



2020 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC's EVENTS!

1. November 21, 2020, Saturday, 10 am: ETRC Club Trial. Cory Smith's farm, details inside on page 2.
2. December 13, Sunday afternoon, 108 Pawnook Farm Road. Directed Training & Mini-Seminar: Luke McCoy, force fetch demo, discussion of rules for Junior Hunt Tests. Setups for all levels.
3. January 10, Sunday afternoon: 108 Pawnook Farm Road. Alan Bruhin will discuss Master set ups and rules, conduct demonstrations, and run setups providing advice to handlers running

Photo of the Month



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Mark Your Calendars for the ETRC Fall Club Trial November 21, 2020

ETRC will host a Club Trial on Saturday, November 21, 2020. We will start at 10:00 Eastern (9:00 a.m. for people who are going to be judging and help set up the test), and the location will be a new one for us — at Cory Smith's farm. See GPS address below. If you need more detailed directions, contact Cory at Irrs223@gmail.com.

What is a Club Trial? It is an event to work your dog in conditions that are more test-like than a training session. It's a good opportunity to check your dog's progress and readiness for an actual hunt test, and besides it's a ton of fun. Judges will be Club members, several of whom are licensed AKC judges, including Master National judge Alan Bruhin and judge and MN competitor J. Michael Evans, among others yet to be identified. We will need people to pitch in and trade off on operating wingers, planting blinds, and setting up and taking down the equipment. We will be using our club-owned bumper launchers as well as wingers to reduce the amount of time people have to spend out in the field throwing marks and firing wingers.

STAKES: Singles Classic, Master, Senior, Junior, Puppy Stakes (Junior puppy & Senior Puppy, under 1 yr). Entry Fee: \$10.00 each stake per dog (dokkens), Puppy Stakes (bumpers) \$5.00 (1 PM). Completion ribbons will be awarded for hunt test stakes and Advanced Junior stakes; placement 1-4 and JAM ribbons will be awarded for Singles Classic and the two puppy stakes. If you are interested in consideration for our end-of-the-year awards for Gun Dog and Puppy or the Year, successful completions in Master, Senior, Junior, and puppy stakes count towards those awards. Club Trial Rules are included below / on the next page.

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS. If you would like to join ETRC, membership forms will be available at the Trial, check with Secretary Karen Edwards. Membership is \$25 and if you join now, your membership will be good through 2021.

WHAT TO BRING: No E-collars allowed if you want to participate for ribbons and awards points. Collars will be allowed if you want to use the session for training only. All dogs must be on leash when out of vehicle unless running tests. Bring your retriever, a chair(s), your lunch, and water for you and your dog, plus appropriate clothing for the weather. **NO WHITE SHIRTS** please, wear something neutral or dark. If you are bringing a puppy, you may bring your own retrieval items if you wish.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY: We will send out an email on Friday night if the weather is such that we are going to have to cancel. We will not cancel just for chilly conditions or light rain, but if it is expected to be monsoon-raining, heavy electrical storms or snowing in Niota, we will not run. So be sure to check your email Friday night! If you don't hear anything, come on out.

ETRC TEE SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS AND HATS will be available for purchase. Bring cash or a checkbook and stock up on some great items to advertise your club.

ADDRESS: 245 County Road 319, Niota, TN. This is just a few miles from Exit 56 on I75.

RSVP: Please let us know if you are planning to come. Contact Cory at Irrs223@gmail.com. Come anyway — but it's courteous to let him know how many people to expect.

CLUB TRIAL RULES:

In-Club Rules for SINGLES CLASSIC stake:

- ◆ Two (2) Single long marks. Marks are at least 100 to 200 yards subject to the judges' placement. The dog that runs the straightest line OUT to pick up the bird wins the stake. The line BACK to the judges is not scored. Judges should draw the line taken by the dog on the judge's score sheets and grade the retrieve

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on a 1 to 10 basis with 10 being the best. Judges should draw accurate diagrams of the retrieves because several dogs may be in competition for the placements and First Place.

- ◆ Entered dogs must be steady on the line and cannot break. Young dogs may be run and held by the buckle collar or lead but no ribbons are awarded. One judge should call "DOG" to release the dog at the line.
- ◆ All dogs must deliver to hand without touching the dog. The handler should then hand the duck to the judges.
- ◆ Dogs are placed First Place, Second Place, Third Place, Fourth Place, and JAMs. A JAM is a Judges Award of Merit where the dog completes the retrieve but does not place First, Second, Third, or Fourth. Green club ribbons are awarded for completions; colored placement ribbons are awarded for first through fourth place.
- ◆ No points are awarded for Singles Classic towards Gun Dog or Puppy of the Year Awards.

In-Club Rules for PUPPY STAKES:

- ◆ There are two separate classifications of the puppy stakes. Junior puppies are from ten weeks through six months (27 weeks of age). Senior Puppies are from seven months to one year (28 weeks to first birthday). Junior puppies should be run first so as not to confuse them with scents and other factors. Junior marks are two (2) singles thrown in the lowest cut grass available at 20 to 30 yards. Senior marks are extended out to 50 to 60 yards or more.
- ◆ Judges are strongly encouraged to set up different marking tests for the Junior and Senior puppy tests. A water mark should be included in the Senior puppy stake. Lack of suitable grounds, cold weather, and time may prohibit this suggestion but all efforts should be made to adhere to it.
- ◆ A running line is established by the judges using a stick or marker to start the dogs from. Handlers may hold Junior puppies any way they want until one of the judges says the word "DOG" to release the pup. Judges should release the pup to retrieve as soon as the bumper or bird hits the ground. The puppies are judged on the straightest line OUT and BACK because the hardest thing is to get the puppies back to the handler.
- ◆ Puppies must get the bumper or bird back across the line to earn placements or points. Junior or Senior puppies do not have to deliver to hand. Judges should draw diagrams on the judge's score sheet so as to grade the puppies' performance.
- ◆ Bird technicians should stand quietly and still after throwing. The judges may ask the bird tech to help the puppy find the bumper or bird after the puppy has gotten out of the area of the fall.
- ◆ Placements of First, Second, Third, Fourth Place and JAMs (Judges Award of Merit) ribbons are awarded for each division. Points for Puppy of the Year are as specified in the current rules for that award.

In-Club Rules for MASTER, SENIOR, JUNIOR and ADVANCED JUNIOR stakes:

- ◆ All stakes may be run on a single setup, or on separate setups. Factors in deciding how many and which setups to use will be made based on availability of land and water and number / qualifications of member judges.
- ◆ Master Stakes will include at least one series that involves both land and water if at all possible. Two series may be used, any combination of land and water, if space and time permit. At least one triple mark and master-level blinds will be included in the Master setup.
- ◆ Senior stakes will include at least one series that involves both land and water if at all possible. Two series may be used, with one land and one water, if space and time permit. At least one double mark and two blinds will be included in the Senior setup.
- ◆ Advanced Junior stakes will include at least one series that involves both land and water if at all possible. Two series may be used, with one land and one water, if space and time permit. Advanced Junior marks are doubles, but there are no blinds.
- ◆ Junior stakes will include at least one series that involves both land and water if at all possible. Two series may be used, with one land and one water, if space and time permit. At least two single marks will be included in the Junior setup, but no blinds.
- ◆ No points are awarded for Advanced Junior stakes towards Gun Dog or Puppy of the Year Awards.
- ◆ No electronic collars or other training devices are permitted if the dog is being presented for completion ribbons or awards points. However, a handler may declare the dog is being presented for training only and will be allowed to run the stake and be judged for information and advice for improvement.
- ◆ Green club ribbons are awarded for completions, which will be judged to the AKC standards for passing Master, Senior, and Junior hunt tests. Advanced Junior will be judged to junior standards except that the dog must complete the double mark in order to pass.

ETRC's Fall AKC Hunt Test at Hiwassee October 17-18, 2020

ETRC's Fall Hunt Test is in the books, our first test this year because of Covid restrictions during the spring. Unlike last year's broiling hot September test, this year's weather couldn't have been more perfect. Cool temps, brilliant blue skies — a joy to be outside! Which was a good thing, because we did not have access this year to the Clubhouse (Covid) and had to set up our office on the porch.

The weekend went well and there were no major problems. We finished each day before 6 p.m., and there were no equipment issues that weren't handled promptly. The bird techs this year were from the Cumberland College Wildlife Society, and were some of the best we have ever had. Big thanks to the Society, and we hope to see you again next spring! Also, big thanks to all the club members and a few non-club members who helped with up-front planning, running errands, setting up and tearing down the test, marshalling, gunning, making lunch runs to the Subway in Dayton and distributing them at the test sites, selling tee shirts out of the trailer, etc. Huge thanks to Hunt Test Chairman Alan Bruhin and assistant J. Michael Evans for pulling all this together. Also, a callout to our efficient Hunt Test Secretary Michele Fletcher, who also handled the ribbon ceremonies at the sites this year and got all the results posted on Entry Express on Monday. As always, special thanks to the judges who donate their time to make our hunt tests possible, and to club members Cheryl & Jeff McNutt who judged the Puppy Stakes. Even more thanks to judge Barb Reed and her husband Mike (who was one of the gunners), who donated their expenses to the club. They are both ETRC members and we are happy to have you and appreciate your contribution more than we can say! Thanks also to Hiwassee's manager Jason Jackson who is always a big help with mowing, opening gates early, etc. We appreciate you!

And of course, thanks to everyone who came and ran your dogs!



Hiwassee Sunrise

Fall Hunt Test Report, 10/17-18/20, Cont.

The test consisted of a single Master stake (66 dogs), with a double Junior and double Senior. A total of 206 entries with 141 individual dogs entered. There were 171 Labradors, 24 Goldens, 6 Tollers, 3 Flatcoats, and 2 Chessies. Here are how our club members fared in the test:

Master : Judges Mary Williams & Linc Huffman.

66 entries, 5 scratches, 61 started, and 33 passed. Congratulations to members and qualifying dogs — Alan Bruhin handling Grady’s Tennessee Moonshine MH (Shine); Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce’s dog Fern Hill Sunday At The Zoo SH (Zoey), with Jody Ware handling; Lois Luthenauer handling Coon Creek’s Backwater Quack Head MHA (Woodie); and J. Michael Evans handling HRCH Hilltop’s Fowl Mouth Delta Queen MH (Ivy). Pro member Jody Ware also qualified with 3 non-member client dogs.

Senior (Saturday) : Judges Tim Nichols & Lisa Styles.

33 entries, 31 started, 12 passed. Congratulations to qualifying members and dogs: Danny Lawson with Lawson’s Landing Creek Johnson; and Donna Smith handling Buck’s Beau of Stoneridge MH; and Andy Buck handling Coosawatte Backwater Drake. Jody Ware also handled a non-member client dog to a pass in this series.

Senior (Sunday) : Judges Barbara Reed & John Inabinet: 36 entries, 33 started, 17 passed. Passing members and their dogs were: Jim Pearce with Fern Hill Py In The Sky; Lois Luthenauer with Bear Country’s Love On The Rox; and the 3 mentioned above who made it a double. Also, Pro member Jody Ware handled two passing non-member client dogs.

Junior (Saturday): Judges Barbara Reed & John Inabinet: 36 entries, all started, 29 passed.

Congratulations to members Michele Fletcher handling Calamity Jane’s Special Brew (Chai); and Dickie Jones handling Stone Ridge Buccaneer Blue.

Junior (Sunday): Judges Tim Nichols & Lisa Styles. 39 entries, 37 started, 27 passed. Congratulations to the same group of members, handlers, and dogs listed above for Saturday, who came back and did it a second time on Sunday, and also to members Michael Reed handling Gator Pts Don’t Mess With My Toot Toot; and Justin Crippen handling Falkinburg’s Patriot Gold.

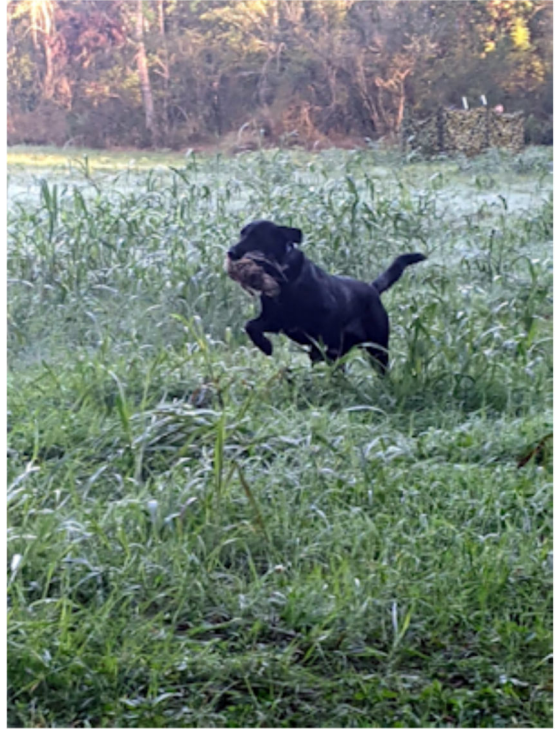
Congratulations as well to other members who tested but did not pass. Better luck next time — if this were easy it wouldn’t be worth the bragging rights when you pass!



Puppy Stakes! L to R: 2nd place: Spitfire’s Whiskey Tea (Stax) & Cameron Pemberton; 3rd place, Spitfire’s Troublesome Sabik & Sydney Parks; & 1st place, Spitfire’s Troublesome Purple Rain, owned by William Corum. Cameron & Sydney are new ETRC members!



Michele Fletcher’s arm and Chai—1st Junior test. Congratulations on passing both days!



Thanks to Junior/Senior judge
And ETRC member
Barb Reed's son
for pictures of the Junior test on p. 5 & 6



Member News: Two New Hunt Test Titles!



Luke McCoy photo

Picture above: Congratulations to Cory Smith and his big handsome Chessie, Ned's Dedication SH (Bauer), who earned his Senior Hunter title at the Greater Atlanta Retriever Club 2020 Fall Hunt Test on October 3. Cory has done all the handling and most of the training!



Jim Pearce photo

Picture below: Jim Pearce & Karen Edwards' Golden, Fern Hill Sunday At The Zoo (Zoey), earned her Master Hunter title with Jody Ware at the Central Kentucky test on October 25, 2029. Go Zoey! She will be bred for her second litter on her next heat cycle.

Proposed AKC Rule Change

Good news for amateurs running Master tests coming out of the latest AKC Judges Seminar conducted by Russ Reavis in mid-October. Going to the board in January for a vote is a proposal to reserve 25% of the total entries in a 66 entry test for amateurs that can enter the test a day earlier (on a Tuesday typically). This in is addition to the 15% held currently for worker codes. One caveat, this would not apply for tests that have already been applied for and approved. Although not final, passage looks very promising. Strict penalties would apply to non-amateurs knowingly entering dogs as a amateur. There is a rumor that if an amateur entered the dog in one of those slots, they must also run the dog. A pro couldn't. Not sure if that got into the final rule proposal or not, and how that could be administered. More info to come. Stay tuned.



Health Notes: Retrobulbar Abscess

I had never heard of this condition until one of our Golden Retrievers, Fern Hill Py In The Sky, turned up with it in late May 2020. Because of Jody Ware's quick action in reporting to us at the first sign of trouble, and our decision to take her to UT vet clinic's ophthalmologist early the next morning rather than to our regular vet, Py did not lose any significant vision in her eye and was able to pass her CERF exam two months later. However, when a friend contacted me last week with the news that his retriever seemed to have an eye infection and the eyeball was maybe going to have to be removed, all sorts of alarm bells rang. Yup, a visit to an eye specialist revealed he also had a retrobulbar abscess, but the days he had waited for the eye drops to work meant a much less happy outcome. Reading other case stories online made it clear that timely diagnosis is sometimes difficult, since many vets have never seen one before, but is massively important to preserving the dog's eyesight.

So — it seems like this might be a timely article. When telling people about Py's case, several people have told me that this is more common in field dogs than you might imagine — either they had a retriever with this condition, or knew someone whose dog had one — and it can have tragic consequences for the dog's field career. The information below is taken from a va-

Like many other carnivores, but unlike humans, dogs have an incomplete bony orbit surrounding their eyes. This permits the dog to open its mouth wider, but also leaves the bottom of the orbital socket unprotected by bone. As a result, dogs are more susceptible to trauma and infections to the eye, including from foreign objects poking through the roof of the mouth. This can result in a pocket of infection behind the eyeball known as a retrobulbar abscess or retrobulbar cellulitis. These abscesses can cause damage to the optic nerve, damage to the eyeball itself, soft tissue damage around the eyeball, blindness, and can require surgery or removal of the affected eyeball.

Symptoms of Retrobulbar Abscess

Although the abscess is actually located behind the eye, the most common early symptom is pain when opening the mouth— as the jaw opens, the bone slides into the area behind the eye, and if there is an abscess there it causes pressure on the eye and resulting pain. Other symptoms can include:

- ◆ Swelling around the eye
- ◆ Bulging eye
- ◆ Protrusion of the third eyelid
- ◆ Loss of eye movement
- ◆ Change in eye position
- ◆ Discharge from around the eye
- ◆ Redness in the tissues around the iris
- ◆ Squinting
- ◆ Jaw pain / yelping when mouth is opened
- ◆ Loss of appetite
- ◆ Pain on eating
- ◆ Reluctance or refusal to chew
- ◆ Fever
- ◆ Foul breath
- ◆ Lethargy
- ◆ One-sided nasal discharge



Py, the evening before diagnosis — showing almost all symptoms to the left except for foul breath and nasal discharge.

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Not all symptoms will be present in all dogs, and there are other conditions that can cause similar symptoms, including cancer behind the eyeball, cysts, autoimmune conditions, and other equally unpleasant diseases. However, if your dog is showing a number of these symptoms, retrobulbar abscess is certainly something to suggest to your vet as a possible cause.

Causes of Retrobulbar Abscess

Many times it is not possible to definitively determine what has caused the condition, but here are the most common causes that have been identified:

- ◆ **Adjacent Infections:** for instance, infections of the sinus cavities and in the gums can travel to the back of the eye and cause abscesses. This also includes infections from rotten molars in the very back of the mouth.
- ◆ **Foreign Object:** Foreign bodies may enter the orbit through the conjunctiva of the eye or the roof of the mouth. Many types of orbital foreign bodies have been reported, including grass awns, porcupine quills, duck bones, gunshot pellets, wood splinters and chunks, rose thorns, etc.
- ◆ **Penetrating Trauma:** similar to the case above, sometimes the foreign object can directly penetrate into the orbital socket through the roof of the mouth and can set up an infection even if nothing is left in the area. Mouth wounds heal very quickly and often there is no evidence of a penetrating trauma.

Treatment of Retrobulbar Abscess

Up until the last several years, the treatment of choice was going in surgically under sedation, behind the fourth premolar tooth and draining the abscess by scraping away the connective tissue to open up the pus pocket with hemostats rather than a needle (in order to lessen the possibility of damage to the delicate structures of the eye). The discharge/pus was then cultured to determine if the infection was bacterial or fungal, and a lengthy course of antibiotics or antifungals was prescribed to clear any remaining infection and try to ensure that it didn't recur. The incision was left open to drain and heal naturally.

Recently, great success has been achieved in cases diagnosed early with a simple but lengthy antibiotic / anti-inflammatory / and artificial tears treatment, avoiding expensive cat scans and invasive and dangerous eye surgery that can further compromise vision. If caught early, it is often possible to save the sight in the eye. Bacterial infections are more responsive to treatment than fungal infections, where the prognosis for saving the eye is more guarded. Because of the delicacy of any possible surgery, it's highly recommended that it be performed by a veterinary ophthalmologist rather than a regular DVM.

Case Studies

Py. In Py's case, when sent on her first mark of the day, she yelped and couldn't pick up the duck. She had been fine the day before. Jody examined her mouth as well as he could – she was extremely painful opening her mouth – but he couldn't see anything obvious. At that time, there was no swelling, only mouth pain. By the time we picked her up four hours later, there was pronounced swelling with much squinting and tearing, and she was very subdued. Thinking she might have gotten into a nest of ground bees, we made an appointment with our vet while driving home, for first thing the next morning. Py refused dinner at home, was running a slight fever, and was unwilling to move. Her eye was even more swollen by this time. We gave her two benadryl, after checking dosage online, and went to bed. The picture on the first page shows how her eye looked at 10 p.m.

At 4 a.m., we got up to check on her and she looked like something out of the Zombie Apoca-

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lypse (we did NOT take a picture this time!). Her eye was bulging noticeably out of the eye socket, the eyelid was completely swollen so only a small glint was visible – and all we could see was part of the ‘white’ which had darkened to the color of raw liver. We immediately left for UT emergency clinic. Covid protocols were in place so we had to drop her at the door and wait in the parking lot; they called us with the diagnosis several nerve-wracking hours later, and we went home for the day, leaving her there for treatment. Because her optic nerve was still undamaged at this point, they recommended a month-long course of antibiotics, three weeks of a strong anti-inflammatory pill, and artificial tears for two weeks to treat the corneal ulcer that had developed overnight when she couldn’t blink.

Within 8 hours of the first pills, the swelling was visibly reduced. Two days later all swelling around the eye was gone and the eye was back in its socket. It took several more days for the deep liver coloring in her eye whites to return to a normal color, and the mouth pain persisted for about 10 days although better every day. We fed her soft canned food for a week, and then added kibble softened with water for another day or two before going back to her regular diet. And no retrieving for two weeks!

We took her to an ophthalmologist 2 months later for a follow-up and for her first eye clearance exam, and she passed. The vet did notice slight changes at the back of the affected eye, but no cataract, and was uncertain whether this was a result of pressure on the eyeball from the abscess, something that she was born with, or possibly the very earliest start of a juvenile cataract (she was 2.5 years at the time of the exam). It will be interesting to see if this has resolved at her next CERF exam.

Remi

In my friend’s case, his 12-year old retriever Remi developed a lot of tearing and other discharge from the eye, plus discolored eye whites, but no noticeable swelling at first. His vet prescribed steroid/antibiotic eye drops. Several days later, there was no improvement and the eye was skewing sideways in the orbit, with the third eyelid blocking much of the eye. He went back to the vet who thought the eyeball had ruptured, and referred him to an ophthalmologist to have the eyeball removed. The appointment was scheduled for the next day. Notes from the consult indicated that the eyeball had not ruptured, but the retrobulbar abscess had drained out around the eyeball, through the inner corner of the eye near the tear duct, causing damage to the soft tissues of the eye and loss of about 70% of the vision in that eye. The dog is currently undergoing antibiotic / anti-inflammatory treatment, so final outcome isn’t determined yet; he may still lose the eye and it is likely that the skewing of the eyeball within the socket is permanent.

Bottom Line

Vets see a lot of types of animals and are wonderfully knowledgeable, but they are not specialists in all areas. This being a relatively uncommon event in most veterinary practices, retrobulbar abscess may not even be on their radar when they see a dog with this condition. Vision is SO important – if your dog is showing some of these symptoms, don’t wait. These abscesses do not clear up on their own, and prompt veterinary / veterinary specialist treatment is necessary to save your dog’s vision. Be your dog’s advocate, and ask the vet to consider this as a possible diagnosis!



MARC's John O. Blackbird Award Nomination Reminder

Marc sent the following notice, applicable to all members:

There is still time to submit your nomination for the 2020 John O. Blackbird Memorial Award, but the window closes January 1, 2021!

The purpose of the John Blackbird Memorial Award is twofold. First, it is to honor, celebrate and perpetuate the life lived, the accomplishments, the lasting influence and legacy of John Blackbird. Secondly, it is to honor a recipient who has demonstrated through their own work and efforts, that they too have made significant contributions to the retriever hunting test program. Through training and handling retrievers AS AN AMATEUR, working and judging local hunt tests, being a leader in local and perhaps regional or national clubs, and mentoring and supporting others in the retriever games.

Download the pdf form to print here:

https://www.masteramateur.com/uploads/6/9/7/0/69703295/blackbird_nomination_form.pdf

or Submit the Digital Form Online here:

<https://www.masteramateur.com/blackbird-nomination-award.html>

You can send your nominations directly to:

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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 still just \$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! The membership year runs from March 1 to February 28/29th; people who join after November 1 are also paid up for the following year.

Around the Region – Seminars, Tests, & Trials

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Black Warrior	Greensboro, AL	11/07/20
Lower Alabama HRC	Lillian, AL	11/13/20
North Alabama RC	Section, AL	11/14/20
Carolinas Retriever Assoc. (66)	Pine Bluff, NC	12/05/20

Numbers in parentheses are limits on number of Master dogs

Upcoming AKC Field Trials

Black Warrior D/Q	Greensboro, AL	11/06/20
Back Bay Knotts Island	Remington & Goldvein, VA	11/06/20
National RC Championships	Giddings, TX	11/07/20
Lumber River/Cape Fear D/Q x 2	Rocky Point, NC	11/13/20
Palmetto RC D/Q	Bennettsville, SC`	11/20/20
Cape Fear RC	Rocky Point, NC	12/04/20
Snowbird RC	Boston, GA`	12/04/20

If any of you use this feature, please let me know. Otherwise, I will probably discontinue it after the first of the year. Almost everyone has access to Entry Express which is where this edited and truncated information comes from!

Youth Program



2018 Award Recipients, Cade & Ivan Chambers

The Luthenauer Young Handler program is entering its fifth year. Kids who are interested in working in retriever sports 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. The program will reimburse AKC Hunt test fees, and ETRC Club Trials are free for enrollees.

Yearly awards include a perpetual trophy along with a plaque to keep, and participation award for everyone in the program.

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, death notices, 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).

You may notice we have a new numbering system. When I first took over the newsletter, I just continued on with the volume # from the last issue, then upped it by one every year. But, it makes no sense, and doesn't reflect how many years of newsletters we have anyway! So beginning with the January 2020 issue, the volume number will be the last two digits of the year, in Roman numeral format — so this is now Volume XX (for 2020).