

ETRC Upcoming Events

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. May 16-17, 2023: Midweek Master Only, Brian Caldwell's. Closes midnight, May 8, 2023.
2. June 6-7, 2023: Midweek Master Only, Brian Caldwell's. Entries open: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 7:00 PM CT, Workers/Amateur Set Aside open: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:00 PM CT
3. Sunday, September 17, 2023: Club Trial with LIVE FLIERS, picnic, general business meeting. Cory Smith's farm in Niota. Free club trial entries for club members. More details to come,
4. October 21-22, 2023: Fall Hunt Test, Lucky 7 Ranch, Sweetwater (tentative) — all levels.
5. November 14-15, 2023: Midweek Master Only, Brian Caldwell's
6. February 24, 2024, Saturday: Awards Banquet, Elections, General Meeting: Bearden Banquet Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Photo of the Month



Training Day at the Retriever Retreat, April 12, 2023

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**Upcoming: ETRC Midweek Master Hunt Test
May 16-17, 2023**

Our next hunt test is coming up on May 16-17, a single flight of Master dogs at Brian Caldwell's training grounds. The test is still open until just before Midnight on Monday, May 8 and as of the time of publication, there are still a few spots available. Because this is a no-live ammunition property, there will be no live flyers at this test as approved by AKC.

Judges are Matt Griffiths and William Skeels. We will be using professional bird technicians, and club members will be providing test support. If you are a new member, these midweek tests are a wonderful way to come out and actually SEE what dogs are asked to do at the master level and learn a lot more about our sport. These tests are fairly relaxed, and other club members will have time to sit with you, answer questions, and explain what is going on. So, if your schedule permits you to attend a midweek event, there's no better way for a good, solid introduction.

**Upcoming: ETRC Midweek Master Hunt Test
June 6-7, 2023**

Our last hunt test of the spring season is another single flight of Master dogs at Brian Caldwell's place. This test will open Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. Central time — and if you are an amateur or have a worker's code, you can enter starting Tuesday evening at 8:00 p.m. If you would like a code, contact J. Michael Evans — text is best — and he can tell you what work we need for you to do. These tests are fairly low-key in terms of workers needed, but we do need people to help set up and tear down tests, and on occasion rotate in an out of blinds throwing birds.

The judges for this test are Mary Harding and Patricia Jagoda. This will also be a no-live-flyer test as described above.

How to get to Brian's Farm:

The address is 1810 State Highway 58 South, Georgetown, TN, near Cleveland and Decatur and not far from Dayton, TN. If you don't have a GPS, here are some more detailed instructions:

- ◆ From Interstate 75, take exit 49 for TN-30 towards Decatur.
- ◆ Follow TN-30W for 9.3 miles into the stop light in Decatur
- ◆ Turn left onto TN-58S. Stay on this road for 15 miles and turn left into Brian's property. This is just after going up a hill, so be prepared to turn in a hurry as you approach the hill.

There will be "ETRC" signs at the entrance and the gate will be open.

Breaking News: Master Amateur Invitational Hunt Test 2023

Two of our members trekked out to Giddings, Texas to participate in the 2023 Master Amateur test. To be invited, your dog has to pass 6 Master Hunt tests within the 12 month qualifying period. As stated last month, we had 5 members qualify, but Lois Luthenauer, Mike, and Barbara Reed did not attend. Results of those who went:

- ◆ Allen Bruhin, with Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH, qualified by passing all 6 series.
- ◆ Jeff Rader, with Rader's Charley Belle MH, also passed all 6 series to qualify.

Congratulations, guys and dogs!



Hopefully we can get pics of these two dogs with their handlers and hardware for the next newsletter, along with a first-person write-up with more info about the test.

Upcoming Open Training Days at the Retriever Retreat

Lois Luthenauer is hosting free training days at the Retriever retreat on May 9, 10, and 11; (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday), May 13 (Saturday), and May 23, 24, 25 (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday). All levels of training will be included on the midweek sessions, and thawed ducks will be available. Drills in the morning, set ups in the afternoon. 8:30 a.m. Central time to 4:30 p.m. Central time. The training day on May 13th will focus on Master marks and blinds in advance of ETRC's Master test the following week.

You must call ahead if you want to attend any or all days — 865-803-1187 — so Lois knows how many to expect. Pack a lunch and drinks / water for your dogs, plus any training equipment you want to bring along. There will be a bucket for voluntary donations to help cover the cost of ducks.

The Retriever Retreat is located at **3058 Martha Washington Road, Clarkrange, TN** . GPS gives good directions to this location about 15 miles north of Crossville. There is a small technical pond on the property for water work, and nice land for marks and blinds. A pavilion is available for eating lunch, as well as a bathhouse with toilets.

Hope to see some of you out there!

Litter Announcement

Percy QA2 NDL x Addie MH
Location: Nashville, Tennessee

Litter was WHELPEd on: 3/30/2023
Color: All Black
Price: \$1,500
Owner: Jeff Coffey, ETRC Member
Phone: 949-294-7922
Email: jeff@sunlifemarinass.com



Other Information about litter:

Percy has 14 Derby Points is QA2 with an Amateur 4th at 2 1/2 years old. He is also a littermate/ sibling to multiple dogs that are now titled, have all age points, and made the National Derby List, including the 2018 National Derby Champion Pink.

Addie ran one Derby and received a RJ and one Qual and received a 4th place. She went 6 for 7 in Master tests and ran and finished the Master National.

All pups will be yellow factored with some being tri-factored.

Pedigree:

Seaside's Troublesome Fowl Pursuits QA2 (BLK)

Hips: LR-240080E24M-VPI (EXCELLENT)
Elbows: LR-89567M24-VPI (Normal)
Eyes: LR-EYE16985/24M-VPI (Normal)
CNM: LR-CNM1848/8M-PI (CLEAR)
EIC: LR-EIC4299/8M-PI (CLEAR)

FC AFC Seaside's Gorgeous George (BLK)

Hips: LR-215176E24M-VPI (EXCELLENT)
Elbows: LR-EL68276M24-VPI (Normal)
Eyes: LR-EYE-8478/55M-PI (Normal)
CNM: LR-CNM1905/23M-VPI (CLEAR)
EIC: LR-EIC4373/23M-VPI (CLEAR)
D LOCUS: LR-DL908/23M-VPI (Normal/CLEAR)

FC AFC Rockliffs Justdoit (BLK)

Hips: LR-188764G27M-PI (Good)
Elbows: LR-EL48516M27-PI (Normal)
EIC: LR-EIC1162/27M-PI (Normal)

Seaside's Warrior Princess QAA, NDL (BLK)

FC Merlyn IV (BLK)

Hips: LR-155870E45M-PI (EXCELLENT)
Elbows: LR-EL36806M45-PI (Normal)
Eyes: LR-48965 (Normal)
EIC: LR-EIC59/57M-VPI (CLEAR)

Working Class Zoe Of Zanzibar MH, QAA (CHOC)

Hips: LR-197774E33F-VPI (EXCELLENT)
Elbows: LR-EL54800F33-VPI
Eyes: LR-348250

Seaside's California Chrome QAA (BLK)

Hips: LR-220886G24F-VPI (Good)
Elbows: LR-EL72851F24-VPI (Normal)
Eyes: LR-EYE13788/44F-VPI (Normal)

'12 NAFC FC AFC Paddle Creek's Pack Your Grip (YLW)

Hips: LR-184090G24M-VPI (Good)
Elbows: LR-EL44995M24-VPI (Normal)
CNM: (CLEAR by parentage)
EIC: LR-EIC474/14M-VPI (CLEAR)

Troublesome Fowl Addiction MH (YLW)

Hips: LR-251807G24F-VPI
Elbows: LR-EL100303F24-VPI
Eyes: LR-EYE18239/11F-VPI
CNM: LR-CNM2850/10F-PI
EIC: LR-EIC5263/10F-PI

Troublesome Highseas Makin House Calls MH, QA2 (YLW)

Hips: LR-198198G24M-VPI
Elbows: LR-EL54925M24-VPI
Eyes: LR-363653
CNM: Clear
EIC: Clear

Troublesome Watermarks Cali (BLK)

Hips: LR-171429E30F-PI (EXCELLENT)
Elbows: LR-EL37216F30-PI (NORMAL)
Eyes: LR-52838

HR Ooltewahs Creekside Willow (BLK)

Mr. Midnight Flash "Cooper" MH MNH4 (BLK)

Lean Mac's Yellow Sage (YLW)

Percy QA2 NDL
x Addie MH

Club News, Member News and Brags



New Senior Hunter

Fern Hill Fiona McCool earned her Senior Hunter title at the Central Kentucky Hunt Test on April 1, and an insurance leg the next day. She has now passed all six of the AKC Senior hunt tests she has been entered in! Go Fee!

Fee is by Bravhart KC Run For The Border MH QA2 WCX OS, who is only 2 points away from his AFC title and already has the Win, and out of Fern Hill Sunday At The Zoo MH (Zoey), our little red rocket.

She is 4th generation of owner Karen Edwards' and Jim Pearce's breeding, and is handled and trained by club Pro member Jody Ware. Fee will be going on into Master in early May. Fingers crossed!

AND, a puppy bred by Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce, Fern Hill Panda's Sunday Best MH WCX ** ("Violet"), owned by Bruce Hayes of California, passed her third Master Amateur this time, thereby earning a place in the GRCA & MARC Hunt Test Halls of Fame, and the AKC MAH title. Bruce does all his own training and handling. We are very proud of this pair! Violet is a littermate of our Zoey, who many of you know; they are both daughters of AFC The Sunday Swimmer OS FDHF and our Fern Hill Pandemonium MH WCX OD.



Violet in the field



Bruce and Violet

Minutes from the ETRC Board Meeting, Wednesday, 4/26/23 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Mike Smith, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Jim Pearce, Lois Luthenauer, Denise Chambers. Cory Smith (on phone)

Absent: Alan Bruhin, Jeff Rader (MARC), Luke McCoy (work)

Others Members Present: None

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was met with 8 people present. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: None.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

- ◆ **Minutes:** Last meeting was 2/25/23; minutes approved by a majority of Board members and sent to the club website by 2/28/23. Mike Evans moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval. Lois seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- ◆ **Membership:** Membership at the end of December was 58. Membership as of today is 41 including several new members who joined after 11/1/22 and didn't have to renew, one who has rejoined after a year, and two new members. 20 from last year haven't rejoined yet but 3 have told me their checks are in the mail (Tidwell, Montgomery, Styles), and the PO has never delivered the mail from last Thursday which had 2 of these checks in it. Sent out reminders to people on 4/18/23; will send out again in mid-May, then cut people who haven't rejoined from the email list on June 1. Cory Smith is only remaining officer / board member who hasn't rejoined yet.
- ◆ **Correspondence:**
 - ◇ Got insurance binder, requested/received certs for Brian for May and June tests.
 - ◇ Nice thank you card from the Cuddihys, read out. Special call-outs for our 'generous' judges' gifts, and for the delicious sandwiches.
 - ◇ Sent thank you email to Robert Brewer about the Wildlife Society bird techs.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$40,044.37. We made a little less than \$4000 on the April test after all expenses paid. Made almost \$1000 on the first midweek master. Sent \$500 to the Wildlife Society as an extra honorarium for Krystal's help with our medical issue at the last test, got a very nice thank you email from Robert Brewer.

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

Old Business

◆ **2023 Hunt Tests.**

- ◇ May 16-17, Master only: Our judges are still holding firm. Karen will send out letters to them confirming arrangements in the next week. The test opened yesterday for amateurs and people with worker codes, and 21 were entered already. By the time the meeting ended we were in the 40s. Our entries are being hurt by Middle Tennessee's double master the weekend before us, and possibly by two other midweeks the same day in Georgia and Mississippi. Very crowded schedule!
- ◇ June 6-7: Master Only. We have judges and are ready to open. Issue here is whether we order ducks for both May and June tests at the same time (~200 ducks) and keep 100-120 at Cory's for the 3 weeks in between. Otherwise we have to pay higher per-duck costs for the extra shipping

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without other tests getting ducks at the same time. Karen remarked that the difference in duck prices between our March test, where there were no other concurrent deliveries, and the April test where he had other tests he was delivering for, was only \$1.50 per duck (\$18.50 vs. \$17). Given the cost of feed, which Cory said was \$25 per 50-pound bag and they would likely go through 8-10 bags, plus any possible deaths, would likely more than make up for the difference in price per duck. With feed alone, that would add about \$2.50 value per duck. Jim moved that when J. Michael calls Kiley Buettner, that if the price is less than \$2.50 per duck to have them sent in two separate orders, that we do go with two orders. Lois seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

- ◇ October 21-22 maybe. J. Michael reported that Lucky 7 Ranch is back on the market at \$10.5M, but owner Ken C says that we can use it as long as he is the owner, and if it sells before then, he will work hard to try to convince the new owner to let us use the date anyway. We don't have any judges yet. We discussed the date, which is the weekend before the Master National over in Cheraw. Many people will be already over there working their dogs for a week, so this may be a very sparse test. We looked at the calendar, and asked Michele to contact AKC to see if September 30-October 1 will work instead. There is a test at Mid-South that weekend, but nothing else in the area. Michele will report back, and will make the change if it's open. If possible, she will retain the October date for next year.
- ◇ Nov 14-15 master only maybe, if we can have an October test with some JH/SH. No judges yet, pending on being able to conduct October test.

- ◆ **Summer picnic and General Business Meeting:** After some discussion, we set the date for September 17, Sunday, at Cory Smith's, starting in the morning, with a picnic lunch and afternoon business meeting. The morning sessions will be a club trial and we will have live fliers, one for each dog, for this trial. We will need to hold over some ducks from the June test for this – Cory thinks having 20-25 ducks over the summer is doable in his pen. We decided that for this year we will make this trial free for club members. Others who wish to come will be charged a \$10 fee to partially cover the cost of the ducks and ribbons.
- ◆ **Pro Seminars:** We had discussed having a big name presenter, like Mitch White, come for a one or two day seminar. We decided to set up a committee to make some contacts and present a proposal to the board along with dates. Karen and Lois volunteered to be on the committee, and Mike Evans was volunteered as well. Mike Smith volunteered Donna to serve as well. Mike commented that Tammy Pierce has offered to run a 'ladies only' handling seminar for us if we'd like to do that. This seems like a good idea too. The committee will report back at the next Board meeting with a proposal / proposals.
- ◆ **Training groups:** Lois has offered training twice and has some participation. These training opportunities will be featured in the newsletter each month, and Karen will solicit other people to let us know about other training opportunities.
- ◆ **Equipment:** anything to discuss or do before the next test? Jim has two new Map gas cylinders, and will buy a few more before then next test. Walmart has them at a cheaper price but their availability is not stellar as they are mostly sold out.

New Business:

- ◆ **New Members:**
 - ◇ Blake & Kimberly Johnson, Sr. Construction Project Manager, 235 County Road 53, Athens, TN 37303, blake443@yahoo.com, 423-665-0111 home, 617-480-5201 cell. Volunteers for whatever is needed, hunt test set-up. Owns a year-old yello lab. Interested in Hunt tests, field trials,

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dog training; is a member of NRA, DU, and Delta Waterfowl club. Sponsors: Alan and Cory.

- ◇ Heath & Nikol Shuler, self employed, 10640 Rivermist Lane, Knoxville, Tn 47922, JHShuler@gmail.com, cell phone 828-550-2803. Volunteers for whatever is needed; has three Labradors 4,2, and 1; interested in hunt tests, field trials, club trials, and breeding. Sponsors: Mike Smith and Mike Evans.

Lois moved we accept these people into membership on first reading; Jim seconded; the vote was unanimous.

◆ **Other Membership issues:**

- ◇ Suggestion from Rhey Houston for lifetime membership option. Would need Bylaws change. After some discussion centered around the difficulties of getting AKC approvals to bylaws changes, and the possible problem with recordkeeping, we decided to keep things as they are for now. Karen will send out reminders each year to people who don't renew by April, and again in May.
- ◇ Free 2023 membership for Caldwell in thanks for using his property? Karen moved that we extend a free membership to Brian for his support of the club. Mike Evans seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

- ◆ **Winter Awards Banquet:** Do we need to set up a date already, repeat with Bearden Banquet Hall, preferably Saturday, February 24, 2024? Need to get with them ASAP. Mike Smith appointed Alan (in absentia!) to contact Bearden Banquet hall ASAP to get this going.
- ◆ **Webmaster Change:** Mary Hext, who has been our webmaster since before 2011 and maybe longer, is retiring. She has been outstanding and super reasonable in price. Karen will take it over for a while at least starting in July, but we may need a different solution long term. Karen will write a thank you to Mary for her long and quite wonderful service.
- ◆ **Defibrillator / first aid kit:** discussion on whether we want to buy one of these or not – or at least take a new look at our first aid kit which was last renovated in about 2020 by Jeff McNutt. After doing some research, it was obvious that this is more than the club can handle. There are requirements for monthly checks, yearly training, yearly recalibration, and yearly oversight by a doctor of this program. Mike Smith commented that the county EMTs have trained people and units that meet all the requirements, and one of them attends ball games and similar events in the county. He has asked them to see if they might be willing to come and be on site for our hunt tests, and what the fee would involve. This might be a much better solution. There was no decision reached on revamping the current first aid kit, although the consensus seemed to be that this would be a good idea.

Any other new business?

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jim moved that we adjourn. Mike Evans seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Youth Program



2022 Award Recipient, Bella Martin

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: TIME TO RENEW FOR 2023

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 2023 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).