

# 2021 Upcoming Events

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. Semiannual Meeting / Picnic / Club Trial: Sunday, September 12, 2021: 9:00 a.m., Club Trial, 1:00 p.m. meeting. Cory Smith's Farm, Niota, TN. Article inside on page 2.
2. Equipment Sale: Sunday, September 12, 2021, 9 a.m at Cory Smith's Farm. Shotguns, blinds, bird dryers and more. Come stock up! Details inside on page 2, items listed on pages 7-8.
3. October 23-24, 2021, Fall Weekend Hunt Test, double JH / SH, 2 flights Master: Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Farm, 6720 Erie Road, Sweetwater, TN. More info inside on p. 3.
4. November 2-3, Master Only Midweek November Hunt Test, Caldwell Farm, 1810 State Hwy 58S, Georgetown, TN 37336. More info inside on p. 3, more info next month.



## Photo of the Month



*Lazy 7 Ranch, site of our October 23-24 Hunt Test*



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## Summer Business Meeting / Picnic / Club Trial / SALE Sunday, September 12, 2021

.In hopes of cooler weather, we moved our usual August general meeting to September this year. We are scheduling it on a Sunday to avoid conflicts with UT Football, and are planning to combine the meeting with a club trial. The date is **Sunday, September 12, 2021**.

The event will be held at **Cory Smith's farm, 245 County Road 319, Niota, TN** which is just a mile or two off I75 south of Knoxville. Cory has great land, an adequate pond, and a lovely shady covered porch where we can eat lunch and have our meeting. GPS gives excellent directions to this farm, but if you don't have GPS or get lost, call Cory at 865-776-3634 and he'll send out the St. Bernards.

The Club Trial will start **at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time**. We will have Singles Classic, MH, SH, JH, and Advanced JH stakes, and puppy stakes for Senior and Junior puppies. Each stake is \$10 and ribbons will be awarded for completion; first through 5th place ribbons for puppy stakes and Singles Classic. Club Trial rules are printed on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.

This is a bring-your-own lunch affair. Probably a good idea to bring your own chair too! Also, bring whatever equipment and water you will need for you and your dogs for the club trial. E-Collars are not allowed if you want to run for ribbons and club awards points, but if you want to run just for training, you may use a collar.

The business meeting will start **at 1:00**. We need to have a quorum for this event so we can vote in the new members for this year — come and find out what your club has been doing and early planning for next year!!

As an added attraction, we will be hosting an Equipment Sale at this event, which will also start at 9 a.m.. Recently, the club purchased all the equipment from the now-defunct Volunteer Retriever Club, and we have gone through and inventoried all our equipment and have decided what to keep and what to sell. For a list of sale items with pictures and prices, see the article on pages **7-8 of this newsletter**, which are reprinted from last month. Everything will be at this event on display, and you can check it all out and purchase what you need at a good price. Tee shirts and hats will also be for sale, and we have new inventory.



## New AKC Hunt Test Rule Effective September 1, 2021

As part of AKC's ongoing efforts to help reduce the logjam of people unable to enter Master Hunter tests, another new rule change will become effective on September 1. This change will make it possible for people who are on a waiting list, but who do not get a vacant slot before the test closes, to still be notified of a vacancy that occurs afterwards and be able to participate. The new rule (copy attached to the email transmitting this Newsletter) makes it up to the individual club to decide whether to use this new flexibility, and to the club and entry services such as Entry Express to figure out how to do this. There are issues involved such as collecting entries fees from waitlist entries, refunds, charges for being put on a waitlist, how to contact the people who now would have a spot after entries close, etc.

This is one of the topics that will be discussed at the September meeting, and we have a big decision in deciding whether to implement this new rule this year, next year after the bugs are worked out, or not at all. Come help us decide!

**ETRC Fall AKC Hunt Test  
October 23-24 , 2021, Ken Campbell's Farm**

It seems like a long way off, but our fall test will be here before we know it. The test will be held at Ken Campbell's amazing Lucky 7 farm, with 14 ponds, great land, wonderful facilities, and no cows. We are planning a full test with double Junior, double Senior, and two flights of Master (total 132 dogs).

We may not have the usual pressure and competition for Master entries, given that the Master National is going to be held September 30 through October 10, and a lot of people may be exhausted from that. However, a total of 35% of the Master entries will be reserved for Amateur early entries; spaces not filled will be open for everyone the next day. Judges have been selected and approved, and the premium is up on Entry Express. The test will open Tuesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm CENTRAL TIME, for amateurs and anyone with Worker Codes. It will open up for everyone on Wednesday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. Central Time. Closing date is Monday, October 11 at 1 second before midnight. Entry fees are \$80, \$90, and \$100 for Junior / Senior / Master.

J. Michael Evans will be handling the Worker Codes again for early non-amateur Master entries. To request a worker code, contact J. Michael, volunteer for a work assignment of at least 4 hours (and actually DO IT or it will be the last worker code you will get!), and he will send you a code. The best way to reach him is via TEXT at 865-824-8638 as he works shifts.

Judges for this test are as follows:

- ◆ Master A: David Coffey & Mike Akeroyd.
- ◆ Master B: Dean Muehlbauer & Ted Towne
- ◆ Senior Saturday: Matthew Mokler & Denise Sejalon
- ◆ Senior Sunday: Barbara Reed & Matthew Mokler
- ◆ Junior Saturday: Kathy Z Poole Price & Barbara Reed
- ◆ Junior Sunday: Denise Sejalon & Kathy Z Poole Price



**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.

**Directions:** Lucky 7 Farm, 6720 Erie Road, Sweetwater, TN. BE AWARE that some GPS services may take you to the wrong place, around the back of the farm where there is no entrance. Alternatively, use the address 6979 Erie Road, which is right across the street from the L7 Farm entrance.

Look forward to seeing you there! This is possibly our last time at Lucky 7, as the property is now for sale. Who knows, maybe someone will buy it who will turn it into the dog sports destination of East Tennessee!

**ETRC November Midweek Master Only AKC Hunt Test**



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. Thanks again to Brian Caldwell for letting us use his property all year! This will be a single flight of Master with 66 dogs. We are still working on finalizing judges — more details about this event next month.



## ETRC Club Trial Rules

*These are quoted from Roberta Williams' email to Carol Stone March 12, 2009, as modified by changes made during the 2017 rules revisions for Gun Dog and Puppy of the Year. New information on Master, Senior, Junior, and Advanced Junior stakes were added for completeness in 2020.*

### **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 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 retrieves 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.

## Club Trial Rules, Continued.

### 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.



It was cold at our club trial last spring up at Chuck Atchley's farm in Sevierville. Don't expect we'll be seeing too many coats and jackets at this one, other than raincoats!

## Member News, Brags, & Announcements

### News from the Retriever Retreat

August has definitely brought the heat, but no break in training and no beach vacation! For those of you who know my nephew, Gavin, from this summer, his family was exposed to COVID while on vacation in Florida (the trip on which I was unable to go) and as of this writing his Mom is in an ICU in San Antonio on life support. Please keep them in your thoughts, she has been in ICU for ten days, and on life support since the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, The Retriever Coach Kevin Cheff was here for a three-day Fundamental Skill Building Workshop! This workshop was intended for individuals who want to learn how to bridge the gap between drills and field work. It was a beautiful weekend, we didn't get all the rain that other areas got and the weather was actually fairly cool, as August goes!

Kevin covered the advanced tee work necessary to transition to a scattered bumper drill, then the cast-off drill, and we worked on teaching the swim-by and, for dogs who have completed the swim-by, did a swim-by review. We also did some marking set ups, and I learned a better way to teach the concepts involved in marking through a Staggered Triple Set-up utilizing white coats (a/k/a field trial style!). Throughout each exercise, his explanations of why to do what you are doing, and what you could do differently was the best set of explanations I have ever heard. Kevin is a thinking man, very good at thinking what to do differently when the dog doesn't react as anticipated, and not afraid to run out to head off the dog to keep a situation from going from bad to worse and finding a way to salvage the lesson! We only had four people, so we each got a lot of individualized coaching, and although we worked through a particular set of exercises, each dog's work was specifically tailored to the dog's level, and each exercise was repeated multiple times over the course of the seminar so that you could see the dog's progress. We even got a non-swimmer swimming! Many thanks to Kevin Cheff for an excellent presentation and thank you Sherie Catledge and William Catledge and Matthew Shoemaker for working the event!

I will have open dates available for training at all levels beginning Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup> through Saturday September 11. Anyone is welcome to come with a day or two day's notice and train with me. There will be no formal training coach here (Sherie is gone those dates) but we can run drills or setups or work on whatever you need. It's a pretty far piece for some of you to drive, but good access to water, terrain, cover, and most importantly, a different site than you normally train on.

**If you have any questions, or want to sign up for the workshop or training time, please contact Lois at email: [retrieverbednbicuits@gmail.com](mailto:retrieverbednbicuits@gmail.com), phone 865-803-1187.**



# ETRC Equipment Sale Sunday, September 12, 2021

With our recent equipment purchases and upgrades, we have a surplus! A committee of club members have gone through all our equipment, taken an inventory, and are offering the following items for sale at very favorable prices. Everything will be available for inspection, purchase, and take-away at the Club Trial / Picnic / General Membership Business Meeting being held at Cory Smith's Farm on Sunday, September 12, beginning at 9 a.m. See page 2 for more info.

Cory's address is 245 County Road 319, Niota, TN. This is just a few miles off Exit 56 on I75 south of Knoxville, between the Sweetwater and Athens exits.

**Items for sale:**

**20' Aluminum White Car-Hauler Trailer**, partially fitted inside for storing equipment. Drop-down back ramp, side door. Almost new, probably has less than 300 miles on it. These sell for around \$6500 new. Has small dent on one side. **\$4,500**



**5 Onn Walkie Talkies** — Cost \$17 each on Amazon new. Battery operated, hardly used, fit neatly in pocket. Will sell pair for **\$20**, **\$35** if you buy 2 pairs and we will throw in the 5th one for free.



**3 Black metal handler gun stands** — keep your guns dry and out of the mud while you are training! **\$5 each.**



**4 Ghillie blankets, 5x9.** 3 are unopened, the 4th only used once. These are used as blinds for hunting or field trials. Cost \$100 each new on Amazon, **\$50 each.**



**Folding metal / fabric chairs.** A grab bag of miscellaneous chairs, some still in original packaging and never used. We have 16 of the Academy lightweight aluminum field chairs with cup holders pictured left, one red Ozark Trail camp chair, one Redhead Camo folding chair, and 4 others of different types and colors, some with drop-down tables. **\$5 each.**



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**NINE 12-gauge working shotguns**, made by the New England Firearms Co., reconditioned in 2013, painted green and tan. Good for handler guns in field training setups. **\$25 each, club members only.**



**Blinds.** We have 16 panel blinds for sale in a variety of green and brown camo, for sale for **\$40 each**. Some of these have bent legs and most need some fabric repairs as well, but are useable with a little easy fix-up work. Also have 3 extra blind covers (**\$10 each**) and 2 extra rebar blind legs (**\$5 for the pair**). New blinds cost around \$100—\$169 so if you are looking for some inexpensive training equipment, these are a great deal.



**Duck Drying Racks.** We have 6 3-piece circular racks for **\$10 each**—3 black and 1 silver colored; and a 2-piece silver rack for **\$5**. These come apart and store flat, and will hold about 12-16 ducks apiece.

**20 Heavy duty metal signs with handles.** We are keeping another 20 of these for club use, and will attach our foam ETRC signs to these using double-sided Velcro for maximum flexibility. Vinyl letters can be easily removed. Ideal for any type of club or event where directions are needed.



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## 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](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](mailto: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).