



The Buckeye Retriever Club

Membership Renewal Application

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: home (_____) _____ mobile (_____) _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Number of Members in Household : _____

The Buckeye Retriever Club relies on member volunteer hours to make its events successful. Member are expected to volunteer one day at one of our events, which include training days, 4 AKC licensed hunt tests, Geauga Fair retriever demonstration, the annual nursery clean-up day and our club singles. Note that working at an event does not prohibit a member from participating in the same event.

To help with the organization of these events we have listed below the events and the different volunteer opportunities. More information about the tasks related to each volunteer is at the end of this application. Please let us know where you would like to help by checking a job(s) that you would like to perform. As the event nears the event chair or committee member will call you to confirm.

Hunt Tests – Select a date

- BRC Spring, June 17 & 18
- BRC Summer, July 1 & 2
- BRC Master- Only, July 4 & 5
- BRC Fall, Sept. 30 & Oct 1

Select a Hunt Test Position

- Setup (day before test)
- Stake Coordinator
- Marshal
- Gun Station
- Blind Planter
- Bird Taker
- Lunches/Coolers
- ATV/Side-by-Side
- Bird Steward
- Volunteer Coordinator

Clean-up Day, April 29

- Labor
- ATV/Trailer
- Rakes/Shovels/Clippers
- Chainsaw/Brush Cutter
- Other: _____

Crooked Creek Training Days

- Transport Equipment/Birds 4/2
- Transport Equipment/Birds 4/16
- Transport Equipment/Birds 4/23

Gauga Fair, Sept. 2-5

- Demonstration Dog
- Committee Co-Chair
- Leader for a Demo Day

Club Singles, July 23

- ATV/Truck for Equipment
- Start Grill & Grill Burgers

Dues for 2023 are \$150.00

Please complete the form – select your preferred volunteer position, each household member signs the waiver and send a check payable to Buckeye Retriever Club to:

Buckeye Retriever Club
c/o Bill Skeels
PO Box 52
North Bloomfield, OH 44450



THE BUCKEYE RETRIEVER CLUB

WAIVER, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS

I understand that attendance at a dog training activity, class, event or any other activity or event which in any manner relates to The Buckeye Retriever Club (the "Club") (collectively "Club Activities" and individually a "Club Activity") is not without risk to myself, members of my family, guests and dogs. In connection with any Club Activity, I hereby waive my rights to any claim and release the Club and its directors, instructors, members, agents, workers, participants, observers and the owner of any property at which any Club Activity is conducted (collectively "Released Parties") from any and all liability of any nature, for injury or damage which I or my dog may suffer, including specifically, but not limited to, any injury or damages resulting from the presence of firearms or action of any dog, and I expressly assume the risk of any such damage or injury while attending any or in connection with any Club Activity. In consideration of and as an inducement towards allowing attendance at any Club Activities, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all claims or claims by me, any member of my family or any other person accompanying me to any Club Activity arising out of any action by any dog, including my own, including but not limited to the responsibility for all damages, expenses and legal fees. I further indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all claims, or claims by any third party regarding Club Activities wherever they may be located arising out of any action by any dog, including my own, including, but not limited to the responsibility for all damages, expenses and legal fees.

I have read and, by my signature below, agree to abide by the aforementioned Waiver, Assumption of Risk and Agreement to Hold Harmless, and the Guidelines and Bylaws of The Buckeye Retriever Club.

Signed: _____

Print Name _____ (Parent/Guardian must sign if handler is under age 18.)

Date: _____



Volunteer Opportunities

Clean Up Day

- We need helping hands and equipment like chainsaw, limb trimmers, hand pruners or loppers for the annual task of trimming around ponds and through the fields clearing away any fallen limbs. ATV, pick-up trucks and trailers are needed to move cleared brush to burn piles.

Hunt Tests

- Hunt test Set-up – Arrives Friday before the test to meet with judges and collect an inventory of all equipment needed for their set-up. Coordinates with equipment manager and judges to get first series wingers set up and mark the areas of the running line, holding blinds, etc.
- Stake Coordinator – Each test has a stake coordinator to make sure the stake has equipment and volunteers in place to start the test on time. The coordinator ensures a smooth transition between series.
- Marshal – Manages the running order of the entries, checking in handlers and coordinating with other stakes to find handlers running different series. Manages call backs and reads the passes during ribbon presentations. Refer to AKC Hunt Test rules for a full description.
- Blind Planter – Typically in a blind out in the field planting the blind bird at the direction of the judges.
- Gun Station – Loads winger and fires shot gun simulator (operation is similar to starting your as grill) for a mark. A single volunteer can run a gun station or two volunteers can team up with one on the winger and the second firing the simulator.
- Bird Taker – Stays at the line with the judges to receive the retrieved ducks and dry with chamois, if on water, and hang. Has bagged ducks ready for re-birding gun stations and blind planters.
- Lunches / Coolers – Works with chairman to ensure the proper number of lunch's are ordered. Picks up and assembles lunches (sandwiches, chips and sweet) and distributes to each stake. Manages drink coolers and ice.
- Bird Steward – Helps organize correct number of birds to each stake at the start of each day. Hangs birds at the end of each stake on Saturday. Needs to have a truck or ATV with trailer to move duck from storage to tests.
- Volunteer Coordinator – Call member volunteers and confirm availability for the preferred event and ensure event coverage. Training/assistance will be provided.

Geauga Fair

- Demo Dog - Retriever demonstrations at the Geauga Fair are twice daily, 4pm and 6pm, each of the four days of the fair. We hope to have a variety of retriever breeds demonstrate their skills. Our goal is to have 5 or 6 dogs retrieving at each session. These are water retrieves for young dogs plus a blind for skilled dogs.
- Leader for a demo day – Coordinate the demo by making sure the MC has the script, the handlers know their dog's order and collaborating with the handlers on the set-up.

Training Days

- Truck/Trailer equipment and birds from the Nursery out to Crooked Creek and return after event.