

ETRC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET-Saturday, Feb 23

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The ETRC Awards Banquet and Semi-annual business meeting will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Calhoun's on the Bearden Hill restaurant in Knoxville. DIRECTIONS: 6515 Kingston Pike. Take I-40 Papermill Road, Phone 865-673-3377. We will have the same format as last year allowing members to order from the menu when they arrive. Drinks can be ordered from the servers and gratuities added on individual tabs. We will need a head count to let Calhoun's know the number attending and eating to determine how many servers will be required. Please RSVP to Michael Evans NO LATER than February 1, 2013. E-mail Mike at fowl_mouth_k9@aol.com. If folks want to come and not eat Michael will not need to hear from them. If you have any questions, contact Michael at 865-933-3153. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM.

At 7:30 PM the semi-annual business meeting will commence. The agenda will include New Business, Old Business, Awards presentation, and Election of 2013 Officers and Board of Directors. A voting ballot will be given each member at the door to cast their secret vote. The following is a listing as reported by the Nominations Committee Chairman Carol Stone, of the 2013 nominees for each office:

Officers (1-Yr Term)

President Michael Evans
Vice President Kelley Eller
Secretary Karen Edwards
Hunt Test Secretary Roberta Williams
Treasurer Chuck Atchley
Past President Brent McCoy

Board of Directors (3-Yr Term)

Derek Dieterich (Vote for two)
Lois Luthenauer

AKC Delegate (1-Yr Term)

Diane Fyfe

ETRC CLUB NEWS

ETRC members would like to extend to Hubert and Linda Helton our deepest sympathy in the loss of their black Lab Master Hunter River. Send an e-mail note to: silkmoose@hotmail.com

ETRC AWARDS FOR 2012

Please submit point totals for 2012 Gun Dog and 2012 Puppy of the Year awards to Director Mike Evans. A perpetual trophy is awarded and held for one year along with a large engraved gold plaque given to the winners. Rules for both are on the website (www.etrclub.org) under Gun Dog Awards. Send point totals via e-mail: fowl_mouth_k9@aol.com by February 1.

Title Award Plaques: Each year ETRC presents members with gold engraved plaques to commemorate each AKC title they may receive in this calendar year of 2012. The engraver needs the following items:

Owner's Name _____ Title Earned _____
Dog's AKC Full Name _____ Date of Title _____

Please e-mail plaque information to: Mike Evans, Director, fowl_mouth_k9@aol.com by February 1, 2013

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ETRC NEWSLETTER

New Members

******WELCOME******

Laurie & JimThompson
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3) Pending Membership Feb 23

Pending Membership Final Vote (Feb 23 Business Meeting)

1) Kenny McCormick, Cleveland, TN

2) Beth White, Maryville, TN

TRAINING TIPS—Courtesy of Professional Mike Lardy- Total Retriever Marking

Training Tip # 43

BIRD-IN-MOUTH IN TEACHING DOUBLES

From: Total Retriever Marking with Mike Lardy

There are essentially three steps to teaching doubles in the field. First we run singles off multiple guns with the “bird-in-mouth”. That is the bird is not taken from the dog until the next bird has been thrown. This is not a double but introduces the mechanics of a double (deliver facing the next mark and begin to focus the dog’s attention on the remaining mark before taking the bird away).

The bird-in-mouth procedure also creates a slight delay between the throw and the send—making the mark a sort of mini-memory bird. Note that we generally wait until after a dog is force-fetched before doing this procedure to avoid a lot of problems with delivery. There are then other steps that we follow to teach doubles. This step prepares them for the next.

Training Tip #41

WHY USE A HEELING STICK

From: Training with Mike Lardy Volume 1

The heeling stick should always be carried when you run marks. A good guideline is to always carry the stick once you are running the dog with a taut lead. Keep the stick resting upright on your shoulder so that you don’t have to wind up to use it. This way you will avoid having the dog flinch whenever you move.

The dog should be accustomed to your carrying the stick—it just means you are going to work. Use only as much stick pressure as needed, and always precede the stick correction with a command. Be careful not to carry it only when you think you will need it or the dog will become “stick-wise”.

The correction will be most effective if it lands on the hip. Dogs vary in their sensitivity to the heeling stick. For some, a gentle tap is all it takes. Using the heeling stick while holding the taut lead can get a little awkward, but with practice it will become easy.

AKC SPRING HUNT TEST—May 25-26, 2013– Hiwassee Refuge, Birchwood, TN

The AKC has approved the date of May 25-26, 2013 for the ETRC Spring AKC Hunt Test to be held on the Blythe Ferry WMA, Hiwassee Refuge, Birchwood, TN. The judges panel has not been finalized due to needing an additional Junior/Senior pair of judges. The event will be posted on Entry Express but entries cannot be taken until all judges are acquired.

ETRC will not be allowed to use the Hiwassee Refuge for our Fall AKC Hunt Test. The TWRA manager, Jason Jackson, only has one date open for use by retriever clubs and the Chattanooga Retriever Club has first priority for that date. A committee will be appointed at the February 23 business meeting to find sufficient grounds to hold an AKC event.

ETRC and Surrounding Area Upcoming Events

Feb 23 2013 ETRC Annual Banquet & Officer Election
Calhoun’s Restaurant, 6515 Kingston Pike,
Knoxville, TN, I-40, Papermill Exit 6 PM

May 25-26 East Tennessee Retriever Club Spring AKC
Hunt Test, Hiwassee Refuge, Birchwood, TN
Closing Date May 16. Hunt Test Secretary
Roberta Williams, E-mail: sharphlw@usit.net

NEW TRAINING GROUNDS!

A signed agreement between ETRC and Roane Alliance to use the Industrial Park grounds for dog training on Saturdays only. Directions: Take I-40 to I-40/I-75 Split. Go 4.1 miles to TN – 95 West . Go left 1/4 mile to Buttermilk Rd. Go one mile to Sam Rayburn Parkway. Go 1/2 mile to left on Pawnook Farm Road past tan building. Club Rules on Website under TRAINING.