



2019 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC's UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. Board Meeting: Monday, October 7, 2019, 6:30 a.m., Pegasus Technologies Building, 108 Pawnook Farm Road, Lenoir City, TN.
2. Fall Club Trial: Saturday, November 16, 2019, Lucky 7 Ranch, 10 a.m. ET . Details to follow; save the date.
3. Fall/Winter Directed Training: November—March. Details and dates coming next month!

Photo of the Month



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ETRC's Fall AKC Hunt Test at Lucky 7 Ranch September 28-29, 2019

ETRC's Fall Hunt Test is in the books, and is probably the hottest test we have ever had — although it was super hot last spring as well. Friday (setup day) was hot and bright with temperatures near 90. Saturday wasn't too bad — it was foggy and overcast in the morning and only started to get hot in the afternoon — but by the time we finished for the day the temperature was in the low 90s. We weren't as lucky on Sunday, with cloudless skies and record-setting temperatures approaching 95 degrees with an even-higher heat index.

The weekend went well and there were no major problems other than glitches with the hotel reservations, extreme heat, missing portapotties (they never came), and a severe shortage of bird technicians. It all worked out anyway! It was pretty miserable weather for everyone, but especially for the judges, bird techs, and club workers who were out in the heat all day. Thanks in particular to the people who stepped up at the last minute and spent hours out in the blinds throwing, launching marks, gunning, and planting blinds. Although we had a couple of bird techs that showed some signs of heat stress, nobody human or dog got too sick.

Also, big thanks to all the club members and a few non-club members who helped with up-front planning, running errands, setting up and tearing down the test, marshalling, making lunches, working in the office, selling tee shirts, etc. Special thanks to the judges who donate their time to make our hunt tests possible. And of course, thanks to everyone who came and ran your dogs! And — special thanks to Lucky 7 owner Ken Campbell and his farm manager Brandon Kamp. What a great facility, we are so fortunate that you let us use your farm and help out with things like hosting the ducks in the run-up to the test! We appreciate you more than you can know!



Pavilion, Clubhouse, and main pond at Lucky 7 Ranch

The test consisted of a single Master stake (60 dogs), with a double Junior and double Senior. A total of 172 dogs entered. Here are how our club members fared in the test:

Puppy Stake — Three puppies entered. Michele Fletcher won the Junior Puppy stake with her Golden puppy Chai.

Master A: Judges Ken Kogut & Andy Sonntag. 60 entries, 7 scratches,

53 started, and 33 passed. Congratulations to member Lisa Styles with Chota's Acer the Eraser (Ace) who qualified. Pro Jody Ware qualified with 4 non-member dogs.

Senior (Saturday) : Judges Chris Bodine & Janine Hayes

26 entries, 25 started, 14 passed. Congratulations to qualifying member Donna Smith and Buck's Beau of Stoneridge. Jody Ware also handled a client dog to a pass in this series.

Senior (Sunday) : Judges Pat Kopko & Mike Orlof: 25 entries, 24 started, 17 passed. Passing members and their dogs were the same as on Saturday.

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Junior (Saturday): Judges Pat Kopko & Mike Orlof . 32 entries, 29 started, 24 passed.

Congratulations to members Peter Torok and Fern Hill Kepes Arany Sugar, Jo Ann Burk and Powderhorn Callback UD PUTD RE CGC CCA, Victor Burk with Powderhorn N River Run Georgia Peach CD RA CGC, and Lois Luthenauer & Sherie Catledge with Bear Country's Love on the Rox. All dogs were owner handled.

Junior (Sunday): Judges Chris Bodine & Janine Hayes.

30 entries, 27 started, 26 passed. Congratulations to the same group of members, handlers, and dogs listed above for Saturday, who came back and did it a second time on Sunday. This was the Junior Title pass for Peter Torok and Kepes, and for Lois Luthenauer and Roxie. Good show!

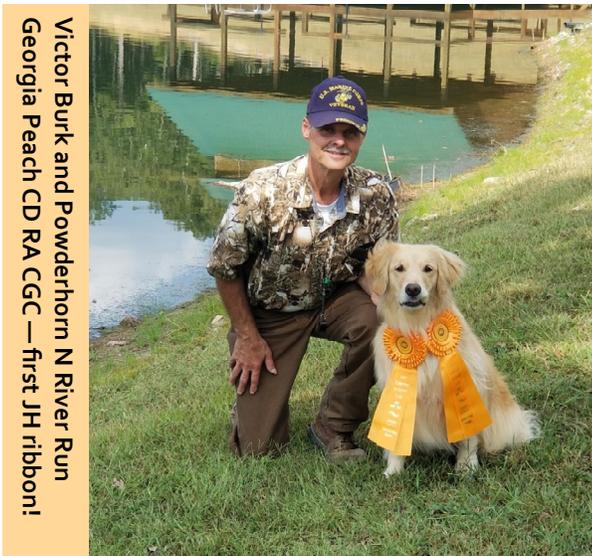
Also congratulations to other members who tested but did not pass. Better luck next time — if this were easy it wouldn't be worth many bragging rights when you pass!



Peter Torok & Kepes Arany Sugar JH — congratulations on your new title!



Lois Luthenauer and Bear Country's Love on the RRox JH



Victor Burk and Powderhorn N River Run Georgia Peach CD RA CGC — first JH ribbon!



Lisa Styles getting a ribbon for her Master pass

From Ducks to Dirt

— by J. Michael Evans, Assistant Hunt Test Chairman

Well, another AKC Hunt Test went off with absolutely no problems whatsoever.....said no one EVER!!

As most of us know, things never go as originally planned, and this years Fall Hunt Test was no different. No matter how much planning and preparation, we can always count on having to fly by the seat of our pants before all is said and done.

I'd like to take a moment to shine a light on some "old hands" at the Hunt Test who are ALWAYS found working hard from beginning to end and some new folks who stepped up and did yeoman's work that really saw us through a tough couple of days. It was an extremely hot weekend that tested all of our mettle.

All of my work at our test is concentrated in the field, everything from ducks to dirt, so let me start by saying thank you to anyone who worked out in the field this weekend! Whether you delivered lunches or helped set up an entire flight, the work you did was very much appreciated!!

Mike Smith, Jim Pearce, Cory Smith, Thomas Art Gibson, Alan Bruhin, Jeff McNutt and Luke McCoy were all there a huge majority of the weekend doing everything from setting up equipment to delivering ducks. If you called on the radio and needed something, you saw one or more of these members there fixing problems, answering questions, delivering ducks, shuffling water, tearing down equipment, setting up equipment and anything else that needed to be done. Several of them also spent significant time in various blind stands throwing ducks, setting wingers, wrestling dead ducks, gunning, and more, filling in whenever and wherever needed to make sure the test ran smoothly.

I want to take a moment here to say a HUGE thank you to Mathew Shoemaker, William Ervin and Elizabeth Woodell for their help this weekend. When we were hit with the news that we were only going to have a fraction of the bird techs needed to successfully run a hunt test, there was a call made to them, at 8:15 am on a Saturday morning no less, and they came right out to help. They threw birds for us all day Saturday and came back on Sunday to do it all over again! If you've never spent an entire weekend, in 95 degree heat, throwing nasty smelling ducks then you will never be able to appreciate what they did for us. Matthew not only threw ducks but sat up tests, helped teach new bird techs and basically made sure everything ran smooth for the Master flight all weekend. The club owes these three a huge Thank You.

Also a big thanks to Cory Smith's daughter Abigail and her friend Colton Roberto, who came on Sunday at 7 a.m. and added to our depleted pool of bird technicians. Both of them worked like Trojans all day, being shuffled from test to test. Abigail knows what it's all about, as she has helped while Cory was working with his Chessie, Bauer.

New members that were instrumental in our successful Hunt Test were Peter Torok, Kyle Griffin, and Pat Kowalski. Peter marshaled all weekend and did a wonderful job. He kept things running smoothly at the Junior stake all weekend. Kyle stepped up Saturday morning and threw birds at the Junior stake when that was the last thing I'm sure he wanted to do. Pat came all day on Saturday and served as an assistant Marshal at the Senior stake. All of these people exemplified what being a member of a team is all about! Doing what needed to be done when it was needed. Thank you.

Our other marshals were Lisa Styles and Donna Smith. Upon first glance someone "may" think this is an easy job. But let me tell you, of all the chores in the field that have to be done in order to have a successful hunt test, THIS is the one I hope I never have to do!! Catering to the Judge's every need, finding bye-dogs, finding pick-up dogs, sitting in the heat, directing traffic, directing bird techs, dispersing lunches, keeping up with re-birding, dealing with pro trainers, dealing with Amateurs, answering an onslaught of questions, making sure the equipment is working properly, keeping up with the running order

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and running down handlers who just feel like sitting in the shade a little while longer. Not to mention swapping out, caring for, and arranging for transportation back to the clubhouse for bird technicians when some of them got nauseated from the heat or twisted a knee. Nope! Not a job for someone short-tempered at all!! But if you still think it's easy, please call our Chief Marshal and sign up for it when our Spring Test rolls around. To all of our marshals, THANK YOU!!

So there you have it, the field report for ETRC's Fall Hunt Test. See how easy and simple putting on a test is? Nothing to it, right?

It takes an enormous amount of workers to have a successful test and I'm sure I'm forgetting someone, if I have please forgive me, it's horrible to get old.... But, in all seriousness, being a member of the club is much more than paying your \$25 dues every year and showing up to run your dog. Putting on a test takes a lot of work and we could really use your help. For the ones who were there this past weekend, THANK YOU so very much!! This club could NEVER survive without all of your hard work!!! hope to see all of you at our Club Trial coming soon.



Master Judges Ken Kogut & Andy Sonntag working on the books; Hunt Test Chairman Luke McCoy reading off the results.



FROM THE HUNT TEST OFFICE

by Secretary/Treasurer Karen Edwards

Unlike Michael, who rarely gets into the office except for brief 'cool down' periods, I spend most of my time in the office except for running a few errands when others aren't available. There aren't many of us, but we all pitch in together to keep the test running as smoothly as possible.

In the office, we don't have to face the stifling heat, and at Lucky 7 we are fortunate to be in a clean and gorgeous setting with a WORKING BATHROOM (and that's a HIGH PRIORITY!). But we stay very busy except for a few hours each afternoon after Junior and Senior stakes finish while we are waiting for Master to end.

Set-up day office work involves organizing the Judges' books, cleaning and re-supplying the marshal boxes to make sure they have enough supplies for the test, setting up the food and items for lunches and snacks, and setting out the teeshirts, hats, and other items that the club offers for sale. During the test itself, office staff check in competitors, point them in the direction of the right stake, relay messages from one stake or person to another when the radios don't quite work for direct communications, run errands for supplies, help find people, answer questions, set up and arrange for the puppy

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stakes, fix 30 lunches a day, sell lunches, sell tee shirts, take callbacks, and wrangle the ribbons for the ribbon ceremonies.

As hunt test secretary, Michele has it all figured out and runs the paperwork side of the test smoothly and efficiently. So smoothly, in fact, that she made almost all the sandwiches while I stuffed bags with chips, cookies, condiments, and the completed lunches. We all pitched in and sold shirts, and this year the ribbon ceremonies all flowed easily from one to another and weren't all jammed up together like we have some times. Lois Luthenauer spend much of her time out working in the field, helping to make up for the dearth of bird techs, and she also did a ton of prep work by restocking and preparing the tee-shirts for sale and buying all the lunch supplies.

Ad Hoc ETRC Board Meeting, Saturday, 9/28/19

Present from the Board: Luke McCoy, Lois Luthenauer, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Tom Gibson, Mike Smith, J. Michael Evans.

Absent: Alan Bruhin (family commitment), Cory Smith (out in the field), Jeff McNutt (work commitment)

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

This is an ad-hoc meeting to discuss several issues that had arisen during the day and that needed quick resolution. No officer's and delegate's reports were given.

New Business:

- ◆ **Payment of Substitute Bird Techs:** The FFA only brought 3 people this morning instead of the 20 they were contracted for. Lois called her son, who came to help along with two kids – a 16 year old boy and an 11 year old girl. Considering that they were not contacted in advance and jumped out of bed very early this morning to come help us out, and were planning to come back tomorrow morning, Lois moved that we pay Matthew \$100 per day and each of the kids the standard reduced \$50 a day rate that the FFA kids will be getting. Matthew is an adult and an experienced bird technician. Mike Smith seconded the motion and it passed.
- ◆ **Request for Sponsorship** – J. Michael reported that Ken Campbell, owner of Lucky 7, has asked our club to sponsor one day of the judges' and exhibitors' dinners at the upcoming field trial that he is putting on at Lucky 7. He will prominently post a sign that the ETRC is providing the dinner. This will be for approximately 200 people and the cost is \$8 a head, so around \$1,600. We discussed that we have now had 4 hunt tests at Ken's place and no charge has been made to us – he has taken the \$1,500 fee and immediately donated it back to us for our youth program. Our youth program is quite flush with money at the present time. J. Michael moved that we pay for the dinner for this upcoming trial (10/25/19). Any requests for sponsorships at future field trials will be discussed at the time the request is made. Lois seconded the motion, and it passed.
- ◆ **Trailer Update:** The new trailer will be hauled back to Karen and Jim's place for completing the work on finishing up the insides. Then it will be stored at Cory's place over the winter. The old trailer has been sold to member Robert Dodson.

Adjourn: Having reached the end of our agenda, Mike S moved that we adjourn. Jim seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Training Corner

How Do You Stop a Retriever From Breaking?

—By Brian Ricks, EasyRetrieverTraining.com

This is the second in a series of articles on breaking. Next month, send in some tricks that you use training your dog, and we'll finish up with that local advice.

Remember that steadiness is an obedience issue. It is not a retrieving issue. So, as you read about the drill, we will return to the basic obedience commands of SIT, DOWN, and PLACE. There is nothing different from teaching marking or lining when it comes to steadiness. Just pressure and repetition.

The question is how should you administer the pressure. There are several good choices. If your dog has serious breaking issues, then you will definitely want to purchase a long leash (30 feet or so). Obviously, as your dog gets more responsive, you can shift to an e-collar or a shorter leash. Other things you might need include a thrower (or a remote control thrower) and several decoys.

Some Keys to Retriever Steadiness Drills

There are several aspects that you need to incorporate into retriever steadiness drills. To stop a retriever from breaking, your drills need to include denial, delay, and diversions.

Denial

This simply means that you cannot let your dog retrieve every bumper or bird that is thrown. In the real world, there are going to be birds that you miss (maybe that is just me). There are going to be other birds that your buddy's dog retrieves. If you are heading to the AKC Hunt Tests, then your dog will have to honor another dog's retrieve. **Do not let your retriever believe that she gets to retrieve every bird that hits the ground.**

Delay

Don't let your pup get used to going after retrieves right away. Require her to wait for your signal. If you are smart, you will mix up how long you make her wait. If you always go on 30 seconds, you will notice that your dog starts getting anxious at 25 seconds. **Change it up and your dog will rely on you to know when to go rather than an internal clock.**

Diversions

In a real hunting situation, there are so many things that don't make it into training situations. Duck calls, shots, waiting (see delay), and other hunters shouting "Take 'em." **To keep those distractions from causing problems for your dog in the field, you need to include them in your retriever steadiness drills.**

Sit Still, Then Retrieve

Helping your dog understand the idea behind steadiness can be done with the basic commands like SIT while doing easy retrieves. It is important that you make sure that your dog is **crazy** about retrieving before you start any steadiness drills. If you start too soon, you risk killing her drive. That, if you wondered, is a bad thing.

Once your dog is crazy (for retrieving) put her on a 6' leash and get her to sit beside you. Now, have your partner throw 8 to 10 bumpers or birds. **DO NOT LET YOUR DOG RETRIEVE THESE BIRDS.**

Your dog is not going to like this. She may whine or creep or both. If she is crazy for retrieving, you will probably see her flinching, or even breaking for the bumpers. Just keep a good hold on the leash and give her a little pressure if she starts to creep or break for the bumpers. You want her to remain still. **After the 10 bumpers have been picked up, throw them one at a time.** If your dog remains still, send her for the retrieve. If she creeps, whines, or breaks even a little bit, have your thrower pick it up. It should not take long before your dog learns that she needs to stay calm and still if she wants to do the retrieving.

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Lay Out Blind Drill

To get your dog ready to be still in a layout blind, you need to start with the simple command DOWN. All you need to start is a slip collar, leash, and some treats. It does not matter what you choose for your treats. You can even just grab a handful of your dog's kibble if you don't have anything else. My dog has really got a hankering for cubes of cheese. I don't like to give her too much but for a little reinforcement from time to time a few cubes of cheese work magic for her attention span.

The Drill

To begin, hold the leash in one hand and a treat in the other. Do all of the following at the same time:

- Stand on the middle of the leash to create downward pressure (as your dog goes down to her belly, you run your foot up the leash to maintain that pressure)
- Command DOWN
- Put your hand on the ground with the treat
- Once your dog is on her belly, then you can release the treat.

Now, it is one thing to get your dog to lay down. That is the easy part. Now we need to get her to stay there. Once your dog has the idea of DOWN, we need to extend how long your dog will stay in that position. If you are going to use a layout blind in the field, you can practice by in the backyard. Command DOWN, and lay down next to her. Make sure that the leash is underneath your back. When she tries to get up, give a tug on the leash to create downward pressure. When she is lying down again, give her another treat. If she goes a minute without getting up, give her another treat and a lot of praise. I discourage praise in the form of petting. If your dog gets used to that, she will constantly be looking for your hand—which is a Labrador trait anyway. Just get your “happy voice” warmed up and lay it on thick. Let her know how wonderful you think she is.

Let her up, and repeat the process. This time, make her stay still for a minute and a half. Then two minutes and so on. Eventually, she will lay beside you for several minutes. Like other retriever training drills, once your dog understands the expectation, switch to an e-collar. For this drill, put the collar on the top of her neck rather than underneath where it normally goes. Now, if your dog tries to get up, give her a nick. She should try and go away from the pressure.

Transition to the Field

Keeping your retriever's attention in your backyard is one thing. Out in the field is another. So let's get her out to the field for some real practice. Make you bring a bunch of decoys and your layout blind for you and your dog.

Depending on how you plan on hiding your dog, you will need to adjust accordingly. Some blinds have the dog at the shooter's feet. You might have your dog in a separate blind next to you. Some guys even just cover their dog with a ghillie suit. However you are going to do it on game day, make sure you practice that way.

Setup your decoys around your blind. Lay down in the middle of your decoys and have your dog lay down next to you. To start with, I like to go back to the leash—in fact, any time I add a new component, I like to reassure myself with the leash and the training collar.

You need a winger (remote control bird thrower) or another set of hands to help you out. Also, make sure you have your starter pistol.

With the leash going under my back to my hand opposite of the dog, I have the winger throw a dead bird (or a bumper) directly over me. Hold onto the leash. This may be a little too much for your dog at first. Repeat this until your dog is able pays attention to the bumper but does not move. Don't let your

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retriever go out for these bumpers. That comes in just a minute.

Add the Call and the Booms

Now, after all this work, your dog is fine with the bird flying overhead. The only thing left to do before a live situation is to add the calls and booms. This is an important step. Even if your dog has been as steady as a rock, these last elements of a real hunt can send the excitement meter off the charts and lead to your dog breaking too soon.

Set everything up like before but this time make sure you have a couple of calls. Before your thrower tosses the bumpers or birds, give several blows on your calls. That is the signal to fire the blank pistol and toss the bumper. Like before, you want the bumpers to travel right over your position. Keep a good hold on your K9. Make sure she waits for you to release her before going for the retrieve.

As she gets more confident, slowly extend the amount of time you make her wait beside you. This will reinforce everything you have practiced.

Go Live

The last thing you have to do is fine tune your dog's training in live situations. You will have to let your buddies do most of the shooting so you can give your attention to your dog, but it will be worth it as the season wears on.

Simply follow the same steps that you did in training. As your dog gets used to waiting, you will have fewer problems with breaking. As time goes on, you may have to revisit these skills. It is important to remember not to let your dog retrieve a bird if she breaks. You are better off to go out and get the bird yourself. Your dog sees the retrieve as her reward. **Don't reward your dog for disobedience.**

Place Drill

Sometimes we have to work our dogs alone. As you have noticed, the first drills have all taken advantage of a thrower. What if you don't have one? Well, this drill will let you work on steadiness on your own.

You will need to work your dog in the command PLACE. The time you spend training this command, especially if your dog is a puppy, will be well worth it as she gets older. Once your dog understands the PLACE command, it is time to start working her focus and patience.

Command PLACE and when she gets onto the platform, tell her to SIT (some guys like the STAY command and others feel like it is redundant because they want their dog to stick with the previous command until it is changed or the dog is released from it). If you are a STAY-guy, then give your dog the command to stay.

Step back away from the platform a few feet. Now walk around the platform. Your dog should stay still. If she comes off the platform, give a corrective tug on the leash and direct her back to her place on the platform. Repeat this until you can walk a complete circle around your dog. At this point, give your dog a treat or release her from the platform and throw a fun bumper for her. Eventually, you will be able to transition from the leash to the e-collar and increase the size of the circle.

Don't start throwing bumpers yet. Your dog needs to understand that if she gets the correction (pressure), that it is for leaving her place. If you throw bumpers too soon in the process and your dog breaks, the correction might be misunderstood. She might think that you are correcting her for retrieving. You don't want her to get those two concepts confused: Retrieving—Good! Leaving her place before being sent—Bad!

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Increase the Challenge

After several repetitions, your dog will begin to understand that she needs to stay on the platform until you release her. Now it is time to begin the real steadiness training.

Get your retriever onto the platform. Command SIT (and STAY if you are so inclined). Wave the bumper around and tease your dog with it.

If your dog comes off the platform, correct her with some pressure on the leash or e-collar and return her to her place on the platform. Continue with the drill until your dog maintains focus on the bumper, but resists the urge to come off the platform for 30 seconds. When she accomplishes that feat of self-control, call her from the platform and give her a treat.

The next stage of complexity is to require her to stay on the platform while you toss the bumper. She needs to wait for your signal before going after the bumper. If she breaks, use the leash or the e-collar to apply some pressure and get her back to the platform. I suggest you start this stage with the leash because it assures you that your pup will not be able to ignore your pressure and retrieve the bumper regardless. As she gets better with this part of the training you can transition to the e-collar.

Finally, when your retriever will stay on the platform and wait for you to release her to retrieve the bumper, you can start moving farther away from the platform before your throw the bumper.

Wait Your Turn

There are several other drills you can use to work steadiness. Like I mentioned above, anything that increases your dog's focus and patience are going to help with steadiness. When you go into a door, one of the most common reactions for any dog is to race in—usually at the same time as you so as to take out your legs.

If you want a steady retriever, do this simple drill every time you go into the house—**and I mean EVERY time**: Before you open the door, tell your dog to SIT (and STAY if you are of a mind to use that command). Now, open the door and walk in.

If your dog leaves her sitting position at any moment, close the door. Repeat the command SIT, and open the door. Go into the house. When you get inside invite your dog with whatever command you use to release her from a previous command. I like OKAY.

Again, if your dog gets up before you release her, then you have to take her back to her spot and get her to sit down. The idea is that your retriever must wait for your cue before leaving her position. (see the connection to the hunt test or the field?)

You can do this same thing with your puppy's food or treats.

Conclusion

Perhaps the most important thing to remember when you trying to stop a retriever from breaking is that it is an obedience problem—not a retrieving problem. So if you have to stop a retriever from breaking, the best way to do that is to go back to the obedience drills. You may have noticed that almost each of these drills started with a review of simple commands. You probably taught those obedience commands to your retriever when she was a puppy. Go back to those simple drills and work back up to the retrieving side of things.

If you build from a solid foundation, you will be able to stop a retriever from breaking.

Excess Club Equipment for Sale

Shotgun and Shotgun Stands: We have 11 single barrel shotguns for sale and 4 gun stands. \$25 for the guns, \$5 for the stands. No longer needed since we have replaced them with the Thunder Simulators.



Duck dryer: \$10. We have purchased new knock-down aluminum dryers to replace our old ones; this is the only one left.



If interested, contact J. Michael Evans — Text or call 865-824-8638 or email Fowl_Mouth_K9@aol.com.

Youth Program Update

The Luthenauer Young Handler program is in its fourth year. Kids who do field work are encouraged to join; check out the website for rules and www.etrclub.org/etrc_youth_program.htm.

There is no application fee; if the applicant is not already part of a family, the fee will be paid for by the Luthenauer fund. An annual youth handler seminar in retriever sports will be held next March (2020) at Sherie's and Martha Washington Road, Clarkrange, TN. Contact Lois (mountainLC) for more information as plans develop.

A perpetual trophy will be awarded annually along with a plaque to keep one in the program. Fees for hunt tests attended and all club events will be waived for program members.



Around the Region – Seminars, Tests, & Trials

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Am. Chessie Club	Chardon, OH	10/05/19
Mid-South RC	Olive Branch, MS	10/05/19
MTARC Fall Test	LaVergne, TN	10/11/19
Bootheel RC	Millersville, MO	10/19/19
Central KY RC (60)	Kevil, KY	10/26/19
Master National RC	Cheraw, SC	10/17-27/19
Black Warrior RC	Greensboro, SAL	11/08/19
Lower Alabama RC	Greensboro, AL	11/15/19
Sandhills RC (60)	Pinebluff, NC	12/07/19

Numbers in parentheses are limits on number of Master dogs

Upcoming AKC Field Trials

Bluegrass RCC	Grahamville, KY	10/04/19
N. AL RC	Greensboro, AL	10/11/19
Chattanooga RC	Birchwood, TN	10/11/19
Tn Valley RC	Sweetwater, TN	10/25/19
SW Georgia RC	Americus, GA	10/31/19
Mid Atlantic HRC	Farmville, VA	11/01/19
Back Bay Knotts Island (OHQ & Derby)	Goldvein, VA	11/09/19
National Retriever Club Championship	Corning, CA	11/09/19

Upcoming Seminars

Pat Burns Pre Trial Seminar	Sweetwater, TN	10/21-24/19
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ETRC Membership

Membership is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). Both new member and 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 \$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 plus the opportunity to make friendships with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. It's a bargain!

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: Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com).