



# ETRC Upcoming Events

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

1. April 2, 2022, Saturday: Spring Club Trial. See article P. 2
2. April 19-20, 2022, Tuesday and Wednesday: Double JH / SH AKC Hunt test, Brian Caldwell's Farm, Georgetown, TN. See article on p.3. Open now; closes Monday night, April 11.
3. May 28-29, 2022: Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee Reserve. Two flights Master, double JH / SH. Opens Wednesday, May 4; opens Tuesday, May 3 for Amateurs & Volunteer workers.
4. June 25-26, 2022: Rescheduled Advanced Judges' Seminar. See pp 11-12..
5. Summer picnic/General Business Meeting: TBD
6. September 20-21, Tuesday & Wednesday, Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's.

## Photo of the Month



Mike Evan's Ivy in the bline

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## ETRC's Spring Hunt Test May 28-29, 2022, Hiwassee Reserve & Brian Caldwell's Farm

ETRC's big spring hunt test is opening this coming week! The test will be held over the Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 28 and Sunday May 29, 2022. Entries for **Amateurs** and for **club workers with passcodes** will open Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm Central time. Under AKC rules, up to 46 Master Hunter slots are reserved for amateurs handling their own dogs, who can enter the test on Tuesday instead of when the test officially opens. Any amateur slots that are unused by the regular opening time of Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. CT will be released & are open for anyone. Entries close Monday, May 16 just before midnight Central time. Entry is through EntryExpress.com. Please check in with them early, as Entry Express is now having to make sure that full information is provided for each dog that you are entering. If you don't have every field filled out on your dog profile, your entry won't be accepted until you correct that. This won't matter for Junior or Senior dogs, but if you are entering in Master without a worker code or not an amateur handling your own dog who can enter on Tuesday, it may well mean the difference between getting in or not.

**Special Note:** This is the first year that Entry Express will be going exclusively to E-catalogs; we will not have printed catalogs available on site to hand out to handlers. You should download the catalog to your phone before arriving at the test site so you will know your position in the running order without having to check on the marshal boards. We are sorry for this inconvenience and hope that the system works OK. Entry Express will email you the e-catalog a day or two before the test, so be on the lookout for it.



**Test Details:** the test will include a double Junior, double Senior, and two flights of Master (limit 132 dogs). Junior, Senior and one flight of Master (66 dogs) will be at the Hiwassee Refuge near Dayton Tennessee. The second flight of Master (66 more dogs) will be about 15 minutes away at Brian Caldwell's Farm (1810 Hwy 58S, Georgetown, TN). Judges will be Robby Griffin and Laurice E. Williams, Sr. for Master A; Ethan Corkren and Daniel Overstreet for Master B. Junior and Senior judges are Wes Bowman, Sharon Gingerich Bush, Mike Sale, and Lisa Neel. Wes Bowman will judge Junior both days, Mike Sale will judge Senior both days, and the other two will alternate. There will be no live flyers, as Caldwell's property is a 'no live ammunition' site as approved by AKC.

**Worker Codes for Early Entry into Master Stakes:** Members who volunteer to work at the test can sign up and get a code from J. Michael Evans — text or call him at 865-824-8638. He works shifts, so if you call, leave a message and he will call you back. You will have to sign up for at least one day of work at the test to get a code, either Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Obviously we will give you time off to warm up and run your dog! Workers will be entered into a drawing for some nice prizes — including tee shirts, hats, an ETRC clock, and other assorted items. You will get 1 raffle ticket for half a day's work, 3 tickets for all day, and 2 tickets for working Friday afternoon.

Workers are needed for test setup beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 21; we need principal / assistant / trainee / relief marshals, and equipment moving/maintenance workers on Saturday and Sunday, plus cleanup helpers on Sunday. We need an extra person in the office to help with tee-shirt sales and lunch preparation. Four-wheelers or small utility vehicles are also needed for the weekend to help get workers and equipment from one test site to another quickly. To volunteer, contact test chairman Mike Smith (mdsmith2314@gmail.com), J. Michael Evans (contact info above), Chief Steward Lois Luthenauer (mountainLO717@gmail.com) or Secy/Treas Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com) to sign up for some hard work and good fun.

The official motel will again be the Best Western Inn, 7835 Rhea County Highway (US 27 North), Dayton, TN. A total of 12 rooms will be blocked out with the hotel and will be held until the Wednesday before the test. If you want to stay at this Inn, contact the Best Western directly and tell them that you are coming for the ETRC Hunt test in order to get the special rate. You may find that you can get a cheaper rate online or with other discounts you are entitled to through other organizations. The phone number is (423) 775-6560. Hope to see you there, as a competitor or worker or both!

## Report: ETRC's Mid-Week Double JH / SH AKC Hunt Test

Brian Caldwell's Farm, April 19-20, 2022

Our first AKC hunt test of the season went off without a hitch! Well, that's not quite true — we got notice on Easter afternoon that one of our judges had to withdraw with a medical emergency, but we found the perfect solution. Under AKC's emergency rules, we were able to substitute experienced, long time handler at all three test levels, club stalwart Donna Smith. She judged along with AKC registered judge J. Michael Evans and did a wonderful job! The other pair of judges was Catherine Blackburn and Lisa Vencille. As always, thanks to all of our judges, but special thanks to Donna for giving up the opportunity to run her Indy in Senior both days!

This was a double Junior / double Senior test. We started the first series of both tests at 8:00 a.m. and were finished by about 1:00 each day with the ribbon ceremonies completed, which made for an easy time for all. This was our first time using Entry Express's new e-catalogs, which caused a few problems but not bad — and we made it work.

Unlike last year (wild thunderstorms causing a 3-hour delay in the test and we were all soaked), the weather this year was great. Sunny, cold in the morning (35 degrees) but rising to the 50s on Tuesday and the 60s on Wednesday. We also had plenty of water and were able to use the small pond as well as Brian's big technical pond, which made things go much faster as well.



Fifty two dogs comprised the 91 entries. There were 34 Labrador Retrievers of various flavors, 14 Golden Retrievers, 2 Chessies, one Flat Coated Retriever, and one Boykin.

**Congratulations** to ETRC Members who qualified at this test —

### **Junior Hunter, Tuesday, 26 Entries, 1 scratch, 20 passes**

- ◆ Southern Pro Faith & Hope, Labrador owned by Haley Shealy, handled by Parker Smith
- ◆ Southern Pro Twisted Tea, Labrador owned and handled by Parker Smith to his JH title

### **Senior Hunter, Tuesday, 21 Entries, 1 scratch, 13 passes**

- ◆ Southern Pro Twisted Tea, owned and handled by Parker Smith
- ◆ Mud Creek's Delta, Labrador owned and handled by Jeremy Majors
- ◆ In addition, Parker handled a non-ETRC client dog to a pass.



### **Junior Hunter, Wednesday, 27 Entries, 2 scratches, 11 passes**

No ETRC dogs or handlers in this test

### **Senior Hunter, TWednesday, 17 Entries, 1 scratch, 11 passes**

- ◆ Southern Pro Twisted Tea, owned and handled by Parker Smith



## AKC Advanced Retriever Hunting Test Seminar for Judges

*Saturday and Sunday, June 25-26, 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 and / or Jerry Mann, AKC Representatives.

**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 \$139 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. Rates expire June 15.
- ◆ Lunches & snacks will be provided by the East Tennessee 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](mailto:wabruhin@utk.edu).

# AKC Advanced Retriever Hunting Test Seminar for Judges

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## 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, June 22.** Please mail your registration form and check to arrive before that date.

## Report on Spring Club Trial #2: Saturday, April 2, 2022

Cory Smith's Farm, Niota, TN

We actually had good weather for this event, something we can't always count on in early April. It was cool, but sunny and bright.

Thanks to:

- Cory Smith for the use of his farm again and for the help with set-up.
- Judges Alan Bruhin and Mike Smith, with fill-in assistance from Donna Smith, Cory Smith, Peter Torok, and Lois Luthenauer.
- Everyone who came and helped, ran dogs, and enjoyed the day!
- Triple A who came promptly to unlock a truck — loose dogs in the cab, keys in the ignition, dogs locked the owner out! Wonder if they wanted to just watch and not run?

We had a total of 40 dogs and 2 puppies running, and netted \$415 in entry fees. In addition, we sold 3 tee shirts and 2 sweatshirts, for \$95, for a total take of \$510 on the day. There were no expenses other than the ribbons completion and placement ribbons.

**Singles Classic:** Six dogs completed both long, single marks. Successful teams were:

- 1st place: Alan Bruhin and his young black Lab, Jack
- 2nd place: Lois Luthenauer and her chocolate lab May
- 3rd place: Jeff McNutt with black lab Pearl
- 4th place: Parker Smith with Teal
- JAM: Michael Davis with Black Lab Koda
- JAM: Cory Smith with Chessie Bauer

**Junior Hunter Stake.** Passing were the following teams:

- ◆ Michael Davis with black lab Koda;
- ◆ Bunkie VanSkiver with black lab Dixie;
- ◆ Gavin Sigmund with chocolate lab Polly.

**Senior Hunter Stake.** The following teams qualified:

- ◆ Alan Bruhin with black lab Jack;
- ◆ Michael Davis with black lab Koda;
- ◆ Ciara Bell With Merit;
- ◆ Parker Smith with Hope;
- ◆ Lois Luthenauer with chocolate lab Woody
- ◆ Lois Luthenauer with chocolate lab Max
- ◆ Parker Smith with Labrador Teal

**Master Hunter Stake.** Passing teams were:

- ◆ Alan Bruhin with Shine
- ◆ Alan Bruhin with Cin
- ◆ Cory Smith with yellow lab Maggie;
- ◆ Parker Smith with lab Tiger

**Junior Puppy Stake.** Passing teams were:

- ◆ 1st place: Ciara Bell With Ridge
- ◆ 2nd place: Parker Smith with Maple



## 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/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

**Renewals for 2022 are NOW OVERDUE.** If you haven't paid yet, your membership expired on March 1. We will keep you on the email list until the first of June, and after that you will be dropped if you haven't renewed by then. 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 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! We are one of the most active Retriever clubs in the country — and have another great year lined up with 5 AKC hunt tests, club trials, seminars, training days, and more.

## 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 XXII (for 2022).