



Spring 2016 Upcoming Events

1. **Board of Directors Meeting**, Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 7 PM at the Pegasus Technologies conference room, 108 Pawkook Farm Road, Lenoir City, TN.
2. **ETRC Organized Training Session**, Saturday, March 12, 2016, (in the 300 acres behind the Pegasus Technologies building) at 108 Pawkook Farm Road, Lenoir City, TN. This will be the last training session for the spring. We will cancel if the high is not expected to reach the 40s or if it is raining (or snowing). Karen Edwards, Secretary, will notify everyone who RSVP'd the night before the training, or no later than 8 AM the next morning, if we are going to cancel so then no one will have to make an unnecessary trip. Bring your retriever, a chair, water, and training equipment. Karen's e-mail: edwardskc@gmail.com. DIRECTIONS: See ETRC website under Training sites.
3. **ETRC Spring Club Trial #1**, Saturday, 9 AM, April 9, at Daryl and Sharon Miller Farm, 5249 Holt Road, Sweetwater, TN, Exit 62, I-75 South. DIRECTIONS: See Page 4 Newsletter
4. **ETRC Spring Club Trial #2**, Saturday, 9 AM, May 14, at Chuck Atchley's Revilo Farm, Hwy 338, Exit 407, Hwy 338, Sevierville, TN. DIRECTIONS: See Page 4 Newsletter
5. **ETRC AKC Hunt Test: Hiwassee Refuge, Birchwood, TN, May 28-29, 2016, 8 AM each day.** PENDING AKC approval -awaiting one judge's panel certification.

President's Message

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you to a New Year with a new ETRC President, new Board Members, several new club members, and lots of new opportunities to be involved in your club! I'd also like to say a special thanks to the nominating committee, Michael Evans and Karen Edwards for their kind words and confidence in me as I contemplated accepting the nomination. I hope to continue the excellent trajectory on which Michael has set us!

Be sure to check out the new Young Handlers Program we are introducing this year. Named in honor of my beloved husband, Kevin, we hope to encourage the youngest members of ETRC families, and any other young person interested in our sport, to participate at the highest levels. And did we mention there will be an annual award!

Speaking of young handlers, the most amateur of all amateurs ... have you heard that there is a new Master National Invitational for Amateur Handlers only? To be held in the spring of each year beginning in 2017, qualifying started March 1st and runs through February 28, 2017. Check out the website at <http://www.masteramateur.com>.

Finally, let me ask that you become involved in your club, as more than just a participant in the training and hunts tests. There are lots of jobs that need to be done, lasting friendships to be made, and the satisfaction knowing that you, too, have a big part to play in making ETRC a successful organization.

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New ETRC Small Trailer



Banquet, Awards, Business Meeting

The ETRC semi-annual business meeting was held at Calhoun's Bearden Hill Restaurant, Knoxville, TN on February 20, 2016. Retiring president Michael Evans presided over the group of 20 ETRC families. Michael enumerated the 2015 ETRC events: a spring club trial, an AKC spring hunt test, summer picnic and training seminar conducted by professional Jody Ware; a large fall club trial at Hiwassee, plus a number of organized training days; culminated by the annual awards banquet. ETRC did have to cancel one of the spring club trials because of torrential rains, and also was unable to put on a fall hunt test last year because of conflicts with the nearby Master National in Cheraw, SC, and the resulting inability to find enough judges.

The club had an active year on the club equipment front. During the year, the club purchased five more Thunder Simulators to replace old shotguns, bringing our total to 11 and also bought four new lightweight Zinger Wingers to replace some of the heavy older wingers. We also acquired a 5'x8'equipment trailer that can be pulled by a car, or use at training sessions and Club Trials.

We are sad to report the death of one of our long-time members, past president, and great friend Kevin Luthenauer. Kevin was a joy to be around and a hard worker, and he will be deeply missed by the club as well as personally by his many friends. Our condolences go out to his wife Lois, another club stalwart. In addition, board member and 2015 Chief Marshall David Knott accepted a promotion within his company and moved to New Jersey. We are sad to see him go and will miss his hard work and easy-going personality, but happy for him and his family. We wish them all the best.

SECRETARY's Report: Karen reported that minutes were approved through November 22, 2015 and posted on the club website. (www.etrclub.org, press Members and log in).

TREASURER's Report: The current bank balance is \$16,142.94,: however, there are several outstanding bills for insurance, to repay Michael for the trailer, and some supplies. After paying these, we still have a healthy balance of around \$13,500.00. Karen passed out two reports, one for Calendar year 2015 and the second for 2016 calendar year to date.

ELECTION of NEW MEMBERS:

Seven new members were given final approval by unanimous vote of the membership. .

- ◆ Ben and Rhonda Rogers of Chattanooga, TN.
- ◆ Rhey and Jennifer Houston of Ooltewah, TN
- ◆ Jordin Luthenauer and Brice Franke, who live out state currently
- ◆ Waylon and Vanessa Oran of Kingston, TN
- ◆ Brad and Shonda Anderson of Knoxville, TN
- ◆ Geoff Card is a student who lives in Oak Ridge, TN
- ◆ Seth and Amanda Wagner of Chattanooga, TN

AKC REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Diane Fyfe reported the formation of the new National Amateur club.

WEBSITE CHANGES: The classified ad section on our website is only visible to members with a password. It was proposed to move this into the public area so that non-members could also access the information. Agreement was reached to allow both members and non-members to post ads for dog-related items and services. Ads must be submitted to ETRC Secretary or Hunt Test Secretary for suitability before acceptance: edwardskc@gmail.com or sharphlw@usit.net .

Banquet, Awards, Business Meeting, Cont.

2015 Master National Qualifiers

- ◆ Razor Sharp's Lucky Charm MH MNH
Owner: Leigh Ware. Handler: Jody Ware
- ◆ Luther's High Grade Coal MH
Owner: David Knott. Handler: Brian Caldwell

Others Qualified to Attend 2015 Master National

- ◆ HRCH Gives YA All's She Got! (Camo)
Owner: Terri & Lane Arthur. Handler: Mike Pierce

- ◆ Luthenauer's Coon Creek Susie (Susie) MH
Owner: Lois Luthenauer. Handler: Jody Ware
- ◆ Razor Sharp's Riptide MH (Rip)
Owner: Leigh Ware. Handler: Jody Ware
- ◆ Fern Hill SuperCalifragilistic MH WCX CD OF
NA OAF (Callie) Owner: Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce. Handler: Jody Ware

ETRC 2015 Awards & Titles

JUNIOR HUNTER

- ◆ McCoy's Golden Nugget JH. Owner: Taylor McCoy
- ◆ McCoy's Echo Calling Your Name JH, Owner: Luke McCoy

SENIOR HUNTER

- ◆ Dave's Rapid Remington Reload Remy SH. Owner: David Christopher
- ◆ Crosspoint's Steady Teddy Noah Lott SH. Owners: Rhey, Jennifer & Noah Houston

MASTER HUNTER

- ◆ Luther's High Grade Black Coal MH. Owner: David Knott

Austin-Williams Puppy of the Year: McCoy's Golden Nugget JH. Owner: Taylor McCoy

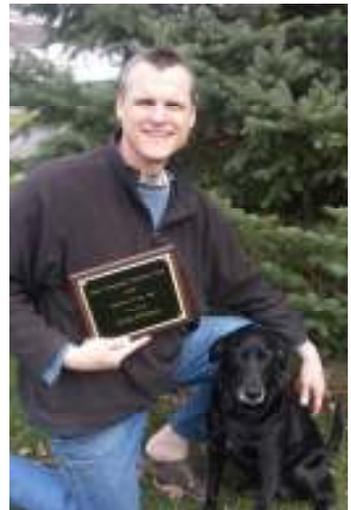
Holcomb Award Gun Dog of the Year: Grady's Tennessee Moonshine SH. Owner: Alan Bruhin

ETRC Member of the Year: Derek Dieterich

AKC Outstanding Sportsman for 2015: J. Michael Evans



Michael Evans, AKC Sportsman 2015



Derek Dieterich, Member of the Year



Puppy of the Year



Gun Dog of the Year

Banquet, Awards, Business Meeting, Cont.

Election of Officers and Board

2016

Effective March 1, 2016

The slate of nominees was presented for a vote to the membership. The new slate was installed by acclamation. The new president, Lois Luthenauer, assumed the podium from past president Michael Evans:

1. President: Lois Luthenauer
2. Vice President: Michele Fletcher
3. Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Edwards
4. Ron Burger (2016-2017)
5. Board Member (2016-2019) Alan Bruhin
6. Board Member (2016-2019) Donna Smith
7. Hunt Test Secretary: Roberta Williams
8. AKC Representative: Diane Fyfe
9. Past President: Michael Evans (non-elective)
10. Chief Marshal for 2016 tests: Jim Pearce (non-elective)



Remaining on the board: Patti Gibson until 2/17, Diane Fyfe and Tom Gibson 2/18.

Going off the board: David Knott (moved to New Jersey), Derek Dieterich and Lois Luthenauer (terms expired).

The in-coming president Lois Luthenauer presented an ETRC Special Endurance award from the Board to Michael Evans, for guiding us through the past three years as president. He received a plaque with ETRC logo, a \$150 Honorarium, and a standing ovation from the members attending.

(The full minutes of the banquet and Board meeting are posted on the club website — www.etrclub.org, click on "ETRC Members" and log in. If you have misplaced your password contact Karen Edwards, Secretary at edwardskc@gmail.com)

In Memoriam

This year, in recognition that our dogs are the main reason why we are in ETRC in the first place, and that they are in a sense members of the club as well, we decided to honor those member dogs who have passed away during the club year. Listed below in order of the date of death:

- ◆ HRCH Brandy's Queen Anne of Knox MH.(Annie) Owned by J. Michael Evans. April 22, 2008—July 17, 2015
- ◆ Frontier's Apache Spirit (Spirit) Owned by Roberta Williams. March 10, 2001—September 14, 2015
- ◆ PACH Sundance Indigo Swing CD MX MXJ MXP5 MJP7 MJPG PAX2 ThD CGC (Apache) Owned by Carol and Kevin Stone. April 17, 2002—September 26, 2015
- ◆ Double G First Class Annie (Annie) Owned by Roberta Williams & Chuck Atchley (a short time). February 17, 2006—October 16, 2015
- ◆ Adirondac Hilfy of Fern Hill CDX TDI OD CCA (Hilfy) Owned by Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce. May 6, 2002—January 4, 2016

For pictures and full statements provided by their owners, see the website under the Memoriam tab.

DIRECTIONS: DARYL AND SHARON MILLER FARM, Exit 62, SWEETWATER, TN

The Daryl and Sharon Miller Farm is located next to the Holt Farm, 5249 Holt Road, Sweetwater, TN. The Millers have a right-of-way across the Holt Farm to access their farm. Please do not stop on the Holt Farm but continue through to the back ponds and the barn.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Take I-75 South to Sweetwater Exit 62, then a right onto Hwy 322. Go west 1.7 miles to County Road 200 and turn right. Go 1/2 mile past Holt Tractor Sales building to 5249 Holt Road. Turn right and go 3/4 mile to barn headquarters. **SITE For CLUB TRIAL 4/9/16.**

DIRECTIONS: CHUCK ATCHLEY FARM, Hwy 338, SEVIERVILLE, TN

Take I-40 to Exit 407, Sevierville, TN. Go South on Hwy 66 toward Sevierville. Go approximately three miles across French Broad River bridge to Hwy 338 (Boys Creek Hwy). Turn right and stay on Boys Creek for 2.5 miles to Revilo Farm on the right. Turn right at large Revilo Farm sign. Headquarters at picnic area. **SITE for CLUB TRIAL, 5/14/16.**



Pictures from the Banquet at Calhoun's 2/20/16

Announcing the 2016 ETRC's Luthenauer Young Handler's Program

ETRC is proud to announce a new program designed to benefit young ETRC members. Named in honor of long-time club member, past president, and enthusiastic sportsman Kevin Luthenauer, and funded largely via donations from his family and friends, this program will support kids up to college graduation who want to participate in retriever sports. Key points include:

1. Free admission to all ETRC events including club trials, ETRC-sponsored seminars, etc.
2. Refunded entry fees for up to six AKC Hunt tests during the club year (March 1-Feb 28).
3. Invitation to a club-sponsored Junior Handlers Seminar, presented by one of ETRC's pros or a senior handler.
4. Carpooling assistance as needed to get to club events.
5. Volunteer assistance at various events is required, a minimum of 8 hours a year.
6. An end-of-the-year ETRC Young Handler of the Year Award. Points may be gained from participation in ETRC events including training sessions, AKC Hunt Tests, and volunteer activities.

IF YOU ARE A FULL TIME STUDENT in an elementary, middle, high school or 2-or-4 year college program and are under 23 years of age, **AND** if you are either an individual member of ETRC or part of an ETRC Family membership, you are eligible to apply for this program! To apply: **BEFORE MARCH 31**, submit an essay of at least one page in length, describing why you are interested in pursuing retriever sports and how the retriever sports impacts your everyday life. This essay may be submitted via email or snail mail to Lois Luthenauer, the 2016 Youth Program Coordinator, for consideration by the ETRC Board of Directors. Lois's email is mountainLo717@gmail.com and her mailing address is 104 Zac Road, Sunbright, TN, 37872.

For full details on the program and the point system for determining the Young Handler of the Year award that have been established for 2016, please go to the ETRC Website and look under the "Youth Program" tab.



Seth Knott
with his
Dad's Master
National
Completion
award



David
Christopher
receives his
SH Title
award



Luke McCoy
receives his
JH Title
award