



2020 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC's EVENTS!

1. October 17-18: ETRC Fall Hunt Test, Hiwassee Refuge, Birchwood, TN. 1 flight MH (66), double JH & SH. Keep your fingers crossed..... See story inside on page 3.

Photo of the Month



New Title

Congratulations to member Mike Reed and Gator Point's Don't Mess With My Toot Toot ("Tootie"), who earned his Junior Hunter title at Michigan Flyways in late July.

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2020 Summer Seminar, Picnic, and General Business Meeting

Unfortunately, we had to cancel this event. Too many people either had other plans already or were concerned about safety during this time of pandemic. We were not assured of having a quorum, and eventually the board voted and decided under the circumstances it was better to cancel.

We hope to have another event in the future with the topics planned — so all you presenters, don't throw away your notes! As far as the General Meeting is concerned, we will invite all members to our next Board meeting which will be held in at the Roane Regional Business Park in Lenoir City, near the I40 exit . Depending on the timing, we will either announce this in the newsletter or will send out a special email invitation to all members to come.

Meanwhile, stay safe and keep your fingers crossed that we can have our Hunt Test this fall!

2020 Fall Hunt Test Update

Plans have to be pretty flexible during these unsettled times! Our Fall Hunt Test this year has been moved to Hiwassee Wildlife Management Area in Birchwood. The dates will be Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18, 2020. Because of the shortage of water during the fall at the WMA, we will only be having a single flight of Master (66 dogs), plus our usual double Junior and double Senior stakes.

The test opens for entries on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at 7:00 PM CT (for workers, Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 PM CT) and closes on Monday, October 05, 2020 at midnight Central time. We will have a few 'worker codes' for people to enter the master stakes early. To get one, you have to work, so contact us right away — see contact info below.

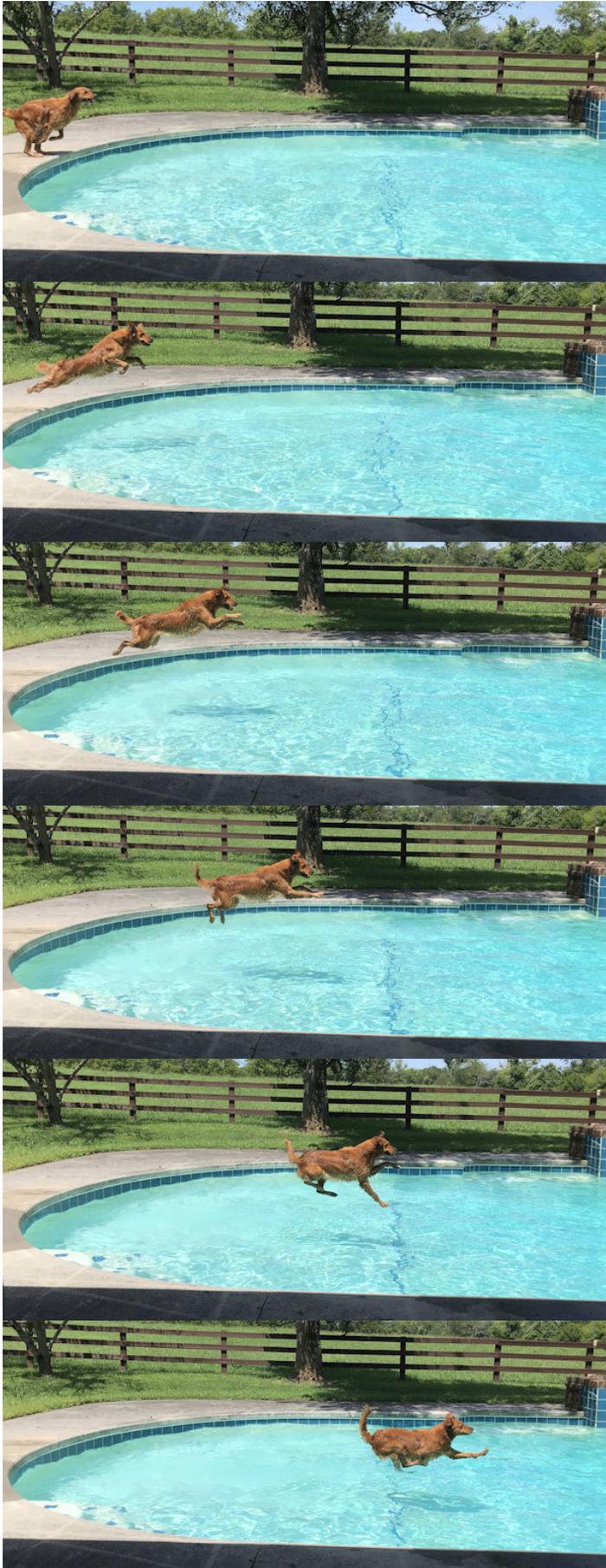
Pavilion and Headquarters Buildings, Hiwassee WMA



There will be some changes to help make things safer for everyone. Among them, the club will not be selling sandwiches and other food-stuffs in the clubhouse, and will be providing workers and judges with Subway sandwiches from the local Dayton Subway store. Ribbons will be handed out at the stakes at the end of the final series. The judges'/ Workers' dinner on Friday night will probably be carry out. Masks & social distancing are strongly encouraged.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has assured us that they will give us 10 days notice of cancellation, if the pandemic grows to the point where they will not be able to host our event.

We are looking for volunteers as gunners, runners, setters-up, and more. If you can help, please text J. Michael Evans at 865-824-8638. If you are interested in being a Marshal at one of the stakes, email Lois Luthenauer at mountainLO717@gmail.com.



Summer Fun —

Zoey practices her dock diving skills when it's too hot to chase bumpers on land....

Youth Program

The Luthenauer Young Handler program is entering its fifth year. Kids who are interested in working in retriever sports are encouraged to join; check out the website for rules and an application form at http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub_youth_program.htm .

There is no application fee; if the applicant is not already part of a family membership, their membership fee will be paid for by the Luthenauer fund. The program will reimburse AKC Hunt test fees, and ETRC Club Trials are free for enrollees.

Yearly awards include a perpetual trophy along with a plaque to keep, and participation award for everyone in the program.



*2018 Award Recipients,
Cade and Ivan Chambers*

Training Corner

Pat's Perspective: Keeping Your Tools Sharp — Pat Burns, *Elite Retriever Training*

One of the things that became apparent to me this past summer is the importance of maintaining your basics throughout your dog's training career. Many of the tools that your dog mastered when graduating from basics have gradually eroded. Swim By is the one skill that seems to deteriorate the quickest. The Swim By technique is most often used when a dog elects to cheat the water on his return. Ideally the dog should respond by taking a 90 degree over when asked to do so. In a perfect world, he would continue on that course until released by the handler. In reality, most handlers are lucky to get the dog to cast 5-10 feet. In many cases, the handler gets frustrated and abandons the effort all together. This is less than ideal.

A few years ago Dennis Voigt shared with me a drill he calls "Swim By/Tune Up". It is a variation of the original Tune Up Drill. It starts by running leg one of a Water Tune Up and teaching an exit point. The exit point will be used as your exit point for the swim by portion of the drill. As you continue through the legs of the tune up, you will receive your dog at the designated exit point. As in other Tune Up Drills, this drill will be repeated for multiple days. On day two you will gradually coax your dog to the exit point. Each time you will start to demand more of a swim by effort on the return. By day three you will begin to see what a real swim by effort should look like. You will want to take advantage of the opportunity to reinforce the swim by with a nick. The goal is not only to reintroduce the mechanics of swimming by, but clarifying the correction sequence used for a refusal to swim by. You should reread the previous sentence. I suggest you periodically use swim by after completing this drill in order to maintain its effectiveness.

Below I have included a photo illustrating this drill. The red lines depict the tune up blinds and the white lines are the swim by return lines. If you have any questions drop me a note and I will explain it further. Thank you and good training!



Around the Region – Seminars, Tests, & Trials

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Yadkin River	Mebane, TN	09/19/20
Mid Atlantic HRC	Providence Forge, VA	09'25'20
Mid South	Olive Branch, MS	10/03/20
Greater Atlanta RC	Buckhead, GA	10/03/20
Middle TN ARC	LaVergne, TN	10/09/20
ETRC (66)	Birchwood, TN	10/17/20
N. Mississippi ARC	Bruce, MS	10/24/20
Fall Line RC	Lincolnton, GA	10/31/20

Numbers in parentheses are limits on number of Master dogs

Upcoming AKC Field Trials

River King RC	Grahamville, KY	09/18/20
Mobile ARC Fall Event	Greensboro, AL	09/18/20
Middle TN ARC	Lavergne, TN	09/25/20
Bluegrass RC Fall Trial	Grahamville, KY	10/02/20
Mississippi Valley RC	Weldon Spring, MO	10/09/20
Lincoln Trail RC	Grahamville, KY	10/16/20
National Amateur Invitational	Giddings, TX	November 2020

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 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 plus the opportunity to make friendships with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. It's a bargain! The membership year runs from March 1 to February 28/29th; people who join in November or later are also paid up for the following year.

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, death notices, 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).

You may notice we have a new numbering system. When I first took over the newsletter, I just continued on with the volume # from the last issue, then upped it by one every year. But, it makes no sense, and doesn't reflect how many years of newsletters we have anyway! So beginning with the January 2020 issue, the volume number will be the last two digits of the year, in Roman numeral format — so this is now Volume XX (for 2020).