



August 10 Summer Picnic/General Membership Meeting

Saturday, August 10 ETRC will host our annual summer picnic and member business meeting to be held at Shelter #2, Lenoir City Park and Marina, Fort Loudon Dam, Lenoir City, TN from 4 PM to 9 PM. ETRC furnishes hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, plates, cups, silverware, and tablecloths. Bring a covered dish or any items listed below:

1. Condiments—mustard, mayo, ketchup, barbeque sauce, pickles, salt, pepper
2. Fixings—lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese, etc.
3. Desserts
4. Pot Luck dishes, such as chips and dip, baked beans, slaw, fruit salad, veggie Casseroles, jello salads, other salads, fried chicken, whatever!
5. Drinks, sodas, tea, water, ice
6. Miscellaneous—charcoal, charcoal starter, paper towels, hand sanitizer, garbage bag

The shelter is covered, has a large grill, four large tables w/benches, volleyball court, electricity. You might want to bring the following—chairs, sunscreen, hats, sunglasses.

Please RSVP to our Events Chairman, Patti Gibson, at holstonview@bellsouth.net or phone her at 865-356-8834. We need to know how much meat to buy!

We have eight new members since the first of the year who have joined ETRC and will be inducted into the club. The following new members and their two sponsors are listed:

1. Adam Smelcer (Brian Caldwell, Gibsons)
2. Nick Hodges (Gibsons, Wes Overton)
3. Tony Yanniello (Roberta Williams, Michael Evans)
4. Ryan Stamey (David Knott, Brent McCoy)
5. Brad Harris (Brian Caldwell, Wes Overton)
6. Nick Hurley (John Guinn, Michael Evans)
7. Adam Cloar (Carol Stone, Beth White)
8. Blake Waggoner (Chuck Atchley, Guy Greer)

Signed sponsor approval before the membership meeting of August 10 is required which may be accomplished at the member picnic or by a prior e-mail sent to the club secretary, Karen Edwards.

We encourage everyone to attend. Find out what is going on with ETRC's Fall schedule, and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

Hope to see you all there!

DIRECTIONS: Take I-75 to Exit 81, Lenoir City Exit, then take Hwy 321 three miles to City Park Drive on the right. Do not go across the dam. Go 1/2 mile to 5200 Lenoir City Park & Marina. Next door to Calhoun's on the Marina restaurant. Shelter #2 is located on first road to left.

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Upcoming Surrounding Events

September 20	Mid-South Retriever Club	Bruce, MS	Double Master
October 11	Middle Tennessee ARC	Lavergne, TN	Single Master (Limit 120 MH dogs)
October 19	East Tennessee RC	Birchwood, TN	Single Master (Limit 120 MH dogs)
October 19	Yadkin River RC	Mebane, NC	Single Master (Limit 120 MH dogs)
October 25	Atlanta RC	Buckhead, GA	Single Master (Limit 120 MH dogs)
October 26	Central KY RC	Kevil, KY	Single Master (Limit 120 MH dogs)
November 2	Carolina Retrievers RC	Mullins, SC	Single Master (Limit 120 MH dogs)
November 2	Magnolia RC	Flora, MS	Single Master (Limit 120 MH dogs)
November 8	Black Warrior RC	Greensboro, AL	Double Master (Limit 120 MH dogs)
November 9	Tallahassee RC	Thomasville, GA	Single Master (Limit 120 MH dogs)
November 16	Fall Line RC	Lincolnton, GA	Single Master (Limit 120 MH dogs)

Master National 2013—Flint Oak Hunting Preserve—Fall River, Kansas September 19

The Master National 2013 event will begin at least a seven-day hunt test on Saturday, September 21. The final count of qualifiers nationwide on July 31, 2013 was 828 requiring at least four splits. Last year 710 dogs entered with 900 qualified. The event will end on September 29. Residents of the Kansas area are warning handlers of the grounds being covered with flint (rock) requiring tough retriever pads to stay healthy. The Sunflower Retriever Club is the host club. Go to: www.flintoak.com for pictures.

New AKC Hunt Test Rules and Regulations—Senior Tests - Judges Retaining Score Sheets

News Bulletin from Performance Events Dept to: Clubs Licensed to Hold Retriever Hunting Tests—Effective September 1, 2013. Subject: Walk-ups in Senior Level Test & Judges Completing/Retaining Score Sheets

This is to inform your club of two recent changes to the Retriever Hunting Test Regulations. The changes were recommended by the Retriever Hunting Test Advisory Committee. The Performance Events Dept agrees with the recommendations. They are meant to clarify and bring greater consistency to the sport.

Walk-ups in the Senior Level Test: Chapter 5, Section 6. There is a sentence in this section that states—“There shall be at least one diversion shot and at least one of hunting situations should include a walk-up” The intent is that a walk-up is required in the Senior Hunter test. However, there are some judges that interpret “should” as meaning it is not required. Therefore, the word “should” has been changed to “shall”. The new sentence reads—“There shall be at least one diversion shot and at least one of hunting situations shall include a walk-up.”

Judges Completing and Retaining Score Sheets: It has always been the intent that the score sheet be completed as documentation of a dog’s performance. A few judges claim they do not need to score a dog’s performance, rather they can remember if a dog deserves to qualify. This is not good practice. Further, occasionally questions arise regarding test results. The ability to refer back to the score sheets can aid in resolving these questions. Therefore, wording has been added that requires judges to complete the score for each ability being evaluated in each series and to retain the score sheets for at least 60 days following the completion of the test. This is an addition to Chapter 2, Section 1. A new paragraph in this section will read as follows—A judge must record on the *Evaluation Form* (score sheet) the score assigned for each ability being evaluated in each series. A judge may not simply note that the dog qualified or did not qualify. The form must be completed with the dog’s numeric scores prior to determining if the dog qualified. The *Evaluation Form* must be retained by the judge for a least 60 days following the end of the test. Both these changes become effective September 1, 2013. They will appear in the next reprint of the Regulations. Comments can be e-mailed to huntingtest@akc.org