



Winter 2017 Upcoming Events

1. February 4, 2017, Saturday: Organized training. Weather dependent, see p. 4.
2. February 18, 2017, Saturday: Awards Banquet, Business meeting, and election. Calhoun's Bearden Hill, Knoxville, TN. 6 p.m. More info on page 2.
3. Spring Club Trial(s): Dates and locations pending
4. May 27-28, 2017, Saturday and Sunday: ETRC Spring Test, Hiwassee Refuge. Judges pending.

President's Message

To continue from last month ... how did it get to be February already? For me, personally, no formal dog training got done, but it has been very, very wet. Which is good, or bad depending on what you are trying to get done. So I'm already behind on the New Year's Resolutions! What's new!

And being as it is February, calling all members for the annual Banquet and awards ceremony! Make your plans now and RSVP to attend at the Calhoun's on Bearden Hill! It's a great time to enjoy a good meal, visit with friends without worrying about having to air your dog, and most of all, it's important that as many people as possible participate in the voting and decision making for the club for the coming year! We look forward to seeing you there Saturday evening, February 18.

Also hope to see you at the training session on Saturday, February 4th. It is time to start getting ready for the spring hunt tests, so take this opportunity to get out and start getting the couch rust off. As I write this on Tuesday evening, it looks like clear and dry but cool on Saturday, so hopefully we can get a good crowd. Remember, we need to have a minimum number to play, so again, we hope to see you there — and be sure to RSVP if you are coming to Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com).

Happy training!

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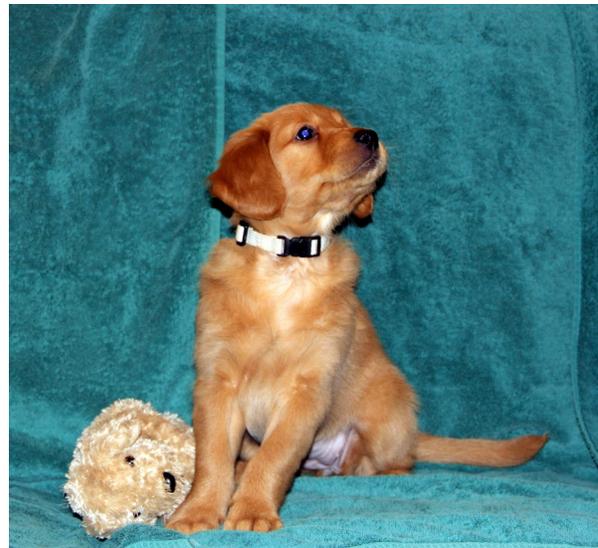
Awards Banquet 2016

Awards Banquet RSVPs Due Now!

The annual Awards Banquet is Saturday, February 18, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at Calhoun's on the Bearden Hill, 6515 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919. I have to have RSVPs from anyone who is planning to eat NO LATER THAN 11:59 p.m. on SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 (edwardskc@gmail.com), so that the restaurant manager can arrange for enough people to be on shift to handle our orders expeditiously. Folks will order off the menu when they arrive, and the meeting will begin around 7:00-ish. New members are particularly urged to come - don't be shy, come and meet folks! This is also our election meeting and general membership meeting, and a close-out of fiscal 2016 for the club. Come celebrate a successful year... and help us look ahead to our many activities for 2017.

Member Brags

We (Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce) have a new puppy! Meet Fern Hill Sunday at the Zoo (Zoey), who is a daughter of AFC The Sunday Swimmer out of our Panda (Fern Hill Pandemonium MH WCX). Her 9 brothers and sisters have all gone off to their new homes from California to New York, Ohio, Florida and Knoxville. Some will be doing serious competition obedience, field trials, hunt tests, SAR work, and some will be much loved family pets. Panda says she loves them all but wow it's nice to have her life back. I agree!



The inaugural year of the ETRC / Luthenauer Young Handler's program is over. Thanks to the generosity of Ken Campbell of Lucky Seven Farms and several of our Fall Hunt Test Judges, we are now fully funded for 2017. It's time to revisit the program to see what worked, what didn't, and make some changes. If you have any ideas, please pass them on to the Program Coordinator, Lois Luthenauer, MountainLo717@gmail.com.

The program is designed to encourage young ETRC members to become more active in retriever sports. 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

The 2016 Luthenauer Young Handler's Program

Final Slate for Election of Officers and Board Members

The nominating committee headed by Vice President Michelle Fletcher recommended the following slate for ETRC officer and director positions for fiscal year 2017 (beginning at the end of the banquet in February):

- ◆ President: Lois Luthenauer
- ◆ Vice President: Alan Bruhin
- ◆ Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Edwards
- ◆ Hunt Test Secretary: Roberta Williams
- ◆ Two Director positions (Feb 2017 - Feb 2020): Luke McCoy, Jim Pearce
- ◆ AKC Delegate: Michelle Fletcher

Remaining on the board are: Rick Fyfe & Tom Gibson (through Feb 2018); and Alan Bruhin & Donna Smith (through Feb 2019). Michael Evans will continue to serve as Past President through 2017. In addition, Tom Gibson has agreed to serve as Chief Marshal for the spring and fall AKC hunt tests. These last two positions will not be on the ballot. If Alan Bruhin is elected to Vice President, we will have another board vacancy to fill in March for his remaining 2-year term. Anyone who might be interested, please contact me or any Board member.

In accordance with the Bylaws, additional nominations may be made by any member prior to December 31, 2016, in writing to the Secretary, provided that the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No additional nominations were received by the deadline date, so the slate of officers stands unopposed.

Voting for officers/directors and the AKC Delegate will be done at the annual Awards Banquet and general membership meeting. This will be held Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 6 p.m.; more details above on page 2.

Time to Renew Membership for 2017

It's that time of year again! Memberships for 2017 are coming due, and your membership will run out if not renewed by March 1, 2017. We will keep you on the email notification list until June 1, at which time we purge the rolls and change the passwords on the website.

Membership is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). The renewal forms are available online at <http://www.etrclub.org/join.htm> — just click the link, print it off, and send it to Karen Edwards, Secretary /Treasurer, 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Cost is still just \$25 which includes electronic copies of the newsletter, special announcements, eligibility to attend all ETRC Sponsored events, and consideration for end of the year awards. It's a bargain!

Renewal forms will also be available at the Banquet.

Winter Training Days

ETRC will sponsor organized training sessions on the following Saturdays:

- ◆ February 4, 2017 at 10 a.m. at Roane Regional Industrial Park. Use 108 Pawnook Farm Road as the GPS or google maps address.

Bring your dogs, water, and training equipment. New members are encouraged to attend — come meet other club members and let us get to know you and your dog(s)! We will have activities for dogs at all levels, from puppy to Master-level dogs.

Under our new policy for training at Roane Regional, RSVPs are required in order for us to actually have the session. **If at least four people do not respond saying they are intending to come, by NOON on the Friday before the scheduled training, we will not have the session.** Also, we will cancel if the weather is not predicted to be in the mid-40s or if it is raining or snowing. Send your RSVPs to Secretary Karen Edwards, Edwardskc@Gmail.com. Karen will send out an email the evening before the training if it is to be canceled.

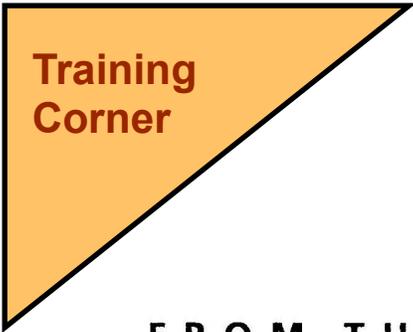
Live ammunition is not allowed at Roane Regional and we will have several of the Thunder Simulators on site for use.

Directions to Roane Regional:

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 U.S. 321 West/Lenoir City/Oak Ridge and turn right onto TN-95 at the end of the exit ramp. Go 4/10 mile and take the first left onto Buttermilk Road West. Go one mile. Take the 2nd right onto Sam Rayburn Parkway. Go 5/10 mile. Take the second left onto Pawnook Farm Road. Look for a small tan block building with racing stripes on the right (Pegasus Technologies). There is a sign.

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 3/10 mile. Take the first right onto Buttermilk Road West into the Roane Regional business park. A VW plant and the H. T. Hackney plant will be on your left. Go 1.2 miles. Turn left on Sam Rayburn Parkway. Go .5 mile. Take the 2nd left onto Pawnook Farm Road. Look for a small tan block building with racing stripes on the right (Pegasus Technologies). There is a sign by the road.

From Points South: Come up I75 and get off at the Lenoir City exit. Go towards Oak Ridge on Hwy 321/95. You will stay on 321 through a couple of stop lights and will then pass under I40. Take the next left after the underpass onto Buttermilk Road West. Go one mile. Take the 2nd right onto Sam Rayburn Parkway. Go 5/10 mile. Take the second left onto Pawnook Farm Road. Look for a small tan block building with racing stripes on the right (Pegasus Technologies). There is a sign by the road.



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FROM THE DOBBS TRAINING CENTER

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Initial-Lining Drills

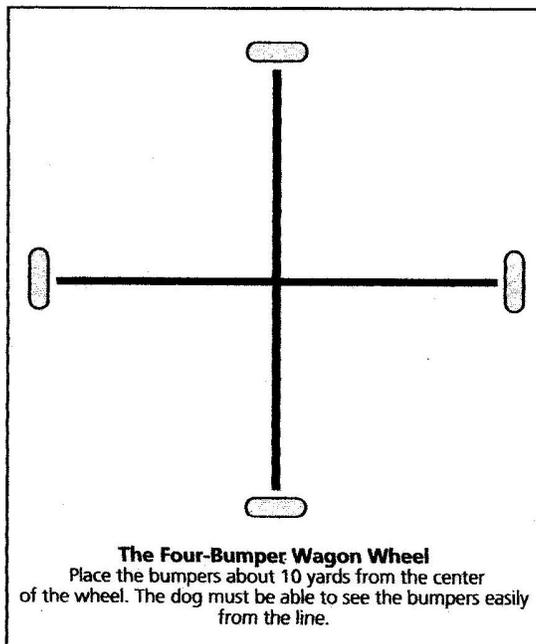
In our last article, we covered the drills that are used to teach the retriever to sit straight while heeling – with his spine aligned in the direction that you are facing. After the dog shows us that he knows the correct “heel” position, he is ready to learn to take an initial line.

Four-Bumper Wagon Wheel

We begin with the four-bumper wagon wheel drill. This drill works on two important skills. First, the dog gets lots of practice realigning at “heel” as you turn to face a new bumper. The drill also introduces the “diversion throw” concept to the dog. After each retrieve, you throw the bumper back to its old location and then pivot the dog to face and retrieve a different bumper. Thus the dog learns to disregard the attraction of a thrown bumper and go in the direction he is sent.

Work this drill by moving counterclockwise around the wheel. Then repeat, going clockwise. Insist that the dog sit straight facing the bumper before you send him.

Place your hand in front of and just above the dog’s head. Then, when he is looking at the correct bumper, send him on the command “back.”



Correcting on the Wagon Wheel Drills

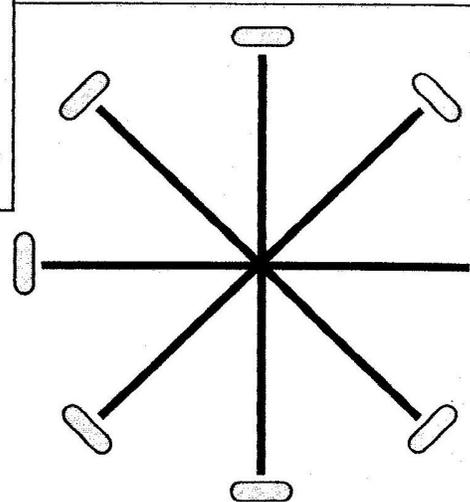
If the dog goes toward the wrong bumper, stop him by commanding, “No! Here,” and bring him back for a restart. *If he makes the same mistake twice in a row, move several steps closer to the bumper to send him.*

If the dog stops and comes back to you, that’s all the correction needed. If he doesn’t return on your “here” command, quickly reinforce a second “here” with your e-collar. Don’t worry if the dog gets the bumper. He will remember the reinforced “here” command and

tend not to want to repeat that mistake. If the dog doesn’t seem to grasp the idea despite several corrections, you need to move your bumpers a little farther out from the center so that you have time to stop the dog.

The Eight-Bumper Wagon Wheel

Now refine the drill by adding four more white bumpers. Pick the bumpers up in the order indicated on the diagram.



The Eight-Bumper Wagon Wheel
Put out eight white bumpers so the dog can see them from the center of the circle. The distance from the center to the bumpers should be 10 yards.

“Heel” the dog to face the bumper before sending and pick up the bumpers in the order indicated.

Throw each bumper back to its original location, pivot so that you and the dog are facing the next bumper to be retrieved. If the dog looks at another bumper, “No.” Make sure he is looking at the correct bumper before you send him.

Around the Region

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Treasure Coast RC	1/28/17	Okeechobee, FL
Mid-Florida Golden RC	2/11/17	Monteverde, FL
Jacksonville RC	2/18/17	Williston, FL
Wiregrass Hunting RC	3/4/17	Meigs, GA
Chesapeake RC	3/11/17	Cheraw, SC
Black Warrior RC	3/11/17	Greensboro, AL
Tallahassee Hunting RC	3/18/17	Thomasville, GA
Bootheel RC	3/25/17	Millersville, MO
Fall Line RC	3/25/17	Lincolnton, GA
Tidewater RC	3/31/17	Remington, VA
Rappahannock RC	4/14/17	Remington, VA
Yadkin River RC	4/15/17	Cedar Grove, NC
Neuse River RC	4/22/17	Kinston, NC
Master Amateur Invitational	4/22/17	Cairo, GA
Ohio Valley RC	4/28/17	Coshocton, OH
Carolinas Ret. Assn.	4/29/17	Cheraw, SC
Mid-South RC	5/6/17	Bruce, MS

Master Amateur Update

ETRC is now a charter club member of the Master Amateur Retriever Club. We paid \$500 to join as a lifetime member, so no further dues will be required. We are proud to support the efforts of this organization to keep Amateur participation alive and well in our sport!

There are now 128 individual Charter Members, 6 Associate (non-amateur) Charter Members and 40 Club Charter Members for a total of 175 Charter members.

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).