



# Fall 2016 Upcoming Events

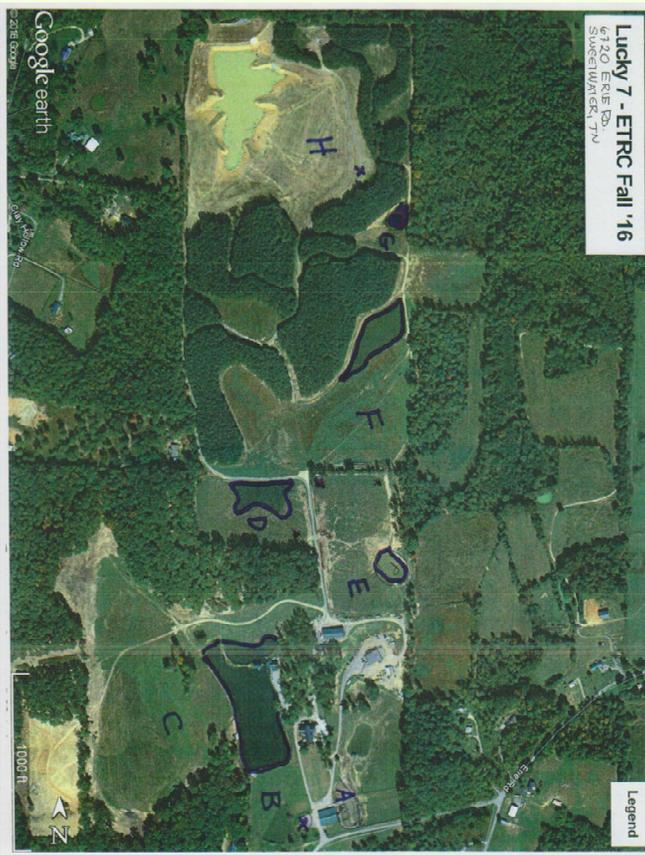
1. **October 22-23, Fall AKC Hunt Test**, Lucky 7 Farm near Sweetwater. Master (2 flights), single Junior, single Senior. Approved: entries open now through October 10, 2016.
2. **Fall Club Trial**, Saturday, November ???, 2016 (Maybe Hiwassee? Location to be determined!)
3. February ??, Saturday, Awards Banquet, Business meeting, and election. More information coming.

## October Greetings!

The summer heat has finally abated, and I know all of us and our dogs are enjoying the crisp mornings and sunny, not-so-hot afternoons. Lots is going on right now in the retriever world — the Master Nationals (ETRC’s own Jody Ware and Brian Caldwell are there with a number of dogs including member David Knott’s Coal, who was a qualifier last year as well— so send lots of positive thoughts in their direction).

And, most importantly to the club, we are working hard for our Fall AKC Hunt test at the beautiful Lucky 7 Ranch at the end of the month (see Google view picture below). As always, we will need lots of workers to put on a good quality test — so please email or call and volunteer to work for a few hours or a few days.

Look inside for information on our most recent Board meeting, plans for the upcoming Club Trial, an invitation to participate more actively in ETRC management from the nominating committee, and more!



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## Fall Hunt Test Update: We're Approved!

ETRC's Fall AKC Hunt Test is scheduled for October 22-23, 2016 at Lucky 7 Ranch, 6720 Erie Road, Sweetwater, TN, and everything is approved by AKC and TWRA. We will be having two Master Flights (limit 120 dogs); a single Junior stake on Saturday, a single Senior stake on Sunday, and a puppy stake for all puppies up to 12 months old on Saturday afternoon. Entries opened on September 27 for people who have volunteered to help work at the test, and for September 28 for all others. Entries will close on October 10.

Judges will be:

Junior: Jim Burnette and Luke McCoy  
Senior: Jim and Jan Burnette  
Master A: David Phillips and Kyle Bertram  
Master B: Andrew Sonntag and Jeff Brown  
Puppies: to be determined on the day of the test

Getting the approvals completed in time was a huge achievement. Michael Evans carried the load for ETRC on this activity and we all owe him a big thanks! Because Lucky 7 is private property, we will be hosting a TWRA representative during our test; so make sure to say hello and be extra nice since TWRA was very helpful in expediting the approval process. Who knows, we may also be hosting AKC reps as well!

Plans for the test are going well. We are trying to schedule a Board / hunt test committee meeting at the farm on October 1 or October 8 to figure out logistics of where we will need to set everything up including club headquarters, traffic patterns, turn-around and airing areas, etc.

Of course we are looking for a number of people to come out on one or more fine fall days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 21-23) to help with set up, marshaling, equipment moving, errand-running, emergency equipment repairs, shooting, and cleanup. If you can spare a few hours on one day or all weekend, please contact Karen Edwards ([edwardskc@gmail.com](mailto:edwardskc@gmail.com)), Jim Pearce ([jwp@pegasustech.com](mailto:jwp@pegasustech.com)), Lois Luthenauer ([mountainLO717@gmail.com](mailto:mountainLO717@gmail.com)), or Michael Evans ([Fowl\\_Mouth\\_K9@aol.com](mailto:Fowl_Mouth_K9@aol.com)). Like the Marines, we're always looking for good people!

## ETRC Board Meeting, September 16, 2016 Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN

**Present from the Board:** Lois Luthenauer, Michele Fletcher, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Michael Evans, Patti Gibson, Donna Smith, Rick Fyfe, Luke McCoy

**Absent, excused:** Thomas Art Gibson, Alan Bruhin

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

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

### **Officer's and AKC Representative's Reports**

**President's Report:** Lois Luthenauer: Deferred.

**Secretary's Report.** Karen Edwards. The last meeting was August 20, 2016. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since September 1, 2016. Michele moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. Luke Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

◆ **Correspondence:** Emails back and forth with AKC getting Michele Fletcher on the path towards AKC approval as our new rep.

## ETRC 9/16/16 Minutes, Con't.

- ◆ **Website changes made & pending:** added minutes from 8/20/16 general meeting, seminar notes, September Newsletter, new board members Luke McCoy & Rick Fyfe, new AKC rep Michele Fletcher.
- ◆ **Membership:** Current membership is 51.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 9/16/16 is \$19,556.41 with several bills outstanding – \$1,150.01 ribbons; \$281.01 for tool kit reimbursement; money owed to Patti for picnic bills (don't have yet), and money to purchase 30 more Dokkens.

### Old Business

**Club Trial:** Tentatively scheduled for 10/1/16, but no location identified. Miller's farm not available. Michael mentioned that Jason at Hiwassee said that we could get a Saturday in November for the trial. We all concurred on rescheduling the club trial for some Saturday in November. Michael will contact Jason and get a date; Karen will send out an email notifying the membership that the October 1 date is postponed; and Michael will let Karen know the new date ASAP hopefully for inclusion in the October newsletter.

**Fall Hunt Test:** October 22-23, Lucky 7 Update: AKC has given tentative approval for the grounds, but final approval won't be forthcoming until we have approval from TWRA and submission of an acceptable judges panel. Michael is working with TWRA to provide needed information. We will have to have an AKC representative on site; if one can't be found, they will disapprove us having the test. Everything has to be approved in time for early opening for workers on 9/27/16, and full opening for everybody else by 9/28/16. This is a lot of work in a short time. We have pinned down judges for Junior and Senior, and have one Master judge committed. Michael is working to complete the judges' slate. Karen will send an email to all members about the status of the test and to notify them to contact Roberta right away if they plan to enter a master dog and are willing to help work in order to get an early entry code.

Lois has called several hotels / motels in Sweetwater at both exits 60 and 62. The one that looks the best is the Hwy 68 Quality Inn West. They are dog-friendly and have a large parking lot; the only space issue is that they do not have a good area for airing dogs. However, next door behind a filling station should work adequately. Lois will go visit on Monday to firm things up, reserve 6 rooms for the judges and HT Secretary, and 5 for the various judges. Lois will ask them to hold 14 rooms for several weeks to give entrants time to phone in and reserve one. The rate will be \$82.

**Birdboy Coordinator:** Karen reported that Rhey Houston has been in contact with two groups, the FFA group and an adult group, and will work to finalize plans soon. He is also going to contact a dumpster provider.

**Port-a-potties:** we discussed getting three, and the locations to put them. Lois will ask John Broucek / Ken Campbell if they have used a particular provider in the past for gun club activities at Lucky 7, and who they use. Lois will make arrangements for the porta potties.

Patti will plan the Judges/Workers dinner and get the judges' gifts together. Karen will help with the dinner; budget for the judges gift will be \$75.

**Kevin's Fund:** Lois reported that she still needs to contact Brian Caldwell about the proposed Junior Handler's seminar and to figure out something about the application of his helper, Griffin McDowell, 13, and the issue of needing his parents' signature on the application form. She will renew efforts to contact Brian, who has been out of touch much of the summer.

**Dokkens:** Michael will order the Dokkens Monday after they go on sale. He will purchase 30 and 2 decoy bags and have them sent to Karen's house to put in the small trailer.

**Workers Raffle:** everyone who works at least 4 hours (or who worked at the Spring Test) is entered automatically. The raffle will be held on Saturday afternoon.

**New Business: None.**

**Adjourn:** There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**NOTE:** The complete minutes are posted on the ETRC Website, [ETRCclub.org](http://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](mailto:michelemfletcher@yahoo.com)) and volunteer to get involved. You'll be glad you did! And, if you would like to get your feet wet in a more informal role, see the update on the Fall Hunt Test and contact one of the volunteer coordinators there as well.



Jody gives advice at the ETRC Summer Picnic/ Seminar

### The 2016 Luthenauer Young Handler's Program

In order for Junior Handler points to count towards AKC's program, the Junior Handler and his family must obtain a "JUNIOR HANDLER NUMBER" from the AKC Performance Events Department. At the end of each test, one event judge and the Hunt Test Secretary must sign a Junior Handler certificate, and the control number identifying the Junior Handler must be submitted with the Hunt Test Secretary's official catalog at the end of the event.

A few AKC Junior Handler Certificates are included in the AKC Hunt Test packet sent to the Hunt Test secretary. This packet is mailed to the club when final approval is given for the event. Additional copies may be obtained by calling AKC (919) 233-9767 or email [juniors@akc.org](mailto:juniors@akc.org). Also, copies can be printed off the AKC website under "Downloadable Forms" — [www.akc.org/downloadable-forms/](http://www.akc.org/downloadable-forms/) If you are a Junior Handler, it might be a good idea to print off a copy or two when you go to a test to make sure one is available.



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. **For full information on this program please visit our website at [http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub\\_youth\\_program.htm](http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub_youth_program.htm) our website at <http://www.etrclub.org/>at [http://](http://www.etrclub.org/)**

## Member News and Brags



Five families, 16 Golden Retrievers from 16 months to 16 years, mostly related! Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce spent 4 days in upstate NY over the Labor Day weekend, training with friends including last Spring's Master Judge Ken Kogut (in the middle, wearing a camo ETRC shirt). Three dogs in the group have qualified for the MN, 9 have MHs, 5 or 6 have advanced obedience and agility titles, 6 dogs are Karen and Jim's breeding. Way too much good food, constant chatter and temps in the low 70s. What could be better??!



Congratulations to Coal and David Knott!! Coal qualified again for this year's Master National and will be going with member Brian Caldwell handling. Best wishes, we'll all be rooting for you 9/30/16-10/8/16! And, we are so glad that despite living in New Jersey, the Knotts continue to be members of the ETRC. Just wish you were still here!

Training  
Corner

# Training Tip

by George Hickox



## The Buddy Stick

**Y**ard training is a fundamental building block for more advanced field training and is where the canine pupil is taught the basic obedience commands. Not only is the student taught what these commands mean, he is taught to comply to the commands with excellence and style.

There is a period during the yard training when the dog, a pack animal, is going to challenge your control and authority. This is inevitable. Yard training, in addition to teaching “kennel,” “sit,” “here,” and “heel,” establishes you as the leader of the pack. The dog learns that your commands are not a request – this is the time and place he comes to understand it is not a democracy. The dog is being taught that he is expected to respond to your command the first time it is given, each and every time.

In the beginning stages of yard training, the dog is going to look for escape hatches. He is going to look for ways to avoid not having to be controlled, and flight, fight, and fakery are the *modus operandi* the dog employs to challenge authority. To avoid being controlled, he may attempt to run away; some dogs may become aggressive when challenging you as leader of the pack; other dogs may turn sulky and give you a poor, “woe is me” attitude. If the dog learns that one or more of these escape hatches work to avoid being controlled, he will continue to implement these options.

In teaching “sit,” for example, the dog may try to leave the spot he is being made to sit. A frequently utilized escape hatch is to come to you when you walk away. You wanted the dog to remain sitting while you walked out in front of him, but when you get out in front, the dog leaves the spot at which he was commanded to sit and comes to you. You have to put him back at the spot at which the command was originally given. The problem can be compounded because when you are using a checkcord, you have no control over the dog when you get out in front. You cannot stop the

dog from moving and have to continually keep putting him back at the place where the command was given.

**P**ointing dog Hall of Famer Buddy Smith developed the concept of using a piece of PVC pipe to establish control in training the yard commands. Buddy utilizes a six-foot piece of PVC to teach “whoa” to his pointing dogs. However, plagiarism is what training programs are made of, and the concept works great for the retrieving and flushing breeds as well.

The Buddy Stick is a six-foot piece of PVC with a swivel snap attached at one end. To make the Buddy Stick, simply drill a hole in a PVC end cap, screw an eyehook through the hole, and attach a swivel snap to the eyehook. Then cement the end cap to one end of the six-foot PVC pipe. Attach the stick to the dog’s collar and start training.

By using the Buddy Stick rather than a lead or checkcord, you have complete control. The dog has no escape hatches, and you can more effectively establish yourself as leader of the pack. The dog is stripped of options.

In teaching “sit,” you can stop the dog from coming to you because the pole is rigid – you can “push” back against the dog to keep him in place. I use the Buddy Stick for teaching a dog to load up in the trailer and for teaching “here” and “heel.” I find the Buddy Stick a much more effective tool than a checkcord to control the dog and help him to comply, and I’ll bet you will, too. 🐾

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George’s award winning video *Pheasants and Labs* can be purchased from *The Retriever Journal’s* video library. The video covers collar introduction in-depth.

For more training tips, information on The George Hickox School of Dog Training for Owners and their Dogs, and Grouse Wing dogs, check out [www.georgehickox.com](http://www.georgehickox.com).

## Unlocking the Mystery of Smell

The PBS Newshour website recently posted an article about the sense of smell. This article reports on work conducted around the country by a team of neuroscientists, mathematicians, biologists, physicists and statisticians who are trying to unlock the mystery of how humans and various animals' senses of smell works. The team's research with dogs has focused on a number of Search and Rescue dogs in the California area and has identified some fascinating findings on how dogs' noses work:

- Dogs circle when the scent starts to break up, in order to better trace the 'outline' of the scent and determine the direction it is coming from.
- Dogs smell "in stereo" through a labyrinth of folded passageways call turbinates that filter air into different parts of the nose.
- These turbinates serve as air warmers, which not only protects the lungs from the cold air but also enhances the scents. The turbinates divert part of the air to the lungs and part to the back of the nose where it is filtered, separating odor chemicals by both weight and solubility. Scents with higher solubility in water are more likely to be picked up by dogs.
- At the back of the nose, the air passes over the smell sensor neurons. Dogs have as many as 300 million smell sensors, as opposed to humans who have a paltry 5 million.
- Dogs use the outer portions of the nose to sample the air in different directions at once, which allows dogs to distinguish the direction and freshness of an odor.
- Slits on the side of the nose allow dogs to breathe in and out at the same time. In the time it takes a human to take three breaths, dogs may take in 6 or 7.
- After passing over the scent sensors, the next stop before the brain is the olfactory bulb. In dogs and other predatory animals with a large range and keen senses of smell, the olfactory bulbs are significantly larger than in humans or in herd animals, where scent is usually for short ranges.

You can read the entire article here:

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/inside-nose-rescue-dog/>

## Breeds with the Best Noses

Any list of the "Best" dogs will have its share of disagreements. I compared 7 or 8 lists of "best 10" and "best 15" dog nose artists, and came up with this compilation — listed in alphabetical order! It's interesting that most of the dogs on these lists are working dogs and in many cases their excellent sense of smell is one of the attributes they were originally developed for —

Basset Hound  
Beagle  
Bloodhound

Coonhound  
Dachshund  
Foxhound

German Shepherd  
Golden Retriever  
Harrier

Labrador Retriever  
Malinois  
Scottish Terrier

## Around the Region

### Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

<b>Master National RC</b>	<b>9/30-10/8/16</b>	<b>Weldon Springs, MO</b>
Buckeye RC	10/01/16	Chardon, OH
American Chesapeake RC	10/01/16	Chardon, OH
Middle Tennessee RC	10/14/16	LaVergne, TN
Lumber River RC	10/15/16	Rose Hill, NC
Rappahannock RC	10/22/16	Remington, VA
East TN RC	10/22/16	Sweetwater, TN
Bootheel RC	10/22/16	Millersville, MO
Neuse River RC	10/29/16	Kinston, NC
North Alabama RC	10/29/16	Greensboro, AL
Central KY RC	10/29/16	Kevil, KY
Fall Line RC	11/5/16	Lincolnton, GA
East Carolina RC	11/5/16	Rocky Point, NC
Tallahassee RC	11/11/16	Thomasville, GA
Carolina Retriever Assoc.	11/12/16	Cheraw, SC
Treasure Coast RC	11/12/16	Okeechobee, FL
Cooper River RC	11/18/16	Cheraw, SC
Black Warrior RC	11/18/16	Greensboro, AL
Lower Alabama RC	11/24/16	Lillian, AL

### 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.

**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

A box lunch will be provided both days. Afternoon snack.

### 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](mailto:edwardskc@gmail.com)); Lois Luthenauer ([mountainLo717@gmail.com](mailto:mountainLo717@gmail.com)) or Roberta Williams ([sharphlw@usit.net](mailto:sharphlw@usit.net)).