



2018 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC's EVENTS!

1. Sunday, November 18, 12:30-4:00. Training/Mini Seminar: land drills, blind drills. Lisa Styles, Roane Regional Training Grounds, 108 Pawnook Farm Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. RSVP., see article on p. 9
2. Saturday, February 23, 2019 — (tentative) Annual Awards Banquet & election, 6:00 p.m., Calhoun's Bearden Hill, Knoxville — more details to follow
3. Tuesday-Wednesday, March 26-27, possible Master-only Hunt Test, Tentative, details to follow.
4. April (TBD) — club trial
5. May 25-26, 2019: ETRC Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee

Photo of the Month



Congratulations to member David Knott and Luther's High Grade Black Coal MNH MH, who just passed his fourth Master National test in Roseburg, Oregon with owner David handling.

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ETRC Club Trial at Lucky 7, Saturday October 6, 2018

Thanks to:

- Ken Campbell for use of his farm, which keeps getting better every time
- Judges: Singles Classic –Alan Bruhin & Luke McCoy; Master, Senior, Advanced Junior and Junior: Alan Bruhin and Tom Gibson. Puppies: Wayne Rasbury & Jim Pearce. Fill in judges while judges ran their dogs: Wayne Rasbury.
- Jim Pearce for bringing the club’s new smaller trailer over.
- Karen Edwards, who ran the table.
- Club members who brought electronic bumper throwers, so we only had to have one birdboy – thanks to Tom Gibson who operated a winger and judged all at the same time!
- Everyone who came and enjoyed a perfect day.

The Singles Classic was run first and was comprised of two long water/land marks. One of them was a remote entry across one arm of the pond near the Pavilion and up the hill behind the bridge garden; the second one was a steep angle with a little cheaty bit of water and then up the hill at the end of the pond. The Master/ Senior/ Junior stakes were run on one set-up on the other side of the property, and involved both land and water work and blinds as appropriate for the level of the stake. The puppy stake included one remote entry water mark with a nice splash, and one land mark up a fairly steep hill.

Signups and setups began at 8:30 a.m. (delayed because of construction on I40 which made everyone late), and the action was underway by 9:30 a.m. The weather was sunny with reasonably mild temps in the morning, but in the afternoon it was 88 – too hot for October 6! Luckily, we were able to wait our turn in the pavilion and under the porch, but the judges were out in the hot sun all afternoon. The ribbon ceremony finished up around 2:30 p.m. and although the offer was made to stay and train, most people were too hot and elected to go home.

Results:

Singles Classic: 4 dogs entered, 2 passed.

- First place: Cooper with Wayne Rasbury. This is his 5th win in the last couple of years! Cooper had a very long hunt up the hill, but didn’t cheat the water.
- Second place: Callie and Jim Pearce. Callie’s hunt up the hill was shorter than Cooper’s, but she cheated the water.

Master Test: 5 dogs entered and 4 passed. Passing were: Callie and Jim Pearce; Cooper & Wayne Rasbury; Shine with Alan Bruhin; and Suzie with Lois Luthenauer.

Senior Test: No dogs entered.

Advanced Junior Test: One dog entered but did not pass.

Junior Test: 7 dogs entered and 3 passed. Passing were: Ammo with Liz Gibson (her first time handling, go Liz!); Andie with Jo Ann Burkk, and Polly with Lois Luthenauer.

Puppies: Two junior puppies and one senior puppy entered. Junior puppy was won by Glemma, a yellow lab owned by Nathan Osburn, and second place went to Cin and Alan Bruhin. Cin is Shine’s 12-week-old puppy from Alan’s recent litter. Senior puppy: first place went to Roxie with Lois Luthenauer. -

Financial Information:

	Memberships/	Entries /	Sales /	Donation	Total
Checks	\$0	\$45	\$0	\$0	\$45
cash	\$25	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$175
Totals	\$25	\$195	\$0	\$0	\$220

There were no expenses.

Final Thoughts: It was great to meet some new members, and see some past members back again. We hope to see you all at more events soon. The turnout was disappointingly small. People missed out on the opportunity to train on the same grounds where our Fall Hunt Test is going to be in a couple of weeks.

Pictures from the ETRC Club Trial at Lucky 7, Saturday October 6, 2018



Alan Bruhin running Shine in the Master Stake. Jim Pearce & Callie in the holding blind. Tom Gibson and alternate Wayne Rasbury judging.



Wayne Rasbury and Cooper; Peter Torok with Kaypesh. These two dogs are full brother and sister from different litters; Cooper is 3 and Kaypesh is 9 months.



Tom & Liz Gibson with their Chessie puppy Ammo.

ETRC Fall Hunt Test, October 20-21, 2018

Our Hunt Test this fall was at Lucky 7 Ranch in Sweetwater again — a single Master stake (60 dogs), with a double Junior and double Senior. A total of 154 dogs entered. The weather could have been better — Friday (set up day) was beautiful, warm and sunny. Saturday we woke up to pouring, cold rain which lasted well into the afternoon. Luke and I had to arrange for stuck cars/trucks to get out of the mud and the hill behind the pavilion became a mud bog. Sunday had very little rain but was very cold, the day started at 39 degrees and warmed up to a balmy 51.

It takes a lot of work from many people to run a hunt test, and we particularly want to thank everyone who came and helped in any way. We may miss a few, but that is the fault of our memories and not your contribution! Let's start with the Bird kids, who came from the Meigs County Future Farmers of America. One of the best groups we've had! We had plenty enough to go around and even had enough to give them breaks as the cold, wet days wore on all of them. The Judges were amazing! Yes, the Master test was difficult and challenging, and it is a bit disappointing that we had so few dogs pass, but the Master judges were very fair and the only complaints heard were about the weather. The Junior/Senior judges were also extremely knowledgeable and well prepared for the weekend. We heard many compliments from handlers about how much they enjoyed the judges. Michelle (Acting Hunt Test Secretary), Lois (Chief Marshal) and Patti (Chief Cook and Bottle Washer) ran the office like a well-oiled machine! Other than not being able to find the bird bands for the ribbons, there weren't any other hiccups at all. The handlers were met by Michelle and Lois at check-in, coffee was always brewing, the merchandise table was always manned and the ribbon ceremonies were spot-on. Patti made an amazing Judges Dinner (as always) and the workers' lunches were on time and delicious.



Pavilion, Clubhouse, and main pond at Lucky 7 Ranch

Alan Bruhin and Jeremy Majors handled the entire Master flight. They tore down equipment, Marshaled, hung their own ducks and cleaned everything up both days. Big thanks also to all the marshals, and a special thank you to Katy (soon to be McCoy) Cundiff and Lisa Vencille. They both stepped up to Marshal when we had a couple of cancelations. Donna Smith was unable to be at the test due to an injury and we are all sending her big "Get Well Soon" wishes!

Awards for hard work must go to Cory Smith and Mike Smith. These two guys were EVERYWHERE!! They never slowed down and always had their hands in the work somehow. They packed and unpacked the trailers, delivered birds, delivered bird kids, set up and tore down equipment, delivered lunches, water and supplies and always available when something needed to be done. The outdoor part of the test was a success largely due to the work of these men.

Hunt Test Report 10/20-21, 2018, Con't

Test Chairman Luke McCoy met each judge upon their arrival on set-up day, inspected each test, stayed on the move all weekend and was truly an Ambassador for our club. He was ably assisted by 'old pro' J. Michael Evans, who also provided most of the information for this article. Additional information was provided by Luke McCoy, Michele Fletcher and Lois Luthenauer — thanks everyone!

And especially, thanks to Ken Campbell for letting us use his wonderful grounds. We appreciate you more than we can say!



Facts and Figures from our Hunt Test:

Next month we'll have the financial results from the test, but here's a breakdown on statistics from Entry Express, and information on ETRC members whose dogs passed at the tests.

Our Master test had 58 entries — it filled with a waiting list of six dogs within a few minutes of opening, but enough pulled out that we were down to 58 by the closing date, and then there were three more scratches by the time the test actually started. It was a tough test, with only 20 dogs out of the 55 starters passing. Judges were Narvel Black and Matt Griffiths, with Scott Chaney apprenticing. Members' dogs among those passing were: Ringtail's Black Mamba MH, owned and handled by Brian Caldwell; Grady's Tennessee Moonshine MH, owned and handled by Alan Bruhin; McCoy's Echo Callin' Your Name JH, owned by Luke McCoy and handled by Brian Caldwell; and Luthenauer's Troublesome Coon Creek Susie MH, owned and handled by Lois Luthenauer. Congratulations!

Senior on Saturday had 18 entries, of which 16 started and 13 passed. Congratulations to member Konrad Heider and his dog RoddyDogs Highpoint Jake JH! Judges were Debbie Bodner and Bonnie Cuddihy.

Senior on Sunday also had 18 entries, of which 15 started and only 7 passed. Judges were John Inabinet and Lisa Neel. None of our member dogs passed on Sunday.

Junior on Saturday had 29 entries. Judges were John Inabinet and Lisa Neel; 26 dogs started, and 18 passed. Congratulations to new member Rachel Smith and her yellow Lab Smith's Maggie Sue, who passed.

Junior on Sunday, with judges Debbie Bodner and Bonnie Cuddihy, with club member Lisa Styles apprenticing, had 31 entries, 27 starters, and 23 passes. Congratulations to member Haley O'neal and her passing dog SouthernPro Party Down South Walt.

The puppy stake only attracted one senior puppy and one junior puppy, and after consultation with the owners it was decided to cancel the stake.

Also congratulations to other members who tested but did not pass. Better luck next time, if this were easy it wouldn't be worth many bragging rights when you pass!

Youth Program

The Luthenauer Young Handler program is in its third year. Kids who are interested in working with dogs in field work 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 ETRC Club Trials are free for enrollees.

A perpetual trophy is being designed and ordered along with a plaque to keep, and participation award for everyone in the program. The awards will be retroactive to 2016. A young handler's seminar is also in the works, and details will be announced when plans are finalized.



Member News, Brags, & Announcements

Congratulations to ETRC Board Member John Broucek, who had a very successful weekend at the Lincoln Trail Retriever Club Fall Retriever Field Trial, held October 19-21, 2018 in Grahamville, KY. John's dog Indi's L7 Nellie won first place out of 54 entries in the Amateur stake, with John handling. Then his dog Seaside's Troublesome Fowl Pursuits (Percy) was first place of 23 young dogs in the Derby Stake on Friday, also with John handling. Congratulations, John, Nellie, and Percy!



ETRC Board Meeting, 10/3/18

Present from the Board: Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer, Karen Edwards, Jim Pearce, Michele Fletcher (AKC delegate) Carol McCorkle, Tom Gibson

Absent, excused: Donna Smith (on vacation), John Broucek (busy), Cory Smith (job conflict), J. Michael Evans (at HRC Grand test)

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: : None

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- **Minutes:** Last meeting was 8/18/18; minutes approved and sent to the club website. Lois moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. Jim Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Correspondence:** Letters out to judges confirming assignments & providing info. Sent ballot to MNRC as directed on rules changes.
- **Membership:** Current 2018 membership is 59 as of 10/3/18, including 7 waiting final vote and 2 more needing first reading today, and excluding recently deceased member.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 10/3/18 is \$21,177.37, with no bills currently outstanding but lots coming up soon.

Website fees for quarter (including yearly provider fee): \$157.50

\$116.85 for more checks

\$150 to Brian Caldwell for bird boys for the picnic / seminar

\$850 to Equisure for officers/directors liability policy

\$700 cash withdrawals for hunt test: 6 \$100 bills for judges gifts, \$100 cash

Income since last meeting:

\$50 from new members Peter Torok and Rachel Smith

Lois moved that we accept the Treasurer's report as read. Michele seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

AKC Representative's Report: Michele Fletcher: Nothing new to report

Old Business

- **Fall Club Trial :** set for October 6, Saturday, at Lucky 7, starting early morning (8 a.m.). Everyone who was at the meeting is planning to come to the Club Trial except for Michele who will be judging agility at the Doberman specialty. Luke will judge Singles Classic with someone yet to be determined; Alan will judge the Master/Senior/Junior setup along with Tom Gibson. If the stakes need to be split because of the number of dogs, Tom will judge the Junior / Senior group and two more people will be roped into helping. There are no judges identified yet for Puppy stakes. Jim will bring over the trailer.
- **Fall Hunt Test :** Most of the discussion was centered around the assignment sheet and the status of items on it. Basically, things are going fairly well and we were able to pin down some of the assignments that were still open. Much of the discussion centered around getting Michele info that she was going to need to fill in for Karen (treasurer, bird boy coordinator, ribbon wrangler), for Carol (Hunt Test Secretary), and for Jim (mostly Cory, although he was not able to attend the meeting.)

Meeting Minutes 10/3/18, Con't

Apprentice judges: We had a request earlier from Lisa Styles to apprentice in Junior on Sunday. She will have to be there on Friday to participate in set-up, which is part of the rules of the apprentice program, and we had no word back from her on whether she could make it on Friday. During the meeting, Lois was able to get hold of her and confirm her participation. Also, Scott Chaney has requested to be an apprentice at the Master Stake. Luke has contacted the judges and got their approval, and also contacted the AKC rep to make sure this could be done at such a late date. We do have to change the premium on Entry Express to add these two as apprentices before the test closes next Wednesday; Carol will get that done.

At the Club Trial, Luke will need to talk to Brandon and/or Ken about two things: may we leave the small trailer over there for the two weeks before the hunt test; and that we need to have some fields mowed before the test. Luke will go over the specific fields to determine what needs to be done during the test.

So far, the Master stake is filled and there is not much yet for Junior and Senior. Hopefully we will get more entries as time wears on. Pro Jody Ware will not be attending, as the tests in Middle Tennessee and Kentucky sandwich our test, they are much closer to home, and he doesn't like to run three weekends in a row.

Training dates: Will start in November and try to schedule Lisa Styles for the first one. Sherie Catledge is also willing to help set up and run training dates once she is settled in to her new place in East Tennessee.

Luthenauer Youth Handler Program: Lois Luthenauer – status update. Seminar is pending Sherie's move.

Equipment:

Automatic launchers: In August, the board approved buying two of these to help at Club Trials and training days, less time for people in the blinds etc. This fell in the cracks and Karen volunteered to pick it up on 9/30/18. Unfortunately, these are drop-shipped from the factory and take 3-5 weeks to ship so it is too late to order in time for our upcoming club trial. Since these will be useful for winter training days, the Board directed her to go ahead and get these on order.

Popups: Luke & Michael have been researching. No updates on which brand to get. Probably not desperately needed for the Fall test; the long-range forecast is predicting highs in the 70s.

Miscellaneous Club Business stuff: History stuff has been moved from Roberta's home to her daughter Melody's, along with incorporation papers, corporate seal, etc. She warns that some of it has been water damaged. Michael has apparently not been able to get this picked up yet. We need to ask him to put this on priority.

New Business:

New Members:

Rachel & Heath Smith, Dayton, TN. Stay at home mom, has a three year old yellow lab. Interested in hunt tests, trials, training, breeding. Luke McCoy and Carol McCorkle have agreed to be her sponsor.

Peter and Mara Torok, near Johnson City, TN. Retired military doctor, has one of the Fern Hill 9 month old Golden puppies, has trained before to WCX. Jim and Karen will sponsor.

Meeting Minutes 103/18, Con't

Carol moved we accept these new members on first reading. Michele seconded, and the motion was approved.

Mid-Week Master Only Test in Spring 2019: If we are going to do this we need to start planning it very soon. There was a suggestion made that we consider tacking this on before our spring hunt test, which would make it easier for ordering ducks. There was lively discussion about this proposal, which would mean 5 days in a row that we would have to have workers there working. Although a Master-only test would not require as many people to work, there would still be enough, and enough of the same people, that the majority opinion seemed to be that this was not a very workable scenario. Also, it's pretty hot on Memorial Day weekend, and if we have the test earlier in the spring it would be much cooler. Alan moved that we look at dates and locations at both Hiwassee and Lucky 7 for both late March and early April, and have some more info for the Board to consider at the next board meeting in November. We will need to start preparing to get judges and get AKC approval before the end of the year.

Spring Hunt Test: On the docket for the November meeting, to begin preparations. Lois Moved that we dedicate the Spring Hunt Test to Roberta Williams' memory. Carol seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Any other new business? None.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Alan moved that we adjourn. Jim seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ETRC Training Day and Mini Seminar November 18, 2018

Come join us on a Sunday afternoon (12:30 –4:00) for a mini seminar and training day at Roane Regional training grounds behind the Pegasus Technologies building at 108 Pawnook Farm Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. ETRC member Lisa Styles, who is a successful Field Trial and Hunt Test Competitor, will be leading the session and will be demonstrating and teaching various land drills and land blind drills for owner handlers. There may be water work involved if the weather permits. She will have handouts and will discuss how dogs learn, proofing back to the pile, transition drills to cold blinds, and diversion / poison bird drills.

Bring your dog, a chair, appropriate clothing for the weather, water for your dog, your personal training equipment for your dog, and some bumpers marked with your name. The club will provide all other equipment needed.

Please RSVP if you plan to come. We are hoping to offer several of these more-focused training days during the winter months and hope that the weather cooperates. RSVP to Karen Edwards, edwardskc@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

Training Corner

Retriever Tricks for Duck Season

Here's how to get peak performance
from your duck dog in the field

By Tom Davis

For those of us who hunt with dogs, there is no off-season. Every moment we spend in their company is an opportunity to reinforce desirable behaviors and strengthen our partnership, even when we're not engaged in their training or conditioning.

Hunting season is when all your preparation pays off and any deficiencies are exposed. You have to dance with the one that brought you, as the saying goes, so you can't expect your dog to perform at a level that he hasn't been trained and conditioned to attain. With that in mind, take a look through this time-tested expert advice to help bring out the best in your canine companion this season.

Practice Like You Play

Chris Scott, of L&D Retrieving in Henderson, Tennessee, believes that you should set your retriever up for success by preparing him to hunt in specific situations. "You don't want to put your dog in a setup he's not familiar with, especially a young dog," Scott says. "So whether you're hunting from a pit, a blind, or in standing timber, you need to 'rehearse' those scenarios before the season and get your dog accustomed to hunting in those environments. A dog that's never used a ramp, for example, isn't automatically going to know that that's how he's supposed to get back in the boat; he's going to try to climb over the side."

Scott continues, "I always say that you have to train a hunting dog, but you have to hunt a trained dog. When you take that trained dog hunting and expose him to all those unscripted situations, his training comes to the forefront, and you'll have the dog everybody else wants."

Keep It Safe and Fun

For safety's sake, young dogs and older dogs that are prone to breaking should be tied up when you're hunting out of a pit or other ground-level blind. "If a dog runs out there when birds are over the decoys, it's an accident waiting to happen," Scott explains. "To be safe, tie up your dog, and don't release him to retrieve until you're sure that it's all clear."

Scott adds that a little fun and encouragement can go a long way toward improving your dog's performance in the field. "He has to obey your commands, but you shouldn't hesitate to help him if he's struggling. If you have to pitch a rock to direct him to a retrieve, pitch a rock," he says.

Get the Right Gear

Another way to help ensure that your retriever will have a successful season is to outfit him with specialized equipment such as a field blind, platform stand, or boat ladder. Think of it as providing him with the tools he needs to do his job most effectively. Remember, though, that it's your responsibility to teach him how to use those tools well before the season begins.

It's also a good idea to outfit your retriever with a neoprene vest, which not only provides a layer of insulating warmth but also adds buoyancy and protects against puncture wounds from sticks, rocks, and other hazards. A 3 mm vest will be adequate for most purposes, but you might want to consider moving up to a 5 mm model for hunting in bitter-cold conditions.

See the Big Picture

Retrievers are important tools for conservation, but they also add so much more enjoyment to the waterfowling experience. Don't forget to stop now and then to appreciate what a special opportunity it is to hunt with your canine partner. Take pride in the results of your off-season training and celebrate your teamwork as you participate in this grand tradition together.

Around the Region — Seminars, Tests, & Trials

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

E.Carolina HRC (60)	Emporia, VA	11/3/18
Magnolia RC	Greensboro, AL	11/3/18
Black Warrior RC + owner Q FT	Greensboro, AL	11/9/18
Carolinas RA	Cheraw, SC	11/10/18
Cooper River RC (double Master)	Cheraw, SC	11/16/18
Back Bay Knotts Island (double JH/SH)	Goldvein, VA	11/17/18
Palmetto RC	Patrick, SC	12/1/18
Lower AL HRC	Fairhope, AL	12/15/18

Numbers in parentheses are limits on number of Master dogs

Upcoming AKC Field Trials

Green River RC	Grahamville, KY	11/1/18
SW Georgia RC	Americus, GA	11/1/18
Mid Atlantic HRC	Cumberland, VA	11/2/18
Palmetto RC	Cheraw, SC	11/2/18
Back Bay Knotts Island RC	Goldvein, VA	11/9/18
NRC 2018 Championship	Paducah, KY	11/10/18
Snowbird RC	Boston, GA	11/30/18
Carolina / Palmetto RC D/Q	Bennetsville, SC	12/7/18
Talloka RC	Pavo, GA	12/7/18

Membership

The membership year runs from March 1—February 28. Membership is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). Renewal and new member 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 just \$25 which includes electronic copies of the newsletter, special announcements, eligibility to attend all ETRC Sponsored events including those classified as members-only, and consideration for end of the year awards. Best of all, membership provides the opportunity to make friendships with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. It's a bargain!

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, 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).