

ETRC Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. September 10, 2022, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.: Club Trial, Picnic, and Annual Summer Meeting. Cory Smith's farm, Niota, TN
2. September 20-21, Tuesday & Wednesday, Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's.
3. October 22-23, 2022: Sat/Sun, Fall Hunt Test, Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Ranch
4. November 1-2, 2022: Tues/Wed, Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's.
5. February 25, 2023, Saturday: Awards Banquet, Elections, General Business Meeting. Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville
6. April 1-2, 2023, Saturday & Sunday: Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee WMA



Photo of the Month



UpClosePhoto

HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen MH (Ivy) at the HRC Grand. More info inside in "Braggs"

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Decision from AKC on Talking to the Honor Dog

There have been many rumors floating around about this subject lately, and it was also a topic of much discussion at the recent Judges' Seminar. And, here is the final (as much as anything is ever final) word from AKC about this topic:

The Performance Events Department works closely with the Retriever Hunting Test Advisory Committee (RHTAC) regarding suggestions brought forward from the retriever hunting test community. Recently, the Performance Events Department received an item from the RHTAC that would change the regulation so the handler of the honor dog would not be allowed to talk even at a soft volume to the honor dog, once the working dog handler has called for the test to begin. In further examination of this proposed regulation, at this time the Performance Events Department, in agreement with the RHTAC, does not believe this change is necessary.

However, AKC approved retriever hunting test judges are to be cognizant of the following fault as written in the Regulations & Guidelines for AKC® Hunting Tests for Retrievers which states on p. 66 under Serious Faults:

Talking to the honoring dog – loud enough to interfere with other handlers, the working dog or the Judges.

Judges must be vigilant of this fault and be mindful of this regulation. When handlers are observed to be talking loud enough to potentially cause interference, particularly in situations of a controlled break, dogs should be faulted accordingly. AKC representatives will be monitoring this aspect of the test when in attendance.

For any questions regarding the honor or these regulations, please contact Russ.Reavis@akc.org or 303-550-2758.

Thanks MNRC for the Seminar Grant!

Tickled to report that the Master National Retriever Club sent us a check for \$1000 to mostly offset the costs of our June Advanced Judges Seminar. Much appreciated, thanks to Alan Bruhin for working up the application and getting it approved.

New Password for the Website

Every year about this time, we change the password on the “members only” section of our website, www.etrclub.org. This section is accessed through the “ETRC Members” tab at the left side of the home page. When you click on that tab, it will take you to a sign-in page. The username is “etrclubmember” and the new password until next summer is ‘mallard’. This page has the club directory with contact information, club Bylaws, archived meeting minutes, financial reports, Club Trial results, etc.

Announcements and Brags

Miss Ivy Nails the HRC Grand!

HRCH Hilltop’s Fowl Mouth Delta Queen MH (Ivy) and J. Michael Evans had a great run at the 2022 HRC Grand Hunting Retriever Championship held in Natchez, Mississippi, this past spring. The test consisted of five marking series and one upland series. Miss Ivy made it through all series CLEAN! Congratulations, GREAT JOB, guys! Mike Atwater (UpClose Photos) was there to take these gorgeous photos below and on the front page.



Py Vacations in Port Huron, Michigan

Fern Hill Py In The Sky MH had an exciting trip to Michigan with Jim Pearce and Karen Edwards at the end of July to meet a handsome guy. We hope something results from this besides a nice time exploring the waterfront (that’s Canada across the river) and meeting an enormous metal fish. Py says the smells were amazing, but the seagulls kept flying away! She almost caught one....



Announcements and Brags, Con't

They Grow Up So Fast! On the left is a picture of Mike and Donna Smith's "Clindy Clan" born June 1 — Clyde x Indy puppies, amazingly beating the odds to be mostly yellow. On the right is Cooper Smith, the boy they kept. The clan is all dispersed to their final homes now. Congratulations all and welcome to the new family member!



The Dog Days of Summer

When it's just too hot to chase bumpers in the field in 96 degree heat, Zoey Edwards cools off in the pool



Youth Program



2018 Award Recipients, Cade & Ivan Chambers

The Luthenauer Young Handler program is entering its sixth 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/etrc_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 in ETRC is a bargain! 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 cut and paste the link, print it off, and send it along with your check to:

Karen Edwards, Secretary /Treasurer, 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771.

Membership 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 friends with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. We are one of the most active Retriever clubs in the country — and have another great year lined up in 2022 with 5 AKC hunt tests, club trials, seminars, training days, and more.

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 XXII (for 2022).