



2021 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. 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..
2. May 29-30, 2021: ETRC Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee Refuge and Brian Caldwell's farm. More info inside on page 3
3. June 15-16, 2021 Mid-Week Master Hunt Test (Tuesday & Wednesday). More info on page 2.
4. August Picnic: Date and location TBD
5. Fall club Trial: TBD
6. Fall Hunt Test, October 23-24, 2021
7. Fall Midweek Master: TBD

Photo of the Month



Donna Smith and Beau at the Midweek Master Hunt Test, April 6, 2021

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SOON!

ETRC Mid-Week Double Double Junior / Senior AKC Hunt Test

Our second set of extra AKC Hunt Tests is coming up right away, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4 & 5, 2021. It is already too late to enter these tests, but not too late to come and spectate, see how Junior and Senior Tests look if you're new to the sport, and help out. We need some duck throwers!

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 they will 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.

On the first day, Judges J. Michael Evans & Lisa Styles will judge one Junior and one Senior test, and Lisa Vencille & Catherine Blackburn will judge the other Junior and Senior tests. On the second day, Evans and Vencille will work together on one set of Junior and Senior tests, and Blackburn & Styles will judge the second set. We have worked all this out with AKC so that all test results will count towards titles.

The test will be held at Brian Caldwell's farm, 1810 State Highway 58, Georgetown, TN (near Decatur and Athens). Thanks much to Brian, who volunteered the use of his property so we can run a few more tests this year. He has the most amazing technical pond....

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

In addition to our usual hunt test motel (Best Western, Dayton, TN), there are several other places in Cleveland that may be suitable. The Comfort Inn in Cleveland is holding several rooms for us at a \$79 rate + \$20 for each dog. They say they are pet friendly, and have a large parking lot and room to air the dogs. Their number is 423-339-1000.

ETRC June Mid-Week Master AKC Hunt Test

We are having another mid-week Master hunt test on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 15 and 16. This will have a single flight of 66 dogs, and will again be at Brian Caldwell's farm, 1810 State Highway 58, Georgetown, TN, near Cleveland and Decatur, not far from Dayton. Brian is being a real trooper about letting us use his farm for all these make-up tests! Because this is a no-live ammunition property, there will be no live flyers at this test, as approved by AKC.

Judges will be Stacy A. Overcash Atkins and our very own newly-fledged Master Judge, J. Michael Evans. Entry is through EntryExpress.com. Entries for Amateurs and for club workers with passcodes will open **Tuesday, May 25, 2021** at 8:00 pm Central time. Please note this is a new AKC rule to have early entry for Amateurs; 25% of the 66 Master Entries (16 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 26** at 8:00 p.m. will be released and are open for anyone.

Members who need worker codes should contact 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 or text you back.



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 between Cleveland and 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's Mid Week Master AKC Hunt Test, April 6-7, 2021 Georgetown, TN

Our first hunt test of the year was a Mid-Week Master-only single –flight test at Brian Caldwell's farm, with no live flyers (AKC approved no-live-ammo property). We had wonderful weather — cool in the mornings, warm and sunny in the afternoon both days. Because of efficient test setups and the beauties of only dealing with one level of test, everything went smoothly and rapidly. We finished the first two series before 5:00 on Tuesday, and the entire test was done, dusted, be-ribboned, and put away by 2:00 on Wednesday.

We had professional bird technicians provided by Brian Caldwell and another pro trainer, who helped things to run very smoothly as well. Huge thanks to Hunt Test Chairman Alan Bruhin and assistant J. Michael Evans for pulling all this together. Thanks also to club member helpers — Michele Fletcher, Hunt Test Secretary; Lois Luthenauer, Chief Marshal; Mike Smith, Cory Smith, Donna Smith, David Knott, Jim Pearce, and Karen Edwards, Treasurer. As always, special thanks to judges Keith Maready, Scott Chaney, and apprentice judge - our very own J. Michael Evans, who donated their time to make our hunt tests possible. Huge thanks to Brian for letting us use his property, arranging for the bird technicians, and for the loan of some of the equipment we used. And of course, thanks to everyone who came and ran your dogs!

The test consisted of a single Master stake. Of the 65 dogs entered, three scratched and 62 came to the line, and 47 passed. Competing were 60 Labradors, 3 Golden Retrievers, 1 Flatcoat, and 1 Chessie. The first series was a land triple with an honor. It looked deceptively simple, but wasn't — a lot of dogs were handled on one of the marks and at least one dog broke on the honor. The second series was land/ water, with another triple and two blinds. There was a wall of brush at the edge of the pond, and steep terrain to contend with on the long blind. The third series was out at Brian's new technical pond and consisted of a pair of marks with a diversion shot, and a long blind that involved three swims interrupted by an island and a peninsula, with the blind being out on the bank after the third swim. The judges emphasized that the dog's HAD to get wet on the third swim and couldn't just run around on land to get the blind.



Congratulations to members owning or handling qualifying dogs —

- ◆ Jeremy Majors handling RSR's Double J MH;
- ◆ Donna and Mike Smith with two dogs, Blythe Ferry's Indy Dos, handled by Brian Caldwell and Buck's Beau of Stoneridge with Donna handling;
- ◆ David Knott and Luther's High Grade Black Coal with Brian Caldwell handling;
- ◆ Lois Luthenauer handling Coon Creeks Backwater Quack Head MH MHA (Woodie);
- ◆ Alan Bruhin handling Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH (Cin); and
- ◆ Brian Caldwell handling his own dogs Ringtail Headhunter and Razor Sharp's Duck em Down.
- ◆ Pro members Jody Ware and Brian Caldwell, who handled several non-member client dogs each to passes.

Congratulations as well to other members who tested but did not pass. This is a tough sport!

Report on April Mid-week Master Hunt Test, Con't.



Report on Spring Club Trial #2: Sunday, April 11, 2021

Brian Caldwell's Farm, Georgetown

It rained on Saturday, the day originally scheduled for this event. On Friday night, looking at the forecast, we made an executive decision to postpone the test till Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.. What a good idea that was! The weather couldn't have been better.

Thanks to:

- Brian Caldwell for the use of his farm again, for the help with set-up, and for letting us use some of his frozen/thawed ducks.
- Judge and set-up specialist Alan Bruhin, and the helpers in the field — Jim Pearce, Jeff Rader, Peter Torok, and others who filled in from time to time.
- Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce, who ran the table; and
- Everyone who came and enjoyed the beautiful weather, the lovely technical pond, the opportunity to test your readiness for the many hunt tests coming up, good dogs, and good friends.

We started with Junior dogs, then moved to Advanced Junior, Senior and Master. The setup was essentially the same with more items added each time. Marks included a swim across the pond, an angle entry and angled swim to the mark, a fairly straightforward blind across the pond, and a longer blind that cut across an intervening island. We decided to delay running the Singles Classic to see if we had enough time at the end, since most people seemed to feel they needed more actual practice on hunt test scenarios. Unfortunately, we ran out of time!

Signups began at 1:00 p.m., and the action was underway shortly after. Turnout was again good,, with a good mix of old and new members, for a total of 15 people and 17 dogs, many entered in multiple stakes or multiple times in the same stake, for a total of 28 individual entries. There were 14 Labradors of different colors; two Golden Retrievers, and a Chessie. It was especially nice to see long time member David Knott, who is in Tennessee visiting from his job in New Jersey! Also, Lisa Styles, who will be one of the judges in our early May double/ double JH / SH test dropped by for a while with her Border Collie — she is taking up sheep herding which is quite a switch from retrieving.



Club Trial Results, Con't.

Results:

Singles Classic: Not run

Master Test: 6 dogs entered , 1 scratched, and 4 passed. Passing were: Cin with Alan Bruhin, Coal with David Knott, Woodie and Roxie with Lois Luthenauer.

Senior Test: 11 entries, 3 passes. Charlie and Jeff Rader; Drake and Andy Buck, and Roxie with Lois Luthenauer. Peter Torok took two training runs at Senior with Kepes (wearing an E-collar to correct a breaking problem if necessary) and passed both as well.

Advanced Junior Test: 5 entered, 1 passed. Doubles are hard! Passing were Max and Lois Luthenauer.

Junior Test: 5 entered, 3 passed. Successful entrants were Kyle Griffin with Oak, new member Todd Eldridge 's son with 7-month old puppy Mac, and Denise Chambers with Razyzy.

Puppies: One senior puppy entered, passed, and was awarded first place. The winner was Mac with Todd Eldridge's son.

Congratulations to everyone who passed, and to everyone who came and participated with their dogs. The dogs all sure had a blast!

Financial Information:

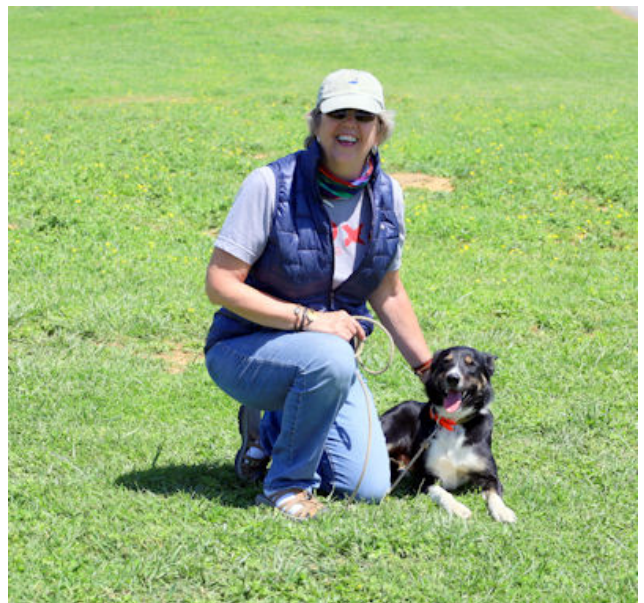
<i>Item</i>	<i>Entries</i>	<i>Tee Shirt Sales</i>	<i>Memberships</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Receipts	\$275	\$0	\$25		\$300
Expenses				\$0	\$0

Final Thoughts:

This is it for Club Trials until the fall. Hopefully we can have another one shortly before our Fall test in October. Thanks for coming!



Lois Luthenauer's boy Max



If they were alive, he would love to herd those ducks! Lisa Styles and her new Border Collie.

Member News

Puppies are Here!

Shine Bruhin is proud to announce the arrival of her 11 puppies — 5 girls, 6 boys — on April 17, 2021. She was considerate of her owner Alan Bruhin, and finished by 11 p.m. that night. Mother and pups are doing fine, Alan is hanging in there.



These puppies are by John Broucek's Percy (Seaside's Troublesome Fowl Pursuits QAA) — out of Grady's Tennessee Moonshine MH. Pedigree is here: <https://k9data.com/pedigree.asp?ID=1074776> . A few puppies may still be available for competition homes.

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

Braggs — Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce are tickled to announce that a dog of their breeding qualified at the Master National (2020 delayed to 2021) , which was held the end of April in Corning, California. The dog is 4-year-old Fern Hill Panda's Sunday Best MH WCX (Violet), who is a littermate of Karen and Jim's Fern Hill Sunday At the Zoo MH (Zoey). Their sire is AFC The Sunday Swimmer OS FDHF, and the dam is Fern Hill Pandemonium MH WCX (Panda). Violet is trained and handled by her amateur owner, Bruce Hayes. Violet, her brother Chi, Bruce and two other Golden Retrievers live in Berkeley, California.



More Brags — Congratulations to Jim Langa and Jazzie (Bullwhip's Hi-Brass Jazzie Girl MH). Jazzie completed her Master Hunter title April 11, 2021 at the Tallahassee Hunting Retriever Club spring test which was held in Americus, GA. She looks good in orange!

Member News, Cont.

In Memoriam —

**GMHR-II HPK's Hi-Brass Mr. Riley MH
QAA "Riley" Oct. 28, 2009 - April 9, 2020**

My boy Riley; you were everything anyone could ever want in a dog, and more than I ever thought possible; hunting partner, teammate, companion & best friend. You had the brains, personality, drive and ability to do it all, limited only by your partner / trainer who you trusted implicitly. From the day your eyes met mine as a 7-week-old puppy you had the instinct and desire to fetch and return without fail continuously. We were a match made in heaven. You absolutely loved retrieving giant Canada geese. In the pheasant field you had no peers, relentlessly and tirelessly coursing the fields in search of scent with unmatched drive, stamina and a nose for birds. I watched you trail a wing shot bird in South Dakota more than a quarter mile, using only the wind and your nose through corn and CRP, under barbed wire and across a pasture. It was a thing of beauty, and by itself would have been all you ever had to do to convince me you were the very best. But with you, there was more, always more. You loved to train and would accept any challenge. Your desire for "the retrieve" and desire to please always manifest in a grand water entry. You trained until the day before you had to cross the bridge with as much enthusiasm as your first fetch, the day I picked you from the litter. You achieved AKC Master Hunter and NAHRA Grand Master Hunting Retriever with two Invitational passes. When you won the Central New York Qualifying stake against a 59-dog field to earn QAA status I was so proud of you I cried. It was a privilege and an honor to be your hunting partner, and to walk with you to the line as teammates and watch you perform. Whatever you did in field and sport, you were 100-fold better as a friend and companion. You were always at my side, devoted and loyal. Your infectious smile, your love for play and your endearing personality were a testament to your zeal for life. Is it really possible to love "just a dog" this much?? I am heartbroken beyond words that you had to leave so suddenly and so much too soon. You made an everlasting impression on my heart and you will always be missed until we're together again. Today, your spirit and your legacy live on with the babies you graced us with. You would be happy and proud.



Mitch White Seminar July 3-4, 2021

Lois Luthenauer is pleased to announce that her Retriever Retreat in Clarkrange, TN is hosting a two-day Skills and Drills training workshop for retriever handlers on July 3 and 4, presented by Mitch White of Gamekeepers Retrievers. She is offering ETRC members first shot at participating. Please see the brochure attached to this newsletter for full details and a reservation form.

Working dog / handler teams will be limited to 12, with one dog worked per handler per training segment (limit of 2 dogs per handler). Working slots are \$300 for the two days; Auditors are welcome for a cost of \$100 each.

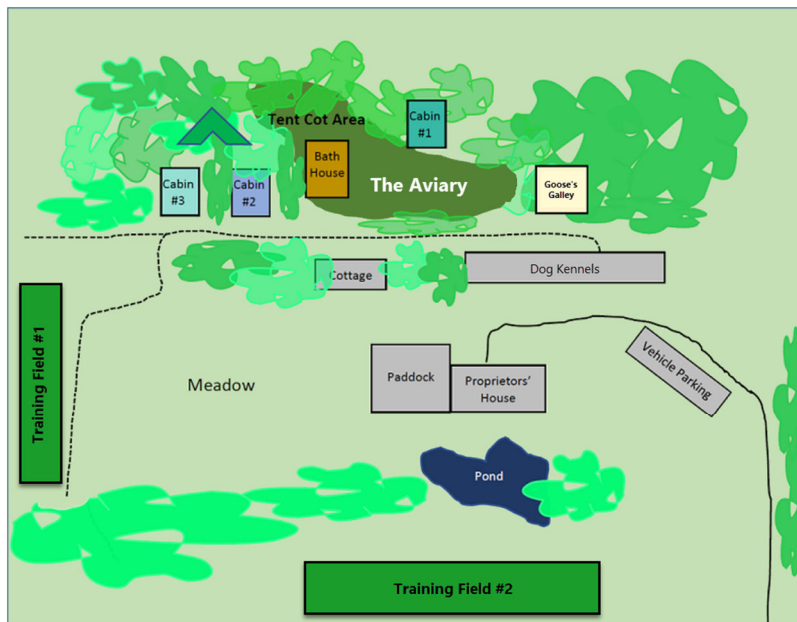
The workshop will start with a review of basic skills, and then progress to drills suitable for dogs of all levels.

Mitch White has been training retrievers for field work since 1988. His program has been developed to utilize an approach that works with all breeds of retrievers, focusing on fairness to the dog. Since 2004, Mitch's clients and students have earned countless field titles each year, at all levels, including several Master National Qualifiers and Finalists, and dogs with Field Trial Placements.






The Retriever Retreat is located at 3058 Martha Washington Rd., Clarkrange, TN 38553.



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Schematic of the Retriever Retreat

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| The Retriever Retreat Legend | |  | The Canvasback |
|  | The Mallard |  | The Merganser |
|  | The Teal |  | Tent Cot Area |

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).