



2021-2022 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. January 5,: last day to get your award nominations in to J. Michael Evans. See article on p.2.
2. January 23, 1:00 p.m. Sunday: Cory Smith's farm. Transition Drills, seminar, demo, and set-ups.. See p. 3, more details next month. .
3. February 18, 2022, Friday evening: ETRC Awards Banquet, General Meeting, & Elections: Bearden Banquet Hall (Buddy's), Knoxville, 6:30 p.m.. See page 3.
4. 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. Full details next month.
5. March 12-13, 2022, Saturday / Sunday, Sweetwater, TN. Advanced Judges Seminar. See article on page 4 — Registration open now!

Photo of the Month



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End of the Year Awards — Call for Nominations

There is still time to get your nominations in for the End of the Year awards, which will be presented at our February Banquet. All nominations and other information required for each award are due to J. Michael Evans (Fowl_Mouth_K9@aol.com) by **JANUARY 5 2022**. Michael may be able to squeeze in a few extra awards and get them back from the engraver in time, but don't take the risk — get him your info ASAP. Be sure to send him a separate email for every award that you are nominating someone for, and separate emails as well for each dog award. Put the title of the award in the subject line, and that will help keep us from losing anything.

PEOPLE AWARDS: calling for nominations from everyone in the club for the following two awards. Final selection will be made by secret ballot of the Board of Directors. See below for past winners of this award:

- ◆ **ETRC Member of the Year:** Any ETRC Member may nominate any other member for this award. The criterion is, who has done the most to help out the club during the past year? Please send your nominations along with a brief justification why you think the person is deserving of the award. The award consists of an engraved plaque.
- ◆ **AKC Sportsman of the Year:** This award recognizes the member who best exemplifies the qualities you want to see in dog sports, and who has best furthered the aims of the AKC in promoting our sport. The award is an engraved plaque mounted with an AKC-provided medallion.

DOG AWARDS: You must nominate your own dog or puppy for these awards.

- ◆ **Gun Dog and Puppy of the year Awards** -- These awards are based on points earned in hunt test competition and club trials during the year. Information must be provided for each dog nominated. Remember to check the ETRC website (http://www.etrclub.org/gun_dogs.htm) for award rules and information on how to submit nominations and count points . You may provide the information in an email or letter. Winning dog and puppy will receive an engraved plaque to keep and a silver perpetual trophy to display for a year.
- ◆ **Title awards:** If your dog has earned **any AKC field titles** (JH, SH, MH, AFC, FC, QA2, etc.) during 2020, please send your name, your dog's registered name, title earned, and the date and place where you titled. ETRC recognizes these achievements with an engraved plaque.

Master National/ Master Amateur Dogs: These events were canceled in 2020. There was a make-up Master Amateur event in Spring 2021 along with the 2021 event which was held a month or so later. Both events, plus the Master National, are eligible for awards. So — if your dog was a **finalist** at the 2021 Master National or the 2020 or 2021 Master Amateur, email the info to Michael along with a picture of you/your dog/your silverware. The award is an engraved plaque with the picture mounted on it. If your dog was **qualified to enter** the 2021 Master National or Master Amateur and received an invitation from the MNRC/MARC to participate, but either did not run or did not pass all series, please send along that information too. No hardware, but we want to announce this achievement! Make sure you are clear which category your dog falls into. Please note, we considered 2020 Master Amateur invitees last year so don't submit them again.

PEOPLE AWARDEES from Prior Years:



Year	Member of the Year	AKC Sportsman of the Year
2020	Cory & Elena Smith	Alan Bruhin
2019	Karen Edwards	Michele Fletcher
2018	Mike Smith	Jody Ware
2017	Roberta Williams	Brian Caldwell
2016	J. Michael Evans	Carol Stone
2015	Derek Dieterich	J. Michael Evans
2014	Jim Pearce	David Knott
2013	Carol Stone	Jim Pearce / Karen Edwards
2012	J. Michael Evans	Ken Wade

January and February Events — Info & First RSVP Calls

January 23, 1:00 p.m. Sunday: Mini-Seminar and Directed Training Day. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend our first event of 2022. The location will be Cory Smith's farm, 245 County Rd 319, Niota, TN. The topic of the day will be Transition Drills, and will include various exercises and demos of how to move your dog from the Junior to the Senior and later Master levels, and how to keep them there with periodic repeats of drills. The presenters will be ETRC members and AKC Master-level judges Alan Bruhin and J. Michael Evans. This will be a rain or shine event; if it rains, we can move inside Cory's huge old tennis court barn building.

RSVPs requested — if at least 5 people don't intend to come, Alan and Michael will go duck hunting instead! For RSVPs, email Karen at edwardskc@gmail.com or text / call 865-300-7607 and leave a message. Provide your name, dogs' name(s) if you are bringing dogs, and a brief description of both your own and your dog's level of training.

Bring yourself, your dog, chairs to sit on, water for your dog, and your personal training equipment / e-collar, whistles etc. Other equipment will be provided by the club.



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 the food is on us! More details and menu items will be provided next month — but we can tell you a fair bit already. The Bearden Banquet Hall can hold large events, and we will be seated at 8-person round tables with space between. This event is a recap of our very busy 2021 season. We hope to see you all there! In addition to a big party, 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!

No cost to attendees. **Please RSVP to Karen Edwards** at edwardskc@gmail.com, or text / call 865-300-7607 and leave a message — your name and number/names of people coming with you. This is also our election meeting and general membership meeting, and a close-out of our Club's very busy fiscal year 2021. Come celebrate a successful year... and help us look ahead to our many activities for 2022.

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 we will have enough tables and chairs. We can squeeze in a few extra, but please don't leave your RSVP until the last minute!

AND, don't forget to nominate your dogs for titles they have earned this year, plus end of the year awards for both dogs and people! See article [\[link\]](#) on page 2 and get those nominations in!



February 26, 1:00 p.m. Saturday: Mini-Seminar & Setups: Field Trials. This event will be held at Brady Collins' Farm, 1500 Dogtown Road, Ten Mile, TN (South of Kingston & Midway, just off Hwy 58). Have you ever wondered about the difference between Hunt Tests and Field Trials? Here is your opportunity to find out! Professional 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. Full details next month, including a list of topics to be discussed — but mark your calendars now and plan to attend this event!



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.

Final Slate for Election of Officers and Board Members

The nominating committee, headed this year by Board Member Board Member Cory Smith, along with committee members Cheryl McNutt and Lisa Styles, has recommended the following slate for ETRC Officer and Director positions for club year 2022 (beginning at the end of the banquet in February):

- ◆ President: Mike Smith
- ◆ Vice President: J. Michael Evans
- ◆ Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Edwards
- ◆ Hunt Test Secretary: Michele Fletcher
- ◆ Two Director positions (Feb 2022- Feb 2025): Luke McCoy & Jeff McNutt
- ◆ AKC Delegate: Michele Fletcher

Remaining on the board are Jim Pearce and Peter Torok (through Feb 2023), and Cory Smith & Denise Chambers (through Feb 2024).

Alan Bruhin will serve as Past President through 2022, and Lois Luthenauer has agreed to serve again as Chief Marshal for our events in 2022. These last two positions are not on the ballot, and Chief Marshal is not in itself a Board position, but both positions are important to the workings of the club. Board terms expiring are Mike Smith and Jeff McNutt. Many thanks to both of them for their expertise, advice and hard work over the past several years, and thanks to Mike for stepping up as president for next year and to Jeff for agreeing to another term on the Board. Huge thanks to Alan, who is finishing two years as President. The first year was pretty easy — with the pandemic, we didn't do all that much — but this last year has been a real blockbuster! Good thing he retired from his job, because he also had a litter of puppies and judged the Master National out in Idaho. Busy guy!

In accordance with the Bylaws, and as announced in December's newsletter, additional nominations could have been made by any member prior to December 31, 2021, in writing to the Secretary, using the process outlined in the last newsletter. No one has made any additional nominations, so the nominations are now closed.

Voting for officers/directors and the AKC Delegate will be done at the annual Awards Banquet and general membership meeting. This will tentatively be held Saturday, February 20, 2021; more details and a confirmation of the date and location will be in the January newsletter.

This slate will be voted on at the annual Awards Banquet, which is to be held on February 18, 2022, in west Knoxville. Please see article on page 2 for more information and get your RSVPs in to Karen Edwards as soon as possible so we have time to plan with the event staff.

We already have a very busy year lined up for 2022, with 5 hunt tests, club trials, training days, business meetings, a judges' seminar, and more. Thanks to everyone who agreed to serve on the Board and as officers for this busy upcoming year!

Dog Trailer For Sale

Four hole K_9 Coach with water tank, fan, lights, storage. Nice trailer, kept under cover. Owner John Price and wife / Retriever judge Kathy Poole-Price have decided that they don't use the dog trailer enough to keep it around. They are offering ETRC members first crack at buying this. This trailer has been a fixture in ETRC for some years — was previously owned by Donna Smith, and then Lois Luthenauer. The Prices have installed a solar panel to charge the battery all the time, greased the wheel bearings, installed extra locks on the doors & Ainley Mats in the boxes & the food bin. Asking \$4,500. Also had some more vinyl stickers put on. The Prices will take off their phone # & the Misty Moonlite name. Contact Kathy at 610-393-7104 or email to kzpc9k@aol.com.

**ETRC Board Meeting, Wednesday, 12/6/21
Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN**

Present from the Board: J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Luke McCoy, Michele Fletcher, Jim Pearce, Mike Smith, Jeff McNutt, Alan Bruhin (ill; attended via conference call)

Absent, excused: Cory Smith, Denise Chambers, Peter Torok (tried to call in; we couldn't make our conference phone work).

Others Members Present: Cheryl McNutt

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. with Vice President Michael Evans presiding.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- **Minutes:** Last meeting was 9/12/21; minutes approved by a majority of Board members and sent to the club website shortly after the meeting. Luke moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval. Michele seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- **Correspondence:** AKC membership due and paid. Our "no" vote on the proposed MNRC By-laws change was voted down and the change about getting judges from the regions was passed.
- **Membership:** Current 2021 membership is 57.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$37,467.82. Karen emailed a detailed treasurer's report for the year to date earlier this week; there were no questions. We are in excellent financial shape.

Old Business

1. **Hunt Tests in 2022.** At our September General Business meeting, we settled on trying to have two full size tests over Memorial Day and in October, plus one additional double midweek Jr/Sr, and 2 additional midweek Master Onlies. We need to fix dates ASAP. After some discussion, we agreed on the following tentative dates and locations:
 - ◆ April 19-20, Tuesday/Wednesday: Single flight Master Only, Brian Caldwell's farm.
 - ◆ May 28-29, Saturday/Sunday: 2 flights Master, double Junior, double Senior; Hiwassee plus one flight of Master at Brian's.
 - ◆ June 14-15, Tuesday / Wednesday: Double Junior, double Senior, Brian Caldwell's.
 - ◆ October 22-23, Saturday / Sunday, 2 flights Master, double Junior, double Senior; possibly at Ken Campbell's, possibly somewhere else.
 - ◆ November 1-2, Tuesday / Wednesday, single flight Master, Brian Caldwell's.

Michele will contact TWRA and AKC to check on these dates and make applications, within the next week. Mike Smith will check immediately with Brian Caldwell about the dates at his farm. Mike Evans will talk to Ken Campbell after the first of the year; his farm is not sold and there is some thought that they might move there and sell their other place after all. If this farm isn't available, we will need to check other options.

2. **Money for Duck Pen:** Earlier we had talked about building a duck pen at Brian Caldwell's place to store ducks. We had tabled this discussion, but with our duck situation, it is pretty important that we do a duck pen somewhere for the club quickly. At the November test, we held

over 80 ducks from our fall test to use, but all but two of them died before the test and we had to use very marginal ducks. Luckily, we didn't have live flyers at the test! Mike Smith and Alan have been talking with Cory Smith about building a duck pen at his place, and Cory is amenable and has no problems with feeding and watering the ducks if we need to carry some over from one test to another. Mike Smith presented a rough sketch and estimate for discussion. Dimensions will be 16 x 8', with a shed roof, probably built up next to the big tennis court barn. One end will have a 32" wide by 8' long by 12" deep trough that can be filled with water with a drain, so the ducks have water to drink and keep themselves clean, and so the entire pen can be easily hosed out. It will be built on poured concrete, with a 60" high chain link fence, cattle panels for the top, and a walk in gate. A rough estimate of the cost other than the roof is around \$1,155 assuming we can get club members to do the construction -- Probably a total of \$1,500-\$1,800 including the shed roof. Karen moved that we proceed with establishing a committee to finalize plans with Cory to build a duck pen for \$2,000 or less; Mike Smith will head the committee, Jeff McNutt, Jim Pearce, and Mike Evans volunteered to be on it. Jeff seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

3. **Equipment:** Still have some items to sell, main one being the trailer which we need to get moving on. We decided to concentrate for now on selling the Lucky 7 trailer; Mike Evans agreed to be the point guy on getting this listed on Craig's list and other places; Jeff McNutt will put it up on Facebook Marketplace. Karen will provide pictures of the trailer to both Mike and Jeff. Karen has the title and we will need to get this over to Cory's place before a sale can be finalized.
4. **Nominating committee report:** Received timely. New slate announced in the December Newsletter along with call for nominations from the general membership. Committee responsibilities done. Any comments from anyone? None – thanks for getting this done!
5. **Banquet:** February 18 (Friday), 6:30 p.m., Bearden Banquet Hall (Buddy's BBQ). Need to fix menu; room is reserved, contract signed, and \$250 deposit has been paid that will be applied to menu. Karen moved that we table this for now and discuss the menu at the next meeting sometime in early January. Jim seconded and the vote was unanimous.
6. **Judges Seminar, March 12-13:** contract signed with hotel and agreement with Cory Smith for having the practical session at his place. Draft brochure developed but needs to be finalized with items we need to discuss tonight. AKC will send the brochure out to judges and Alan will provide the finalized copy to them. Karen will post it in the club Newsletter; Michele will work with Entry Express to get it advertised on their judges forum and any other appropriate place they have.
 - α. **Cost, food, motel rooms, registration fee, member perks:** 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). If we have 20 participants and don't provide lunches, the break-even cost per participant would be ~\$50. If we provide lunches, it's probably closer to \$65 per person. If we figure we don't need to break even, then we could consider: (1) no registration fee for ETRC members who attend; (2) free lunches (3) free motel fee for members who want to spend the night (this can mount up in a real hurry, with taxes would be over \$200 per participant!), and other things. After discussion, we agreed on the following:
 - We don't need to worry about breaking even.
 - Russ Reavis's motel fees may or may not be provided by AKC as part of the cost of putting on the seminar. Alan will find out.
 - We will charge \$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 not advertise this in the flyer or on Entry Express, but will announce this in the club Newsletter.
 - 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. Karen and Jim volunteer to deal with the food.

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- Karen will finalize the brochure and get it out to the Board for sending to AKC, Entry Express, and anywhere else people want to send it.

B. Other Logistics: AKC lays out a number of logistical requirements as discussed below.

- Club representative must meet with Reavis at both the Inn and at Cory's on Friday afternoon beginning around noon. Alan agreed that he would do that.
- Classroom location must have extension cord with power strip, projector screen or white wall for the presentation, and a 2'x3' blank flip chart with a stand up easel for it. Markers aren't mentioned. Need to verify that the Inn will supply all this as part of the room rent. Alan will verify with the inn that they have these items and will buy a pad of paper if necessary with club funds.
- Manpower and equipment needed to set up three Master level testing scenarios (Presumably Junior and Senior will be parts of the Master tests, but Russ Reavis will be the guy doing the setups. We assume that this has to be done on Friday afternoon when Reavis and club reps meet at Cory's farm. Mike Evans will help with this, we can lean on others if we need to. Equipment is not a problem, manpower may be.
- Ducks: we are required to have live birds for shooting live flyers at least one time at each of three levels (Junior, Senior & Master), which means a minimum of 9 live birds needed, plus additional dead birds for marks and blinds as required. So – total number needed is probably around 25. This may be an issue. Mike Evans agreed that he will spend this next week calling people to see if he can pin down some ducks for this. Jeff McNutt said he will locate two shooters for the live ducks and get them lined up.
- Dogs: We have to supply 3 Junior dogs and handlers, 3 Senior dogs and handlers, and 3 Master dogs and handlers. These can't be handled by participants since they will be judging the performances. There is some disagreement on this; whether or not we can have some club members who audit the seminar for interest but who handle dogs instead of judge dogs on the practical part. Alan will talk with AKC about this. Michele says she would like to audit and run Chai as a Junior dog; Cheryl likewise. Jim could bring a Master dog. Obviously we have plenty of members and dogs, but this is an area we will still need to work on.

7. Ribbons: Will need a large order, probably \$2k plus, to be done in February when they have their 10% sale on. Almost out of Master ribbons, low on Junior. Karen proposed a ribbon buy based on the numbers of ribbons we used last year, extrapolated downward to the smaller number of tests for this year. She recommended buying 200 Master ribbons, 100 senior ribbons and 200 Junior ribbons. This would leave us with about 33 MH, 74 SH, and 142 JH ribbons at the end of the 2022. She has not computed the cost but it's going to be expensive. Michele moved we authorize Karen to buy the ribbons suggested, Jeff seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

8. Winter training schedule:

- Karen has asked Jake Greenwell to get a date / more info from Brady Collins on a proposed field trial demo / seminar. Jake talked with Brady and suggested Sunday, February 27 at Brady's Dogtown facility.
- A second suggested seminar was a session on different transition drills and let dogs try them with advice from the presenter. Mike Evans and Alan agreed they would put together this topic and the date selected was January 23 at 1:00 at Cory's place. They will check with Cory to see if this date is OK with him. This one will be done on an RSVP basis, with at least 5 RSVPs needed before we have it – because this is a weekend during duck season and both Alan and Mike would rather be out shooting ducks if not many people are interested.

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- The final suggested seminar topic was “what to do at your first hunt test” with info on Entry Express, signing in, how to recognize a marshal, rules covering line manners and coming to the line etc., when you can touch or speak to your dog, the ‘junior snatch’ etc. This would be combined with a training session with critiquing line manners. We could not find a satisfactory date for this; we already have the judges seminar in early March and late March is getting too close to our hunt test season / possible club trial, and decided to think about doing this next winter instead.

9. **Club Trial:** It’s always nice to have one of these fairly close to a hunt test as a warm up, and to do it at the same facility where the test will be. We settled on April 2 at Caldwell’s; Mike Smith will check with him to see if this is an OK date and something he is willing to host.

New Business: None on the agenda.

Any other new business? None.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jeff moved that we adjourn. Luke seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

EDITOR’S NOTE: After discussion with Brian Caldwell about the use of his land, some changes were made to the Hunt Test schedule outlined in the minutes above, and the modified schedule was approved by email vote of the Board. The new schedule is as follows:’

- ◆ April 19-20, Tuesday/Wednesday: Double Junior, double Senior, Brian Caldwell’s farm.
- ◆ May 28-29, Saturday/Sunday: 2 flights Master, double Junior, double Senior; Hiwassee plus one flight of Master at Brian’s.
- ◆ September 20-21, Tuesday / Wednesday: Single flight Master, Brian Caldwell’s.
- ◆ October 22-23, Saturday / Sunday, 2 flights Master, double Junior, double Senior; possibly at Ken Campbell’s, possibly somewhere else.

Member News, Brags, & Announcements

Litter Announcement from Fern Hill Golden Retrievers

Zoey Edwards, AKA Fern Hill Sunday At The Zoo MH, had puppies on December 28, 2021. There were only two babies, both girls, both big and strong. The sire is Max Q Saint Louie RN MH *** VCX. Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce are happy the whelping is over and that everyone is fine and growing well. Both puppies will be going to Texas to competition homes around the time of our club Banquet. Just wish there were more of these cuties!



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/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 for 2022 is coming up soon and I've already gotten a few renewals. Renewals aren't due until February but I'm happy to take your checks at any time! 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 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).