

UPCOMING 2011 ETRC EVENTS

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ETRC NEWSLETTER

Second Spring Club Trial—April 30 Atchley Farm— Sevierville

The second Spring Club Trial will be held on Saturday, April 30. at the Chuck Atchley Farm, Hwy 338, Sevierville, TN beginning at 8 AM. Ducks will be thrown by birdboys and wingers. Singles Classic, Master Hunter, Senior Hunter, Junior Hunter, and Puppy Stakes will be held. Bumpers may be thrown for Puppy Stakes. Club trials are practice sessions in preparation for entering AKC Hunting Tests. New members are especially invited. Help and assistance will be available from senior members. No e-collars or training aids allowed in ETRC club trials. Points earned in club trials count toward Gun Dog of the Year and Puppy of the Year awards (see ETRC website for awards rules and President's message attached). Each event is \$10.00 except Puppy stakes are \$5.00. Bring a chair, water, your lunch, your retrievers and join us on the beautiful private Atchley Farm that has unbelievable water areas. **DIRECTIONS:** Take I-40 East to Sevierville Exit 407. Take a right on Hwy 66 toward Sevierville. Go four miles to red light. Turn right on Hwy 338, Boyds Creek Road. Go two miles to Atchley Farm sign on right. From Maryville follow Hwy 411 to Seymour then take Hwy 338 ten miles to farm on left.

May 28-29 Spring AKC Hunting Test—Birchwood, TN

ETRC's AKC Spring Hunting Test will be held at the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge, Birchwood, TN. Permission has been granted by TWRA for ETRC to use the grounds on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Friday will be for the Judge's arrival and setup of the Master, Senior, and Junior stakes. The approved judges are: MASTER 'A' Laurice Williams & Jane Doolittle; MASTER 'B' Michelle Love & Bobby Jones; SENIOR Johnny Fogle & Mark Gibson; JUNIOR Otey Brabston & Dave Keehn driving in from South Carolina, Kentucky, and Michigan. The closing date is May 18. Entry will be by entryexpress.net online or a paper entry printed off the AKC website (www.akc.org) may be mailed to Entry Express, P. O. Box 743, Charleston, AR 72933. Be sure to include the NEW charge of \$4.50 each dog entered (administrative fee) by the new owners of Entry Express. The event will be a single split Master, and double Senior and Junior run on Saturday and Sunday. Contact Hunting Test Secretary, Roberta Williams, sharphlw@usit.net or (865) 428-0139 for further info. Contact Event Chairman Carol Stone (865) 908-7493 or Kevin Luthe-nauer, President (423) 628-6298 to volunteer your help with the many tasks required to stage a large AKC dog event. Brent McCoy, Head Marshal, (423) 240-8023 or e-mail duk-boy02@bellsouth.net is collecting marshals and relief marshals for Saturday and Sunday. A new AKC Rule and Regulation (issued November 2010) but not covered by Jerry Mann in the March 5 AKC Judging Seminar is the following wording: "Chapter 2, Section 2 GUNS. At least one live flyer must be used in a Senior or Master level test unless the use of live ammunition is prohibited by law or policy of the land managing organization at the testing location". Gunners to shoot live mallards will be needed to rotate Saturday and Sunday in four-hour shifts. We have used members of gun clubs in the past in addition to ETRC members. A Gun Captain will be in charge of official gunners with two live guns for each bird to be shot and he will arrange for live non-toxic and blank ammo to be on the hunting test grounds. The club is looking for a paid supplier to re-load 12-Gauge shells.

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SPRING AKC HUNT TEST

May 28-29, 2011

FALL AKC HUNT TEST

October 29-30, 2011

HIWASSEE REFUGE

BIRCHWOOD, TN

March 19—ETRC SPRING CLUB TRIAL RESULTS— CHOTA REFUGE, VONORE

SINGLES CLASSIC –Judges Lois Luthenauer/Derek Dieterich

1st Place	Diezel	John Guinn
2nd Place	Weezie	David Kilburn
3rd Place	Shadow	Kelley Eller
4th Place	Gypsy	Roberta Williams

SENIOR Stake Judges Michael Evans / John Guinn

John Guinn	Diesel
Mark Gibson	Daizy
David Kilburn	Weezie
Jonathon Russell	Abby
Robert Dodson	Lefty
David Knott	Bella

Judges Award of Merit

Mark Gibson	Daizy
Jonathon Russell	Abby
Roberta Williams	Hammer
Robert Dodson	Lefty
Kelley Eller	Jethro
Tom Beeckman	Crockett
Tom Beeckman	Rush
Sheila Nelson	Trey
David Knott	Bella
Michael Stephens	Magnum

Kevin Luthenauer Buster

JUNIOR STAKE (Judges Michael Evans/John Guinn

Dickie Jones	Teela
Maddie Dieterich	Carly
Michael Stephens	Magnum
Guy Greer	Chase
Sharon Greer	Memphis
Summer Knott	Bella
Roberta Williams	Grace

MASTER STAKE Judges Kelley Eller/Tom Beeckman

Kelley Eller	Shadow
Mark Gibson	Daizy
Kevin Luthenauer	Buster
Sheila Nelson	Trey
Roberta Williams	Gypsy
Kelley Eller	Jethro

JUNIOR PUPPY STAKE (Judges: Doug Nelson &

		<u>Kevin Luthenauer</u>
1st Place	Apache	John Guinn
2nd Place	Cy	Grant Rains
3rd Place	Drake	Colby Kizer

ETRC held the first Spring Club Trial on March 19 at the expansive Chota Bird Refuge in Vonore, TN courtesy of TWRA permission. A total of 45 retrievers were entered on a warm Spring day in Singles Classic, Master Hunter, Senior Hunter, Junior Hunter and Puppy Stakes. Dead ducks were thrown in all stakes except Puppy. The award ribbons earned at the Chota club trial will be available for pickup at the second club trial on April 30 at the Atchley Farm in Sevierville.

ENTRY EXPRESS MERGE (SALE??) and PRICE INCREASES

On April 11 a surprise announcement was made by Dennis Bath, President and Editor-in-Chief of Retriever News (formerly Retriever Field Trial News) that Retriever News and Retriever Entry had merged effective immediately with Entry Express and that Retriever News would retain all administrative powers. Effective immediately was price increases listed as “administrative costs” of \$4.50 per entry, catalogs each \$2.50, and yellow postcards to .85 cents. Previous charges were \$3.00, \$2.19, and .75 cents. The front page of Retriever News lists their owners as “The National Retriever Club and The National Amateur Retriever Club” who are AKC not-for-profit field trial retriever clubs that hold the National Open and the National Amateur each year. The two on-line entry services now merged have no competition and are essentially a monopoly who can raise the price at will. The AKC has reportedly declined to enter the discussion.

MASTER NATIONAL 2010 LOST \$40,000 IN REGION IV CALIFORNIA EVENT

An announcement from Region IV Vice President and Board of the Master National that 2010 Master National lost \$40,000 taken from the reserve account. No financial report will be given until Saturday before the start of the 2011 October Master National in Maryland. Entry fee raised from \$250 to \$325. Clubs annual membership fee raised from \$50.00 to \$100.00. A first-time three-way split was required due to record entries of over 350 dogs. Entry requires (6) Master completions.