



2019 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC's UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. Fall Directed Training #1 / Partial Club Trial: Saturday, November 16, 2019, Retriever Retreat, staggered starting time depending on training level. Details inside on page 2. Y'all come!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!

Photo of the Month



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO LUKE MCCOY AND KATIE CUNDIFF ON YOUR WEDDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019!

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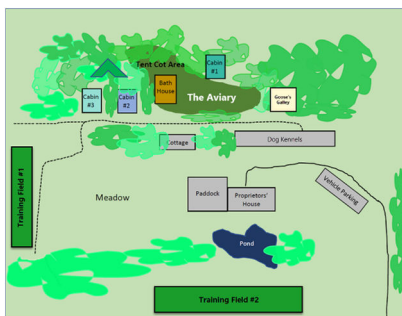
ETRC's First Fall/Winter Directed Training / Partial Club Trial November 16, 2019

Everyone is invited to ETRC's first off-season event at the Retriever Retreat, 3058 Martha Washington Road, Clarkrange, TN (20 miles north of Crossville). This event will be conducted by pro trainer and ETRC club member Sherie Catledge. **NON MEMBERS ARE ALSO INVITED.** Approximate starting times and general format are as follows:

1. 9:00 a.m. Central time (10:00 Eastern): This session is aimed at people with puppies, people new to field work, and people at the junior level, including those who may have passed some Junior Hunt Tests but who are not ready to move on to handling yet. Sherie will determine everyone's level and give group and individual instruction aimed at that level. Some marks will be set up, plus showing people how to get their puppies going on retrieves with long lines, discussion of standard training techniques such as collar conditioning, force fetch, etc.
2. Puppy Stake: immediately following completion of the Beginner/ Junior session. This will be run on standard ETRC Club Trial rules, complete with ribbons for 1-5 places and completions.
3. Lunch: lunch in the covered pavilion will be immediately following completion of the Puppy Stake. Bring your own bagged lunch, or red bean chili and white chicken chili and cornbread will be available for \$5 a plate.
4. 12:00 p.m. Central time (1:00 Eastern): Transition dogs — dogs and handlers at a fairly polished junior level who are ready to start / have started working on handling and blinds. Work will include drills, transition from drills to pattern blinds and then cold blinds, with individual coaching, demonstration and lectures.
5. 1:30 p.m. Central (2:30 Eastern): Singles Classic, run under standard Club Trial rules; placement and completion ribbons will be awarded. This will be run concurrently with the Advanced session (see #6).
6. 1:30 p.m. Central time (2:30 Eastern): Advanced dogs working at the Senior and Master level. We will work with setups, marks and blinds, with drills as needed. Coaching as necessary, individual advice on problems.



People at the lower levels are invited to stay after their session ends so they can see what comes next.



Bring: your dog, water for your dog and some means of tethering/ securing them when they are not working; training equipment for you and your dog (whistles, ecollars, etc.), bumpers for your puppy if they need a special type of bumper to be successful, etc. Also, bring a chair to sit in, water to drink, sunscreen if we are so lucky, and clothing appropriate for the day.

For people who are coming from a distance away and either want to come the night before or stay the night after (or both), cabins and campsites with full amenities are available on the grounds. Check with Lois Luthenauer at RetrieverBednBiscuits@gmail.com for reservations; more information is available at <https://www.theretrievertreat.net/>

RSVPs requested, either to Lois or Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com).

RAIN OR SHINE. If it's raining, we will move inside the covered pavilion and change the format to suit.

ETRC Board Meeting, Monday, October 7, 2019 Pegasus Technologies Bldg, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer, Karen Edwards, Jim Pearce, Michele Fletcher, Tom Gibson, Mike Smith, J. Michael Evans, Jeff McNutt

Absent: Cory Smith (work commitment),

Members Present: Cheryl McNutt

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- ◆ **Minutes:** Last meeting was 9/28/19; minutes approved and sent to the club website 10/2/19. Alan moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. Tom Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- ◆ **Correspondence:** Bill from Holston gas, Master National documents. J. Michael will call Holston Gas about the incorrect invoice for tank rental.
- ◆ **Membership:** Current 2019 membership is 50 as of 10/6/19, including 4 waiting final vote in February and one for first reading. 17 members have not renewed from 2018; EOY 12/31/18 membership was 61.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 10/6/19 is \$19,668.30. Upcoming expenses: Holston gas bill, mailing ribbon fee, any further scratches other than Vencilles, further materials for trailer fittings. Have three checks that have not cleared: two are a year old, one is from the spring HT (scratch).

AKC Representative's Report: Michele Fletcher: Nothing to report.

Old Business

Fall Hunt Test: 9/28-29/19.

Comments, suggestions, what we did well, what didn't go so great: Obviously the biggest things that did not go well were the snafu with hotel reservations, the birdkids issue, and the lack of porta-potties.

- ◆ On the hotel, in the future we need to check a few days in advance to make sure everything is still OK and get it fixed ahead of time if it is not.
- ◆ On the birdkids, this has happened to us before when we have gone to the same group over and over and they just wear out on the job. We will need to find a new source of bird kids for the spring test. Possible ideas: the first FFA group that we used a few years ago before they wore out (new kids now); ask Lisa Styles (ex-principal in Knox County) if she has some possible contacts in schools around the area who might want to provide birdkids as a fundraiser; Jeff McNutt will check with his school; and ask Cory if he has some contacts with schools that might work.
- ◆ J. Michael reported that the owner/manager of Fay Portables called him Monday morning after reading his emails and text messages, and reported that she had just fired the man who was supposed to bring them. He had six deliveries that he failed to make on Friday, so we were just one of the groups that was left high and dry. She begged J. Michael give them another chance, and said that she would not charge us for the dumpster this time (which did arrive) and also would not charge us in the spring for either the dumpster or the porta potties. This is very fair and we will continue using them.

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Things that did go well: many positive comments about the judges' dinner (catered on site by Smokin' F Barbecue) and the improved quality of the lunches (using better breads and deli meats). Facilities were great, equipment all worked pretty well, and the test ran smoothly. Ken Campbell reported to J. Michael that he was happy with the way we left the property after the test was over.

Money: With a few bills outstanding, our current net is \$1,745.85 and will probably end up around \$1,700. If we had spent the amount we normally spend on birdkids, portapotties & ducks, we would have gone into the hole, and may still if we consider Ken's request (and our agreement) for us to sponsor his dinner for the hunt test as grounds rental. Given below is a chart comparing the two fall

Judges & Hotel	2018	\$1,530.40	Bird Techs	2018	\$2,820
	2019	\$2,392.12		2019	\$1,150
Ducks	2018	\$2,900	Dumpster/Potties	2018	\$411.61
	2019	\$3,420		2019	0
Food (dinner & lunches)	2018	\$350.69	Scratches	2018	\$760
	2019	\$743.12		2019	\$230

hunt tests at Ken Campbell's:

- ◆ Costs for judges included increases in both their personal expenses and in the hotel bill. The room rate was actually \$5 cheaper this year, but more judges brought dogs at \$20 a night per dog which jacked up the prices. Increases in personal expenses were all reasonable and were just a reflection of the higher price of meals etc. The two judges from Florida cost quite a bit in mileage, but they were sharing the same car and the same room, so it wasn't out of line with the others. The judge from New York got a very cheap plane ticket and had no other expenses, so he was in the middle of the pack as well. We got into a discussion about how unfair it was that judges don't get paid; not much we can do about it (AKC rules), but it's still a problem with keeping judges in the system when they donate their time for no compensation and judges for other dog sports (e.g., agility, obedience) do get paid at a rate per dog with a minimum for the weekend.
- ◆ Scratches – Michele reported that she has not received any other vet bills or written requests for refunds and the 7 day limit has passed. One pro judge who scratched 3 dogs at the test (without notifying the office at the test) called on Saturday, 10/5/19, and said two of the bitches were in heat and the other was injured, but has not sent in vet certificates and the time frame for receipt has now passed. We had a discussion about how seriously we should follow the stated rules in the premium about payment for scratches; Karen pointed out that since at least the last several years since she took over payment for scratches, we had not made exceptions to the stated rules for time frames. Karen moved that we not pay any scratches for people who do not follow the stated rules in the premium list. Tom seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. If the gentleman in question ever submits his documentation, Michele will notify him that he is too late.
- ◆ We discussed raising entry fees for next year. A number of other hunt tests have raised their fees; some are \$75/\$85/\$95; others are \$80/\$90/\$100. Others are still at the rate we charge -- \$70/\$80/\$90. With Junior/Senior, they are paying double in a weekend for two tests, so are already paying \$140 for 2 Junior tests. It would bring in the most money, even without raising fees, if we added another master flight at our fall test – an additional \$5,400 in entry fees as opposed to \$600 for increasing the fees for master only and running one flight. With Ken's new land and ponds, it is most likely that there will be enough land next fall to run a full two flights of master, double junior, double senior. We discussed just having a double master, Junior on Saturday and Senior on Sunday, but felt this was too much kowtowing to the pros and not working to keep the pipeline of amateur owners in the sport. J. Michael moved that we raise our master entry fees to \$100 and keep the other stakes the same price. Michele seconded. After some more discussion, there were 6 ayes and 3 nays. The nays were concerned that the higher fees would tend to drive away amateurs, and would have preferred seeing an increase to \$95 instead.

Board minutes, Con't.

Fall club trial: Currently scheduled for November 16, at Lucky 7, 10 a.m.. J. Michael has not talked with Ken Campbell about this yet. We took a tally on who would be coming from the Board, and at least 5 board members had other commitments (like Luke getting married!) and could not attend. We discussed three options: (1) have the club trial as scheduled, assuming Ken is OK with us using his property; (2) see who comes and if it's all new people who really aren't ready for a club trial, switch it to a training session; or (3) start our winter training program early, aimed again at people with little experience if that is the group that comes. Alan pointed out that if we do the third option, we are not offering anything that would entice more experienced members to come anyway. We discussed setting up training days differently; maybe starting with junior/beginner dogs at 10 a.m and presenting something just for them with intense coaching; doing transition-level dogs at 12-2 with coaching and drill work; and experienced dogs at 2-4 mostly with set-ups. The pros of this are that we would be offering something for everyone, without tying up everyone while the other levels were being worked. The cons are that it would take all day for the presenters (Sherie, John B, Lisa Styles, Alan, J. Michael, whoever) and not just half a day. Also, for the junior people, it would be good for them to see what they are aiming for. Also, it would be good to open the session up to non-members as an introduction to the club, and to possibly provide trained dogs for utter newbies with puppies or complete beginner dogs so they can see what they are aiming for.

Lois moved that we have the November 16 event at her place with Sherie coaching, and try to work out something that will suit for everyone. Tom seconded the motion, and it passed without open dissent. Karen and Lois will have some discussions about the format and will send it out for comment to the board.

Master National Ballot: We had sent in the earlier ballot with judges selection. J. Michael thinks there are other items on a new ballot, but couldn't find it on his email and Karen couldn't either. If he finds it and there is anything possibly controversial, he will email us. Otherwise, good luck to J. Michael both at the event and as our representative!

Equipment:

- ◆ Old trailer sold to Robert Dodson. Michael gave Karen the check for deposit.
- ◆ Upgraded big trailer: Still work to do on fitting out the interior for efficient/stable storage. We scheduled Wednesday, October 16 as our next work party – Edwards/Pearce farm, 4:30 or as soon as you can get there.
- ◆ Equipment sales: advertised duck dryer and shotguns/stands in the Oct newsletter. No response so far. We discussed what to do with the guns if we couldn't find buyers, but reached no conclusion.
- ◆ New equipment: we need 2 more of the big nice pop-ups, since it seems like our hunt tests are going to be in the mid-90s from now on. Also, we need 4 more of the duck dryers in the bigger size. In addition, we need some repair parts for the wingers – a few baskets, eyelets, etc. We will inventory what we need at the work party. Plus, one of the wingers has a popped weld from one of the judges banging on a crossbar with a sledgehammer. Jim has the tools and equipment to fix it. Lois moved that we order the equipment identified above. Mike S. seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Lois will order the pop-ups after the first of the year; Karen will order the dryers and winger parts.

Board minutes, Con't.

New Business:

Spring 2020 Hunt Test(s) –

- ◆ The hunt test will be May 23-24, 2020, on our normal Memorial Day weekend. Alan has started working on judges and has identified the 4 Master judges already. Lois is working on a Junior/ Senior pair but doesn't have them pinned down. The information needs to be entered into the AKC website not later than the first of the year.
 - ◆ New member: the following have applied to become members of the ETRC:
 - ◆ David & Jamie Cope. Audiologist, lives in Maryville. Has a 5-month old black lab puppy, will volunteer for anything that is needed. He is interested in hunt testing, field trials, and dog training, and is a member of Ducks Unlimited and the NRA.
 - ◆ Sponsors: Mike Smith and Lois Luthenauer have agreed to be sponsors.
- Lois Luthenauer moved that we accept him/them into membership, and Jim seconded the motion. The motion passed by email vote conducted 10/9/19.

Any other new business? None remembered.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jim moved that we adjourn. Jeff seconded the

Member Announcements

Chota's Acer the Eraser MH *** (ACE) , owned and handled by Lisa Styles and bred by Leigh Ware, earned his Master Hunter title at the MTARC test in Lavergne, TN on October 12-13, 2019. Congratulations Lisa and Ace!



Jim Pearce and Karen Edwards are sad to announce the death of Fern Hill SuperCalifragilistic MH WCX CD NA OAJ OF (Callie) from hemangiosarcoma on October 27, 2019.

Training Corner

How Do You Stop a Retriever From Breaking? —By various ETRC Members

This is the third in a series of articles on breaking. Thanks to J. Michael Evans, Sherie Catledge, Lisa Styles, and Jim Pearce for contributing their ideas to this article.

From J. Michael Evans:

Here are just a couple of drills I use. I'm SURE I was taught them from a pro somewhere, sometime. Not trying to take credit for them but I just can't remember where I learned them.

- ◆ Put your pup on a platform! Get them up off the ground as high as you're comfortable for them to jump. I start with a regular hunting dog stand and progressively get shorter so when I'm finishing up, pup is sitting on nothing but a 3'x3' piece of 1/4" plywood. It's amazing what this does to their psyche.
- ◆ It is SOOOOOO important that you DO NOT let your pup pick up every bumper you throw!! No matter how well they are doing, whether you're training by yourself or others, keep the ratio around 6 to 4. For every 10 you throw, AT MOST allow pup to pick up 6. When I first start on steadying, my ratio is more like 2 to 8 out of 10. During steadying, it's important to teach pup that every duck down isn't theirs! Problem with this drill is a lot of trainers are L-A-Z-Y! When you go out to that winger and pick up 8 and your pup is picking up 2 you begin to think "who's training who here?" But it is one of the most important drills I do.

From Sheri Catledge:

I come from a competitive obedience background so my theory about a breaking dog is that it comes from failure to understand basic commands.

Very rarely is "breaking" really a breaking problem. It is a SIT problem. A dog that knows SIT in its true meaning will not break. Bad habits start as puppies when we pattern train to SIT for a cookie, SIT for the dinner dish to be put down, SIT by the front door or SIT for any behavior, without also learning that SIT is actually a command that means SIT STAY — No other movement until another command is given.

To ensure that your dog understands the command, work on a sequence that ensures compliance. Once your dog is sitting, step forward off right foot, dog should stay without any other command. If you intend for the dog to go with you, you leave off on the left foot so that the dog follows the lead. If you step backward, the dog goes back.

So...before a dog is sent to retrieve, say SIT, step backwards and then send. Never send when any forward steps are taken by the dog. Once the judge releases you on your number or DOG, say SIT before sending. In this way, you have one more level of defense before the dog is actually sent and they are not so reactive to hearing someone say something and then leave on their own.

You cannot let your dog retrieve every bumper or bird that is thrown. In the real world, there are going to be birds that you miss (hunting). There are going to be other birds that your buddy's dog retrieves. If you are heading to the AKC Hunt Tests, then your dog will have to honor another dog's retrieve. Do not let the dog believe they get to retrieve every bird that hits the ground.

Now, if we are having to RE TEACH steadiness because the dog does not understand SIT, we have breaking drills that can be incorporated into your training. These require the use of an eCollar so the dog has to be collar conditioned and we do many things that will stimulate the dog to excess, just like at a test. These drills really need to be demonstrated live versus in writing because a lot goes on using holding blinds, gun fire, duck calls and long lines, etc.

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From Lisa Styles: Those Creepers or Breakers! My thoughts and experience

Why does it occur? Dogs are situational learners. This means that they learn behaviors in situations.

When they go to a hunt test where there are new scents, more sounds, and overall a new environment, this is a new situation for them. They may be ok a few times running because it is new. Then, some start to creep, not sit or even break. Soon this becomes a learned behavior. We have to ask, have they had the training to perform the expected behavior in this situation?

I believe that they have learned that we (handlers) don't really care that they physically leave us to get the birds. **They are NOT being BAD dogs.** They are dogs that need to be retrained to behave correctly in this situation. I have had to retrain a breaking dog. Here are some suggestions.

1. **STOP competing with the dog.** At this point you need to train. I know that is hard especially if you have a goal with a time table. However, one of the great things about being an Amateur is we don't have to have a set time table. If your goal is to qualify and compete in the Master National in our area, it rotates every few years. So, just move your qualification time line back.
2. **Training alone?** You can do several drills to check if the dog understands **Sit means Sit.** Some things I did were; I sat the dog in the yard, walked in front of him about ten feet and added distractions. I blew a duck call, threw bumpers around me, tossed treats even, etc. My correction if he moved was to quickly walk back to him, used a crop to pop his rear, and using a harsh voice, commanded "Sit." The e-collar was on to grab him but was not used. I wanted him to know that I could physically stop his movement.
3. A word about corrections! **They are NOT Random Acts of Violence.** By that, the dog should not be corrected so harshly that they can't think. Also, the drills—I didn't throw bumpers over his head, etc. Everything occurred in front of the dog.
4. I took my drills to different locations including ponds. I was checking my progress in a new location/situation. After several sessions I moved to group training.
5. **Group Help—** Training with the group---you HAVE to HAVE people help you at this stage. If you are fixing breaking at the line or honoring at a test, then YOU have to set up the situation for the dog to learn the new standard in that situation.
6. Before the group arrived, I put a light buckle collar on my dog in the car. As we aired it was on but I gave no corrections with it. Then, I put the dog back in his crate. We set up our training test and ran several dogs with lots of noise in between them. I got my dog out. I had my crop in my back pocket ready to use later. I put a slip lead on the dog and we started walking to the line. I didn't make any corrections except maybe to repeat heel or pop the leash. **ONLY DO WHAT YOU ARE allowed to do at a sanctioned test. Maybe less.** I took the slip lead off in the last holding blind. Yes! Take the time to set up blinds.
7. At the line. By this time my dog was a little loose. I ignored that BECAUSE I wanted to fix the line creeping/breaking. I called for the birds, my friends really made noise, etc. but my dog sat. When it was time to send, I put my hand down, and coughed. Yes, coughed. Guess who left the line? Immediately, I commanded SIT! I moved forward, grabbed the dog by the collar, pulled him back to the start, and made the process uncomfortable for him. *Remember, the correction was not a Random Act of Violence, even though I felt like making it one!* I put the leash back on him and we walked back to the car. I didn't scold him, as I wanted him to process what happened. You didn't sit, I administered a correction, and now we go back to the car.
8. We ran another dog and then picked up our stuff and set up a new test. I repeated all my steps and again, he moved forward, not as much but still it was not a sit, so back to the car-no birds.
9. Third and last set up. I wanted him to have some work but not marks. We ran all the dogs, picked up the equipment, left a bumper at each station, and I ran their marks as blinds. I did put the electrical collar on and used it if needed for running the blinds. I corrected going to the line, sitting in the holding blind, and such here.
10. Steps 5-9 were repeated for the next several months. I didn't have a regular training group so it took me longer. There were several variations to my order. One training session, I might run the blinds on the second set up instead of the last one. Instead of a cough, I might sneeze, or say a

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random word. Also, don't forget to practice on water. AND add flyers!

*As soon as line manners became solid, I added honoring. I found that the work I had done at the line did carry over to honoring. So, this went quicker.

****No group?** See if you can day train with a local pro a few times a month. Offer to pay them for your line time, throw some birds, pay for a flyer, etc. in exchange for getting a testing type environment.

***If your problem is breaking only, I would let the dog be loose not only going to the line but at the line that first set up. Be ready to correct when the birds start falling. Do this a couple of times—yes, you are setting them up. Then go back and start cleaning up poor line manners and heeling to the line.

Final Thoughts

My breaking problem didn't suddenly occur one day at one test. There were signs of my dog learning it was ok to not wait on me to release him, but I thought we could "get by." I had allowed too much freedom going to the line, correcting at the line in training, then re-threw the birds and sent him, and so on. He was learning to take the correction and then he would get the birds. So, by the time I started to address changing his behavior, I feel I had to work backwards to solve the problem. So, I worked on sit until I tell you to move, then honor, and then going to the line.

Even after this I didn't feel I could run a lot of tests close together. In fact, this experience has made me go much slower with my current dog, Ace. However, at the last test he stood up on the honor. Hmm. Guess what we will be working on this winter?

From Jim Pearce:

We do not pretend to be super experienced field trainers, but here are a couple of things we do to get our young dogs ready for sending to the pro and to keep them steady when they are home with us on vacation. We have adapted these drills from our competitive obedience and agility work.

- ◆ We use the 'power of the pack' in early puppy training. Once they know that sit means 'park your butt', we incorporate the concept of stays into the command. For every meal, we sit all our dogs in a group in the kitchen while we fix their food and put it down in their own spots, then use a release word ("OK"). If anyone breaks, they all have to wait till we get compliance from everyone until the magic word is uttered. At first they keep getting up, we gently put them back in a sit, and they look around at their mom and older relatives, who are sitting there like rocks. Almost without any effort on our part, they pick it up and do the same. We practice using other words, starting with just anything and progressing to "Oh Boy" to make sure they learn to wait for that full OK sound to release. We start puppies on this at about 10 weeks. We then progress to Down stays in the same way, then mix it up with various position changes, including both hand and verbal signals, before release. This drill was in preparation for the long sits and downs in obedience work, which is no longer done, but we still do it anyway because it's convenient to have a dog that is solid on stays, and it's good training for the signal exercises. .
- ◆ We stake our puppies out where they can watch our other dogs retrieve bumpers. Lots of leaping and sunfishing on the line until they learn that not every bird is theirs. Good passive training.
- ◆ Honoring drills — again, using the "power of the pack" — we line all our dogs up in sit stays, walk about 60 yards and throw a bumper, then call only ONE dog. The dog returns to our side with the bumper, we throw another for a different dog until they are all again sitting at our side — and then start all over again with more remote throws/sends. At first, we send the puppy from our side, walk to our remote position, and have her return to our side while we throw the others remote bumpers. We don't start this until the young dog is already fairly steady at our side and understands that not all bumpers are hers. We change the order with every throw, so the dog doesn't learn to anticipate when it is her turn and has to listen for her name.

Field Trial at Lucky 7 Ranch October 25-27, 2019

The Tennessee Valley Retriever Club held it's second Field Trial at Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Ranch this past weekend. The ETRC helped out, with several club members helping out in the field and/or participating, and our club sponsored two lunches catered by Smokin' F Barbecue. Ken has done so much for our club, letting us use his facilities at no cost in return for us continuing to support our own youth program, that we were happy to be able to help him out. All ETRC members were invited to attend, and several of us did — highly enjoyable to watch, and we were also invited to stay for dinner which was excellent.

117 dogs entered in three stakes — Open, Amateur, and Qualifying. Previous and former ETRC members participating were as follows:

- ◆ ETRC friend Ken Campbell placed first in the Amateur Stake with his dog FC L7 Troublesome Otter Jim. This dog also placed Reserve JAM (basically 5th place) in the Open stake with pro handler Chris Ledford. In addition, Ken also competed with Lock Five's Tangled Up in Blue in the Amateur stake. Several other dogs that he either owns or co-owns also participated.
- ◆ Member Bruce Fox's dog, Tennessee Troublesome Ty MH QAA participated in both the Open and Amateur stakes, with Bruce handling in the Amateur.
- ◆ Members John Broucek and Jake Greenwell entered their dog Troublesome Canadian Huntress QAA in the Open and in the Amateur, with Jake handling in the amateur.
- ◆ Member John Broucek also placed fourth in the Qualifying stake with his dog Troublesome Ms. American Pharaoh.
- ◆ Former ETRC members Tony and Trudie Kuka did extremely well, winning the Open stake and taking 2nd in the Amateur with FC AFC Akuk's Upgrade. They also placed 4th in the Open and JAMMed the Amateur with AFC Akuk's Rock-N-Roll.
- ◆ Former members Ritchie Grigsby and Ryan Patterson won the Qualifying Stake with Riley Creek's Jailbird QAA.

Ken's place gets more amazing every time we go there. Great second Field trial! Looking forward to the one next spring!



Ken Campbell with Lock Five's Tangled Up In Blue



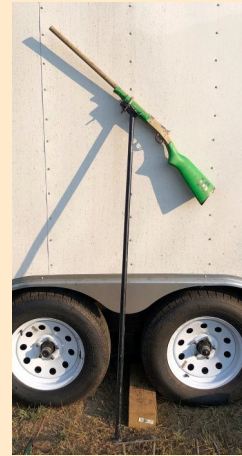
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Here are some more scenes from Saturday's Amateur Stake and party afterwards:



Excess Club Equipment for Sale

Shotgun and Shotgun Stands: We have 11 single barrel shotguns for sale and 4 gun stands. \$25 for the guns, \$5 for the stands. No longer needed since we have replaced them with the Thunder Simulators.



Duck dryer: \$10. We have purchased new knock-down aluminum dryers to replace our old ones; this is the only one left.



If interested, contact J. Michael Evans — Text or call 865-824-8638 or email Fowl_Mouth_K9@aol.com.

AKC Creates New Hunt Test Video

<https://masternational.wordpress.com/2019/09/10/akc-tv-creates-hunt-test-video/>

Thank you AKC.TV ! You produced a super video for a general audience, one that explains what the AKC Hunt Tests are all about. A special thanks goes out to Doug Ljungren, Caroline Murphy and Russ Reavis of the AKC for their support in helping us to promote the Retriever game and to encourage dog owners to try the AKC Junior Hunt Test.

Youth Program Update

The Luthenauer Young Handler program is in its fourth year. Kids who are interested in working with dogs in field work are encouraged to join; check out the website for rules and an application form at http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub_youth_program.htm .

There is no application fee; if the applicant is not already part of a family membership, their membership fee will be paid for by the Luthenauer fund. An annual youth handler seminar open to any youth who is interested in retriever sports will be held next March (2020) at Sherie's and Lois Luthenauer's new farm, 3508 Martha Washington Road, Clarkrange, TN. Contact Lois (mountainLO717@gmail.com) to get on a list for more information as plans develop.

A perpetual trophy will be awarded annually along with a plaque to keep, and a participation award for everyone in the program. Fees for hunt tests attended and all club events will be free for participating youth program members.



Around the Region – Seminars, Tests, & Trials

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Black Warrior RC	Greensboro, SAL	11/08/19
Lower Alabama RC	Greensboro, AL	11/15/19
Sandhills RC (60)	Pinebluff, NC	12/07/19

Numbers in parentheses are limits on number of Master dogs

Upcoming AKC Field Trials

Mid Atlantic HRC	Farmville, VA	11/01/19
Back Bay Knotts Island (OHQ & Derby)	Goldvein, VA	11/09/19
National Retriever Club Championship	Corning, CA	11/09/19

Upcoming Seminars

ETRC Membership

Membership is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). Both 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 \$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 plus the opportunity to make friendships with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. It's a bargain!

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: Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com).