



ETRC Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. Semiannual Meeting / Picnic / Club Trial: Sunday, September 10, 2022: 9:00 a.m., Club Trial, 1:00 p.m. meeting. Cory Smith's Farm, Niota, TN. Article inside on page 2.
2. September 20-21, Tuesday & Wednesday, Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's. OPEN NOW
3. October 22-23, 2022: Sat/Sun, Fall Hunt Test, Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Ranch: See page 3.
4. November 1-2, 2022: Tues/Wed, Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's. More info next month!
5. February 25, 2023, Saturday: Awards Banquet, Elections, General Business Meeting. Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville, 6 p.m.
6. April 1-2, 2023, Saturday & Sunday: Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee WMA. NEW DATES!

Photo of the Month



Is there anything cuter than retriever puppies?

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Report on First Fall Hunt Test, September 20-21, 2022

Master Only, Brian Caldwell's Farm

Our first hunt test of ETRC's Fall season is in the books! It was a mid-week Master test on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 20 and 21. We filled up with 66 dogs entered, although two scratched Tuesday morning. Of the 64 dogs running, 41 passed and 23 did not. Judges were Catherine Blackburn and our very own J. Michael Evans.

The weather cooperated reasonably well with clear skies, but unfortunately the test was during a rather hot spell and by the afternoon, the bird techs out in the field were wilting. We had to rotate people around from station to station — so thanks to Mike Smith, Michele Fletcher and the others that I haven't heard about who spent a lot of time out in a holding blind in sub-par conditions. Thanks to Donna Smith who marshaled; to our judges; to Lois for picking up and running down lunches, ribbons, and checks on Tuesday, to Jim Pearce for making the lunches both days and ferrying them down on Wednesday, and to everyone else who I missed! It was a rather lengthy test, lasting until almost 6 on Tuesday and nearly as long on Wednesday.

ETRC members did very well! Those who earned ribbons at this event were:

- ◆ Jeff Rader, with Rader's Charley Belle;
- ◆ Alan Bruhin, with Grady's Tennessee Moonshine MH and her daughter Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH;
- ◆ Jeremy Majors, with RSR's Double J MH;
- ◆ David Knott on a home visit from New Jersey, with Luther's High Grade Black Coal MH;
- ◆ Donna Smith, with Blythe Ferry's Indy Dos MH; Brian handled her for the first two series, and then Donna handled her for the final series.
- ◆ Luke McCoy, whose young darksider McCoy's Precious Gem of the South passed with Brian Caldwell handling; and
- ◆ Bob Smith, whose Labrador L7Troublesomewhataboutbob passed with Brian Caldwell handling (Bob was out working in the blinds all day both days!).

In addition, our club member pro trainers also did well. Brian Caldwell passed with his own dog, Ringtail Headhunter MH, and handled 5 other member and non-member dogs to passes. Mike Vencille qualified with his own dog, Lick Creek On The Money MH and also with a client dog.

Congratulations to everyone who qualified, and also thanks to everyone who came and participated. A final big THANK YOU to Brian Caldwell for letting us use his property for 3 midweek tests this year, and for one flight of Master for our spring test.

Semi- Annual Meeting, Club Trial, Picnic: Canceled

September 10, 2022 — Cory Smith Farm

We canceled this event because of the weather. Not much fun having a picnic when it's a steady, cold rain! We will try to reschedule this at a later date and will let everyone know. Sorry about that!

NEXT!

Second Fall Hunt Test, October 22-23, 2022

Ken Caldwell's Lucky 7 Ranch

Time is flying, and our big fall hunt 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 UKC Grand is going to be held that same weekend at Poole's Knob over near Nashville. It seems like every year our big spring and fall hunt tests conflict with some national event! 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 opens Tuesday, September 27 at 7:00 pm CENTRAL TIME, for amateurs and anyone with Worker Codes. It will open up for everyone on Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 p.m. Central Time. Closing date is Monday, October 10 at 1 second before midnight. Entry fees are \$80, \$90, and \$100 for Junior / Senior / Master.



Big pond and part of pavilion at Lucky 7

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: Allen Dillard & David Murphy
 - ◆ Master B: Steve Davis & Tracy Davis
 - ◆ Senior Saturday/ Junior Sunday: Kathleen Luthy & John Inabinet
- Junior Saturday / Senior Sunday: Lisa Vencille & Tony Hartnett

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!

Announcements and Brags

Py Had Puppies!

Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce are proud to announce that their golden retriever Fern Hill Py In The Sky MH whelped 7 puppies September 18, 2022. There are 4 boys and 3 girls. Puppies



are all sold, and Karen and Jim are keeping one of the girls. The puppy daddy is Wynwood's Over The Top MH13 QA2 CCA, a son of Choctaw's Yukon Copper Penny MH MNH4 WCX **. Topper just JAMMED at the Amateur Open put on by the GRCA this month.

Py, who is a daughter of AFC Topbrass Hawk's Red Wing MH CCA, is being an amazing first-time mother. Py is sorry that she won't get to participate in our fall hunt tests, but hopes to be back out next spring!

Dog Equipment For Sale

Bruce Fox reports that his old dog Ty died in February (Condolences!!!), and Woodrow is now retired. He will probably be back in the field world in a while with a new puppy, but until then he has some equipment for sale at very reasonable prices. Contact him if you are interested: phone 865-548-3807 (cell) or email at bruce@foxlawn.com.



Items for sale include two large kennels with Mud River Camo covers, an Extra Large kennel without cover, two large neoprene dog vests, and a dog tree stand.

The picture at left shows the camo crate covers, with the vests on top. The picture on the right shows the extra-large crate and the tree stand, disassembled, on top.



MARC is Thinking About Big Changes

Editor's Note: This information was sent to me during the latter half of September, followed up by another email saying it had been sent by mistake. However, it seems like it will be of interest to our members to see what the Master Amateur Retriever Club is thinking about. This document has been referred to the MARC Board of Directors, who may decide to propose it to the membership, change it, or scrap it altogether.

The Long Range Planning committee proposed to the MARC board taking the current four regions and changing into three regions. The rationale behind this is the following:

1. A majority of the membership lives East of the Mississippi river. The current East and Central regions have a much larger numbers of members than does the current West Central and West.
2. It will allow equal representation in each region that is the west region will now have the same number of members as the central and East regions.
3. Provides the opportunity for more grounds in each of the three regions to host the MAI.
4. With better geography for the regions the MARC could be held as late as June, which is better for members in Northern states.
5. Provides more locations to hold the MAI in the proposed western region.
6. Increases the pool of judges by combining the two western regions that have fewer members with the current boundaries.

The long range planning committee unanimously agreed and approved this idea.

PROPOSED WESTERN REGION (19 STATES)

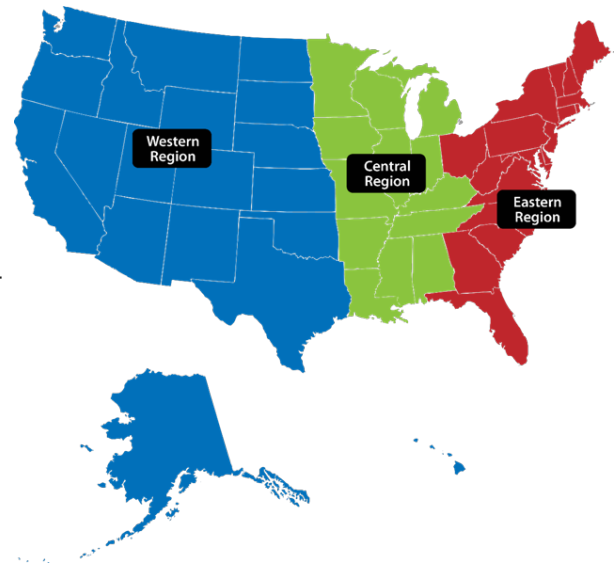
Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

PROPOSED CENTRAL REGION (13 STATES)

Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Michigan, Mississippi, Tennessee, Wisconsin.

PROPOSED EAST REGION (18 STATES)

Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia.



BOARD CONFIGURATION AND TERMS OF OFFICE

- ◆ The BOD would go from four Vice Presidents to Three: One from each region.
- ◆ Two directors would be representing each region.
- ◆ The BOD would go from eight to nine members.

The BOD would need to change the by-laws to accomplish this.

The VP term of office and director term of office would both be three years. In each of the three years the term for one board member from each region would expire and be up for reelection, thus in a given year a VP from one region and directors from two regions would have expiring terms.

IN SUMMARY

1. Transitioning from four to three regions means each region and member has equal representation.
2. Increases the pool of judges that could judge the MAI in the new West region.
3. Provide more venues to possibly host the MAI in the West region.

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 .

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).