



The Scoop

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Letter from the President:

Welcome to Buckeye Retriever Club's 70th Anniversary year!

It is exciting to enter into this anniversary year after having had such a transformational Buckeye season last year. Although some of our accomplishments were highlighted at the annual dinner, I thought it might be interesting to briefly recap the year and talk about this upcoming season.

Last year, with the retirement of our long-time property manager Bob Reckart, the Board assumed responsibility of managing the Nursery for the club. The club maintains property registration and reporting with the ODNR. BRC has contracted for regular mowing, hired for pond repairs and removed over 20 dead trees around our training areas. We had the heavy overgrowth around ponds cleared. At Chessman's pond, we opened an area of the pond bank to create an expanded area where we can train marks and blinds through water up onto land.

We focused on equipment last year, adding a defibrillator to the event emergency kit. With the transition to shotgun simulators completed, the club donated the majority of our shotgun inventory to the police department for safe disposal. New wingers were purchased late in the season with a plan to replace the rest this year.

The club upgraded its internet presence by completely revamping our website and also by adding a facebook page. Note you do not have to be a facebook member to see our page. Visit if you have not!

After years of discussion, and in consideration of our membership's goals, BRC became a Master National Retriever Club. This means our events will now credit toward Master National Qualification. BRC also became a Master Amateur Retriever Club member, which fits with our tradition of supporting amateurs in our sport.

This season, BRC is adding a weekday master-only hunt test June 12th & 13th, the week of the spring BRC hunt test. With the MH stakes consistently at capacity, adding a test will open more opportunities to test in June. Please note, entries for this event will be on HuntSecretary.com. All other BRC events will remain on Entry Express.

Also new to BRC, as you have probably seen, we are very pleased to host a training seminar focused on transitional work. The early-bird rate expires March 31st. See additional information in the newsletter. We hope you find the educational opportunity valuable.

And on that point, we want your feedback! Please take a moment, if you have not yet, to complete the short questionnaire as it will help ensure we are keeping the club's activities relevant to our membership.

Thanks, and hope to see you at the Nursery,
Cyndi Poveda
President

Welcome new members!

Chris & Desire Nyland
Mary Ellen & Michael Hanlon
Lori Nastas
Carin Higgins
Dominic Paolo

Anniversary T-Shirts & Hats Sale!

BRC is offering an anniversary t-shirt for sale and BRC hats as well! The t-shirts, available in camo and other colors, long sleeve and short sleeve and ready to pick up at our clean-up date. Watch for a Buckeye Blast email soon with details and an order form. Here is the anniversary design which will be on the back of the anniversary t-shirts:



Calendar Planning: Upcoming Events

Spring Club Training Days, 9AM start time:

- April 8th at Crooked Creek Conservation Club, Leader: Bob Samios
- April 22nd at Crooked Creek Conservation Club, Leaders: Joe Ricupero & Cyndi Poveda
- May 6th at the Nursery, Leader: Danny Grant

Clean-up day at the Nursery, May 19th, 9AM start, noon cookout followed by training with Joe Weimer. For information about clean-up day contact co-chairman Joe Ricupero, 216-214-3222 or Shannon Black, 440-286-1754.

AKC Hunt Tests at the Nursery:

- June 9 & 10, Cuyahoga Valley Golden Retriever Club
- June 12 & 13, Buckeye Retriever Club Master-Only
- June 16 & 17, Buckeye Retriever Club Spring
- June 23 & 24, Greater Pittsburgh Labrador Retriever Club
- June 30/July 1, Curley-Coated Retriever Club of America

Jim Van Engen Seminar, August 25 & 26

Registration remains open for the Jim Van Engen intermediate/transition seminar. Handler/dog team registration is almost full. BRC early-bird rates are \$300 dog/handler teams, \$100 attendees until March 31^t. Beginning April 1st, open enrollment begins and rates are \$325/\$125.

<http://www.rightstartkennel.com> for more information on Jim Van Engen. Registration information, contact Sally Koepke 440-564-9702 for registration information.

Training Groups

Members often form their own training groups and meet out at the Nursery. But how do you find one another? BRC would like to help. If you are interested in finding a group to train with, please let us know! We will then put people in touch with one another. Please email cyndipoveda@outlook.com with your interest in finding a training group, number of dogs and their training levels. We will do our best to hook you up!

Mud Season

Just another reminder to stay on the Nursery roads as melting snow/damp conditions keep the grass parking areas soft in late winter/early spring. The property is well known for catching a few vehicles every season. And its already claimed at least one truck.

This just in.....

Ohio Representative Jeff Rezabek has sponsored a bill to recognize the Labrador as the official state dog! He believes the breed would represent Ohio values well because it's a working dog and a sporting dog.

The AKC notified members that House Bill 506, updating breeder laws and sponsored by Representative Brian Hill, has been advanced by the Ohio House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee. The new provisions include a definition of "high volume breeders", clarification of standards of care for high volume breeders and requirements that pet stores and dog retailers must verify that breeders meet Ohio's standards of care. More information can be found at:

<http://akc.org/legislative-alerts/ohio-advancing-bill-update-breeder-laws/>

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