



# THRC Newsletter

December 2004



## A Message from the President

I hope you were able to join us at the Fall Hunt Test—the weekend was a lot of fun! This year 388 dogs entered the event. Congratulations to the 189 who qualified! The weekend's only glitch occurred during Saturday night's tailgate dinner. The caterer somehow managed to get lost, so dinner was more than two hours late. I certainly heard a lot of grumbling stomachs by the time the meal was finally served, but the delicious southern fried chicken, turnip greens, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, and peach cobbler a la mode were well worth the wait!

This is a hunting plantation. For your safety, use only the designated "Training Pond" to train from September to April (this covers hunting season and quail nesting period).

There are a number of professionals on the grounds at this time of year who have been assigned a designated training location. Most of them will allow you to join in their setup for the day for a reasonable rate.

We are going to have a Fun Test Saturday, December 11 along with a general Membership meeting and board elections. Four members' terms are expiring. They are: Bob Hughes, Sallie Sullivan, Linda Branning, and Sue McDonald. Linda has indicated that she will not seek reelection. The other board members will be on the slate, in addition to Jim Branning and Laurie Williams.



I'm sure you have noticed that one of the training ponds has no water in it. This happened over the summer when the hurricanes caused a dam to break. The club paid for the necessary repairs and the pond should be running again in time for the spring test. Sallie has generously allowed us to rent out the "white house" in order to compensate for this unexpected expense.

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Out-of-town club members who would like to use the facility can call me for more information.

It is time to renew your THRC membership! It is very important that you complete a new application each year so that we can have current information in our Membership Directory. The form is available on the web page <<http://www.tallahasseehuntingretrieverclub.com>>. If you need a paper copy, please let me know by leaving a message at my house, 850-847-8742. After submitting your form, you will receive a goose band. This should be worn on your lanyards at all times while you are on the grounds. Remember that the grounds are to be used by club members only! Nonmembers who are interested in joining are welcome to come out and observe and can utilize our facilities after completing an application.

Please remember the December 11 meeting and fun test. We will have dead ducks and a test set-up for every level dog. Bring a lunch and spend the day. I wish everyone a very special and happy holiday season. See you on the 11th of December.

Sam Ferguson

## notes and notices

The club is sorry to report that Laurie O'Brien passed away on Monday, November 30. She had gone into liver failure just a few days before. Both of her daughters, Katie and Sara, were with her when she passed away and she did not suffer long. She ran a hunt test in Atlanta just the weekend before and was talking about maybe getting a puppy this spring. She will surely be missed.

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Ed Johnson, Orlando, passed away on October 3 after a battle with melanoma cancer. Ed was THRC member for five years and thoroughly loved the sport, even building ponds on his mountain property and in Monticello. His family was with him when he passed away. He will be deeply missed by the club.



THRC is planning to host a judges seminar on June 11, 2005. If you are interested, please e-mail Jeannie McLendon Ferguson at [jmclendon@admin.fsu.edu](mailto:jmclendon@admin.fsu.edu) or call 850-644-6016. The cost will be \$30.00 and lunch will be included. Be sure to contact Jeannie if you are interested in participating so that final plans can be made as early as possible.

### Sample Election Ballot December 11 Meeting

The general meeting will be held at approximately 12 noon at the training pond following the fun test. No proxy votes can be accepted. Only paid members of the the club will be allowed to vote at the December 11 meeting. Members will select four board members from the selection of candidates.

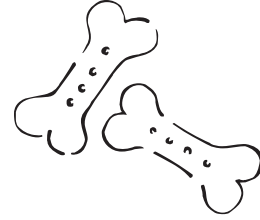
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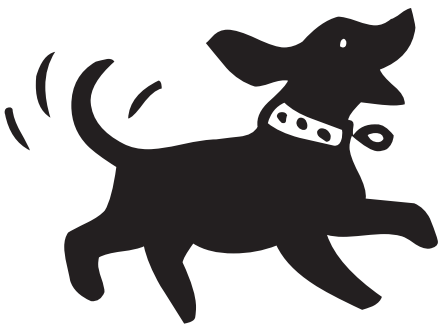
### Banana Mutt Cookies from Three Dog Bakery

- 3 cups mashed bananas
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 6 cups oats
- 1 cup chopped peanuts
- 1/3 cup unsweetened applesauce



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together thoroughly. Use teaspoon to drop on baking sheet sprayed with a nonstick cooking spray and press flat. Bake for approximately 15 minutes, or until slightly brown.

Cool on a rack and store in an airtight container. Yield: approximately two dozen cookies.



# FUN DAY

Saturday, December 11  
8:30 am

Call Sue McDonald at 850-656-1176 or e-mail her at [sue\\_mcd@hotmail.com](mailto:sue_mcd@hotmail.com) with the information below regarding your dogs. This is so she can have the running order ready. If you choose to show up the day of, just bring this form and we will work your dog in. This test will be run with thawed birds. See you Saturday!

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Handler's name

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Dog's Name      \$10.00 for the first dog      Junior      Senior      Master

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Dog's Name      \$5.00 additional dog      Junior      Senior      Master

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Dog's Name      \$5.00 additional dog      Junior      Senior      Master



### **THRC Board Officers**

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