



2021 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. April 6-7, 2021, ETRC Mid-Week Master Only Hunt Test (Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. daily): 66 dog limit. See story inside on page 2
2. April 10, 2021, Spring Club Trial #2, Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Darryl Miller Farm, 5249 Holt Road, Sweetwater, TN, Exit 62, I-75 South. For more information and directions, see Page 3 of this Newsletter.
3. May 4-5, 2021, Double Double SH / JH Hunt Test (Tuesday & Wednesday), 7:30 a.m. JH start, 1:30 p.m. SH start each day, 4 tests at each level in two days. See article inside on p. 2.
4. May 29-30, 2021: ETRC Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee Refuge and Brian Caldwell's farm. More info inside on page 4.

Photo of the Month



Waiting their turn at the line at the Club Trial — Denise & Erin Chambers with Belle & Razy

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SOON!

ETRC's Mid-Week Master AKC Hunt Test April 6-7, 2021, Brian Caldwell's Farm

Because we had to cancel so many events last year, we are trying to have extras this year — more hunt tests, close by, so that people in our area can go to a lot of tests without having to travel far. So, our first AKC Hunt Test is coming up right away, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6 & 7. It is already too late to enter this test, but not too late to come and spectate, see how a Master Test looks, and help out.

The test will be held at Brian Caldwell's farm, 1810 State Highway 58, Georgetown, TN (near Decatur and Athens). It's a Master-only test, with a limit of 66 dogs. Judges will be Keith Maready & Scott Chaney. Thanks much to Brian, who volunteered the use of his property so we can run a few more tests this year!

Plans are finalized and we are looking forward to a fun time! Good luck everyone who is entered, see you there —

ETRC's Mid-Week Double Double Junior / Senior AKC Hunt Test May 4-5, 2021, Brian Caldwell's Farm



We have just gotten approval from AKC to run this extra test in early May. This is a great opportunity to run 4 Junior tests in a two-day period, or 4 Senior tests, and potentially title in two days at a local show without a lot of traveling.

How this will work: at 7:30 a.m. EDT on both days, both Junior tests will start. One will start on water and the other on land, then swap using the same set-ups. At 1:30 p.m. EDT, the Senior dogs will do the same thing — one test will start with the land series and the other with water.

The judges will swap for the second day. For example, we have four judges A, B, C, and D: on the first day Judges A&B will judge one Junior and one Senior test, and judges C&D will judge the other Junior and Senior tests. On the second day, judges A&C will judge one Junior and one Senior test, and Judges B&D will judge the second. We have worked all this out with AKC so that all test results will count within the guidelines.

Check Entry Express for the premium list, further details, and to enter the test. These are listed as two separate events, one on May 4 and one on May 5, and you will need to enter both days if you want to take advantage of this great opportunity to enter multiple tests without traveling. These are open NOW, and will close on Monday, April 26, 2021 at one minute before midnight.

Because there are no Master tests in this one, there will be no worker codes and entries are unlimited.

Judges will be J. Michael Evans, Lisa Styles, Lisa Vencille and Catherine Blackburn.



Spring Club Trial #2: Saturday, April 10, 2021

Brian Caldwell's Farm, Georgetown

ETRC will host our second Club Trial of the season on Saturday, April 10, 2021, starting at 9:30 a.m. EDT (9:00 a.m. for judges & set-up help). The location will be Brian Caldwell's farm near Hiwassee. The GPS address and directions are below.

This will be a great opportunity to work your dog in conditions that are more test-like than a training session, checking on their progress and readiness for an actual hunt test. Also, these are the grounds where we will be running our mid-Week Double Double Junior / Senior AKC Hunt Tests on May 4 and 5, and one flight of Master for our spring hunt test the end of May. You can check them out in advance!

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 under 6 months & Senior under 1 yr). Entry Fee: \$10.00 each stake per dog (dokkens & Bumpers), Puppy Stakes (bumpers; bring your own if you wish) \$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 were printed in last month's newsletter and are on the ETRC website (www.etrclub.org/).

OPEN TO MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS. If you would like to join ETRC, membership forms will be available at the Trial, check with Secretary/Treasurer Karen Edwards. Membership is \$25, good through February 28, 2022.

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 or heavy electrical storms in Georgetown, 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: 1810 State Hwy 58 South, Georgetown, TN 37336. This is at Exit 49 on I75 (Athens Exit), take TN30 W to Decatur (9.3 miles), then take Hwy 58 S and go 15.1 miles to the farm, which will be on the left. ETRC Signs will be placed at the entrance.

RSVP: Please let us know if you are planning to come. Email me at edwardskc@gmail.com. Come anyway — but it's nice to know approximately how many people to expect.

Update on ETRC's Upcoming Spring Hunt Test May 29-30, 2021, Hiwassee Refuge & Brian Caldwell's Farm

Plans for ETRC's spring hunt test are proceeding well and we are on schedule. The test is scheduled to be held over the Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 29 and Sunday May 30, 2021. The test will be a double Junior, double Senior, and two flights of Master (limit 132 dogs). Junior, Senior and one flight of Master (66 dogs) will be at the Hiwassee Refuge near Dayton Tennessee. The second flight of Master (66 more dogs) will be about 15 minutes away at Brian Caldwell's Farm near Decatur, TN. Judges will be Scott Chaney & Chad Gullickson for Master A; Tracy Hughes and Jack Gravely for Master B; Lisa Styles and Becky Rogers for Sr/Jr and Robert Shell and Mark Land for Jr/Sr. ETRC Past President Luke McCoy will be an apprentice judge at Master A.

Entries for Amateurs and for club workers with passcodes will open Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 8:00 pm Central time. Please note this is a new AKC rule to have early entry for Amateurs; 25% of the 132 Master Entries (33 dogs) are reserved for Amateurs who must handle their own dogs if they enter under this rule. Any of these entries that are unused by the regular opening time of Wednesday, May 5 at 8:00 p.m. will be released and are open for anyone. Entries close Monday, May 17, 2021 just before midnight Central time. Entry is through EntryExpress.com. Please check in with them early, as Entry Express is now having to make sure that full information is provided for each dog that you are entering. If you don't have every field filled out on your dog profile, your entry won't be accepted until you correct that. This won't matter for Junior or Senior dogs, but if you are entering in Master without a worker code or are an amateur NOT handling your own dog, it may well mean the difference between getting in or not.

Members who volunteer to work at the test can sign up and get a code from Assistant Test Chair J. Michael Evans — text or call him at 865-824-8638. He works shifts, so if you call, leave a message and he will call you back. You will have to sign up for at least one day of work at the test to get a code, either Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Obviously we will give you time off to warm up and run your dog! Workers will be entered into a drawing for some nice prizes — including tee shirts, hats, an ETRC clock, and other assorted items. You will get 1 raffle ticket for half a day's work, 3 tickets for all day, and 2 tickets for working Friday afternoon.

Workers are needed for test setup beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 22; we need assistant / trainee / relief marshals, and equipment moving/maintenance workers on Saturday and Sunday, plus for cleanup on Sunday. Four-wheelers or small utility vehicles are also needed for the weekend to help get workers and equipment from one test site to another quickly. To volunteer, contact test chairman Alan Bruhin (wabruhin@utk.edu), assistant chair J. Michael Evans (contact info above), Chief Steward Lois Luthenauer (mountainLO717@gmail.com) or Secretary Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com) to sign up for some hard work and good fun.



Best Western, Dayton, TN



Hiwassee Refuge



Report on ETRC Club Trial held Saturday, March 20, 2021 At Chuck Atchley's Revilo Farm Near Sevierville

Thanks to:

- Chuck Atchley for the use of his beautiful farm;
- Judges: Mike Evans, Michele Fletcher, Alan Bruhin, Denise Chambers, Erin Chambers, Cory Smith, and others who filled in while the judges ran their dogs or were tied up with other errands.
- Alan Bruhin, who put this all together, brought most of the equipment in his truck, and with his wife Cynthia provided grilled hamburgers, chips, and fixings for lunch. Michele Fletcher chipped in home made chocolate chip cookies and blueberry muffins, and Karen Edwards brought carrot cake/raisin cupcakes.
- Cory Smith, who also brought over some of the club's equipment.
- Mike Evans, who shared some of his frozen /thawed ducks so the dogs could get a taste of feathers before the season gets well underway;
- Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce, who ran the table; and
- Everyone who came and enjoyed the beautiful weather and good companionship.

The Singles Classic was first and consisted of two long land marks on flat ground with medium high cover. Difficulties included the difficulty in seeing the falls against dark treelines, the height of the grass in the fall areas, and the length of the marks.

The other stakes were all run on the same set-up just off the mowed picnic area, and was land-only because of flooding near the stick pond. Junior dogs ran first, followed by Advanced Junior, Senior, and finally Master dogs. Each series had one duck mark, and one or more launcher-fired bumpers.

Signups began at 9:30 a.m., and the action was underway by 10:00 a.m. The weather was sunny, cool and windy — it was 39 at the start of the trial and about 60 by the end, so there was quite a temperature spread. After the formal work, which ended at 2:00, everyone gathered back at the picnic area for a late lunch and the ribbon ceremony. Board members stayed for a meeting.

Turnout was better than we have had for some time, with 22 people and 20 dogs, many entered in multiple stakes for a total of 37 individual entries. There were 11 Labradors of different colors; five Golden Retrievers, and 4 Chessies.

Results:

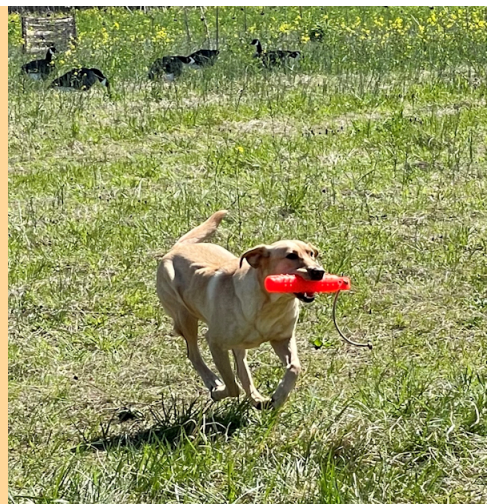
Singles Classic: 12 dogs entered, 4 passed.

- First place: Ivy and J. Michael Evans;
- Second place: Cin and Alan Bruhin;
- Third place: Bauer with Cory Smith;
- Fourth Place: Charlie and Jeff Rader

Master Test: 5 dogs entered and 4 passed. Passing were: Bauer and Cory Smith; Ivy and Mike Evans; and both Cin and Shine with Alan Bruhin.

Senior Test: 6 entries, 3 passes. Passing were Belle and Denise Chambers; Maggie and Cory Smith, and Jeff McNutt with Pearl.

Jeff Rader's Dog Charlie



Club Trial Results, Con't.

Advanced Junior Test: 4 entered, 2 passed. — Charlie and Jeff Rader, and Blue with Dickie Jones.
Junior Test: 8 entered, 5 passed. Successful entrants were Kyle Griffin with Oak, Victor Burk with Peaches; Jo Ann Burk with Andie; Erin Chambers with Belle, and Liz Gibson with Ammo.

Puppies: Three senior puppies entered, and all three passed and were awarded placement ribbons. Placings were:

- 1. Oak with Kyle Griffin;
- 2. Jade with Cheryl McNutt;
- 3. Waylon with Cheryl McNutt

Congratulations to everyone who passed, and to everyone who came and participated with their dogs! I hope you all had as much fun as Panda did! (Picture at right)



Financial Information:

<i>Item</i>	<i>Entries</i>	<i>Tee Shirt Sales</i>	<i>Memberships</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Receipts	\$355	\$50	\$75		\$475
Expenses				\$0	\$0

Final Thoughts:

It was especially good to see some long-time members there who don't get out to many events these days — Chuck Atchley, who was one of the charter members of the club back in 1985 and Robert Dodson, who has been a member almost as long. We love you guys! It was wonderful to have such good attendance, and we welcome one long-time-ago past member who rejoined at the trial, and two who renewed their 2021 memberships there.

Next club trial is Saturday, April 10, 2021, at Brian Caldwell's place in Georgetown (near the Hiwassee Refuge).



Member News

In Memoriam Sad news from Lisa Styles

**Chota's Acer the Eraser MH—"Ace"
June 1, 2011 - March 15, 2021**

From the beginning, Ace always wanted to do something with you. That willingness to play kept me interested in him because as a puppy he had no desire to retrieve. At five months the retrieving gene kicked in and we never looked back. Ace did everything at full speed plus. This recklessness made him a patient of veterinarians in several states. It also resulted in some interesting tests and trials for us. However, there were many successes and always with style. I had retired him from retrieving games and had started agility. As long as he received a tennis ball as a reward he was happy. The first week in March we discovered the in-operative mass / tumor in his stomach. Ace and I spent the next two weeks doing fun things. It was great. I miss him dearly.



*Awards Pictures for Website — J. Michael Evans & Miss Iyy, Gun Dog of the Year for 2020;
Alan Burhin, AKC Sportsman Of The Year for 2020 with Cin.*

Member News, Cont.

Labrador Retriever Puppies — Percy x

Pregnancy confirmed for puppies due April 20th. Both the sire and bitch lines are very strong. Shine is from a NAFC/FC Grady to FC/AFC Lola breeding and has multiple QAA, FT and HT titled full siblings. Several of those siblings have been bred and produced very talented young dogs. Shine's first litter has multiple QAA and MH dogs. Percy is out of a Clooney to Chrome breeding. He is young but already has an AA placement, was on the derby list, and is littermate to a national derby champion.

Percy: AKC reg: SR98708302 - Black
OFA Hips: LR-240080E24M-VPI (EXCELLENT)
Eye CERF/CAER: LR-EYE16985/24M-VPI (Normal)
OFA Elbow: LR-89567M24-VPI (Normal)
CNM: LR-CNM1848/8M-PI (CLEAR)
EIC: LR-EIC4299/8M-PI (CLEAR)
PRA: LR-PRA1766/8M-PI (CLEAR)
OSD: LR-RDY693/8M-PI (CLEAR)
Derby Points: 14
FT Champion Points: 1

Shine: AKC Reg SR82500503 - Black
OFA hips good, LR-205006G24F-VPI, elbows normal LR-EL60094F24-VPI, LR-EYE7613/48F-VPI CERF normal, CNM, EIC clear by testing.
Master Hunter

Check out this great pedigree: <https://k9data.com/pedigree.asp?ID=1074776>

For more information, contact Alan Bruhin, 865-850-8712



Percy



Alan & Shine

New Master Hunter — Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH

And speaking of Shine, her daughter Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball earned her MH title at the Fall Line test on March 28, 2021. Congratulations to breeder, owner and handler Alan Bruhin!



Minutes for Board Meeting

March 20, 2021 — Revilo, Sevierville, TN

Present from the Board: Alan Bruhin, Karen Edwards, Luke McCoy, Mike Smith, Michele Fletcher, Jim Pearce, Denise Chambers, Cory Smith, Peter Torok, Jeff McNutt

Absent, excused: J. Michael Evans (work)

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: None for now

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

Minutes: Last meeting was 2/27/21; minutes approved by a majority of Board members and sent to the club website shortly after the meeting. Luke moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval. Cory seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

- ◆ AKC officers/Board elections report sent to AKC
- ◆ AKC sent approvals for both scheduled tests
- ◆ Sent premium in for insurance, requested insurance certs
- ◆ Website work to put up awards, new officers, dates – about 75% done, pending receipt of pictures for balance. Made some color changes on home page, added club trial rules as a new menu item on the left, combined “Useful Resources” and “Helpful Links” with no change in content.
- ◆ MARC ballot for election of western region representative – done. It was an uncontested election, so Karen cast the ballot online after consultation with Alan and J. Michael.

Membership: Current 2021 membership is 37, including 2 waiting first reading later today. 23 haven't renewed so far this year; will send out reminders at first of April & May. Note: 2 people renewed at the test and 1 rejoined.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance as of 3/17/21 is \$20,561.27.

Old Business

Ad-Hoc Training sessions: We discussed whether we should try to put on any training sessions during the rest of the year, or wait again till late next fall. In the open discussion that followed, summer sessions were not looked on favorably. More sessions to help prepare for tests seems like a good idea, we will try to set up one for May if possible with all our other activities going on. The idea of mini-seminars along with the training sessions should maybe be only done in the winter. Since these can be held indoors, we may be able to have the session even if we can't do any actual setups. For now, what is needed most is experienced handlers working with inexperienced handlers on setups.

April 6-7 Midweek Master Hunt Test: We went through the assignments list and updated items as necessary. The test is now open, and we have 60 entries so far out of 66 allowed. Plans for this test are well along. Highlights from the discussion:

- ◆ Insurance certs have been received, one has been sent to Caldwell that covers both this test and the May 29-30 test.

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- ◆ We decided to not have a judges' dinner and just pay for their meals, and to buy sandwiches from Subway.
- ◆ Michele agreed to purchase ice and a few softdrinks for the judges' coolers – Keith Maready has requested diet Pepsi and water, no preferences stated for Chaney. Maybe some Gatorade or some generic soft drinks.
- ◆ Alan and J. Michael will discuss duck numbers and get with Kiley Buettner to order them soon; since we will not be having live flyers, we will need fewer than normal plus no gunners or ammo. Crates are at Hiwassee; someone will need to go pick them up unless Kiley is willing to wait till the Spring Test duck delivery to get our empties. Either Jody Ware or Brian Caldwell may have a couple of our crates.
- ◆ Mike Smith agreed to bring the small trailer from Cory's farm to Brian's by 1:00 on Monday afternoon, April 5, and will bring down the duck gas box. The trailer will be left there till after our Club Trial on April 10, and either Cory or Mike Smith will take it back to Cory's place after that.
- ◆ Brian will supply much of the equipment and has 2 ATVs we can use for running around. He will be supplying 4 birdboys that we will pay at our standard \$60/per person per day rate.

Spring Hunt Test: We went through the assignment list on this test as well. This test is not open yet, but all items with AKC and Entry Express are finalized. Highlights:

- ◆ Motel: Reservations still need to be made for the judges at the Best Western Dayton motel, and after that Karen will send them the letters confirming all arrangements. One judge has not provided an email address so that one will have to go via USPS.
- ◆ Headquarters Question: Are we going to be able to use the HQ cabin again this year, or will we need to set up headquarters on the porch again? Need to discuss with TWRA. *******Update as of March 22:** We will still need to have check-ins, tee shirt sales and ribbon ceremonies outside, but unless the pandemic worsens, club members can use the office for other activities or for cooling off.
- ◆ Marshals: Lois has most of the marshals identified already, only need one more for Master and several more relief marshals.
- ◆ Judges' Dinner: We decided not to have a judges' dinner – we may start back with one for our fall test as hopefully by then the pandemic will be pretty well a thing of the past. We also decided to again buy Subway sandwiches for this test – Peter moved that we finalize these arrangements, Jeff seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. . Karen will buy the sandwiches and run them around to the sites – BUT, if the breeding we have planned for next week takes, the puppies will be due on May 29. If they haven't come yet, Karen will not be able to come. If they have come already, Jim and I will swap off puppy-sitting duties and hunt test duties. So, we need an alternate who will deal with the lunches if I'm absent. Michele can be alternate treasurer and pay the bills that need to be dealt with at the test.
- ◆ Ducks are still to be ordered. Alan and J. Michael will deal with this.
- ◆ Bird Tech contract has been sent to the Cleveland State Wildlife society coordinator and he says he will get this back to me as soon as possible after spring break. He is trying to line up kids to work now. I have sent him the insurance cert. The contract only calls for 16 techs to be provided; this was based on the assumption that Brian would have his workers do the tech work for the master flight at his place. Need to pin this down soon, so we have time to ask CCC for more techs if he's not.
- ◆ Judges gifts: Michele recommended that we consider personalized signs, which don't have to be ordered until about 3 weeks or so before the test. The website for these is AJ-DMetalDesigns.com, and she requested that all Board members look this site over before our next meeting and decide if this is what we want to do. Denise suggested we also consider personalized duck calls. Each of these items would cost around \$100 each, considering tax and shipping. Decision to be made next time.
- ◆ Ribbons: Karen needs to inventory the ribbons ASAP to determine if we will need more before the spring test. We had enough, but may not with the extra master and possibly a double/double JH/SH test before the spring test.

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Other Tests: Dates need to be finalized ASAP and gotten on the AKC schedule. Penalties for dates not 3 months in advance (\$65 instead of \$15, although it is possible this can be waived if Michele calls them in person).

Double double SH / JH: in late April or early May? This test would be necessary if we want to have 3 mid-week Master tests at Brian Caldwell's. It would also be at Caldwell's. Issues discussed:

- ◆ Suggested format is two Juniors each morning, and two seniors each afternoon. Both Juniors in the morning will start at the same time, but one will start on the water series and the other one on the land series. The same format will be used for the afternoon Senior tests. The judges have to swap, though, so that not more than two tests are judged by the same judging teams, in order for all four passes to count towards a title. Thus, Judges A and B will judge one Junior test, and C&D will judge the second. The next day, it will be Judges A and C (for example) and B and D. Alan is not sure if AKC has completely bought into this scenario yet, and J. Michael, who is working with them about this, was not here to give us a status update. The advantages of this are that dogs will potentially be able to finish a title in one two-day test. Downside of this – if we have too many dogs, it will be a nightmare, and we can't limit Junior or Senior. Plus, if there are more than 50 Senior dogs, we have to split the test and there is not enough room at Caldwell's place to run three series. However, for the last couple of years, the weekend tests have only had about 30-35 Juniors & about the same number of seniors (although there is the memorable test a few years ago where we had over 90 dogs), and presumably there will be fewer at a mid-week test.
- ◆ Timing: Brian Caldwell and Jody Ware are both pushing for this to be done early in the season. Midweek tests can only be done on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday – so we have to go either Tuesday-Wednesday or Wednesday-Thursday. Having it on the weekend is pretty near impossible with the already-full test schedule. We decided to look at dates and felt that April was completely impossible, but early May might be doable. Karen moved that we try to set up a test on Tuesday May 4 – Wednesday May 5. Mike Smith seconded the motion, and it passed with no dissenting votes. J. Michael will go back to AKC to try to get tentative approval.
- ◆ Judges: we had hoped to use club judges, but Luke McCoy can't do it during the week. Alan is going to be very tied up with puppies due the end of April, and his Master Amateur 2-week judging assignment in May, so will try to find another pair of judges to go with J. Michael and Lisa Styles.
- ◆ *******Update as of March 22:** AKC has approved the basic format as discussed above, has no problem with the dates, and Michael and Michele are working with them to get the test set up in the Event Management system so it can be put up on Entry Express.

Summer Midweek Master : June - September? Decided to table this for now and revisit at our next meeting. We are close to the 3-month in advance AKC lead time on this one, may need to pay the penalty \$50 fee if we don't get a date pinned down quickly. Because of the pandemic, AKC is granting waivers to this fee for now, if you call them and ask. Don't know how long that waiver will last, and it's not so much money that it's a big deal anyway.

Fall Hunt Test: AKC has us down for October 23-24, 2021 but we haven't entered the data and details yet.

Late Fall Midweek Master: November? Decided to table this for now and revisit at our next meeting.

Club Trial: Today. Good turnout, good day. Very pleased how this turned out. See attached report of the club trial, which is made a part of these minutes.

Club Trial #2: tentatively set for April 10, location maybe Darryl Miller's. After some discussion, we decided to move this to Brian Caldwell's. That way, we can leave the small trailer there

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after the mid-week master test, and can be more assured that we won't have to cancel because of heavy rains which often block access to Darryl's farm. This will be a 'bring your own lunch' affair.

New Holding Blinds & Other Equipment: Cory has completed the inventory of good club blinds. We have 4 that are new, 5 others with no problems, and some others that are serviceable. Some can possibly be fixed. The discussion of buying new ones was tabled for now, as J. Michael is following up a lead he has for purchasing a number of second-hand blinds that might work for us. We will definitely need more before the big spring hunt test.

Once we finalize the number we are buying and decide which ones can be repaired, we can offer some old blinds for sale to club members.

New Business:

New Members: Two for first reading:

- ◆ Robert / Charlotte White, works Servpro of Chattanooga, lies at 607 Ohio Avenue, Signal Mountain, TN 37377. Email RWhite@servpro9594.com; work phone 423-326-1406, cell phone 423-505-5000. Has a Black Lab, 2 years old, in training with Brian Caldwell. Interested in hunt tests, dog training, club trials, breeding, and is a DU member. Will volunteer for awards committee and to help with ribbons handling. Requested Brian Caldwell as a sponsor, but it's hard to get feedback from him and a signature on the form. Cory Smith and Mike Smith volunteered to serve as his sponsors.
- ◆ Kevin & Della Poe, circuit court clerk, Jefferson County. Live at 725 Grace church Road, Dandridge, TN 37725, email kpoe2000@gmail.com. Cell phone 865-696-1024. Have two young Labradors, 6 mo & 1 year, interested in hunt tests, field trials, club trials. Will volunteer for whatever is needed. Peter Torok and Jeff McNutt volunteered to serve as sponsors.

Luke moved we accept these people as provisional members. Mike Smith seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor. Karen will contact each of the new members telling them names and contact info of their sponsors; sponsors will have access to the new members' contact info through these minutes when completed.

Judges Seminar, status of grant proposal: Alan: No update on status. Once we get info on whether our proposal is accepted or rejected, we will need to have a discussion about costs, how much grant would help, do we need grant to proceed, do we want to have a judges' seminar even without grant if we're not approved, and if so, one of the basic ones or an advanced one?

Free Membership for Caldwell: We have given Jody a free membership for 5 years, expiring next February, for holding so many seminars for us. Karen moved that we offer a two-year free membership in ETRC to Brian Caldwell to thank him for offering to host so many events at his farm this year. He is not asking for any financial remuneration for the use of his land (it does, after all, greatly benefit him not having to travel to so many tests), and this is a small way we can show our appreciation. Michele and Mike Smith both seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Karen will notify Caldwell of his new status.

Any other new business? None.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jim moved that we adjourn. Jeff seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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 any fees for other ETRC events such as club trials.

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

ETRC Membership

Membership for 2021 is now due. We will keep you on the mailing list until June 1, but if you haven't renewed by then, we'll drop you from the rolls and take you off our email list.. The cost 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. Don't miss out on 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.

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).

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 is the last two digits of the year, in Roman numeral format — so this is now Volume XXI (for 2021).