

2021-2022 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. November 2-3, Master Only Midweek November Hunt Test, Caldwell Farm, 1810 State Hwy 58S, Georgetown, TN 37336. More info inside on p. 2.
2. Jan-Feb-Mar: Seminars & Directed Training for Club members — more info later
3. February 18, 2022, Friday evening: ETRC Awards Banquet, General Meeting, & Elections: Bearden Banquet Hall (Buddy's), Knoxville, 6:00. More details to follow.
4. March DSC_6734small.jpeg
5. 12-13, 2022, Saturday / Sunday. Advanced Judges Seminar, Sweetwater, TN.



Photo of the Month



Young Handler, older dog! Lois Luthenauer's great nephew Mason Oswald with Polly MH at the Retriever Retreat.

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ETRC November Midweek Master Only AKC Hunt Test

**LAST
CHANCE**

Our 7th and final hunt test of ETRC's 2021's very busy season will be another mid-week Master test on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 2 and 3. This will be a single flight of Master with 66 dogs. The address is 1810 State Highway 58 South, Georgetown, TN, near Cleveland and Decatur and not far from Dayton, TN. Because this is a no-live ammunition property, there will be no live flyers at this test as approved by AKC. Judges are Linc Huffman and Stacy Overcash Atkins.

Entries closed on Monday, October 25, 2021 11:59:59 PM CT, and the test did fill up with 6 peo-



Jody Ware at the line at one of our earlier mid-week Master Tests at Brian's

ple remaining on the waiting list at the time of closing. We are expecting 66 dogs for this final test, and hoping for the same good luck on the weather that we have had for 5 of our other 6 tests this year.

Hotels in the area: Quality Inn West Sweetwater, 423-337-3353; Best Western Dayton, 423-775-6560; Holiday Inn Express Dayton, 423-570-0080; Quality Inn Cleveland, 423-478-5265. Please verify pet policies and current rates when making reservations, and be sure to mention ETRC as we get slightly lower rates that way.

Hope to see you there, and a final big THANK YOU to Brian Caldwell for letting us use his property for 5 midweek tests this year! We could not have done this without him!

Fall AKC Hunt Test Report—October 23-24, 2021

Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Ranch, Sweetwater, TN



Our big Fall Test is in the books! We had a slightly lower turnout than last spring, with 194 entries. The Master flights did not fill and numbers in Senior were slightly down as well. The test was held at Ken Campbell's beautiful farm, 400 rolling acres with 13 ponds so we had a wealth of great places to set up our tests and his amazing clubhouse for our headquarters and ribbon ceremonies. Thanks so much, Ken, we appreciate you more than words can say!

There were a few glitches — we were a little low on bird technicians especially on Saturday, which meant club members had to help out in the field, and Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce had to make a quick trip to Florida to get their dog Zoey bred on Saturday, which left us a little short on office and tear down/set up / fix and repair help as well. Poor Michele Fletcher, the Hunt Test secretary, had to make lunches, sell tee shirts and handle the ribbon ceremonies in addition to her busy Hunt Test Secretary work! Sunday went a little smoother, and we were fortunate to have marvelous weather both days, with mild temps and sunny skies.

Master Stakes: we had 52 entries in Master A, with 2 scratches and 28 dogs passing. Judges were David Coffey and Mike Akeroyd. Master B, which was judged by Dean Muehlbauer and Topper Towne, had 51 entries with 2 scratches and 34 passing. Passing dogs owned by ETRC members are:

- ◆ Rader's Charley Belle SH, owned and handled by Jeff Rader in her first Master attempt. Go Jeff and Charley!
- ◆ Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH, owned and handled by Alan Bruhin.
- ◆ RSR's Double J MH, owned and handled by Jeremy Majors.
- ◆ Bear Country's Love On The Rox, owned by Lois Luthenauer and Sherie Catledge, and handled by Lois to Roxie's first Master pass. Congratulations!

Pro club members Jody Ware and Brian Caldwell also handled several client dogs to Master passes, including two that Jody handled to their title this weekend. Congratulations!

Senior Stakes:

Senior on Saturday had 20 entries and two scratches. Judges for Saturday were Matt Mokler and Denise Sejalon. It was a difficult test and only 8 dogs passed. Successful ETRC entries were:

- ◆ Coosawatte Backwater Drake, owned and handled by Andy Buck;
- ◆ Mud Creek's Delta, owned and handled by Jeremy Majors;
- ◆ Pro member Jody Ware handled a client dog to a pass.



Jeff & Cheryl McNutt visit with the judges

ETRC October Hunt Test Report, Con't.

Senior on Saturday didn't get any easier. Judges Barbara Reed and Matt Mokler judged 19 dogs of which 6 passed. Passing ETRC member was Jody Ware with a non-member client dog.

Junior Stakes:

Saturday's Junior test was judged by Kathy Poole Price and Barbara Reed. There were 27 entries, 1 scratch, and 21 qualifiers. Passing ETRC members and dogs were:

- ◆ Powderhorn Callback UD PUTD RE CGC CCA ("Andie"), with owner / handler Jo Ann Burk.
- ◆ Powderhorn N River Run Georgia Peach CD RA CGC ("Peaches") with owner / handler Victor Burk
- ◆ Southern Pro Faith & Hope, owned and handled by Pro member Haley Shealy
- ◆ Southern Pro Twisted Tea, owned and handled by Parker Smith.

Sunday's Junior test had 25 entries, judged by Denise Sejalon and Kathy Poole Price. One dog scratched, and 21 passed. The dogs and handlers listed above both passed on the second day as well, and Jo Ann and Victor's dogs both earned their JH titles. Congratulations all!



New Junior Hunters —

Victor Burk with Peaches JH, and JoAnn Burk's Andie JH. Congrats to all four Burks!



Spectacular Scenery at the various test sites.

Fun Facts:

- ◆ Individual dog count: 152
- ◆ Males: 83, Females: 111
- ◆ Labradors: 168 of the 194 entries
- ◆ Golden Retrievers: 14
- ◆ Flat Coats: 7
- ◆ English Cocker Spaniel: 2
- ◆ Tollers: 2
- ◆ Boykin: 1
- ◆ Youngest dog: 4/10/2021 — 6 months, two weeks
- ◆ Oldest dog: 4/23/2011 — 10 years, 6 months



Master National Retriever Test September 30—October 10, 2021, Valley County, Idaho

The Master National Hunt Test in Idaho is now done and dusted for another year. Despite the long distances, ETRC was well represented at this huge invitational test — 1115 dogs entered, divided into 7 flights of 160 dogs each. Wow! What a huge undertaking to put on a test of this magnitude. I understand this was the largest AKC working event test ever!

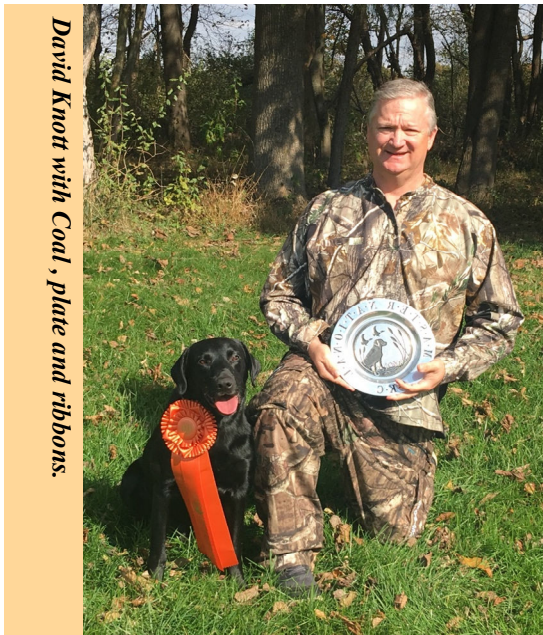
So here are the qualifying dogs owned by ETRC members:

- ◆ Blythe Ferry's Indy Dos MH, owned by Donna and Mike Smith, trained and handled by Brian Caldwell. Mike and Donna were out there to cheer her on!
- ◆ Troublesome Fowl Addiction MH, owned by John Broucek & handled by Jody Ware.
- ◆ Luther's High Grade Black Coal MH MNH5, who earned his fifth pass this time. Wow! Ownd by David Knott & handled by Brian Caldwell.
- ◆ RSR's Double J MH, owned by Jeremy Majors, bred by Jody & Leigh Ware, and handled by Brian Caldwell.
- ◆ Ringtail's Headhunter MH, bred, co-owned and handled by Brian Caldwell.

Jody Ware also qualified several other non-member client dogs, as did Brian Caldwell. On of those was L7Troublesome-WhatAboutBob, owned by former ETRC member and birdboy at all our tests at Caldwell's place this year, Bob Smith.



Jeremy Majors and RSR'd Double J MH



David Knott with Coal, plate and ribbons.

In the bad luck category, Mike Evans' Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen (Ivy) decided to come into heat and failed her bitch check at the second series. One of Brian's dogs suffered the same fate, and even worse — but a tale that ends well — one of Jody's older bitches had a twisted stomach and had to be rushed to emergency surgery. She is recovering well, but what a scare!

AND, not to leave out mention of our President — Alan Bruhin was once again one of the Master National judges. If you are on Facebook, take a look at the wonderful scenery pictures he posted. Truly a gorgeous part of the world out there.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE, SUCCESSFUL OR NOT — it's such a huge honor to even qualify for this event.

More ETRC Master National Qualifiers

John Broucek's * Jeff Coffey's Troublesome Fowl Addiction



Mike Smith with Indy's goodies



Member News, Brags, & Announcements

Senior Title! Lois Luthenauer with Fired Up's Maximum Overdrive JH "Max", who earned his Senior Hunter Title at MTARC Fall Test on October 17th! Congratulations!



Birthday Celebration. Members Mike Reed and Lois Luthenauer with their Chocolate Labs at the ETRC Hunt Test. Lois's dog Roxie had her first master pass, and it was her birthday! Mike's dog is Teagan, Roxie's mother, who was there to help them celebrate. Congratulations!

Member News, Brags, & Announcements

Field Trial Success for ETRC Members.

Quinn does it again! John Broucek and Troublesome Dr. Quinn won the Derby at the Middle Tennessee Amateur Retriever Club's Fall Field Trial in Lavergne, TN the first weekend in October, beating out 22 other entries. Quinn was bred by John.

At the same trial, Troublesome Canadian Huntress QA2, who was bred by John and is co-owned by him and member Jake Greenwell, earned a JAM in the Amateur stakes.

Finally, Jake's dog Troublesome Seaside Mystery (also bred by John) took a JAM in the Qualifier.

Congratulations to dogs, handlers, and super breeder John Broucek!



Puppies!

David Knott still has a few male Labrador Retriever puppies available from the litter featured in last month's newsletter. If you are interested, give him a call at 423-650-1089.

Sire: Cooper Chance of Glenn Farm MH QAA SR98977801 (FC-AFC Tucked Away At River's Edge, "Tucker" x Rev's Country Girl MH)

Dam: Coal's Amazing Grace SR88057309 (Luther's High Grade Black Coal MH MNH4 x Bailiwicks Riversmeet Dandy Andy JH)



All black puppies, ready to go home October 29. Puppies will come with a 26-month health guarantee on the hips, elbows and eyes along with a base puppy contract. The puppies will be dewormed three times and have their first vaccine by the time they are seven weeks old.

See October's Newsletter for pictures and full clearance info on the sire and dam. The newsletter is posted on the ETRC website if you didn't keep a copy — <http://www/etrclub.org>

The Boys pose for a picture

Member News, Brags, & Announcements

Mitch White Seminar at the Retriever Retreat, December 4-5-2021

Progressing Your Dog — Presented by Mitch White of Gamekeepers Retrievers, Ltd.

Hosted By: The Retriever Retreat

Held on: Private Property

3058 Martha Washington Road, Clarkrange TN 38553

PROGRESSING YOUR DOG helps handlers succeed in progressing their dog to the next training level. For those interested, an introduction to the use of the E-Collar will be included. The focus of this workshop is analyzing each individual dog's performance, determining its weaknesses & developing a plan to move the dog forward in its training. Participants will work on problem solving skills, drills & set ups tailored to each dog's needs. Mitch will instruct each handler on how to identify their dog's areas of weakness & will coach them on developing a plan to address these areas. Auditors will benefit greatly from this workshop as well due to the varied issues that are discussed & the insight Mitch will provide as to each unique situation. Auditors & Handlers alike will observe & be involved in discussions as each dog presents different behaviors. This method will allow attendees to learn how to analyze in the moment & read the dog's behavior.

"This innovative seminar is guided by the needs of the individual dogs and handlers attending. We are providing a program that will focus on identifying problem areas in each team's training, analyzing the problem and then establishing a training plan to help the team progress their dog to the next level." - Mitch White

BRING US YOUR PROBLEMS, WE WILL FIND A SOLUTION AND HELP YOU PROGRESS YOUR DOG. ALL LEVELS ARE WELCOME! Working Dog/Handler teams will be limited to TWELVE (12) with one dog worked per Handler. Cost: \$375 for working teams, \$100 for auditors.

EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: Check in will begin at 8:30 am. Seminar will begin at 9:00 am. Introduction and discussion of where Working Teams are in training and of their goals for the workshop. Working Teams will run a set up and/or drills designed by Mitch to give him a feel for each Working Teams' abilities. Saturday will continue with working one on one with each team. Focus will be in determining weaknesses and designing training scenarios and/or drills that will help each team turn that weakness into a strength. Day will end with Q&A.

SUNDAY: 8:30 am Discussion of previous day's work. Then, each team will continue working with Mitch on targeted exercises designed pinpoint weaknesses and progress the dog in training. Extensive land and water work will be featured in the form of yardwork, drills, marks, blinds, test like scenarios, etc. Analysis of each dogs performance and how to troubleshoot the problems will be discussed as well as discussion on why a particular drill or set up is the prescribed solution. Q&A, discussion and final address will be held at the conclusion of the workshop.

For a full PDF brochure with more details and application form, or if you have any questions, please contact Lois at email: retrieverbednbicuits@gmail.com, phone 865-803-1187. Mitch White is an extremely well-known trainer who specializes in FAIR training suitable for any breed of dog.

In Memorium: Buck's Beau of Stoneridge MH (5/11/11—10/7/21)
Michael's Black Buck x Stoneridge Splash

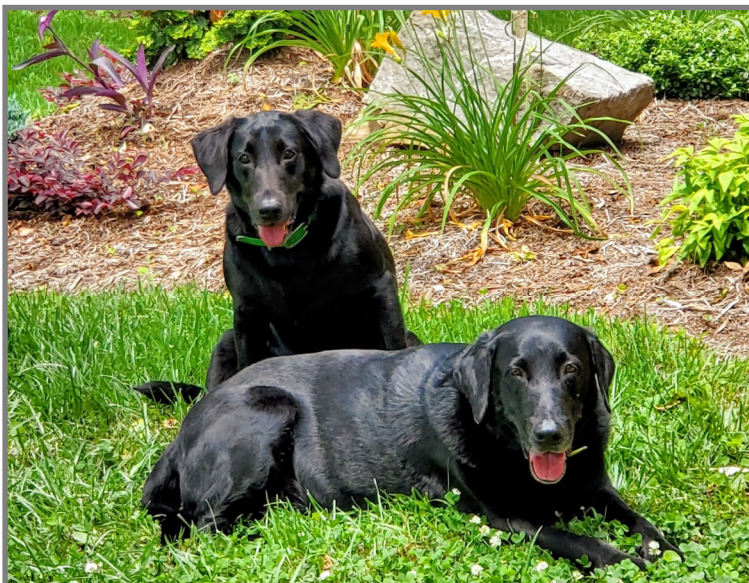
For many years, Donna Smith and her dog Beau have been a fixture at all our tests. He earned his title, he was test dog, he ran at every club trial, and he ran Senior after his arthritis started acting up in his later years. He was steady and consistent, and loved the game.

Very sad to hear that Donna and Mike had to put Beau to sleep on October 8 after a several month bout with cancer. Heartfelt condolences, it's so very hard to lose a good dog who was a part of the family.

Dogs leave 
paw prints
 on our hearts



*Beau with
Donna and
Indy.*



AKC Field Report for the 2021 Annual MNRC Meeting

Russ Reavis, Field Director—Retrievers

With the decision of the MNRC Board not to hold the normal meeting due to COVID I submit the following:

2020 & 2021 have been trying years for all of us and to the Retriever Hunting Test Program. In 2020 there were over 130 Hunting Tests and over 115 Field Trials cancelled due to COVID. Thankfully so far in 2021 all events have been held as planned with no reports of a COVID case. We should still follow all local and State guidelines at all events. AKC has published the "Best Practices for the Well-Being of Dog Sport Participants" revised on July 16, 2020 and "Recommendations for Handling a Positive COVID Case During or After an Event" on January 7, 2021 for use by all clubs and individuals.

Several new Regulations were incorporated during 2020 & 2021. I want to thank the members of the RHTAC for their review and input on these changes. All four mentioned are having a very positive effect on the Program.

1. In November 2020 the mileage between corresponding events was lowered from 200 miles to 150 miles which became effective January 1, 2021.
2. In September 2020 it was decided to allow the judges to determine how the birds are delivered to them due to COVID. Either they could take them, or the handlers could place them in a container (not light in color) or on a rack, but the judges still must watch the delivery from the dog. This will become permanently effective January 1, 2022.
3. As of April 1, 2021, clubs were able to set aside either 25% or 35% of a limited Master Test for Amateurs only.
4. Most recently effective September 1, 2021 clubs may use the wait list for a Limited Master Test up until the start of the event. The wait list will remain visible on Entry Express for a club's use.

I believe these changes will greatly enhance the future of this program.

There is one area that has become more apparent in the last year that is troubling. On many occasions the Rep's and myself have seen Judges score sheets improperly filled out or not filled out at all. The most common is the use of a single score for Marking only and not drawing diagrams of the dogs' work. This does not benefit a dog that may have a poor marking series but a high score in the other abilities.

I am pleased to announce that one of our Hunting Test participants received two AKC Youth/Junior Handler Scholarship Awards one in 2020 and one in 2021, Ms. Haleigh McKeithan from NC. She is entered in this year's event. Congratulations!

For 2021 another one of our own has won a Youth Scholarship Award as well, Ms. Lanie York from UT. If you see Lanie please congratulate her.

In 2021 Mr. Joe Reinhardt decided to retire from being an AKC Executive Field Rep. Everyone knows Joe and what a really good job he did and does for this sport. We thank him for his years of commitment to this program. We wish him and Carolyn only the best.

With Joe's retirement we have brought on board Mr. Dave Christianson from TX. Dave has been and still is very active in this program and brings a wealth of experience. We welcome Dave.

AKC Field Rep Report.

I am pleased to announce the Retriever Hunting Test Program is growing in most areas of the country. Several Senior tests had to be split, meaning they exceeded 50 a few have been over 70. Several Junior Tests have been over 70 as well. As you are well aware the Master Tests continue to grow, and the demand has created the use of Mid-week tests and has spurred the creation of many new clubs.

In closing on behalf of myself, the Field Reps' and Performance Events, I want to thank you for your commitment to this program and its future.

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: 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, new titles, 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).