



2021-2022 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. February 18, 2022, Friday evening: ETRC Awards Banquet, General Meeting, & Elections: Bearden Banquet Hall (Buddy's), Knoxville, 6:30 p.m.. See page 3.
2. February 26, 1:00 p.m. Saturday: Brady Collins Dogtown Farm: demonstration, discussion and setups focused on Field Trials from a professional Field Trial Trainer.
3. March 12-13, 2022, Saturday / Sunday, Sweetwater, TN. Advanced Judges Seminar. See article on page 4 — Registration open now!
4. March 20, 2022, Sunday, 1 p.m: Training Day / Mini Seminar on transition drills, Alan Bruhin & Mike Evans, Master Hunt Test judges and Master National competitors. Postponed from 1/23.
5. April 2, 2022, Saturday: Spring Club Trial. More information to follow.

Photo of the Month



New Field Trial Champion FC Troublesome Canadian Huntress (Eve), co-owned by ETRC members Jake Greenwell and John Broucek, and handled by Jake and pro trainer Brady Collins. For more info and another picture, see Member News inside.

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2021 Title Awards — Last Minute Call for Nominations

If you forgot to get your title award information into J. Michael by the deadline, there may still be time to get it in and get a plaque for your accomplishments at our February Banquet. **Any AKC field titles are eligible for this award** (JH, SH, MH, AFC, FC, QA2, etc.). Send your name, your dog's registered name, title earned, and the date and place where you titled to J. Michael Evans (Fowl_Mouth_K9@aol.com). Hurry though — the engraver is also tied up with end of the year basketball awards during this time and may not be able to accommodate us with late requests.

Awards Banquet February 18

February 18, 2022, Friday evening: ETRC Awards Banquet, General Meeting, & Elections.

Bearden Banquet Hall (Buddy's), 5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, 6:00 p.m for socializing, dinner buffet starts at 6:30 p.m. This is our annual big party, and food is **FREE** to all ETRC members and their guests.

Food will be served buffet style. The menu will include Grilled Beef Tenderloin, Chicken Cordon Bleu, French Green Beans Almandine, Twice Baked Potatoes, Garden Salad, and Banana Pudding for dessert. Coffee, Tea, soft drinks and water will also be available free of charge. If you want a beer or a glass of wine, you may purchase this directly from the Banquet hall. Beers are \$4 each.

The Bearden Banquet Hall is a large area, and we will be seated at 8-person round tables with space between. In addition to a big party and recap of our busy and successful 2021 season, this is also an official business meeting where we will elect officers and directors for our next year, and provide info / get input on our plans for next year — so we need a quorum of members. New members are particularly urged to come - don't be shy, come and meet folks!

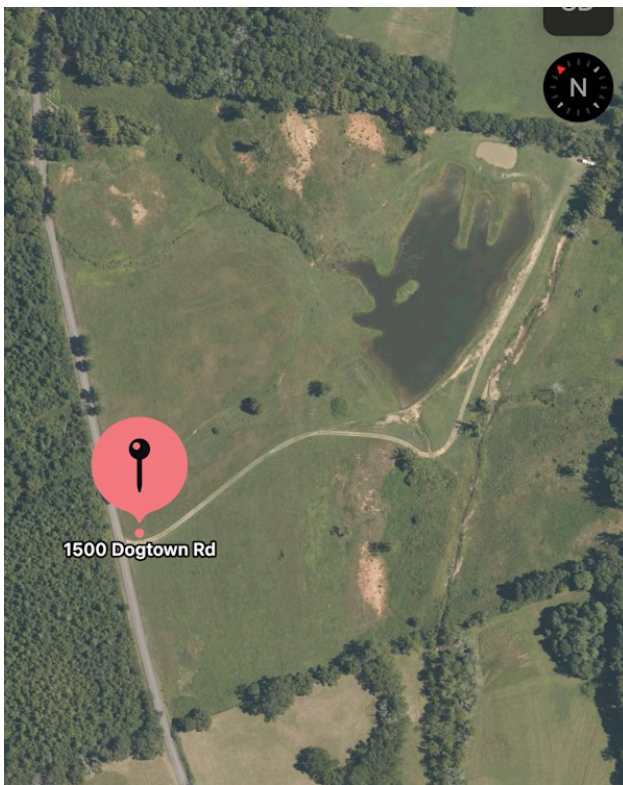
Please RSVP to Karen Edwards at edwardskc@gmail.com, or text / call 865-300-7607 and leave a message — your name & number/names of people coming with you to the banquet. Again, there is **no cost** to ETRC members, families & guests for the food.



We need RSVPs from anyone who is planning to eat NO LATER THAN 11:59 p.m. on FEBRUARY 11 so that the staff will have enough time to prepare food and set out the proper number of tables and chairs. We can squeeze in a few extra, but please don't leave your RSVP until the last minute!



Training Session 2/26/22: Field Trial Seminar & Setups



February 26, 1:00 p.m. Saturday: Mini-Seminar & Setups: Field Trials.

This event will be held at Brady Collins' training property, 1500 Dogtown Road, Ten Mile, TN (South of Kingston & Midway, just off Hwy 58). The aerial view to the left shows the layout of the property.

Have you ever wondered about the difference between Hunt Tests and Field Trials? Here is your opportunity to find out!

Pro Field Trial Trainer Brady Collins will explain the differences, demonstrate particular points with his dogs, and then provide setups and coaching so we can try it out with our own dogs. Members and active field trialers Jake Greenwell and John Broucek will also assist. Brady will supply bird technicians and frozen ducks will be used for marks and blinds.

Topics to be covered include the following:

1. Overview of AKC Field Trials — Derby, Qualifying, Open, and Amateur
2. Rules and format of a Qualifying stake, from both the perspective of participating in one and for putting one on
3. Typical Qualifying set ups and how to train for them.
4. What is being judged

Also included will be information on differences between hunt tests and field trials in terms of series setup, rules and attire for handlers, concepts like 'retired gunners', and a little bit about the titling structure for field trials. Bring your questions!

Following the seminar / demonstration part of the program, Brady will set up and allow everyone to run their dogs on both marking and blind set ups. Coaching and assistance will be provided, and set ups can be broken down as necessary to assist with the level of the dog and handler.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn about another aspect of our retriever sport! RSVPs requested but not required; please email edwardskc@gmail.com to RSVP. Include information on the number and general level of the dog(s) you are bringing.

Bring your personal training equipment, water for your dog and yourself, chairs to sit on, writing material if you want to make notes, etc. In the event of horrible weather, you will be notified the morning of the seminar if we decide to cancel. In the event of cancellation, we'll try to set up an alternate date.



AKC Advanced Retriever Hunting Test Seminar for Judges

Saturday and Sunday, March 12-13, 2022, 8 am to 4 pm

LOCATION SATURDAY: Conference room, Comfort Inn, 2811 Decatur Pike, Athens, TN 37303

LOCATION SUNDAY: Cory Smith Farm, 245 County Road 319, Niota, TN 37826

SEMINAR DESCRIPTION: This seminar has been designed for judges that have attended the basic one-day AKC Hunting Test Seminar and have attained some judging experience through apprenticeships and/or actual judging.

This seminar is, however, **open to anyone and can be quite beneficial in helping handlers to better understand judging criteria and considerations. We encourage ETRC Members to take advantage of the opportunity to attend this seminar even if you never plan to judge a hunt test!**

This seminar WILL NOT count as the initial one-day AKC Basic seminar, which covers different subject matter. This seminar has been designed to enhance the Retriever Hunting Test Program by assuring the regulations, guidelines, and test requirements are understood and are being met, and that the standards for all levels of testing are being maintained through fully knowledgeable judges.

AREAS COVERED: Purpose of the Retriever Hunting Tests—what to expect when you are asked to judge — Judge’s responsibilities— Pre-Test Responsibilities — Planning the Hunting situation — Judge’s Authority — The day of your Test — Dog’s abilities — Scoring.

FORMAT: This is a two-day seminar with one day spent in the classroom indoors and one day spent outdoors developing and running tests at the three levels — Junior, Senior, and Master. Participants will have the opportunity to watch, judge and score each dog’s performance on the tests designed. We will then have the time to critique each dog’s performance and why the scores were assigned. Three dogs will be run at each level.

PRESENTER: Russ Reavis, AKC Representative.

COST: \$50 per participant. To register, complete the registration form & mail to Karen Edwards at 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771 along with your check.

OTHER DETAILS:

- ◆ A block of rooms at the Comfort Inn is being held for Friday and Saturday night. Rates are \$94 for a King room (1 bed) or a Queen room (2 beds) for either single or double occupancy. Contact the Inn directly to make reservations: 423-252-8030 or (423) 745-0002. All rooms are non-smoking.
- ◆ Lunches & snacks will be provided by the East TN Retriever club. Breakfasts & dinners may be purchased at nearby restaurants.

QUESTIONS? call or text Alan Bruhin at 865-850-8712 or email him at wabruhin@utk.edu.



**AKC Advanced Retriever Hunting Test
Seminar for Judges**
Saturday and Sunday, March 12-13, 2022, 8 am to 4 pm
Registration Form

Name:

Address:

Phone Number (mobile preferred):

Email address:

Number of attendees:

Please return this form along with a check for \$50 per participant, made out to "ETRC", to:

Karen Edwards
Secretary / Treasurer
East Tennessee Retriever Club
254 Babbs Road
Lenoir City, TN 37771

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9. Please mail your registration form and check to arrive before that date.

Member News, Brags, & Announcements

New Field Trial Champion! Jake Greenwell's dog Eva (FC Troublesome Canadian Huntress) earned her Field Champion (FC) title in November 2021 by winning her second Open stake with Jake handling. Earning an FC title is a huge deal, so major congratulations to Jake, co-owner John Broucek, and also to Brady Collins, who trained her and handled her to some of her points. This win not only earned her the FC title, it made her eligible for the National Open Field Trial Championships, where Brady handled her successfully through the 3rd series. Even getting an invitation to attend this event is huge, so another round of congratulations all around.

Eva was whelped on March 29, 2015. She made the 2017 National Derby List with 16 derby points and won her first Qualifying Stake at 25 months. She is a littermate to the dog who was the 2017 National High Point Derby dog with 77 Points, and is a sibling or littermate to 4 other dogs who made the Derby List and QAA. In addition, Eva has proven herself as a producer. She has had three litters to date, with a number of pups who have already made the National Derby List and who are QAA. Her most recent litter was whelped just recently.



Brady Collins with Eva at the National Open Retriever Championships, 11/21

Long-Time ETRC Member Fay Norwood Dies

We were saddened to read in the MNRC Blog that our long-time member Fay Norwood died recently. Fay's membership lapsed about 3 years ago, but before then she had been to virtually every one of our hunt tests for many, many years — usually marshaling as well as competing in the Master Stake. She was an amazing lady! The information below is reprinted from the MNRC post.

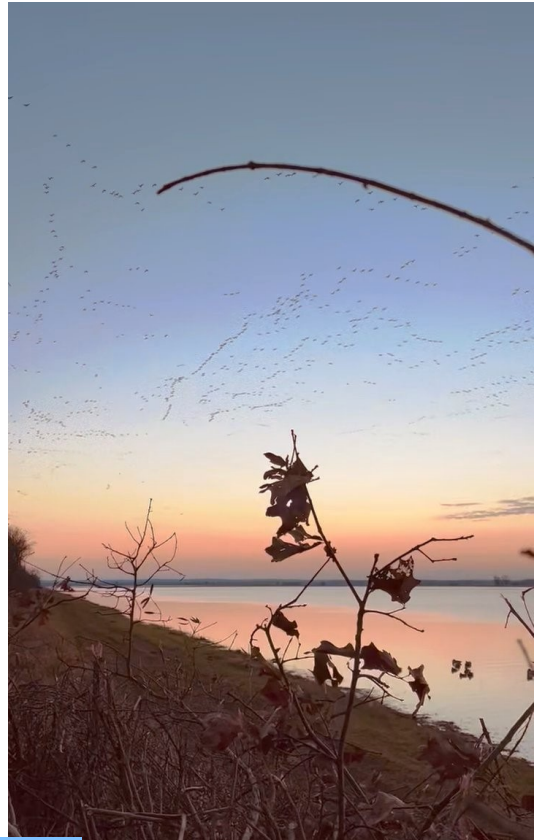
The MNRC community is saddened to learn of the passing of longtime MNRC owner-handler Fay Norwood of Tennessee. Fay Council Norwood, 91, died peacefully at home, with her beloved dog, Sonny, at her side, on December 18, 2021. Fay was born on October 9, 1930 to Henry Marvin Council and Bessie Loyd Council. She grew up in Atlanta and earned a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the University of Georgia. She worked as a chemist for Tennessee Chemical Company, where she met Samuel L. Norwood III. They married in 1959 and had two children: Vicky and Sam. The family moved to the Basin in 1969 where Fay facilitated tree houses, dance and music lessons, Boy and Girl Scouts, sledding outings, bridge club events, and all things school-related.

After her children left home, Fay received her first yellow Labrador Retriever, Roux, and trained him as a hunting dog. When Roux grew older, she added JJ to the family. Fay traveled all over the US to train and enter hunting trials. She led JJ (Norwood's Ocoee JJ) to eight passes as a Master National Hunter, placing him in the Hall of Fame. Only five dogs have successfully completed nine passes and JJ is one of three to successfully complete eight passes. After JJ's death, Fay acquired Sonny, who has been her faithful companion for the past 12 years.

Fay was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Sam in 1981, and her son-in-law, Dr. David Kahler, in 2020. She is survived by her daughter Dr. Vicky Norwood and granddaughter Katherine Kahler, both of Charlottesville, VA; and son Sam (Elisabeth) and grandchildren Emily, Robert, and Will, of Bettendorf, IA. The family would like to express its deep appreciation to Toshia Worley and her team for providing Fay with loving home care over the past three years.

Member News, Brags, & Announcements, Con't.

Fun in the Field! Mike Evans sent the following pictures of Miss Ivy from some of the hunts he has been on this winter, in Tennessee and Mississippi. These guys are brave — last weekend in Mississippi, it was 15 degrees in the morning with wind chills between 2 and negative 2, and only got up to 26 in the afternoon. Hunting was terrific though, with bunches of ducks and geese.



Top right: if you look carefully you can see about a 1000 birds flying in that picture. Other pictures are Ivy doing what she was bred to do. She hides VERY WELL!



ETRC Board Meeting, Wednesday, 1/19/22
Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Alan Bruhin, Karen Edwards, Luke McCoy, Michele Fletcher, Jim Pearce, Mike Smith. Via phone: Cory Smith, Peter Torok

Absent, excused: J. Michael Evans, Jeff McNutt, Denise Chambers

Others Members Present: None

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present with 8 people present. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: None.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

◆—**Minutes:** Last meeting was 12/6/21; minutes approved by a majority of Board members and sent to the club website on 12/12/21. Luke moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval. Jim seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

◆ **Correspondence:** None to report.

◆ **Membership:** Current 2021/22 membership is 58 including new member in December. Six people so far have renewed or joined for 2022, plus one who paid twice last year and asked for his check to be carried over for this year, and two free comped memberships. The membership year doesn't start until March 1 so these are all early.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$37,625.07 . Only recent activity was payment of webhosting fees, \$203, for 7/2-12/31/21. Michele handed in receipts for AKC tests in April and May that she paid, plus postage receipt for the AKC medallion. Karen will cut her a check to reimburse her for these expenses.

Old Business

1. **Banquet:** February 18 (Friday), 6:30 p.m., Bearden Banquet Hall (Buddy's BBQ). The room is reserved, contract signed, and \$250 deposit has been paid that will be applied to menu. We reviewed the menu and decided on the following: The Dinner Buffet with Chicken Cordon Bleu and Grilled Beef Tenderloin; garden salad, French Green Beans Almondine and Twice Baked Potatoes; Banana pudding for dessert. Complimentary beverages will include sweet and un-sweet team, coffee, and water. Beer will be available at \$4 a can for anyone who wants to buy it. The food, exclusive of the beer, will cost \$27.95 per person which the club will pay. Alan will call the Banquet Hall and relay these choices; we will need to provide them with numbers of attendees about a week before the event. Karen will include info in the February 1 newsletter asking for RSVPs (we have 12 already) and will follow this up with an email to the membership about a week later seeking final RSVPs.
2. **Hunt Tests in 2022.** we have the following dates and locations:
 - April 19-20, Tuesday/Wednesday: Double Junior / Senior, Brian Caldwell's farm. AKC fees paid, events #2022-3528-13&14. On Entry Express. Caldwell is OK with us using his farm.
 - May 28-29, Saturday/Sunday: 1 flight Master, double Junior, double Senior at Hiwassee, plus a second flight of Master at Brian's. AKC fees paid, events #2022-3528-06 & 07. On Entry

Express. Caldwell is OK with us using his farm; Michele has applied for Hiwassee but hasn't heard back yet and will follow up.

- September 20-21, Tuesday / Wednesday: Midweek Master Only (66 dogs), Brian Caldwell's. On Entry Express, Caldwell is OK with using his farm, AKC application not yet completed.
- October 23-24, Saturday / Sunday, 2 flights Master, double Junior, double Senior. On Entry Express, AKC application not yet completed. Location not yet pinned down -- possibly at Ken Campbell's, possibly somewhere else.
- November 1-2, Tuesday / Wednesday, single flight Master, Brian Caldwell's. On Entry Express, Caldwell is OK with using his farm, AKC application not yet completed.

Mike Evans will talk to Ken Campbell about possible use of his farm in the fall. If this farm isn't available, we will need to check other options. Michele will make application to AKC as we get things firmed up. Judges have not yet been selected for anything and need to be worked on; same with ducks. J. Michael Evans is researching alternate duck suppliers for early tests.

- 3. Duck Pen:** Mike and Cory Smith reported that a group went out there and agreed to build the duck pen inside the barn / kennel building. It will be 10' wide, about 38' long, and 30' of it will be under the existing roof with the remainder (the trench with drain for the duck pond) will be out in the open. Electricity and water are already there in the building. Cory has been working on cleaning the area out and is almost done, then he will use his tractor box scraper to level it out a bit. Apparently, if we use fiberglass concrete, we don't have to have gravel and rebar; we discussed trying to find a contractor to do the concrete base, pond trench and drain, and us just doing the chain link fencing. Next steps: re-search some concrete contractors in the Sweetwater area and try to get this done ASAP.
- 4. Equipment:** Progress on selling L7 trailer: Mike Evans / Mike Smith. Mike S. had a possible buyer who backed out because it was only 20' long and he needed a 24' long trailer. J. Michael has advertised in Craig's list but apparently didn't get any interest. Will try again, maybe use Facebook Marketplace.
- 5. Judges Seminar, March 12-13:** contract signed with hotel and agreement with Cory Smith for having the practical session at his place. Brochure is out on EE, AKC website, and posted in Newsletter last two months.
 - ◆ Registration to date: 4 people: the Vencilles, Denise Sejalon, Kathy Poole Price. Mike and Donna Smith signed up at the meeting, others indicated their interest. People can apply directly through EE but so far, no one has.
 - ◆ Cost, food, motel rooms, registration fee, member perks: As a reminder, we have to pay \$500 to AKC, plus additional \$25 for every participant above 20. We also have to pay \$225 to the Comfort Inn Athens for use of the room, and also possibly \$94 a night for Russ Reavis at the Inn for Friday and Saturday nights. Add in some donuts and snacks, and we are at \$1000 cost to us as a club. We will get \$500 or \$600 back from MNRC afterwards (our approved grant).
 - ◆ Russ Reavis's motel fees may or may not be provided by AKC as part of the cost of putting on the seminar. Alan doesn't have any info yet on whether this is covered or we have to pay it, but Russ has mentioned that Jerry Mann might come along to help.
 - ◆ Registration fee: \$50 fee for registration, including members. For those people who were club members as of December 1, 2021, who sign up, pay the registration fee and actually show up at the seminar, we will hand them back their checks so their attendance will be free.
 - ◆ We will provide mid morning/ mid-afternoon snacks (donuts etc.) and lunches both days – maybe pizza at the motel on Sunday and a sack lunch of some sort at Cory's on Sunday. Final decisions on this pending how many people end up registering.

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- ◆ Other Logistics: AKC requires the following --
 - ◆ Club representative must meet with Reavis at both the Inn and at Cory's on Friday afternoon beginning around noon. Alan will do that.
 - ◆ Classroom location must have extension cord with power strip, projector screen or white wall for the presentation, and a white board with markers, or a flip chart stand. Alan will check with the inn to make sure they have these items.
 - ◆ Manpower and equipment needed to set up three Master (/senior/Junior) level testing scenarios on Friday at Cory's, assisting Russ Reavis: Alab, Mike Evans Mike Smith, and Jim Pearce .
 - ◆ Ducks: If we can't find live ducks, AKC will grudgingly let us use frozen ones. Alan thinks we can empty out our freezers and have enough ducks otherwise; Mike Evans is still looking into whether or not we can locate any live ducks. Total number needed is probably around 25 with at least 9 alive.
 - ◆ Jeff McNutt said he will locate two shooters for the live -- he was not present so we don't have an update on this.
 - ◆ Bird techs: we decided to hire 3 people to be out in the field so club members don't have to. Mike Smith will ask Brian Caldwell about his two duck techs, Karen will ask Lois about using her nephew Gavin.
 - ◆ Dogs: We have to supply 3 Junior dogs and handlers, 3 Senior dogs and handlers, and 3 Master dogs and handlers. Per AKC, these can be handled by participants if necessary. So far, we have three Junior dogs, 2 senior dogs, and one Master dog pinned down, will be looking for some others.

6. Winter training schedule:

- ◆ January 23, 1:00 p.m., Sunday, at Cory's: transition drills and let dogs try them with advice from the presenters. Mike Evans and Alan, the presenters, suggested that we delay this event because the weather is supposed to be cold, moist, and miserable on Sunday. We agreed on a new date of March 20; Karen will notify the membership via email and will post new info in the newsletter and on the website.
- ◆ Saturday, February 26, 2022, 1 p.m., Dogtown: Brady Collins, Jake Greenwell, and John Broucek to present a seminar on Field Trials. Working with them on topics to be covered, and a possible raindate.

7. Club Trial: April 2: Location is still to be determined. Mike Smith will check with Caldwell to see about use of his place; Alan or Mike Evans will check with Darryl Miller to see if his place might be available. We will only have one club trial this spring.

8. Ribbons: K still needs to order 200 Master ribbons, 100 senior ribbons and 200 Junior ribbons, purchase approved at last meeting. Sale lasts through February. .

New Business:

1. New Member: for first reading:

Lisa & Mike Vencille, 923 Lick Creek Road, Ceres, VA 24318, 276-782-7729 mobile, lickcreekretrievers@gmail.com. She is an insurance salesperson with her own business; he is a pro dog trainer. Have 3 Labradors of their own plus client dogs, interest-

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ed in AKC hunt tests and dog training, judging & judging clinics, breeding, and belong to DU and the Yadkin River Retriever Club, volunteer for 'whatever is needed'.

They have requested Alan Bruhin and J. Michael Evans as sponsors. Both agreed to serve. Luke moved we accept them as provisional members, Michele seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Karen will send them names and contact info for their sponsors; sponsors will have access to the new members' contact info through these minutes when completed. Alan noted that the Vencilles have a large property in lower Virginia, about 3.5 hours away from here, which they have mentioned we could use for one of our events possibly. Depending on what Hiwassee and Ken Campbell decide about their properties, this might be a solution although it's not ideal.

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Luke moved that we adjourn. Jim seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Updates after the meeting:

- We sold the Lucky 7 trailer. We still have a few small pieces of equipment for sale; if you are in the market for a duck drier, shotgun, gun stand, metal direction sign, or a Ghillie blanket, please email for info and price.
- Hiwassee is confirmed as the location for our big Spring Hunt Test over the Memorial Day weekend.
- We are getting estimates for pouring the concrete for the duck pen at Cory's.

Short Announcements

1. **MARC Memberships are now due.** If you haven't already renewed, now is the time to update your membership for the 2022-2023 qualifying year. Remember, although ETRC is a lifetime member, you will need to be a member yourself in order for your handling successes to qualify you for an invitation to the Master Amateur. To renew online, got to: <https://www.masteramateur.com/membroptions20.html> The amount of the dues remains the same for this year at \$50. The Master Amateur this year will be in Sedalia, MO from May 21—27, 2022.
2. **AKC PAC is seeking donations.** The AKC's political action committee takes the lead in advocating for legislation that protects the rights of responsible dog owners, and works to educate legislators on proposed laws that would have many unintended consequences. They have been instrumental in heading off legislation that would make it harder for individuals to breed, compete, and even live with our working dogs. You can donate to the AKC PAC online at www.ake.org/pac or send a payment directly to AKC PAC, 8051 Arco Corporate Drive, Suite 100, Raleigh, NC 27617-3390. Any amount is welcome.

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

Renewals for 2022 are due before the end of February. 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.

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. 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 XXII (for 2022).