pending.
1. February ??, Saturday, Awards Banquet, Business meeting, and election. More information coming.

President's Message

Just a quick note to tell everyone **THANK YOU!** for all the good work by everyone who helped at the Fall Hunt Test. We put on a great event, and we appreciate everyone who pitched in to make the event a great success. Everyone I spoke to commented about the beautiful new grounds. Ken Campbell, who graciously let us use his property for the test, was impressed by how well everything went and by the work of the dogs. He's a field trial guy and he was impressed by the club and the dog work. We have been invited back to hold other events at this site, and it should be easier now that all the proper "paperwork" is in place. We had a great puppy stake event — several people called me before the event to ask about running their young puppies in our event. It's always great to see the future stars in the making!

Next up on our agenda is the Annual Banquet and General Membership meeting, so be sure to save that date in February! We will be electing officers and directors and this is your chance to participate in the decision-making process. We will also be passing out awards for the year, so be sure to be adding up your points! It is a great time for fellowship with club members without worrying about our dogs on the truck ... and the food is always great!

With the weather so warm, we'll try to schedule some training dates, and the board will be discussing the possibility of a club test, since we didn't get to hold one before our AKC test. Until next time ... happy training!



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Caught! Lois Luthenauer thanks Jody Ware for wrangling ducks Friday afternoon before the hunt test....

Fall Hunt Test Update: In The Books!

ETRC's Fall AKC Hunt Test was held on October 22-23, 2016 at Lucky 7 Ranch, 6720 Erie Road, Sweetwater, TN. It was a small test with 67 Master dogs, 19 Senior and 19 Junior dogs entered, before scratches. We had beautiful weather, sunny and mild with highs in the low 70s. We had some problems with a broken winger in one of the Master flights, but once our trusty Chief Marshal Jim Pearce went out and bought some parts and repaired it, everything went smoothly. We finished two series of both Master flights on Saturday, leaving only the third series on Sunday — plus Senior on Sunday and Junior on Saturday. Results are posted on Entry Express. Financial information is still incomplete at this time; it looks like we spent a little more than we made but after our very large spring test, the Treasury is still in excellent shape for next year.

The judges' dinner Friday night was a big success. Many thanks to Patti Gibson for the delicious lasagna, spaghetti and meatballs, and green salad; to Lois Luthenauer for her home-made garlic bread; and to other club members who supplied additional salads and desserts.

A big thanks to all our judges, several of whom refused to accept expenses. Kudos to two East Tennessee Chapters of the Future Farmers of America who provided bird kids. Some of the best we have had, they were awesome! We look forward to having this group back for our Spring test.

Huge thanks to Ken Campbell for allowing us to use his beautiful farm for our hunt test, and for making a donation to the Luthenauer Youth Fund. One of the judges also made a contribution, and as a result our program is fully funded for 2017! We very much appreciate your generosity!

Last but certainly not least, many thanks to all the members and a few non-members who pitched in to help make the test a success! Thanks to the following for all the help — if I missed anybody, it is a failure of my memory and not of your contribution — Alan Bruhin, Karen Edwards, Mike Evans, Michele Fletcher, Gale Frana, Rick Fyfe, Patti Gibson, Thomas Art and Liz Gibson, Ashley Goddard, Ritchie Grigsby, Rhey Houston, Lois Luthenauer, Luke McCoy, Gary Neil, Kevin Niethammer, Jim Pearce, Bob Purcell, Wayne Rasbury, Andrew Sellin, Donna and Michael Smith, Carol Stone, Jody Ware, Roberta Williams, Sherry Catledge from MTARC, Lucky 7 Farm Manager Brandon Kamps, and owner Ken Campbell.

ETRC Board Meeting, October 18, 2016 Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Lois Luthenauer, Michele Fletcher, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Michael Evans, Thomas Art Gibson, Alan Bruhin, and Rick Fyfe.

Absent, excused: Patti Gibson, Donna Smith, Luke McCoy

Members present: Jim Pearce, Chief Marshal

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Representative's Reports

President's Report: Lois Luthenauer: None.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

Correspondence: Letter from AKC notifying us that Michele has been approved as our AKC representative.

Membership: Current membership is 53 (10/18), with new member Ashley Goddard this week.

ETRC 10/18/16 Minutes, Con't.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 10/16/16 is \$17,410.06 with several bills outstanding – money owed to Patti for picnic bills (don't have yet), and of course the upcoming bills from the hunt test.

AKC Representative's Report: Michele Fletcher. She is working on getting access to the AKC representative's website and has nothing else to report.

Old Business

Fall Hunt Test:

- ◆ October 22-23, Lucky 7 Update. – We went over the list of assignments and the status of everything. Entries have closed; 67 dogs in Master, 19 in Senior, 19 in Junior. Three scratches so far, two in master and one in Senior. Roberta has already received the catalogs and the check for the entries (\$7808.87) which she gave to Karen for deposit.
- ◆ Birdboys are arranged, thanks to Rhey Houston. It's the FFA this time. We have asked for 20 people.
- ◆ Dumpster is arriving Friday afternoon and will be picked up on Monday.
- ◆ Porta potties will be arriving Friday as well; Brandon the Lucky 7 Farm Manager will place them around with his front end loader to where we want them.
- ◆ The big trailer has been moved up to Lucky 7 already – Mike and Donna Smith took care of that on Sunday, also the empty duck crates.
- ◆ Duck are ordered and will be arriving Friday. We will be storing ducks in the outdoor kennel and the duck crew will need to get started very early Saturday morning. If an AKC rep, or any TWRA reps, show up and asks about ducks, we are to refer them to Michael.
- ◆ Marshals and helpers are lined up but not all assignments have been made yet. Jim Pearce, Chief Marshal, will be sending out the instructions to everyone tomorrow. We have plenty of walkie talkies, but Jim suggested that Rick Fyfe bring his in case we need an extra pair for traffic control.
- ◆ Biggest issue will be traffic control, routing people from one series to the other. Michael wants them to set up three series and rotate through them which will make setup very easy but will make it difficult to have people coming and going on the road through the woods at the same time, which is impossible to get around. Other possibilities are for one flight to have two series up at C and one at D, and the other flight to have two series at F and one at D. That way there will not be any two-way traffic through the woods.
- ◆ Karen will buy poster board at Walmart and magic markers to make signs about dog airing areas, ribbon ceremony at the pavilion (foot traffic only), etc.
- ◆ Patti has got dinner underway and is shopping on Wednesday. The menu is lasagna and a green salad, spaghetti and meatballs, and appetizers. Lois is making homemade garlic bread; Patti asked others to provide desserts. Patti is also handling lunches and judges gifts; Tom relayed that she seems to have all this under control.
- ◆ Lois, Tom Gibson, Rick Fyfe, Michele Fletcher and Michael Evans will all bring ATVs for getting around the site easily.
- ◆ Tom Gibson will pick up ice daily as needed; Patti is buying water. She is also getting more toilet paper and paper towels as we were very low last time.
- ◆ Gunners are lined up for Saturday (Master flights) and Sunday (Senior)
- ◆ **Workers Raffle:** everyone who worked at least 4 hours is entered. Lois has found all the materials and will be bringing them to the test site. Items include: 6 \$25 gift certificates to Gun Dog Supply, a thick wool jacket, a pair of safety goggles, a cap, flashlight, master vision camp lights to put on a cap. Plus some club tee shirts, hats, etc.

New Business:

First Reading, New members:

Ashley Goddard, civil engineer, 13 week old GR, newbie. Will be helping at the test. Karen Edwards and Michele Fletcher will be the sponsors; she will be assigned with Michele to marshal the Senior stake on Sunday. Karen moved that we approve her; Michael Evans seconded, the vote was unanimous. Karen will notify Ashley and the final vote will be scheduled for the winter banquet in February.

Adjourn: Michele Fletcher moved that we adjourn. Tom seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

NOTE: The complete minutes are posted on the ETRC Website, ETRCclub.org, in the members-only section.

Nominating Committee Asks for Volunteers

The Nominating Committee is interested in hearing from anyone who would like to take a more active role in the club as an officer, board member, or chief marshal. It's fun, and it's a great way to make friends while doing good for the club and our sport. The more of us members that are willing to help, the less work there is for any one of us. Contact Committee Chairman Michele Fletcher (michelemfletcher@yahoo.com) and volunteer to get involved. You'll be glad you did!

Workers' Raffle Results

The names of everyone who helped at the Spring and Fall Hunt test was put into the hat and drawn for prizes following the conclusion of the last ribbon ceremony Sunday afternoon. Thanks to the companies that provided goodies for giveaway, and to our new sponsor, Midwestern Pet Food, who set up a table and handed out free samples to all comers! Winners were:

1. Gander mountain chair -- Brandon Kamps
2. Hunter's Wool jacket -- Lois Luthenauer
3. Black and white Dokken -- Jan Burnette
4. 2-way radios -- Rick Fyfe
5. \$25 Gun Dog Supply gift cert: Kevin Niethammer
6. Black and white Dokken -- Jody Ware
7. \$25 Gun Dog Supply gift cert and Dog towel, -- Ken Campbell
8. \$25 Gun Dog Supply gift cert -- Luke McCoy
9. \$25 Gun Dog Supply gift cert -- Carol Stone
10. \$25 Gun Dog Supply gift cert - Gary Neil
11. \$25 Gun Dog Supply gift cert -- Ashley Goddard
12. Avery hat and Avery Dogsorber towel -- Karen Edwards
13. Avery hat and Avery Dogsorber towel -- J. Michael Evans
14. Avery hat and Avery Dogsorber towel -- Roberta Williams
15. Avery hat and Avery Dogsorber towel -- Bob Purcell
16. Avery hat and Avery Dogsorber towel -- Sherry
17. Sport Dog Lanyard and glass -- Liz Gibson
18. Sport Dog Lanyard & cap light -- Tom Gibson
19. Flashlight & Delta Waterfowl cap -- Andrew Sellin
20. ETRC Camo hat & camo tee -- Brian Caldwell
21. Sport Dog Lanyard & Delta Waterfowl cap -- Connie Smith
22. Sport Dog Lanyard & Delta Waterfowl cap -- Ritchie Grigsby \
23. Sport Dog Lanyard & Delta Waterfowl cap -- Bruce Fox
24. Delta Waterfowl Cap -- Brent McCoy
25. Sport Dog Lanyard & Delta Waterfowl cap -- Patti Gibson
26. Sport Dog Lanyard & Delta Waterfowl cap -- Michele Fletcher
27. Sport Dog Lanyard & Delta Waterfowl cap -- Rhey Houston
28. Sport Dog Lanyard -- Alan Bruhin
29. Sport Dog Lanyard -- Jim Pearce

We plan on doing this again at the spring hunt test. We probably won't have quite as many prizes, but it's at least a small way for the club to say THANK YOU to everyone who helps!



Puppy Stakes — puppies owned by Lois Luthenauer, Kevin Niethammer, & Mike Evans



Clubhouse where we held the Judge's Dinner



The 2016 Luthenauer Young Handler's Program



The Luthenauer Young Handler's program is designed to encourage young ETRC members to become more active in the sport. Named in honor of long-time club member, past president, and enthusiastic sportsman Kevin Luthenauer, and funded largely via donations from his family and friends, this program will support kids up to college graduation who want to participate in retriever sports. Thanks to the generosity of several generous people, the program is now fully funded for 2017!

For full information on this program please visit our website at http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub_youth_program.htm our website at <http://www.etrclub.org/>

Member News and Brags

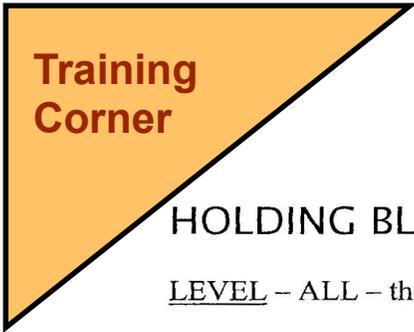
Congrats to Master National contestants and handlers from ETRC — Jody Ware competed with a number of dogs and qualified with several and Brian Caldwell qualified with David Knott's handsome black lab Coal. Rhey, Jennifer and Noah Houston's dog Steady Teddy Noah Lott competed but did not make it all the way to the end.

Huge achievement to qualify, great honor to attend and compete, and fantastic to qualify! Congratulations to everybody!

More Hunt Test Photos



Clockwise: Mike Evans and puppy Ivy; the Junior Stake on Saturday; Master B; and the Pavilion at Lucky 7.



HOLDING BLIND DRILL

LEVEL – ALL – this is another fundamental drill that should be re-visited periodically

PURPOSE – Develop control needed when going to the line. If you don't have control walking to the line you won't have control in the field.

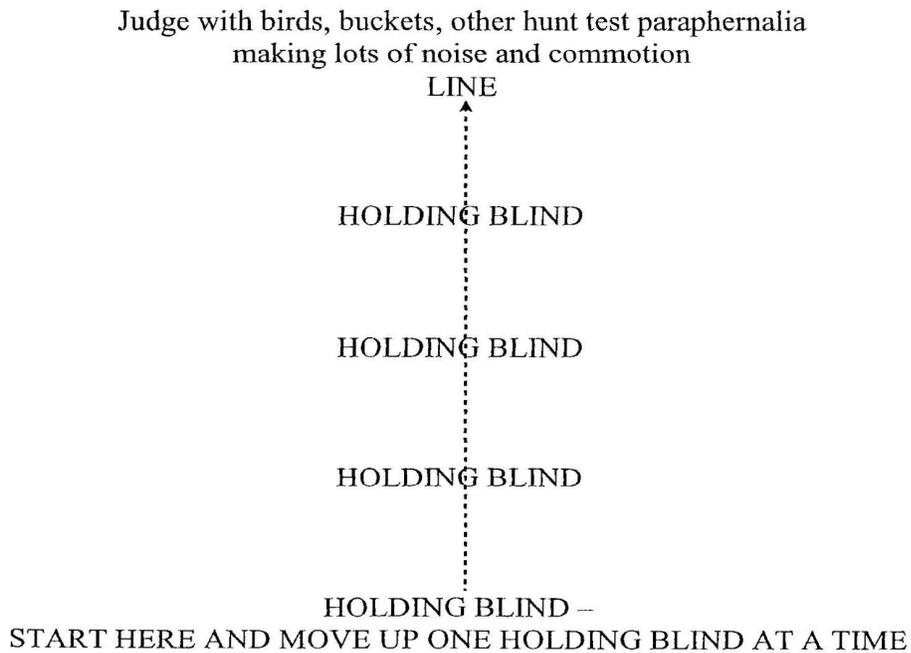
MATERIALS NEEDED – set up three or more holding blinds 5-10 yards apart and have a "judge" at the line with a duck call, whistle and primer gun, a couple of bumpers/birds

PROCEDURE – as the "judge" makes a lot of hunt test commotion (duck calls, blowing whistle, yelling at "Duke", hollering for next dog, etc.), practice walking from one holding blind to the next and eventually to the line where the dog is rewarded with a short mark

ADVANCED - Leave dog on a sit stay in the holding blind and handler walks around holding blind. Return to dog. Leave dog again. Call dog to heel position. Heel to line/next holding blind.

Problem	Solutions
Forges/Pulls on leash	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sharp pull on leash 2. Heeling stick correction 3. E-collar "nick" while saying heel and go backwards a step or two 4. Return to holding blind and try again

HOLDING BLIND DRILL LAYOUT



Halloween Food Dangers for Dogs

Halloween is just over and many of us have lots of goodies in the house right now. A reminder that some of this stuff may be OK for humans, but can poison your dog! A list of some of the most dangerous foods for dogs is listed below:

Xylitol. Candy, gum, toothpaste, baked goods, and some diet foods are sweetened with xylitol, an artificial sweetener. It can cause your dog's blood sugar to drop dangerously low and can also cause liver failure. Early symptoms include vomiting, lethargy, and coordination problems, then seizures. Liver failure can happen within just a few days.

Chocolate. Chocolate contains a very toxic substance called methylxanthines, which are stimulants that can stop a dog's metabolic processes. Even just a little bit of chocolate, especially dark chocolate, can cause diarrhea and vomiting. A large amount can cause seizures, irregular heart function, and death. Do not leave chocolate in an accessible location and remember that many retrievers are counter surfers!

Grapes. Grapes and raisins are very toxic for dogs no matter the dog's breed, sex, or age. Grapes are so toxic that they can lead to acute sudden kidney failure.

Cinnamon. Cinnamon and its oils can irritate the inside of pets' mouths, making them uncomfortable and sick. It can lower a dog's blood sugar too much and can lead to diarrhea, vomiting, increased or decreased heart rate and even liver disease.

Garlic. Like onions, leeks, and chives, garlic is part of the Allium family, and it is five times more toxic to dogs than the rest of the Allium plants. Luckily, your children aren't likely to get garlic as a Halloween treat! Garlic can create anemia in dogs. Look for pale gums, elevated heart rate, weakness, and collapse. Poisoning from garlic and onions may have delayed symptoms, so if you think your dog may have eaten some, monitor him or her for a few days, not just right after consumption.

Macadamia nuts, Pecans and Walnuts. Macadamia nuts in particular are highly toxic to dogs. They can cause vomiting, increased body temperature, inability to walk, and lethargy. Even worse, they can affect the nervous system. Interestingly, cashews and peanuts are not toxic and can be fed in small quantities. Almonds are also not toxic, but be careful as they can lodge in the esophagus if not thoroughly chewed. Avoid salted nuts if your dog suffers from heart disease since they can increase water retention.

If it ever rains again —

AKC sells some cute dog breed umbrellas including three retrieving breeds. Lab umbrellas are here: <https://shop.akc.org/collections/dog-lovers-breed-merchandise-dog-breed-umbrellas/labrador-retriever> and there is a box on the page where you can search for other breeds.

Unfortunately the ones for Golden Retrievers show conformation dogs — but you could always get a yellow lab umbrella and paint on some hair!



Around the Region

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Fall Line RC	11/5/16	Lincolnton, GA
East Carolina RC	11/5/16	Rocky Point, NC
Tallahassee RC	11/11/16	Thomasville, GA
Black Warrior RC	11/12/16	Greensboro, AL
Carolina Retriever Assoc.	11/16/16	Cheraw, SC
Cooper River RC	11/25/16	Cheraw, SC
Palmetto RC	12/3/16	Cheraw, SC
Mid-Florida Golden RC	12/10/16	Monteverde, FL
Treasure Coast RC	1/28/17	Okeechobee, FL
Master Amateur RC	4/23/17	Cairo, GA

Master Amateur Update

The countdown to the Master Nationals shows 172 days as of November 1 until the inaugural Master Amateur Invitational. Those days are going by quickly! The current lists of qualifiers are available on the Master Amateur website (www.masteramateur.com). Additional info:

- ◆ **Accommodations.** Many options in the Cairo-Thomasville, GA and Tallahassee, FL areas. A full list is available on the MARC website.
- ◆ **Schedule.** Handlers' check-in and meeting on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 4 pm, followed by a short business meeting at 5:30 pm and the Opening Party at 6:30 pm. Start time is 8 am, April 23, 2017. The premium will list all times when published.
- ◆ **Duration.** One week – Sunday to Saturday. Flights will be kept small enough to allow for 6 series within that time frame. Plans are to award ribbons and trophies to qualifiers as each flight finishes, to allow folks to leave as soon as possible when they are done.
- ◆ **Master National Qualifiers.** Any dog passing the 2016 MN handled by an Amateur in all series and in all qualifying tests will receive credit for 2 passes toward the 2017 MAI qualification. MNH dogs handled by an Amateur in at least 3 MN events and qualifying for those

Advanced Retriever Seminar for Judges in Ohio, August 2017

Co-sponsored by: Buckeye Retriever Club & the Presque Isle Retriever Club of Erie PA. Cost \$55. A box lunch will be provided both days. Afternoon snack. For more information, contact Robert Samios, 724-932-5956 or robertsamios@zoominternet.net.

Saturday August 5, 2017: Classroom. Registration 7:30-8:30, Coffee and Pastries
Location: Euclid Rifle & Hunting Club 17100 Whitney Rd., Montville, Ohio 44064

Sunday, August 6, 2017: Field Exercises. Registration 7:30-8:30, Coffee and Pastries
Location: Hambden Nursery, 14849 Rock Creek Rd (SR166), Chardon, Ohio 44024

Newsletter Info

The ETRC newsletter is published monthly, as close to the 1st of the month as we can get it together. Send us your test results, litter info, new dogs, dog-related jobs and services, interesting articles, and any brags you care to share, along with pictures! Deadline is the 26th of the month but we can sometimes sneak something in a little late.... Send items to any of the following: Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com); Lois Luthenauer (mountainLo717@gmail.com) or Roberta Williams (sharphlw@usit.net).