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Annual IN Person Meeting

ORKC Membership in person only, *no Zoom*, meeting at the Club,

June 6th at 6:30pm.

You MUST be PRESENT to VOTE!



All Members are encouraged to attend!

Nominating Committee: Cindi Chilbert, Committee Chair reporting: The committee comprised of Cindi Chilbert, Sharon Walker and Mary Shephard present the following for officers and board members for '24-'25 year. President-Richella Veatch, Vice-President-Cindi Chilbert, 2nd VP – Mary Sonner,

Treasurer-Susan Varrasso, Secretary – Jeannelove Ferguson, Training Director-Bonnie Hornfisher, Board members: Barb Byrum, Kathy Ambrose, Courtney Kleiman, and Kyle Scripko. One board seat remains unfilled.



Hi, everyone! Our annual ORKC Cook Out/Pot Luck and Officer Elections are June 6th at the club.

Click on the Sign Up Genius link below for more information, to RSVP, and sign up to bring a dish to share. Can't wait to see you there!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DADAD22A3F9C61-49481274-orkc>

Welcome New Member



Hello to all my fellow dog lovers. My name is Sandy Morris. I'm from Michigan. I retired last July & moved to Clinton, TN In October to be closer to my family. I'm a breeder/owner/handler of Chesapeake Bay Retrievers since 1991. I started showing in conformation & added agility in 2004. I love both & enjoy showing my own dogs. I only have one Chessie at this time. Her name is Flame. She is 6 yrs old. She loves agility & is currently taking a couple classes a week at ORKC! I was very active at the Kalamazoo Kennel Club in Michigan and am so happy I found your club. The agility people that I've met so far are great! I look forward to meeting more of your members & becoming an active ORKC member.

New Members

Please introduce yourself and your dog(s) here on the Woofers. Send me a short bio and photo so that club members can welcome you, and get to know a little about you. send to me Deanna Leveque, at 4woofernews@gmail.com along with your brags.

Up Coming Event



Sniff & Go

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Novice Level Classes to start at 10:00am

Oak Ridge Kennel Club

1790 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Elements and levels offered:

Containers:

Novice
Advanced
Excellent
Master

Buried:

Novice
Advanced
Excellent
Master

Pre-register by sending an email to

orkcscentwork@gmail.com stating:

your name, dog's name and level/elements you wish to run

Check in and pay at the door day of event

Cost is \$5 per run per element

(with the opportunity to run twice for each level/element)

Judges will be club members



All proceeds will go towards the cost of supplies and awards for the trials.

*Come out and practice—
Set up will be the same as
upcoming trials in September.*



Up Coming Event

May/June schedule is out. Classes start May 11th. Currently there are. 26 classes available.



ORKC Scent Work News

Scent Work Trial - We are excited to announce that we are hosting our first AKC Scent Work trial on Sept 14-15, 2024. The trial will be held at the ORKC training facility. All levels of Containers and Buried will be offered. Premium to come.

If you are interested in being part of our inaugural Scent Work trial, we are seeking Trial Committee members and volunteers to help during the trial and fundraising events. Please email Susan Varrasso at svarrasso@charter.net if interested. Our Scent Work program is growing. We are adding a new Competition class this session for teams currently trialing in the Advanced level or higher. Check out our website for the current class schedule and class descriptions.



Up Coming Event

The Cluster committee is as follows: Barb Byrum, Julie Burns, Cindi Chilbert, and Richella. Show applications are in, one glitch to work out. Judges approved. Still need volunteers to handle some jobs. Ashley Miller is the trophy chair. Trophy support is being requested and forms are available in the lobby here. We need help with advertising and several other jobs. Susan is the Treasurer for the event, Michael Beasley is the Obedience and rally chair, Michael Chilbert is the FastCat Chair. We need several other position chairs.



Planning is underway for the Great Smoky Mountain Cluster - September 26-29!

Oak Ridge Kennel Club is excited to offer Mike Fowler's lovely pottery as our trophies again this year on Friday and Sunday of the cluster. I am reaching out asking that you please consider sponsoring the breed you love by sponsoring a breed trophy. It may be for either one or both days. Please find attached the trophy sponsorship form. Additionally, some copies are available on the table in the East Building at the club. In order to be included in the premium list, the deadline for submission is Monday, July 15th.

Any sponsorship is greatly appreciated! Thank you for the consideration and if you have any questions about trophy sponsorship, please let me know.

Thank you,
Ashley Miller

ferris7555@aol.com

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Fern Hill I Mint To Do That, a Golden Retriever puppy who is 4th generation breeding by her owners, Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce, won the East Tennessee Retriever Club's Puppy Of The Year award for field success in the 2023 season before she turned a year old. In a field dominated by Labradors, this is a notable achievement for a Golden. Mint is by a Michigan dog, Wynwood's Over The Top QA2 MH13 CCA and out of our Fern Hill Py In The Sky MH. Mint will be working towards her Senior Hunter title this spring.

Tucker earned his NACSW Elite 3 title on March 16th in Trussville, AL at the Southeast Scent Work Alliance trial. He is the third Chessie to earn this title. Tucker loves scent work, and I am so fortunate to get to play this game with him! Owned and loved by Lisa Varrasso.



Gibbs got his Rally Advanced over the weekend, Two 1sts and a third, On to EX, then we will start the serious stuff...obedience.

Sue n Gibbs

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My Buddy's Hero in the Red Suit TKN ACT1 ACT1J NJP NAP OFP RE DCAT

-Barry and I competed in our first Rally trial in over year at the ORKC/ TVKC trials in February. He got all 3 Q's toward his Rally Advanced title with one 2nd place and two 1st placements! He then moved up to Excellent and got his first Q with 1st place!

-Barry and I had an incredible week at the Peach Blossom Cluster at Perry GA in April!!! He finished his Rally Excellent title with two 2nd placements. He moved up and got his first Master Q! He also ran in Fast CAT with speeds at 23 MPH. He obtained his last 7 qualifying runs with enough points to finish his DCAT title! As we competed in Rally, Fast CAT, and Conformation events, we competed in the Peach Blossom Versatile Dog Competition. We earned enough points to win 4th Place Most Versatile Dog in the cluster!!! Very proud of Barry and how hard he worked all week!!

Thank you to all the ORKC trainers and friends for their help!

Taylor Seay

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“So proud of our recent S.T.A.R. Puppy graduates, Zoe and Roxy!!”

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