



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



Happy Labor Day, Y'all!

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Semi-Annual Meeting, Club Trial, Picnic September 10, 2022 — Cory Smith Farm

It's that time again — we are hosting ETRC's Semi-Annual Summer meeting along with a Club Trial and a picnic on **Saturday, September 10, 2022**.

The event will be held at **Cory Smith's farm, 245 County Road 319, Niota, TN** which is just a mile or two off I75 south of Knoxville. Cory has great land, an improved semi-technical pond, and a lovely shady covered porch where we can eat lunch and have our meeting. GPS gives excellent directions to this farm, but if you don't have GPS or get lost, see the directions below.

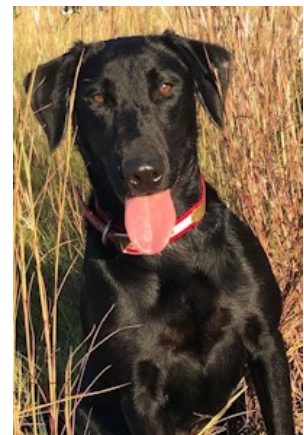
The Club Trial will start **at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time**. We will have Singles Classic, MH, SH, JH, and Advanced JH stakes, and puppy stakes for Senior and Junior puppies. Each stake is \$10 except for puppies, which are \$5, and ribbons will be awarded for completion. First through 5th place ribbons will be awarded for puppy stakes and Singles Classic. Club Trial rules are printed later in this newsletter.

This is a mixed BYO and Club Provided affair for lunch. The Club will supply hamburgers and home-made potato salad; we are asking everyone to bring something else to share. We need chips, lettuce, tomatoes, buns, condiments, salads and **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, desserts! Please contact Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com) to coordinate what you are bringing so we get relatively good coverage.

Probably a good idea to bring your own chair too! Also, bring whatever equipment and water you will need for you and your dogs for the club trial. E-Collars are not allowed if you want to run for ribbons and club awards points, but if you want to run just for training, you may use a collar.

The business meeting will start **at 1:00**. We need to have a quorum for this event so we can vote in the new members for this year — come and find out what your club has been doing and early planning for next year!!

DIRECTIONS: from I75, take Exit 56 towards TN-309, Niota. Go .3 miles, then keep left at the fork to continue toward Union Grover Road and merge onto Union Grove Road. Go 2.6 miles, then turn left onto US-11N, which is also called Willson Street. Go .3 miles and turn left onto County Road 319 (Wattenbarger Road). Go .7 miles and then turn left into Cory's driveway. There will be an ETRC sign marking the Entrance, which is by an enormous metal barn.



First Fall Hunt Test, September 20-21, 2022

Master Only, Brian Caldwell's Farm

SOON!

Our first hunt test of ETRC's Fall season will be a mid-week Master test on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 20 and 21. This will be a single flight of Master with 66 dogs. Judges are Catherine Blackburn and our very own J. Michael Evans .

Entry is through EntryExpress.com. Entries opened Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at 7:00 PM CT. For Workers/Amateur Set Aside, entries opened on Tuesday, August 30, 2022 at 7:00:00 PM CT. Entries Close on Monday, September 12, 2022 at 11:59:59 PM CT. Entry fees are \$100 per dog.

A portion of the entries are reserved for Amateurs, who may enter the test a day early. Any unused entries will be open to everyone after the official entry time. To get a worker code, text J. Michael Evans at 865-824-8638 as he works shifts; he will get back with you and sign you up for an exciting volunteer opportunity.

The address is 1810 State Highway 58 South, Georgetown, TN, near Cleveland and Decatur and not far from Dayton, TN. See additional directions below if you don't have a GPS. Because this is a no-live ammunition property, there will be no live flyers at this test as approved by AKC.

Hotels in the area include:

- ◆ Days Inn Cleveland, 423-476-2112;
- ◆ Best Western Dayton, 423-775-6560;
- ◆ Holiday Inn Express Dayton, 423-570-0080;
- ◆ Quality Inn Cleveland, 423-478-5265;
- ◆ Econolodge, 423-472-3281; Comfort Inn, 480-676-5333.

Please verify pet policies and current rates when making reservations.

Hope to see you there, and a final big THANK YOU to Brian Caldwell for letting us use his property for 5 midweek tests this year!

ADDRESS: 1810 State Hwy 58 South, Georgetown, TN 37336. This is at Exit 49 on I75 (Athens Exit), take TN30 W to Decatur (9.3 miles), then take Hwy 58 S and go 15.1 miles to the farm, which will be on the left. ETRC Signs will be placed at the entrance.



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 will open 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!

New Password for the Website, second noticee

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

Py's Having Puppies!

Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce are proud to announce that their golden retriever Fern Hill Py In The Sky MH is expecting puppies o/a September 18, 2022. Py is bred to Wynwood's Over The Top MH13 *** CCA, a son of Choctaw's Yukon Copper Penny MH MNH4 WCX **. We are keeping a girl and are excited about this litter, which is Py's first! Py, who is a daughter of AFC Topbrass Hawk's Red Wing MH CCA, is the first of our dogs to pass 10 AKC Hunt tests in a row last year. All puppies are already promised. Py is sorry that she won't get to participate in our fall hunt tests, but hopes to be back out next spring!



Py is on the left; two pictures of Topper in the middle and on the right.

MARC Membership Changes for 2023

The Master Amateur Retriever Club has announced that membership dues for 2023 have been changed as follows: a single membership will continue to be \$50 (one vote). A family membership (2 votes) will be \$55. This change will allow for better tracking of member and dog passes.

ETRC is a member club, but in order for your points to count towards eligibility, each amateur handler must also be a member of the MARC. More information on membership is online at <https://www.masteramateur.com/memberoptions20.html>.

ETRC Board Meeting, Wednesday, 8/16/22
Pegasus Technologies Building, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Mike Smith, J. Michael Evans, Alan Bruhin, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Cory Smith (telephone), Peter Torok (telephone), Denise Chambers, Luke McCoy, Jeff McNutt

Absent, excused: Jim Pearce

Others Members Present: Lois Luthenauer, Cheryl McNutt

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was met. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: None

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

← **Minutes:** Last meeting was 5/4/22; minutes approved by a majority of Board members and sent to the club website on 5/6/22. Alan moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval. Luke seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

◆ **Correspondence:** None to report.

◆ **Membership:** Membership at the end of December was 58. 53 today, with three needing first reading and vote.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$32,149.40 after depositing \$1,000 grant from MNRC for Judges' Seminar.

Old Business

◆ **Other Hunt Tests in 2022.** we have the following dates and locations:

- ◇ **September 10, Saturday morning, Cory's place:** Club trial, Summer picnic, General business meeting. Cory stated that he will not be there, but his wife will open up the big barn for us. He will try to find out if his hay person will have hayed off the fields by then; if not, we may need to drive up to the pond and do water setups only, as the grass will be too high. Several of our usual judges are planning to attend, so we shouldn't have a problem locating judges. We will start at 9 a.m. with the club trial; have lunch at 12:30 or so, and then start the meeting at 1 or 1:30.

Alan will buy a pack of 30 frozen hamburgers and we can use Cory's nice gas grill. The McNutts will make a batch of potato salad. We will ask people to bring their own drinks, and Karen will coordinate people bringing other dishes to share including cheese, chips, tomatoes and lettuce, and desserts. Karen will also ask for RSVPs in the next newsletter so we have an idea how many to expect.

At the general business meeting, Mike Smith will need to appoint a nominating committee. Karen will send him the information on committee composition and duties / timeframes in the next week. The agenda will be similar to what we do at Board meetings, but more focused on bringing people up to date on what we have already done this year and what is upcoming. Lois mentioned that she will not be continuing as Chief Marshal since she won't be running a dog next year. This position is usually filled by the

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nominating committee, although it's not a voted-in position.

New members who have joined since the February Banquet will be voted in for final membership. We will have 6 after today's meeting.

- ◇ **September 20-21, Tuesday / Wednesday:** Midweek Master Only Hunt Test (66 dogs), Brian Caldwell's. On Entry Express, Caldwell is OK with using his farm. Status: Judges are approved (J. Michael Evans, Cathi Blackburn). Alan will ask Brian to line up some professional bird techs for us. Karen mentioned there may be an issue with lunches as their dog Py is due to whelp on September 18. Jim may be able to come down to deliver lunches but we may not be available to work this test otherwise. This test opens Wednesday, August 31. This is a no flyer test. May be a problem getting ducks; we don't want to order all our October ducks to arrive in September, and make Cory responsible for caring for hundreds of ducks for a month. There don't appear to be any other nearby tests around the same time; J. Michael will call Kiley B to discuss.
- ◇ **October 22-23, Saturday / Sunday,** 2 flights Master, double Junior, double Senior, Ken Campbell's. On Entry Express, AKC application approved. Judges approved. Opens 9/28 (Wednesday), closes 10/10/22. Ken may have sold his farm (rumors abound) but told J. Michael last week he was still good to go with us having the test there this fall. We will be butting heads with the Grand which starts the same weekend over near Nashville. This may cut down substantially on our entries. Alan will contact the wildlife society group we have been using for bird techs to see if they are available. This is also going to be a no-live-flyer test.
- ◇ **November 1-2, Tuesday / Wednesday,** single flight Master, Brian Caldwell's. On Entry Express, Caldwell is OK with using his farm. Judges approved: Lin Gelbmann, Jack Combs. No live fliers, can probably get ducks end of October and carry over.
- ◆ ***New Hunt Test Location, boy scout farm:*** No news. J. Michael told the guy earlier that he would check back with him after Labor Day.
- ◆ ***Equipment:*** any repair or equipment issues unresolved from the fall test? Anything needed? All good. Need some wingers re-rubbered but we have enough rubber.
- ◆ ***Tee Shirts:*** Lois said that she needs to drop responsibility for tee shirt sales and ordering for next year, since the shop we use (Sign Solutions in Dayton) is so far away from where she lives. Michele agreed to pick up the current order of tee shirts so we will have them on hand for the Summer Picnic. Lois asked if we wanted her to order more sweat-shirts for the fall and winter events. No formal vote was taken, but there was general consensus around the table that she should order some, perhaps brown or hunter green.
- ◆ ***Winter Awards Banquet:*** Confirmed for Bearden Banquet Hall, Saturday, **February 25, 2023.**
- ◆ ***Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee WMA,*** April 1-2, 2023, Saturday & Sunday: approved by AKC and tentatively with TWRA. Date change; we will be one of the very first tests but at least it shouldn't be hot!

New Business:

- ◆ **New Members:** Three for first reading & assignment of sponsors:
 - ◇ Thomas & Madeleine Gavin, 15 Whispering Pines Drive, Signal Mtn, TN 37377, 423-800-1457, abacus@epbfi.com. Mike Smith and Mike Evans volunteered to be sponsors.
 - ◇ Bella & Lisa Martin, 2456 Hyde Road, Lynnville, TN 38472, 931-619-6775, summitretrievers@yahoo.com. This is our new Youth person and her mother. Lois is one sponsor, need another. Jeff McNutt volunteered to be the second sponsor.
 - ◇ Jordan & Leah Adcox, 7269 Ghiradelli Road, Knoxville, Tn 37918. 865-776-6568, jordanAdcox @comcast.net. This came in on an ancient membership form, on a weird website (insightbb.com/~hext/etrc/). Karen will contact Mary Hext to see if we can get this taken down since it is badly out of date but still showing up on search engines. The McNutts also agreed to sponsor this couple.

Alan moved we accept these people into membership; Jeff seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

- ◆ **MNRC Bylaws proposals:** this is concerning the proposal to have a split Master National each year. Instead of having one, in alternating sections of the country, the new format would have two each year – one in the ‘east’ and one in the ‘west.’ Exactly where these lines are drawn are a bit problematical, since there are many more dogs in the eastern part of the country and the line might be drawn around the Mississippi River, meaning that people in parts of Alabama might be considered western, and have to travel to the west coast every year. Something has to be done; last year there were 1,500 dogs entered, and this is not workable. However, the simpler solution – making it harder to qualify – doesn’t seem to have any traction. This will make it easier for most people to be able to make it to the Nationals every year, but the downside is that it will mess up local hunt tests every year instead of about one every couple of years. This test uses up about 3 weekends including training time in advance, which will affect regular weekend tests quite a bit. We will be asked to vote on this at the MN meeting which will be held in conjunction with the MN this year which is out in Oregon. None of our members are planning to take dogs to this test; however David Knott has gotten an assignment to be a ground steward or something and is possibly getting a free trip. So we may need to make him our proxy. Those forms have not yet come out from the MNRC, asking for our delegate / proxy. Assuming we can find someone to cast our vote, Alan moved that we cast ETRC’s vote in favor of this change in format. Luke seconded the motion, and the vote was 7 in favor and one opposed. One person had already left the phone call by this time so did not vote. Motion carried.

Any other new business? None.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Luke moved that we adjourn. Jeff seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Update: The MNRC ballot has been received and was very confusing. We have analyzed the various proposals, none of which specifically call for a two– or four-test option but instead give the MNRC Board the authority to determine the number of tests and locations independently. Other options up for voting include a “No change” option and one which would continue with one single test but different flights would start at different dates. While each flight would only last for 8 or so days, the test could go on for several weeks. Other proposed changes include giving MNRC’s Board the authority to determine how to cap / limit entries without coming back out to the Member Clubs to get approval, and some minor administrative changes.

The ETRC Board has decided to support the concept of multiple tests during the year, reject the idea of allowing MNRC to limit entries without further discussion with Member Clubs, and support the administrative changes to the Bylaws proposed by the MNRC Board. We have also asked them to clarify the ballot to make it clearer what is being voted on under each option, and MNRC has now done this. We have emailed in our ballot. There is still a lot of disagreement out there among the various member clubs about how to handle this contentious issue, so stay tuned!

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).