



# Summer/Fall 2016 Upcoming Events

1. **Saturday, 8/20/16: Jody Ware Training Seminar and Summer Picnic Meeting,** Fyfes' and Fletchers' adjoining farms, 100 Retriever Lane, Pikeville, TN. Starting at 7 a.m. Central time (8 a.m. Eastern) Mark your calendar; details next month.
2. **Fall Club Trial, Dates and Location to be determined.**
3. **October 22-23, Fall AKC Hunt Test,** Lucky 7 Farm near Sweetwater. Master (2 flights), single Junior, single Senior. Judges pending; AKC & TWRA approval of grounds pending.

## President's Message

Happy fourth of July, a little bit late! No President's message this month as Lois is on vacation. We hope everyone is enjoying the hot summer and looking forward to our Summer Picnic and Jody Ware training seminar on August 20. Full details to follow in next month's issue.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter. Lots of information inside, pictures, and more.



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## Summary of Minutes, June 8, 2016 Board Meeting

**Present from the Board:** Lois Luthenauer, Michele Fletcher, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Michael Evans, Patti Gibson, Thomas Art Gibson, Donna Smith, Diane Fyfe

**Absent, excused:** Alan Bruhin

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

### Officer's Reports

**President's Report:** Lois Luthenauer: board member Ron Burger has resigned, and we need to appoint a new board member for his term, which will expire Feb 2019. After some discussion, the board decided to contact Luke McCoy to see if he would be willing to serve. He has taken the judges' seminar and was a great help at the recent hunt test. Michael volunteered to call him. If he is willing to serve, Michael will notify the Board and we will conduct a vote via email to approve his appointment.

**Secretary's Report.** Karen Edwards. The last meeting was April 18, 2016. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since April 21, 2016. Michael moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. Patti Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- ◆ **Website changes made & pending:** Added minutes from 4/18/16 board meeting, changed the password, posted the June 1, 2016 membership list, changed the dates on the website for various events, etc.
- ◆ **Membership:** Current membership is 48, with 20 people from 2015 who haven't yet renewed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 6/8/16 is \$20,253.73. Outstanding are bills from MNRC for annual dues (\$50) and an invoice from Cleveland Portables for the porta-potties at the hunt test which has not yet been received.

### Old Business

**Spring Hunt Test, May 28-29:** A very good test! There were some problems with time management on Master A, which did not finish until 8:15 on Sunday night. We had many members volunteer to help! It looks like we netted close to \$8000 on the test which can be used for further equipment purchases and upgrades.

**Fall Hunt Test:** October 22-23, Lucky 7

**Dates:** Although Hiwassee agreed to make the November 4 weekend available for us, AKC was not agreeable as there was another test too near by to approve those dates. So, we are still looking at trying to get Lucky 7 approved by AKC and TWRA.

**Format:** There are serious concerns about getting a private farm approved by AKC & TWRA in the time available. Lucky 7 only has room for four separate test sites. The board discussed changing our format for the fall test to having a single Junior and Senior (one on Saturday, one on Sunday) and two flights of Master in order to be able to fit completely onto the Lucky 7 site while still having a money-making test. Patti moved that we adopt this new format; Diane seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Karen will log onto the AKC event website and make these changes, and will also add John Broucek to the hunt test committee to make sure that owner Ken Campbell is comfortable with his interests being adequately represented.

**Lucky 7 approvals, AKC & TWRA:** Lois and Michael will work to get this process started. This involves getting aerial maps and information about property usage etc. We will also need to develop a written agreement for owner Ken Campbell's signature, including setting a price for our use. After some discussion, Karen suggested and the Board agreed that we should offer \$1000 for the use of Lucky 7 for the weekend test and for the Friday before the test. Karen will draft a simple agreement for consideration by the Board for this purpose.

**Entry fees for test:** Michael commented that many tests have gone to \$90 per master entry, and some are even at \$95. Our fees for the spring test were \$65 Junior, \$75 Senior, and \$80 Master. After some discussion, Michael moved that we raise our fees for Master to \$85 and leave the fees for Junior and Senior at the current rate. Tom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Number of Ducks:** As of July 2, AKC rules require all tests to have 2 fresh ducks per dog (ducks that have been killed within the past 24 hours of the start of the test). Various ideas were explored about how we can ensure that we provide adequate numbers of non-rotten ducks especially for the Junior dogs on Sunday without having dozens of ducks left over. Also, For the fall test, we need to work with Lucky 7 owner on where we can store our ducks both right after

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delivery and overnight between tests, hopefully with electricity so we can use dryer fans. We may need to build a duck rack at Lucky 7 out of scrap lumber so we can store the ducks off the ground overnight.

**Traffic and property use at Lucky 7:** The layout of the roads will make it challenging to ensure that we have adequate access to the various sites, can avoid interference with the tests, and don't get trucks/trailers stuck up at the clubhouse area. We will use aerial maps for planning beforehand on where to place the different stakes, traffic patterns, where to place signs, where to set up the check-in and operations center, etc. This should make set-up on Friday go smoother although we may have to change some tentative decisions once we are actually on site.

**Judges:** Michael is working on lining up judges and has two lined up already.

***Kevin's Youth Fund:*** Youth members' test entry fees were refunded out of the Luthenauer fund, leaving a balance of \$880. During the test, we received a program application from Griffin McDowell, 13, who is Brian Caldwell's Assistant. Karen moved that we approve his membership in the Youth program, pending receipt of parental permission and membership. Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Lois is working with Brian Caldwell to set up a Young Handler's seminar sometime this summer.

***Dokkens:*** 30 were purchased earlier as a trial. Since they seemed to work well, Karen raised the question of whether we wanted to buy more so we could more easily run a full Club Trial without constant rebirding? Patti moved that the club buy 30 more Dokkens and two more decoy bags (\$770); Tom seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Michael, who purchased the first batch, agreed to contact Dogs Afield and get some more.

***Workers Raffle:*** After deciding at the last meeting to convert the raffle to a workers raffle, where everyone who worked at least 4 hours at the Spring Hunt test would be automatically entered and a drawing held on Sunday, we all forgot. We will hold the drawing at the Summer picnic, with all spring hunt test volunteers' names entered. This will be done.

***Jody Ware Seminar.*** Lois talked with Jody and we will use the same format as last year —combine the seminar with the annual picnic. The date will be Saturday, August 20, at the Fyfes' and Fletchers' adjoining farms in Pikeville again.

### **New Business:**

#### ***First Reading, New members:***

Three new member applications were presented to the board, and sponsors were assigned. Diane moved that these new members be accepted on first reading. Michael seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Karen will notify the new members and the sponsors, and the final vote will be scheduled for the summer picnic.

#### ***New Equipment/stuff needed:***

- ◆ ***Site Marshal Toolkit:*** Jim Pearce, who was Chief Marshal at the spring test, recommended that we put together 4 toolkits, one for each test site, that includes Vegetation cutters/loppers, a tool kit for the wingers including pliers, adjustable wrench, wire cutters, zip ties, cotter pins, a small sledge hammer, and Loctite, as well as some winger-specific hardware including replacement basket eyes, washers, and nuts, and extra rubber. He also suggested large golf or patio umbrellas and stands for the bird kids and the dogs/handlers standing at the various holding blinds, for use when it is very hot. We would need 5 for each master flight, and 4 for Junior and Senior each for a total of 18. Discussion was positive about these ideas. Umbrellas might be an issue with some judges though. We will look into costs and specifics for various options to be discussed at the summer picnic.
- ◆ ***Ribbons:*** Before our next test, we need JH ribbons and title ribbon tabs for Junior and Senior. We are running a low on Master tabs and will need title ribbons after next test. It will cost around \$1000 to re-supply ourselves. The Board directed Karen to go ahead and put in the order for Fall.

***MNRC Proposed Bylaws Change:*** MNRC has requested our vote on a proposed Bylaws change to allow bylaws amendments to pass with a simple majority of those present at a meeting (25% is a quorum, so this is 12.5% of the membership) as opposed to 2/3 of those present. Our vote is due by July 5. There was considerable discussion on the pros and cons of this proposal. Karen moved that we vote NO; Roberta seconded, and it passed unanimously. Michael will prepare and return the ballot recording our No vote to the MNRC board secretary prior to the July 5 deadline.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

***The full copy of the minutes is available on the Members-only section of the ETRC Website.***

## Meet ETRC's Newest Board Member

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Congratulations and a big thanks to new Board Member LUKE MCCOY, who will serve as an ETRC Director for the remainder of Ron Burger's unexpired term (until February 2017). Ron resigned in May, citing work and family obligations. For those of you who don't know Luke, he is former President Brent McCoy's nephew; his father has also been a long-time off and on member of ETRC and Luke has had his own membership for the last several years. Luke has a young Golden, McCoy's Echo Callin' Your Name JH (Echo), and has just become an apprentice hunt test judge. He is a night-time college student and holds down a full time job, so is a busy guy. In spite of that, he is one of the first to volunteer to help at ETRC events. So, welcome a-Board (and pardon the dreadful pun)!



## New ETRC Members

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Welcome to the following new members who have joined ETRC recently:

- ◆ Andrew Sellin, of Tellico Plains, TN 37385. Andrew owns two Golden Retrievers
- ◆ Bob and Margaret Smith of Cleveland, TN, who own two Labradors
- ◆ Erik and Lisa Zrucky, of Lancing, TN, who have just bought one of John Guinn's Labrador puppies

If you see them at one of our events, please introduce yourselves and make them welcome.

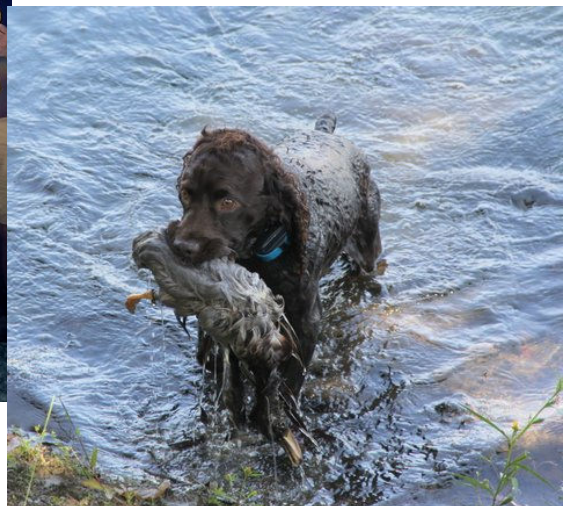
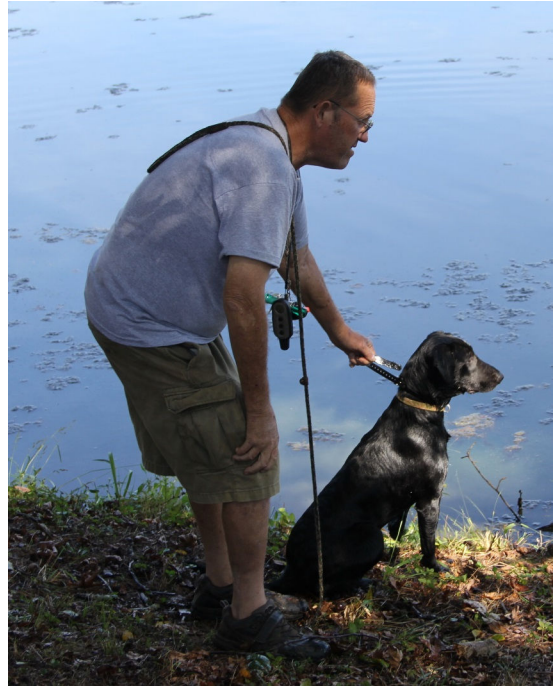


## The 2016 Luthenauer Young Handler's Program

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. **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)**



# ETRC Gallery—Old and New Photos

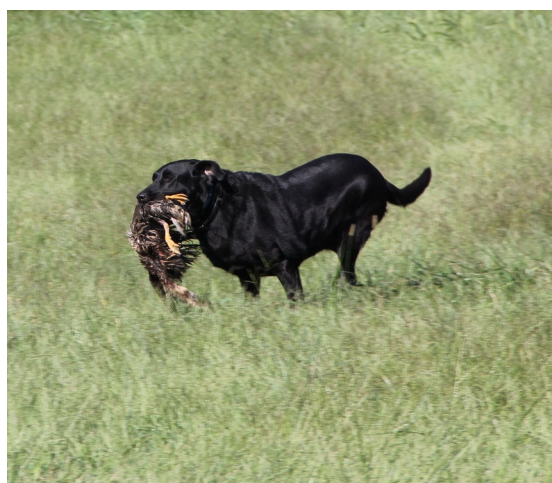


## Training Corner

### *Warm Weather Training for Dogs*

The following information is taken from a number of online articles about training gun dogs in the heat. Most of this is common sense, but with our current baking temperatures, it is worth remembering!

- ◆ Dogs start suffering from the heat at lower temperatures than we do (they are working harder than the trainer, working in heavy cover which traps heat, and can't pant when carrying a bird). You need to start worrying about heat when the temperatures reach 65-70 degrees.
- ◆ Early signs of overheating are heavy panting, with a thick red tongue, followed by wobbling around. If not treated right away you could be facing serious illness or death.
- ◆ .Best methods of cooling down a dog: apply ice or ice water to the insides of the legs and around the ears. Take your dog to the shade, put them in cold water, or put them in the front seat of your car with the air conditioning blowing full blast directly on them.
- ◆ Prevent overheating by training in the early morning or late evening. Avoid heavy cover in warm weather, and include water work in your set-ups. Even on land work, set things up so the dog runs or swims through water on his way to the marks or blinds. Keep runs short, work a lot of singles off multiple set-ups so if your dog has a long hunt, you can stop work immediately and cool him off before running the next mark.
- ◆ When not working, stake the dog in a shady area with drinking water available. Check on your staked dog frequently.
- ◆ If you are using birds in training, check them often and stop using them when they are getting too far gone. Bad birds can lead to training problems that may be difficult to undo later.
- ◆ Remember that scenting conditions are often poor during the warm months — too much competition from growing/blooming plants and other animals. Also, when panting, dogs are breathing through their mouths which makes scenting more difficult.
- ◆ Don't try to do too much in any training session during warm weather. If you teach just one lesson each day, by the end of the summer you and the dog will have learned a lot!



# Training Corner, Con't.

The following chart was a handout at an ETRC Training Seminar presented by Pro Andy Attar back in the early 1990s, that Roberta has in her archives. Good stuff!

**TRAINING FLOW CHART**

| <b><u>Drill work</u></b> |   | <b><u>Field work</u></b>  |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| <b>PRE YARD</b> ====>    | <b>Obedience</b><br>remote sit<br>here-sit<br>2-sided heeling<br><b>Fun games</b><br>hand thrown doubles<br>steady<br>casting games<br>*****  | time<br><br><i>non steady</i><br><i>encourage retrieve</i><br><i>simple marks</i>   |
| <b>YARD WORK</b> ====>   | <b>Force fetch</b><br><b>Stick fetch</b><br><b>3 handed cast</b><br><b>Fetch to back pile</b><br><br><b>Collar Conditioning</b><br>obedience<br>D-bolt<br>collar fetch<br><br><b>Pile work</b><br>force to pile<br>sit to pile<br>come in<br><br><b>Double T</b><br><br><b>Swim-by</b><br>***** | <i>longer marks</i><br><i>simple doubles</i><br><i>deliver to hand</i><br><br><i>line manners</i><br><i>with lead</i><br><br><i>demand steady</i><br><i>without lead</i><br><i>tons of successful</i><br><i>marks</i><br><br><i>demand line</i><br><i>manners</i><br><br><i>easy multiples</i><br><i>land &amp; water</i><br><br><i>lots of therapy</i><br><i>marks</i> |
| <b>TRANSITION</b>        | Pattern blinds<br>Blind Drills<br>Taught blinds<br>Cold land Blinds<br><br>8 handed casting drill<br>Wagon wheel lining drill<br>No-No drill<br><br>*****   | <i>land &amp; water</i><br><i>marking concepts</i><br><br><b><i>Handling in</i></b><br><b><i>the Field</i></b>  |
| <b>ADVANCED TRAINING</b> | Cheating singles<br>Taught water blinds<br>Cold water blinds  |   |

AUTUMN RUN RETRIEVERS

# 2017 Master Amateur Invitational

The inaugural Master Amateur Invitational will be held in Cairo, GA beginning on April 23, 2017. MARC continues to add more information on their website:

[www.masteramateur.com](http://www.masteramateur.com) This month they have added more detailed qualifying information and qual lists.

**REMINDER TO ALL AMATEUR HANDLERS:** Please make sure you have correctly updated your personal profile and your dogs' profile on Entry Express. Retriever News relies on that information for proper tracking of results. Handlers must also confirm with the stake Marshal that their status and actual handler are properly identified. The latter is most important when multiple handlers are listed.

## Discount on Dog-Friendly Motel6

Motel 6 offers a 10% nationwide discount to AKC Registrants.

To receive the discount, guests must reference the AKC account number: **CP542764**

100% of Motel 6 locations are Pet Friendly

Motel 6 Does NOT Charge a Pet Fee

Motel 6 Does NOT have weight limits on Pets

Motel 6 allows 2 pets per room

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## 2016 Area Hunt Tests

| <i>Name of Test</i>            | <i>Date</i>     | <i>Location</i>      |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| ◆ Curly coated RC (All Breeds) | 7/2/16          | Hambden Township, OH |
| ◆ Wisconsin Amateur RC         | 7/30/16         | Horicon, WI          |
| ◆ Master National RC           | 9/29/16-10/9/16 | Weldon Springs, MO   |

## Puppy Wanted

If anyone knows of a litter with a black lab female available, please contact Carol Stone who has the young man's contact info. He's looking for a hunting dog, and his grandfather was one of the original ETRC members. Carol's email is [schwartzpudel@hughes.net](mailto:schwartzpudel@hughes.net)

## 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, and any other brags you care to share, along with pictures! Even if you don't have a current brag, send pictures. Deadline is the 26th of the month but we can sometimes sneak something in a little late.... Send items for inclusion 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)).