



## 2017 Upcoming Events

1. August 5, 2017, Saturday: Jody Ware training seminar, picnic and summer business meeting, Fyfe/Fletcher farm, Pikeville, TN, 8.a.m (Eastern) - See page 2 for details
2. October 7, 2017, Saturday:, 8 a.m.. EST Fall Club Trial, Lucky 7 Ranch, Sweetwater.
3. October 21-22, 2017, Saturday & Sunday: ETRC Fall Test, Lucky 7 Ranch, Sweetwater. Pending judges.
4. May 26-27, 2018, Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee Refuge. Pending.

## President's Message

It's here! It's time for the ETRC Annual Membership Meeting, Picnic and JODY WARE'S TRAINING SEMINAR.

If you have not already sent Karen your RSVP, please do so right away. We need a head count to be sure we have enough grub. AUGUST 5th is this coming Saturday and you know you will get some great training tips. This is also a great opportunity to visit with other members and talk to the Board and Officers. Please let us know what else we can be doing to promote our club and our sport (or even tell us what we are doing right), and of course, have some great food!

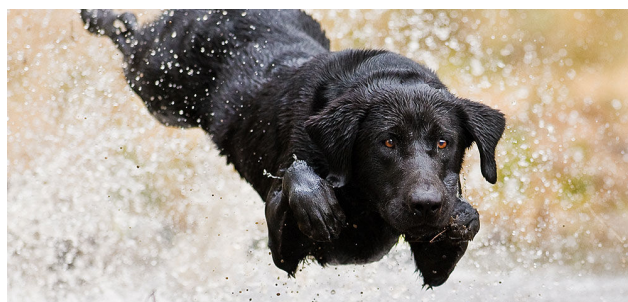
The meeting and seminar will be held at the adjoining Fyfe/Fletcher grounds in Pikeville — see directions and particulars on the next page. This is a beautiful setting, and we always have a great time. In addition to the food and training tips, we have some important topics to discuss at the summer meeting and we need your input.

We are already planning for our fall events — the Club Trial and the fall Hunt Test. Both of these will be held at Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Farm. He has beautiful grounds and we are looking forward to hosting our fall events at this site. And the Club Trial at the same location will provide a great opportunity to "tune up" for main event!

In the meantime, Happy Training!

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## Jody Ware Training Seminar / Picnic / Summer Business Meeting

On Saturday, August 5, 2017, ETRC will host our 3rd annual Summer Extravaganza at the Fyfe and Fletcher Farms, 101 Retriever Lane, Pikeville, TN. **Mark your calendars now.** This event is for ETRC members /families only, and the only cost is food that you bring to share. If you not currently a member, you can still come if you bring your application and dues to Karen Edwards first thing on Saturday morning. **RSVP NOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME** – see below.

The Fyfe and Fletchers' adjoining farms have a technical pond, a swim-by pond and a general purpose oval pond that we can use for water work. There are broad rolling patches of grassland for marks, and some shady, flat areas for drills. The picnic itself and the business meeting to follow will be in a large, shady, open-sided pole barn.

The seminar will start at **7 a.m. Central time (8:00 Eastern)** so we can get in as much work as possible before the heat of the day. Work will begin with more advanced training and handling, then move on to beginning handling, then to beginner / young dog basics and yard work. We will use as many dogs as time allows. There will be Dokkens and bumpers, and possibly a few freshly thawed ducks for puppy orientation.

Plan to stay afterwards for our summer picnic and business meeting. The picnic will begin at noon Central time (1:00 p.m. Eastern) and the business meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. We have some important decisions to make on topics such as purchasing some new equipment for the Club, news about our fall hunt test, revisions to the Gun Dog and Puppy of the Year awards, and final voting in of new members who have joined during the first half of the year.

Lunch will be a potluck picnic in the covered pole barn -- bring something to share -- cold food only, including chips, dips, desserts, cookies, salads, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, sandwich condiments etc. Please ask for suggestions or coordinate what you are planning to bring with Karen Edwards at [edwardskc@gmail.com](mailto:edwardskc@gmail.com). The club will provide bread, deli meats and cheeses for sandwich making, paper plates, napkins, and plastic utensils. **Attendees should also bring chairs, hats, and sunscreen; tie outs for your dogs, water dishes, and drinks for yourself.** Shade for parking is limited.

RSVP to Karen Edwards ([edwardskc@gmail.com](mailto:edwardskc@gmail.com)) no later than August 1, 2017 so we can put your name in the pot and know how many dogs to expect. RSVPs are not needed if you are planning only to attend the business meeting. We can accommodate a FEW late RSVP-ers, but please make it easier on us and respond promptly. We will need to know:

1. The number of people attending, and the ages of any children;
2. The number of dogs you are bringing, their name, age, and general description of training level;
3. The dish you would like to bring.

### DIRECTIONS & CONTACTS:

Rick Fyfe: 423-331-7560

Michele Fletcher: 850-582-9111

Karen Edwards: 865-300-7607

From Knoxville or points south of Athens: (1 hour 45 minutes from Knoxville)

Take I75 S (or North if you are coming from up from south of Athens) to Exit 49 in Athens.

Follow TN 30W through Decatur and Dayton to Pikeville, about 42.6 miles.

Turn L onto US-127S / Main Street, go 2.0 miles  
turn R into Retriever Drive (driveway. )

.From Knoxville area: about 1 hour 40 minutes

Take I40 west to Exit 329.

Turn R onto Market St, go .1 mile

Turn L onto US70W, go 1.0 mile

Turn L onto Cox Valley Road, go 3.4 miles

Turn R onto TN68N, go 4.3 miles

Turn L onto US-127 S and go 23.8 miles

Stay straight onto US-127 Bypass, go 1.5 miles

Continue onto US-127S Main Street, go 2.0 miles

turn R into Retriever Drive (driveway. )

If your GPS doesn't recognize Retriever Drive, try entering the neighbor's address, 115 Main Street, Pikeville Tennessee.

## Brags & Member Notices



Congratulations to Nick Ware (13) and Fern Hill RSR's Golden Boy JH (Willie), who earned their Junior Hunter title in two week-ends this summer. They plan to be out competing in Senior Hunter tests this fall.



### Looking for Used Dog Trailer/Box

The Chambers family is looking for an older model 3 or 4 hole slide-in dog box or a 4 hole trailer. If you have one or know of someone having one to sell, please contact Denise at # 865-660-6135.

### Gun Dog / Puppy of the Year Awards

We had hoped to complete the revision of the criteria for these awards in time for the August meeting, but were not able to arrange for a Board meeting to consider the committee recommendations. Plans now are for the revised rules to be completed by the end of the year, published in the January Newsletter, and formally presented to the Membership at the February annual banquet. The awards for 2017 will NOT be handled under the new rules, but will be done using the rules currently in place since 2011 (see ETRC Website). Stay tuned!



## The 2017 Luthenauer Young Handler's Program

Calling all kids! It is now time to sign up for the 2017 Young Handler's Program. Any young person at the undergraduate college level and below is eligible to join. Participants will be reimbursed for entry fees into AKC Hunt Tests and will participate free of charge in ETRC Club Trials and other ETRC events. You will be expected to volunteer for at least 4 hours at one of our club events.

All it takes to participate: you must be a member of ETRC, and you must submit a one-page essay to the program coordinator stating why you want to join the program and what retriever sports mean to you. Submit your essay to Program Coordinator, Lois Luthenauer, [MountainLo717@gmail.com](mailto:MountainLo717@gmail.com). Full details of this program are on the club website under "Youth Program."



Denise, Ivan and Cade Chambers and their dogs. Ivan and Cade are participants in the Luthenauer Young Handler's Program

## 2017 ETRC Memberships

Membership is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). 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. It's a bargain!

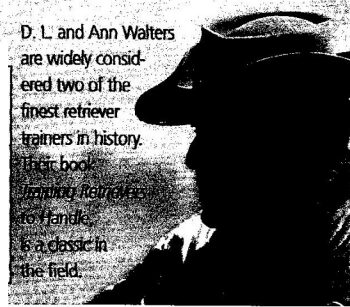


## Training Corner

### Ask D.L.

by D. L. Waters

D. L. and Ann Walters are widely considered two of the finest retriever trainers in history. Their book, *Training Retrievers to Handle*, is a classic in the field.



*water marks? I have already trained two retrievers to keep from cheating. I used a long rope, in conjunction with a recently purchased e-collar, and it seems to have helped. However, if there is a very long swim along a bank, for instance, the farther out they get, the better the chances they will get out of the water early and run the bank.*

From the Internet via The Retriever Journal Discussion Room  
<http://www.villagepress.com/wildwood/>

**A:** I am glad you have obtained an e-collar, because it is the best tool for what we call "shore breaking" dogs in the water.

Try to find a channel of water 20 to 30 feet wide and 150 to 200 feet long. (See diagram.)

Put a gun at the far end, having him throw a water mark to Point A at the far end of the channel. Use a white dummy



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when the dog gets close, he will get it. If the dog doesn't, have your gunner alerted to the fact that you may have him holler, get the dog's attention, and throw another one in the same place.

Put your e-collar on the dog and use a low-intensity impulse. You may have to experiment a little to find what intensity gives you results.

Have the gunner shoot and throw to Point A; send your dog from Point X. Let's say he jumps in and swims to Point B or C, gets out, and starts to run the bank. Use your e-collar, holler, "No," call him back into the water, have the gunner get his attention, and throw another mark to Point A. The dog should swim down to the mark. But if he gets out again, do the same thing - get him back in the water and have the gunner throw another.

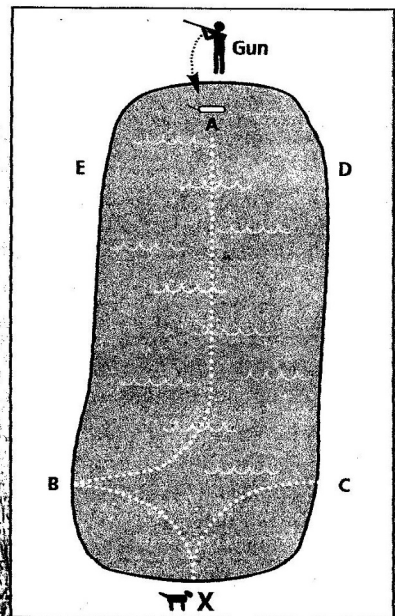
Keep repeating this mark until he will swim all the way. The first few times, if he swims all the way and wants to run the bank back, just let him. In other words, get him to go all the way

by water first. After he has gone all the way by water five or six times, it is time to stop the bank running back.

Let him pick up the dummy at Point A and start running the bank back. Let him come about halfway back to Point D or E. Impulse him (you can use a higher impulse here), holler, "No," and you throw a dummy to the middle of the channel. He will probably drop the dummy he has and go after the one you threw. Keep doing this, and he will soon get the picture to stay in the water all the way back.

**Warning:** When he picks up the dummy at Point A and you can see immediately that he is going to run the bank back, *do not* use the e-collar at this point. You do not want to make Point A unpleasant. He will learn just as well if you let him get part of the way back and then go to work. He will very soon pick it up at Point A and come right back into the water.

Once you get things going well both ways on that channel, go to a new, but similar, place and repeat the drill.



*The best time to force fetch is right after the pup's adult teeth erupt.*

## Around the Region

### Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Presque Isle RC	8/12/17	Springboro, PA
Keystone RC	8/12/17	Franklinton, PA
Labrador Club Potomac	9/9/17	Brandywine, MD
Atlanta RC	9/10/17	Buckhead, GA
Tidewater RC	9/15/17	Emporia, VA
Golden Retriever Club	9/16/17	St. Louis/St. Chas, MO
Golden Retrievers of America	9/22/17	Greenwood, DE
Yadkin River RC	9/23/17	Cedar Grove, NC
Mid-South RC	9/23/17	Bruce, MS
Mid-Atlantic RC	9/29/17	Providence, VA
Dardenne RC	9/29/17	Weldon Spring, TN
Buckeye RC	9/30/17	Chardon, OH
American Chesapeake Club	10/7/17	Chardon, OH
Talbot RC	10/7/17	Vienna, MD
<b>Master National RC</b>	<b>10/12 to 10/22</b>	<b>Tennessee Colony, TX</b>
East TN RC (Saturday)	10/21/17	Sweetwater, TN
Boothel RC	10/21/17	Millersville, MO
Rappahannock RC	10/21/17	Remington, VA
East TN RC (Sunday)	10/22/17	Sweetwater, TN
Neuse River RC	10/28/17	Kinston, NC
Central Kentucky RC	10/28/17	Kevil, KY
Fall Line RC	11/4/17	Lincolnton, GA
Eastern Carolina RC	11/4/17	Rocky Point, NC
Del Bay RC	11/4/17	Elkton, MD
Carolina Retriever Assn.	11/11/17	Patrick, SC
Tallahassee RC	11/11/17	Thomasville, GA
N. Alabama RC	11/18/17	Greensboro, AL
Mid-Florida Golden Retr.	12/8/17	Monteverde, FL

## 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 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 ([sharpplw@usit.net](mailto:sharpplw@usit.net)).