



# Annual Awards and Banquet Semi-Annual Business Meeting

**AWARDS BANQUET:** Please remember to mark your calendars for the ETRC Awards Banquet and semi-annual business meeting to be held at 6:00 PM on Saturday, February 25, 2012, at Calhoun's on the Bearden Hill in Knoxville. As previously mentioned, rather than having a buffet with a fixed cost, each person will be able to order off the menu to keep costs within their budget. Drinks can be ordered from the servers and gratuities will be added to individual tabs. Orders will be taken as you arrive and meals delivered as they are ready. We will need a head count of attendees to let Calhoun's know how many servers will be needed and how to set up the room. Please RSVP to Michael Evans ([TnScorpion15@aol.com](mailto:TnScorpion15@aol.com)) NO LATER THAN February 11, 2012. Directions to Calhoun's on the Bearden Hill: 6515 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN (I-40 Exit Papermill Road). Phone:(865) 673-3377.

**AWARD SELECTIONS:** 2011 ETRC Member of the Year \_\_\_\_\_  
2011 AKC Sportsman of the Year \_\_\_\_\_

You have until January 15, 2012 to submit nominations for the ETRC Member of the Year and AKC Sportsman of the Year to Michael Evans at [TnScorpion15@aol.com](mailto:TnScorpion15@aol.com). Please include a brief justification along with your nomination.

**AKC TITLE AWARDS:** 2011 Master, Senior, and Junior Title awards should be sent to Roberta Williams, [sharphlw@usit.net](mailto:sharphlw@usit.net). Please include Owner's Name; AKC Full Name; Title Earned and Date of Title. Gold engraved plaques are awarded at the February banquet. PLEASE submit info by February 5.

**GUN DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD AND TROPHY:** The dog which accumulates the most points in the ETRC club trials and any AKC Licensed Retriever Hunting Test throughout the year will be the winner of the annual Holcomb Gun Dog award and trophy. The annual award will be presented at the February banquet. The recipient of the Holcomb Gun Dog of the Year award will keep the trophy for one year and is responsible for its care. An engraved personal plaque is awarded to the retriever and the owner. Gun Dog of the Years rules are published on the ETRC website [etrclub.org](http://etrclub.org). Please submit point totals to Roberta Williams [sharphlw@usit.net](mailto:sharphlw@usit.net) by February 5.

**PUPPY OF THE YEAR AWARD AND TROPHY:** The Puppy one year of age and under which accumulates the most points in the ETRC club trials or AKC Licensed Junior Hunter tests throughout the year will be the winner of the annual Austin-Williams Puppy of the Year award and trophy. Rules posted on website. Please submit point totals to Roberta Williams [sharphlw@usit.net](mailto:sharphlw@usit.net) by February 5.

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Calhoun's on the Bearden  
Hill-6 PM

## **ELECTION: Nominating Committee and Additional Member Nominations**

**Semi-Annual Business Meeting:** The semi-annual business meeting will commence at 7:30 PM. The agenda will include: Minutes of last meeting, Report of President, Report of Secretary, Report of Treasurer, Report of committees, Unfinished business, New business, Election of officers and board, Adjournment.

**Elections:** The Nominating Committee (Doug Nelson—Chairman, John Guinn, and Mark Gibson) presented the following slate of nominees for the 2012 Officers and Board of Directors:

### **Officers-(1-Year Term)**

(Vote for one (1))

President	Carol Stone
Vice President	Kelley Eller
Secretary	Karen Edwards
Treasurer	Chuck Atchley
Hunt Test Secretary	Roberta Williams

### **Directors—(3-Year Term)**

Vote for two (2)

Derek Dieterich  
David Knott

In addition, the following nominations were received  
From other members for the following positions:

### **Officers-(1 Year Term)**

President                      Brent McCoy

### **Directors-(3-Year Term)**

Patti Gibson  
Michael Evans  
Sheila Nelson

**Voting Procedures:** Per our bylaws, “each member in good standing whose dues are paid for the current year shall be entitled to one (1) vote per family.” You must be present at the semi-annual business meeting to vote in the elections. Upon arrival everyone will check in and be handed a ballot for voting. Chuck Atchley and Karen Edwards will be at the front table to verify membership status and Tom & Marianne Beeckman will hand out, collect, and count the ballots. “The nominated candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The nominated candidates for other positions on the board who receive the greatest number of votes for such positions shall be declared elected”. In the event of a tie, a re-vote for the contested position(s) will be taken by secret ballot until a tie is broken.

## **CALENDAR-ETRC UPCOMING EVENTS—SURROUNDING AKC HUNT TESTS**

February 25	ETRC Annual Awards and Banquet, Semi-Annual Member Business Meeting, 6:00 PM, Calhoun’s on the Bearden Hill, 6515 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN.
March 17	ETRC Spring Club Trial, Daryl Miller Farm, Exit 62, Sweetwater, TN, Master, Senior, Junior, Puppy, Singles Classic events. Birds will be thrown. \$10.00 per event entered.
May 26-27	AKC Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee Refuge, Birchwood, TN, Approval Received from AKC, Entry Express
Sept 29-30	AKC Fall Hunt Test, Hiwassee Refuge, Birchwood, TN. Pending TWRA and AKC Approval
Oct 19-28	AKC Master National Event, Alabama Cattle Ranch, Greensboro, AL

ETRC 2012 Annual dues are payable beginning January 1 in the amount of \$25.00 for a family membership. Please remember to send dues promptly to our Treasurer: Chuck Atchley, 1927 King Estates Rd. Sevierville, TN 37876. A reminder statement will be sent by the Secretary to all current members in January.

## **New AKC Hunt Test Rules and Regulations –Effective January 1, 2012**

In a AKC Board of Directors meeting (not a Delegate meeting) in August, 2011 a significant number of AKC Hunt Test Rules and Regulations were approved to take effect January 1, 2012. These new rules effect Junior Hunter setups, Master and Senior walkups, Prospective judges vetting of qualifications (by event giving club) is no longer AKC responsibility. The new rules are posted on ETRC website (etrclub.org) under F.Y.I. (For Your Information). One of the Master judges must have qualified a Master dog five times to be eligible to co-judge in a Master event. The new rules are being discussed on the Retriever Training.net website.