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ETRC Newsletter

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. February 24, 2024, Saturday: Awards Banquet, Elections, Winter General Meeting: Bearden Banquet Hall, 6:00 p.m. See article, p. 2
2. March 10, 2024, Sunday: Club Trial #1, location TBD
3. March 22-24, Friday—Sunday, Kevin Cheff Retriever Transition Seminar, Clarkrange, TN
4. April 13-14, Saturday—Sunday: Weekend Master Only Hunt Test , location TBD
5. May 14-15, Tuesday—Wednesday: Midweek Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's
6. June 1-2, Saturday—Sunday: Quad Junior / Senior Hunt Test, Hiwassee WMA
7. June 11-12, Tuesday—Wednesday, Midweek Master only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's
8. September 15, Sunday: Club Trial, Picnic, Summer General Meeting
9. October 19-20, Saturday—Sunday: Fall Test, Lucky 7 Ranch, 2 JH, 2 SH, Master
10. November 12-13, Tuesday—Wednesday: Midweek Master Only Hunt Test, location TBD

Photo of the Month



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End-of-year Awards Banquet: RSVP Now!

February 24, 2024, Saturday 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 2023 season. We hope to see you all there!

At this event, we will present awards to both people and dogs for titles earned, national invitationals qualified for and completed, Dog of the Year and Puppy Of The Year awards, our new Lifetime Achievement Award, Member of the Year, and AKC Sportsman of the Year. Come cheer everyone for their achievements during 2023! This is also our election meeting and general membership meeting, and a close-out of our Club's very busy fiscal year 2023. Come celebrate a successful year... and help us look ahead to our many activities for 2024. We do need a quorum to conduct business — new members are particularly urged to come - don't be shy, come and meet folks and find out how you can get more involved in 2024!

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, and the names of people coming with you.

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 the article on page 3 and get those nominations in ASAP!



Banquet
Hall-
Pictures

End of the Year Awards — Final Call for Nominations

It's the end of another busy and productive year for our Club. One of the highlights of the February end-of-year banquet is to celebrate all the many accomplishments achieved during the year, and giving out awards to people and dogs who have had milestone accomplishments during the year. Club awards, nomination procedures, and due dates are listed below. All nominations and other information required for each award are due to J. Michael Evans (FowlMouthK9@gmail.com) by **JANUARY 5, 2024**.

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.

People Awardees from Prior Years:

Year	Member of the Year	AKC Sportsman of the Year
2022	Michele Fletcher	Cory Smith
2021	Alan Bruhin	J. Michael Evans
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

DOG AWARDS: You must nominate your own dog or puppy for these awards. Please check the December 2023 newsletter or the website for award rules and information on how to submit nominations and / or count points . You may provide the information in an email or letter.

- ◆ **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. Winning dog and puppy will receive an engraved plaque to keep and a silver perpetual trophy to display for a year.
- ◆ **Lifetime Achievement Award:** This new award was announced in last month's newsletter, and is intended to honor each year one member-owned dog (alive or deceased) whose lifetime achievements in the field and in other areas such as the breeding shed and other dog sports are worthy of this recognition. This achievement will be honored with an engraved plaque for the owner to keep, and a perpetual trophy to display for a year. See information below on nomination submission requirements.
- ◆ **Title awards:** If your dog has earned **any AKC field titles** (JH, SH, MH, AFC, FC, QA2, etc.) during 2023, 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.

Awards Nominations, Continued

- ◆ **Master National/ Master Amateur Dogs:** If your dog was a **finalist** at the 2023 Master National or the 2023 Master Amateur, email the info to J. 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 2023 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.

When you send Michael an email about awards, please use a separate email for each different subject -- i.e., if you are entering for Dog of the Year and also earned a title, please put those in two separate emails so he can keep the categories straight. AND, please put the category into the subject line -- 'AKC Sportsman nomination', etc. Dates outlined above for response to Michael have very little flexibility -- the engraver that we use is in the midst of basketball season awards at the same time, so we need the info by the dates specified in order to get the plaques back in time for the banquet. Once the order is in to the engraver, it can't be changed. ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION REQUIRED TO NOMINATE YOUR DOG FOR A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD — full

Flashbacks



May 2023 Master Only Hunt Test

Final Slate for Election of Officers and Board Members

The nominating committee for 2024 elections, as appointed by President Mike Smith on September 17, 2023, consisted of Alan Bruhin as Chairman, along with non-Board members Peter Torok and Donna Smith. The committee has completed their work, and present the following slate of officers and board members for fiscal year 2024 (beginning after the February Banquet).

- President: J. Michael Evans
- Vice President: Alan Bruhin
- Secretary / Treasurer: Karen Edwards
- Hunt Test Secretary: Michele Fletcher
- Board Members for 2024 -February 2027: Bob Smith & Kyle Griffin
- AKC Representative: Michele Fletcher
- Chief Marshal (non-Board position): Donna Smith

Continuing on the Board without being re-elected this year are: Lois Luthenauer & Luke McCoy (2022-2025), and Jim Pearce & Jeff Rader (2023-2026).

Board terms expiring are Denise Chambers and Cory Smith. Many thanks to both of them for their expertise, advice and hard work over the past several years. Denise and her family have moved out of the state — we will miss you guys and wish you all the best in your new home!

Mike Smith will serve as Past President through 2024 (thanks for serving as President these busy last two years!) and Donna Smith will continue as Chief Marshal. 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.

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, 2023, 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 be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Bearden Banquet Hall; see article on page 2 of this newsletter for more details and a first call for RSVPs.

We already have a very busy year lined up for 2024, with many hunt tests, club trials, a pro seminar, business meetings, and more. Thanks to everyone who agreed to serve on the Board and as officers for this busy upcoming year!



ETRC Sponsors Kevin Cheff Training Seminar



Intermediate Skills Building Workshop

MARCH 22-24, 2024

Lois Luthenauer, Coordinator
The Retriever Retreat
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Clarkrange, TN 38553
865-803-1187
Retrieverbednbiscuits@gmail.com

Kevin Cheff (www.theretrievercoach.com) has over 27 years of experience in training and handling dogs in hunt tests and field trials, both professionally and as an amateur. He has put Hunting Retriever Champion titles, Field Champion titles and National Retriever Champion titles on numerous dogs. He is known for his in-depth knowledge, great communication skills, an abundance of patience and a passion for teaching.

The workshop is focused on Intermediate Skills building, and is designed for handlers who are through basics and ready to begin transition to the upper levels. Kevin will take up to 9 owner / dog teams and an unlimited number of auditors without dogs. Drills, skill development and confidence building; the mechanics of marking development, marking concepts, fighting the factors that will influence the dog's ability to make the retrieve, and more will be covered.

Sponsorship by ETRC means that ETRC members get first crack at the available slots, and the club will assist with tuition for individual participants who are club members.

Regular tuition is \$750 per dog/owner team, and \$400 per person auditing the seminar. These costs are inclusive and cover all Kevin's expenses, grounds fee, and provision of all equipment needed for the seminar as well as 2 workers for setup and bird tech work for all three days. The price also includes one dinner for all participants on Saturday night. Limited lodging (cabins) is available onsite at the retreat, and people wishing to stay can contact Lois directly for details and bookings. Lodging is also available in Crossville about 20 minutes away. The workshop starts at 8 a.m. each morning and goes till about 4:30 in the afternoon. Kevin doesn't stop the seminar for lunch, so participants would need to bring their own bagged lunches – plus a chair, gear for their dog, rain gear, etc.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Lois right away and let her know whether you are interested in a working slot or an auditing slot. We need this information by **January 15**. The amount of tuition the club will fund will depend on the number of members interested as we have an overall budget amount for this seminar. The Board will respond before January 25 to notify interested members of how much we will pay for your tuition; you will be asked to confirm your participation or to withdraw by the end of January; after that, slots will be opened up to non-members.

Members who wish to attend but don't let us know till after February 1 will be registered on a first come, first served basis for available slots at the time of application; tuition assistance may or may not be available at that time but inquire and we will let you know

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH ONE OF THE BEST RETRIEVER TRAINERS/ COACHES IN THE COUNTRY AT A REDUCED PRICE! Thanks to Lois for giving the club the opportunity to participate in this seminar.

Minutes: Board Meeting December 5, 2023

254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Mike Smith, J. Michael Evans, Alan Bruhin, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Jim Pearce, Jeff Rader, Lois Luthenauer, Luke McCoy

Absent: Cory Smith (unexcused), Denise Chambers (moved away, available on phone if needed)

Others Members Present: None

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was met with 9 people present. The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: None.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

Minutes: Last meeting was 9/17/23 at the annual picnic meeting; minutes approved by a majority of Board members and sent to the club website. Luke moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval. J. Michael seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Membership: Membership at the end of December 2022 was 58. Membership as of today is 57. 10 from last year haven't rejoined. We have three new members to vote on later (included in the 57).

Correspondence: Insurance policy, officers/directors, received.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$37,899.27. This is about \$4k less than at our last meeting. See report showing overall spending year to date. We lost money on the October test because of low entries, but made over \$4k on the quad JH/SH test, and small amounts on each of the other tests. Our profits for the year for tests were impacted by our higher duck costs, higher judges' gift fees, new entertainment costs, etc. Treasury still doing great, don't need to make any changes at this point but need to keep an eye to make sure we don't start losing money. We are plus \$9.91 for the year, and we had \$105 in donations so without that we would have had a slight loss for the year.

AKC Delegate's report: Michele: nothing to report.

Old Business

2023 Hunt Tests. We had 6 tests this year -- one quadruple JH/SH, 4 MH only, and one full test in October with 1 flight of Master, double Junior, double Senior. Comments, concerns, issues??? Everyone felt things went pretty well but there was some recognition that this is a lot of tests and can put a strain on our volunteer workforce. Low entries is an issue with dates sometimes conflicting – even if they don't directly conflict, if another nearby club has its test on one weekend, we have ours in the middle of the next week, and then another nearby one is on the following weekend, we are the test that is most likely to be missed. Also, we have used Brian's property so many times and there is only about 8 acres that we have access to for test setup, which means it is increasingly hard to set up anything new over there. Plus, having so many hunt tests makes it hard to have any other events like club trials, seminars, etc. Nevertheless, the majority of the board feels that as the ones who do most of the work, and having had rather mediocre attendance at other events we have

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put on, should continue to concentrate on tests as these are what are the most-desired events of the people who are doing most of the work.

Awards: Awards call went out with December newsletter, asking for nominations for title awards, gundog / puppy / lifetime achievement awards, Master National / Master Amateur achievement awards, member of the year and AKC Sportsman of the year awards. J. Michael Evans agreed to handle all this again for the club. He says that so far, he has received one set of nominations and strongly urged the board members to put a priority on getting these nominations in, especially ones for the Member of the Year and AKC Sportsman of the Year,

Winter Awards Banquet: Date is set with Bearden Banquet Hall, Saturday, February 24, 2024. The deposit of \$250 has been paid and will go towards our final bill. We need to get them a menu. We reviewed the online menu selections and made the following selections, which Alan Bruhin volunteered to relay to the Banquet Hall staff. Two meats: either beef tenderloin or prime rib (Alan will discuss and decide); Honey Pecan Chicken; Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, Garden Salad, and Cheesecake. Wine and other liquors are permitted but have to be turned over to the bartender, and beer is available for sale. Alan will buy several bottles of wine. We decided to have door prizes again: the club can again hand out four 'free entry to a hunt test' certificates, plus a variety of ETRC hats and shirts; Alan, J. Michael and Luke (and others) will look through their stash of judges' gifts received to see if they want to donate a couple more to the club. Anyone having something to donate as a door prize should email the info to Alan at wbruhin1@retiree.utk.edu. Alan still has some raffle tickets, and there may be another roll in the big trailer at Cory's that Mike Smith will get when he goes to pick out some shirts and hats.

Pro Seminars: We had discussed having a big name presenter, like Mitch White, come for a one or two day seminar. Lois has contacted Kevin Cheff and has arranged to have a seminar at her place on March 22-24, dealing with transition drills and training. She already has four people signed up but is willing to hold the 5 other dog / handler slots for club members first, for a set period of time, as well as unlimited auditing slots. She is happy if the club wants to sponsor this seminar, but will be having it in any event. She will provide info to Karen for the January newsletter. In addition, she has contacted Mitch White but doesn't have an answer from him yet on available dates; and has also contacted another person. Alan mentioned possibly using Matt Griffiths for a presentation on test setup, which would be good for new judges or people planning to judge, as well as for setting up meatier training scenarios. As soon as Lois gets more info, she and Karen will make a proposal to the board for support the club might provide (lower or no-cost participation by club members, etc.).

Training groups: Although this was one of the hot topics that people said they wanted on the questionnaire we sent out last summer, the several training sessions that were set up did not elicit much interest. Sounds like people think training groups are good in theory but when it actually comes to showing up, people would prefer to stay home and train by themselves or with some of their own friends that are outside the club structure. Lois said she is planning to set up a few more sessions after the first of the year and will post information on the newsletter inviting people to come.

Improved Emergency Care at Hunt Tests:

At our last meeting, Mike Smith had done some research and had contacted Meigs Co Rescue squad (covers Hiwassee and Brian's) could be called beforehand and alerted that we are

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having a test; this will make response times faster. Mike Smith tried to call Loudon County (covers Lucky 7) to see if we can get a similar arrangement with them, but although he left a message with the person he is supposed to talk to, they never called him back. He will try again.

Peter Torok went over our medical kits, threw out stuff that was out of date, and provided a list up things we need to buy and keep stocked. Donna Smith has been working on this. It turns out that buying the material separately is quite expensive (around \$380) but there are packaged emergency care kits available with almost all the stuff we need for around \$89. She is still working to find the best package deal.

Webmaster Change:

Status of website: Karen as Secretary has taken it over and has updated it with new officers, last year's awards and pictures, dates of events, etc. There are still a few transition issues –

The certificate is not current on the new website for some reason and Karen will have to contact the provider, Go Daddy, to get it updated so there aren't a lot of 'unsafe website' notices that come up when people go to it. This will probably cost money.

The members only page has been taken down. Bylaws, newsletters, and minutes are now in the open. Membership lists were attached to the July newsletter and will be attached to the January newsletter as well.

Facebook: Alan is our moderator for that endeavor; things are going well. However, he has been telling people to download the membership form from the website, and they haven't been able to do that – probably because they are scared off by the 'danger / warning' signs. Karen suggested that he just provide them with her email address and she will send them the form.

MNRC Rule Changes: anything new to report? Rumors? Nothing is up on the blog, none of our MN-involved people have heard anything. The MN for 2024 will be in Paducah, KY so still will interfere badly with our fall schedule.

New Business:

New Members:

Melissa Dobson, pro trainer, 287 Bray Rd, SW, Calhoun, GA 30701770-547-7671, south-erncomfortgundogs@aol.com. She joined at our Nov 16 test, paid \$ and gave me the contact info but did not fill out a membership form and said she would send it later. Haven't gotten it. Since she joined after 11/1/23, this is also for a 2024 membership per Bylaws. Sponsors: Luke and J. Michael volunteered to be her sponsors.

Nathan / Hayley Lamping. Instrumentation & Controls Tech, 1088 Hassler Mill Rd, Harri- man, TN 37748, 865-466-4025, nlamping@hotmail.com. He's the grandson of a long-time former member who has also since rejoined, has been at our last several events. Has two Labradors, a puppy and a 4-year old dog. Requests as sponsors John Broucek and Lois Luthenauer.

Brent / Macy Naveiro. He's an RN. 108 Teakwood Ct, Clinton, TN 37716, bnavei-ro12@gmail.com, 484-651-7745. Has a lab, Gus, who has a JH title. Requests J. Michael to be one of his sponsors. Mike Smith volunteered to be the second spon- sor.

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J. Michael moved we accept these people into membership on first reading; Lois seconded; the vote was Unanimous.

Schedule for 2024: After a lengthy discussion and referral to Entry Express and the calendar, we have come up with the following ambitious event schedule for 2024. These dates are subject to confirmation with AKC, Hiwassee, and other landowners as appropriate, so are still subject to some changes.

March 10, Sunday: Club Trial #1, with a weather date of 3/17. We will have to use dokkens for this event as our freezers are empty and ducks are too small to buy live ones. No determination where this will be yet; possibly Hiwassee, Lois's, Cory's, or Ken Campbell's.

March 22-24, Friday – Sunday: Kevin Cheff Seminar at Lois's. Degree of sponsorship by ETRC still to be determined.

[March 30-31, Saturday – Sunday: this is our AKC date for a test of some flavor at Hiwassee, but as this is Easter weekend it will not work at all for 2024 and we are parking this date for possible use in 2025.]

April 13-14, Saturday – Sunday: This date will have to be approved by AKC. Master Only test #1, one or possibly two flights depending on location (Brian's, Lucky 7?).

May 14-15, Tuesday – Wednesday: AKC date already OK, location to be determined. Midweek Master Only test #2, probably Brian's.

June 1-2, Saturday-Sunday, Quad JH / SH test at Hiwassee. Need confirmation of dates from AKC and Hiwassee.

June 11-12, Tuesday – Wednesday: Master Only Test #3, dates must be confirmed with AKC and landowner (Brian? Lucky 7?)

September 15, Sunday, Club Trial #2, Picnic, summer general business meeting. Location to be determined. Can use frozen ducks.

[September 28-29, Saturday – Sunday: This was our AKC week for the 2023 fall test. This is right in the middle of the Master National in 2024 so it will not work at all and we will park this date for possible use in 2025.]

October 19-20, Saturday – Sunday: Fall test. These dates are pre-approved by AKC but were parked for 2023 as we had to work around the Master National. Double Junior, Double Senior, 1 or 2 flights Master, hopefully at Lucky 7.

November 12-13, Tuesday – Wednesday: Midweek Master only #4. Probably at Brian's pending his approval. These are pre-approved dates from AKC.

Field Trial Owner / Handler Qual: Several members have expressed interest in putting one of these on, and member John Broucek is willing to help in any way possible, including judging and helping us find judges, set-up, etc. The board has very mixed feelings about this, with some members wanting to try it, and others feeling like it is too big an ask of our standard volunteer workers who show up at every test. If we do this, it would need to be the Friday before our fall test, and if we can't use Lucky 7 we have no other land that would be suitable. Lois will call Brady Collins, and Karen will contact John Broucek, to find out what would be needed, whether they can locate judges for us for this, how many bird techs will be needed, etc., and

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how much help they will be willing to provide. Karen and Lois will report back to the board at the next meeting about findings and we can decide then whether or not to go on with an owner / handler qual.

Equipment – Any more needed for 2024? Seems like we are in pretty good shape, with the possible exception of umbrella stands to have out in the field for the bird techs for the tests that are in hot weather. Also, Michele mentioned that she had tossed out most of the sunscreen since it was 2-3 years out of date, and we might need to get more.

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jim moved that we adjourn. Lois seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



The Wonderful World of Retrievers!

Youth Program



The Luthenauer Young Handler program was established as a memorial to ETRC member Kevin Luthenauer. The program is supported by generous contributions from family and friends to encourage youth participation in retriever sports. Kids who are interested in applying 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 awards for everyone in the program.

ETRC Membership Information

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 planned for 2024 with 6 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 / Facebook Info

NEWSLETTER: The ETRC newsletter is published monthly, usually on the 1st of the month. Send us your test results, new titles, litter info, new dogs, dog-related jobs, items 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: beginning with the January 2020 issue, the volume number is the last two digits of the year, in Roman numeral format — so this is Volume XXIII (for 2023). Newsletters are archived on the club Website, www.etrclub.org.

FACEBOOK: we now have a Facebook page! Either post on it yourself, or send pics and info to our moderator, Alan Bruhin, at wbruhin1@retiree.utk.edu.