

ETRC Upcoming Events

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. March 14-15, 2023: Tuesday / Wednesday. Midweek Master only, Brian Caldwell's.
2. April 1-2, 2023, Saturday & Sunday: Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee WMA. NEW DATES!
3. May 16-17, 2023: Midweek Master Only, Brian Caldwell's
4. June 6-7, 2023: Midweek Master Only, Brian Caldwell's
5. October 21-22, 2023: Fall Hunt Test, location to be determined
6. November 14-15, 2023: Midweek Master Only, Brian Caldwell's

Photo of the Month



New member Matthew Tipton's chocolate lab, Chandler's Lucy Lou JH,
enjoys a day out hunting this winter

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SOON!

ETRC Mid-Week Master Only AKC Hunt Test **March 14-15, 2023, Brian Caldwell's Farm**

Our first AKC hunt test of the season is coming up in two weeks. It is still open until March 6, but all 66 entries are filled and there is currently an 8-dog waiting list. This is a Master Only test which will be held at Brian Caldwell's place on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 14 and 15. Start time will be 8:00 a.m. Eastern time each morning. Judges are Larry Byron Noland and Scott Chaney.

Check Entry Express for the premium list, further details, or to get onto the waiting list, which will close Monday, March 6, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. CT.

We will have professional bird technicians and a bagged lunch will be provided to all workers at the test. Completion ribbons and title ribbons will be awarded, along with duck bands. There will be no live flyers, as this property is a 'no live ammunition' site as approved by AKC.

ADDRESS: 1810 State Hwy 58 South, Georgetown, TN 37336. This is at Exit 49 on I75 (Athens Exit), take TN30 W to Decatur (9.3 miles), then take Hwy 58 S and go 15.1 miles to the farm, which will be on the left. ETRC Signs will be placed at the entrance.

New members, or people looking to get into the hunt test game, are encouraged to come and spectate. This is an easy test to watch, since there is only one set up at a time and plenty of room to set up a chair and watch — also plenty of people to ask questions and find out what is going on.

SOON!

ETRC Quadruple JH /SH AKC Hunt Test **April 1-2, 2023, Hiwassee Reserve**

Our first AKC hunt test of the season will be at the Hiwassee Reserve in Beechwood, TN on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2. This will be a quadruple JH / SH test: there will be two JH stakes each day, and two SH stakes each day, so we will have four active sites running at once. You may enter 1, 2, 3, or all 4 of the stakes at the level at which you are testing. This is an opportunity to earn four passes and a title in one weekend.

Start time will be 8:00 a.m. Eastern time each morning. Judges are as follows: Senior judges on Saturday are James Cuddihy / Lisa Styles and Kenny West/ Robert Shell. These two pairs will judge Junior stakes on Sunday. Senior Judges on Sunday are Clint Catledge / J. Michael Evans, and Lisa Vencille / Bonnie Cuddihy. These pairs will be judging Junior stakes on Saturday.

Check Entry Express for the premium list, further details, and to enter the test. Entries are open now, and will close Monday, March 20, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. CT. Completion ribbons and title ribbons will be awarded, along with duck bands.

We are looking for volunteers to help us put on this test — we need a few people to serve in bird stations, some to help set up and tear down tests, run errands on this large site, clean up the site afterwards, and more. A bagged lunch and the club's undying gratitude will be provided to all workers at the test.

ADDRESS: Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge / Blythe's Ferry WMA, 545 Priddy Road, Birchwood, TN 37308. EVERYONE should check in at Headquarters to get directions to each stake.

Awards Banquet: A Ton of Fun!

On February 25, 2023, Saturday evening, ETRC held its annual Awards Banquet, General Meeting, & Elections at the Bearden Banquet Hall in Knoxville. The event started at 6:00 p.m for socializing and before-dinner drinks, and the dinner buffet started at 6:30 p.m. Free to all members and their families and guests, the menu included a buffet of green salad with tomatoes, cheese and crumbled bacon; sesame yeast dinner rolls, Honey Pecan Chicken, Beef Tenderloin, New Potatoes, Green Beans, and a truly delicious Triple Layer Chocolate Cake.

Look over the articles on the next several pages for pictures and information on awards, elections, a recap of our events over the past year and a look ahead to plans for 2023. For those of you who came, it was great to see and visit with you in an informal setting; for those of you who were unable to come, you missed a fun evening and we hope you can join us next year!



Above: Bearden Banquet Hall
Above right: Inside scene at the Banquet Hall
Below left: Alan Bruhin getting an award



Junior Hunter Award for Razor's Coal Cotton JH "Cotton", owner / Handler: Mike Smith, with J. Michael Evans

End of the Year Awards 2022

Each year, ETRC recognizes a number of members and their dogs for a variety of achievements during the previous year. Awards include engraved brass plaques or picture plaques, and a few awards also have a perpetual trophy that the winner gets to keep for a year. The following End-of-the-Year Awards were passed out at the Awards Banquet on February 25. Congratulations everyone!

Junior Hunter: One dog earned his Junior Hunter title this year. Congratulations and a title plaque were presented to: Razor's Coal Cotton JH "Cotton", owner /Handler: Mike Smith

Senior Hunter: One dog earned her Senior Hunter title this year. Congratulations and a title plaque were presented to: Fern Hill Kepes Arany Sugar SH "Kaypesh", Owner / Handler: Peter Torok

Master Hunter: Two dogs earned their Master Hunter titles this year. Congratulations and a title plaque were presented to:

- ♦ Rader's Charley Belle MH "Charley" and owner/ handler Jeff Rader
- ♦ Bear Country's Love on the Rox MH "Roxie", owner / handler: Lois Luthenauer

Qualifying at the Master Amateur: Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH "Cin", owner / handler / breeder Alan Bruhin

Austin-Williams Puppy of the Year, 2022: Tennessee Gentleman Jack "Jack", owner / breeder / handler Alan Bruhin. 4 points.

Holcomb Award for Gun Dog of year, 2022: Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH "Cin", owner / breeder / handler Alan Bruhin, 28 points



Alan Bruhin with Cin and Jack

AKC Outstanding Sportsman for 2022: This year the award went to Cory Smith.

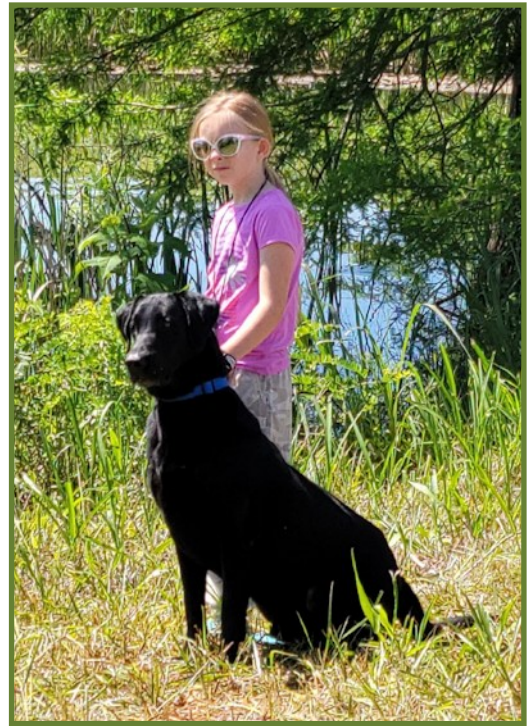
ETRC Member of the Year, 2022: for her unflagging work, cheerful demeanor, and willingness to do any task asked of her, the Member of the Year is our Hunt Test Secretary and AKC Representative, Michele Fletcher.

Special Award: A special plaque was presented to J. Michael Evans for his and Miss Ivy's success in the HRC Grand National in spring 2023.



Year-End Awards, Continued

Youth Award: Lois Luthenauer gave a brief overview of the club's youth program, which is in honor of her deceased husband Kevin Luthenauer, and was initially funded by donations from family and friends shortly after his death. Since then, major donations have been made by Ken Campbell, who has re-donated the fees for use of his grounds several times back into the treasury, earmarked for the Youth Fund. In order to qualify for this program, youths must write a brief one page essay each year they want to participate, about why they want to join the program and what working with dogs means to them. The fund refunds the entry fees for participation in any AKC hunt test after entry into the program, and also pays for any costs for club-sponsored events such as club trials. This year the trophy and plaque go to Bella Martin, who put a Junior Hunter title on her Labrador at our spring hunt test. Bella was unable to attend this evening, as she is a multi-talented young lady currently participating in a dance competition in Chattanooga this weekend. Congratulations, Bella!



Title awards!

Near right — Peter Torok with Fern Hill Kepes Arany Sugar SH ("Kaypesh").

Far right: Lois Luthenauer's Bear Country's Love on the Rox MH "Roxi"

Below: Jeff Rader's title plaque for Rader's Charley Belle MH ("Charley").



Year-End Awards, Continued

AKC Sportsman Of The Year Cory Smith with his dog Maggie



Above: Lois Luthenauer with Mike Evans and Mike Smith, Master title award for Bear Country Love On the Rox MH ("Roxy").

Below: Michele Fletcher with her Member of the Year award.



ETRC Member of the Year for 2022: Michele Fletcher



Minutes for Banquet and Meeting, Saturday, February 25, 2023 Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville, TN

Editor's Note: These minutes are not complete. The section on awards has been moved to a feature article on pages 4-6. A complete set of the minutes is online at http://www.etrclub.org/fyi.htm#ETRC_NEWSLETTERS_.

Present from the Board: : Mike Smith, J. Michael Evans, Alan Bruhin, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Luke McCoy, Denise Chambers, Jim Pearce, Peter Torok, Lois Luthenauer

Absent, excused, Cory Smith

Other Members present: Cynthia Bruhin; Tony & Ivan Chambers; Ricky Fletcher, Gale Frana; Kile & Tracey Griffin; Bob Houston; Jeff & Nancy Rader; Gavin Sigmund; Donna Smith; Ryan Smith; NEW MEMBERS Matthew, Kristi, & Chandler Tipton; Mara Torok.

A quorum is 20% of the voting membership. 15 memberships were represented, and the current membership stands at 58 (20% would be 12). Therefore, a quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. following dinner.

Officer's Reports

Greetings, Introduction of Guests, and President's Report on last year's activities:

Mike Smith gave a brief wrap-up of events during the past fiscal year –

- Seminar at Brady Collins place on February 26, going over the difference between hunt tests and Field Trials, and letting participants try their dogs on some field trial marks. Thanks, Brady and John Broucek for doing this for us!
- Training day and Mini-Seminar put on by Club Members and Master-Level AKC judges, Alan Bruhin and J. Michael Evans. This mini-seminar focused on transition drills and pattern blinds – how to move your dogs from Junior to Senior to Master levels, with an opportunity for attendees to try each.
- A spring Club Trial April 2, with Singles Classic, Junior, Senior, Master, and Puppy stakes. This gave members an opportunity to test their readiness for the hunt test season.
- Our first AKC Hunt Test on April 19-20 at Brian Caldwell's place. This was a double Junior / Double Senior stake.
- May 28-29, our second AKC Hunt test. We had double Junior, double Senior, and two flights of Master. This test was held at Hiwassee Reserve with one Master at Brian Caldwell's.
- An Advanced AKC Hunt Test Judges Seminar on June 25-26, put on by AKC and free for ETRC members. This included one day of classroom training, and one day out in the field learning to set up and judge tests, with critiques by AKC presenters. Great not only for those of us who are judges (and the people who came from outside), but wonderful info for handlers to learn how judges are judging us!
- Two additional Master-only AKC hunt tests in September and November at Brian Caldwell's.
- Our fall hunt test at Lucky 7 Ranch the end of October, with a single Master stake and double Junior / Senior.
- Thanks to
 - Brian Caldwell, who let us use his farm repeatedly this year for mid-week hunt tests and for a second flight of Master during our spring test.
 - Cory and Elena Smith, for generously sharing their farm and huge barn for events during the year, for storing our club trailers, and for taking care of leftover ducks in the ETRC duck pen that they have allowed us to build on their property.
 - Everybody who worked, helped and participated in any of our events during the year

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- **New equipment:** After buying much of the field trial club's equipment last fall, we didn't need much for this year. Some new darker colored 5-gallon buckets for hunt tests, some decals to identify our trailers, and general supplies including winger repair parts and new rubber were about it.
- **Possible new grounds:** Mike has been working with Mike Evans and Alan Bruhin to explore possibilities for using the Davy Crockett Boy Scout camp near Rogersville, in the future as a possible hunt test site. The property owners are interested, and have gotten a grant for the Corps of Engineers to dig a technical pond. This pond is due to be dug this next week, weather permitting.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. The last meeting was on January 18, 2023. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since January 23. Alan moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. The motion was seconded by Lois and passed unanimously.

- **Correspondence:** AKC report due following conclusion of this meeting, identifying our new officers and board members.
- **Membership:** Our current membership is 58 people. Reminder that membership ends at the end of the banquet, and new memberships for 2023 are now due. Several people renewed during the course of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards: Balance in the treasury as of 2/23/23 was \$37,027.95, which is \$1,155.27 less than we had at the same time last year. Karen handed out a single copy of the full Treasurer's report for the past year; from the date of the banquet (2/18/22) to yesterday. \$4,533.57 of this amount is earmarked for the youth fund.

Upcoming expenses are for the banquet (which will be around \$2,500 including awards and food), \$1,276.55 for ribbons on order, and \$100 for an ad in the MARC training guide. This will leave us with around \$33,000 to go into the spring season. We are financially in excellent shape.

AKC Delegate's Report: our AKC rep Michele Fletcher reported there were no significant changes during the year.

Old Business

- **Election of New members:** Mike Smith. We have 10 new provisional members who are coming before the membership tonight for final approval. All sponsors recommended approval.
 - Walter & Maleah Van Skiver, Friendsville, TN. They have a black lab and joined in April. Sponsors Mike Smith and Jeff McNutt.
 - Ryan Smith (PRESENT), a realtor in Maryville, owns a young Lab, joined in March. Sponsors are parents Mike and Donna Smith.
 - Bella Martin, youth member, and her mother Lisa Martin. The Martins live in Lynnville, TN, and Bella is running a Black Lab, earned a Junior Hunter title this year at our May test when they joined our club. Sponsors are Lois Luthenauer and Jeff McNutt.
 - Janet and Bruce Summers, She's a doctor in Soddy Davis who joined May 29 who runs a yellow lab. Sponsors are Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce.

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- Thomas & Madeiline Gavin, a retired couple from Signal Mountain who have a young black lab. They joined May 27, and sponsors are Mike Smith and J. Michael Evans.
- Jordan and Leah Adcox, who joined 8/22/22 and have a Labrador. Sponsors are Mike Smith and J. Michael Evans.
- Kevin and Tami Anderson, a retired CRNA who lives in Knoxville, TN. They joined September 2, 2022, have a standard apricot poodle, and sponsors are Lois Luthenauer and J. Michael Evans.
- Matthew & Joy Eden, a chaplain in Johnson City, TN who have a young black lab and joined November 1, 2022. Sponsors are Mike Smith and Denise Chambers.
- Matthew, Kristi, and Chandler Tipton. He's an electrician, they live in Maryville and joined 11/15/22. They have a young chocolate Lab, and sponsors are Mike Evans and Mike Smith.
- Donna and Richard Post, of Ooltewah, TN. They joined 11/12/22, and have a young Flatcoat Retriever. Michele Fletcher and Mike Smith are sponsors.

Jim moved that we accept all these people into full membership in ETRC. Peter seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events Updates: We have a full line-up of events for this coming year, and planning is already well underway for the following events:

- **March Midweek Master Hunt test:** Tuesday and Wednesday, 1 flight, March 14-15, Brian Caldwell's farm. This test is already full (66 dogs) with an 8 dog waiting list.
- **Spring quadruple JH / SH Hunt Test:** April 1-2, Saturday and Sunday, Hiwassee WMA. Unlimited entries, open now.
- **May Midweek Master Hunt Test:** 1 flight, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 16-17, Brian Caldwell's farm.
- **June Midweek Master Hunt Test,** 1 flight, June 6-7 (Tuesday – Wednesday), Brian Caldwell's farm.
- **Fall Hunt Test:** October 21-22, Location to be determined. We are hoping this will be a full test with double JH, double SH, and double MH but it is conflicting to some extent with the Master National so it may be canceled altogether if we don't get enough entries by the closing date.
- **Midweek Master Hunt Test,** 1 flight, November 14-15 (Tuesday – Wednesday), Brian Caldwell's farm. We can't have this test if we are unable to have the Fall test (AKC rules about having certain numbers of lower-level tests before you can have Master tests).
- **Other Activities:** We are looking at adding some other activities such as a summer seminar with a pro trainer that would be free or reduced cost for members; a summer picnic and general business meeting, big and small group training sessions, more club trials, and more. We need your feedback on what you would like your club to offer – more later under another topic.
- **Member Incentives:** We have been discussing a variety of member incentives to make participation in club activities more rewarding. One area we have decided to do, is for members who have been members for at least a year, and who are running bitches - we will refund your entry

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fees for any test of ours that you enter, and your bitch goes into season and can't compete, without a vet certificate. Other items under consideration are refunding one entry fee for people who volunteer at some tests, and we will get back with you once we have figured out details about how this would work.

New Business:

Survey Results: Lois Luthenauer. Lois presented the results of our recent survey on what people would like to see the club offer. Most interest was around Club Trials, methods to see whether people were test-ready; club-wide training sessions, and localized training groups. There was also a fair amount of interest expressed in attending free seminars/training sessions put on by some of our more experienced club members who are AKC judges and also Master National competitors. Over half the respondents also indicated strong interest in a seminar put on by one of the pro field seminar specialists, if money were no object. Most of these pros are booked a year in advance, so we may not be able to get this done in a hurry, but we will look into this with the possibility that the club may be able to cover some or all of the attendance fees for club members.

Awards Presentations. *[Editor's notes: See information and pictures on awards presented in the article about the banquet on pages 3-6.]*

Election of Officers/Board: The slate of officers was picked by the nominating committee and advertised in the December, January, and February newsletters. No nominations from the floor were received, so the slate is as presented:

President: Mike Smith

Vice President: J. Michael Evans

Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Edwards

Board Member Feb 2023- Feb 2026: Jim Pearce

Board Member Feb 2023- Feb 2026: Jeff Rader

Hunt Test Secretary: Michele Fletcher

AKC Representative: Michele Fletcher

Past President: Alan Bruhin (non-elective)

Chief Marshall for 2023 tests: Donna Smith (non-elective)

Remaining on the board: Cory Smith and Denise Chambers (Through Feb 24); Luke McCoy & Lois Luthenauer (filling Jeff McNutt's unexpired term) (through Feb 2025).

Thanks so much to Jeff McNutt and Peter Torok, who are going off the board, for your service these past years.

Mike Smith called for a motion to approve by voice vote rather than secret ballot. This motion, along with an addition to approve the slate of candidates as presented, was made by Lois Luthenauer, seconded by Jim, and passed unanimously.

Statement by New President: Mike Smith: Mike encouraged everyone to become more active in the club and encourage like-minded friends to join as well. He thanked everyone for coming and expressed enthusiasm for the activities on line for 2023.

Door Prizes: Mike Smith indicated the table by the door which were full of various door prizes – 2 free entries to one of our hunt test, a number of hats, visors, tee shirts and sweatshirts; a camp cooler, a chair, a Labrador candle lantern; an ETRC hand carved clock, a gift certificate for \$60 of Pro Plan dog food, a knife, and more. Winners were:

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Winner	Winner
Karen Edwards: free entry to hunt test	Michele Fletcher: sweatshirt
Cindy Bruhin: dog food coupon	Alan Bruhin: Tee shirt
Bob Houston: free entry to hunt test	Mara Torok: Tee shirt
Gale Frana: Lantern	Mike Evans: knife
Kyle Griffin: camo back pack	Peter Torok: hat
Jim Pearce: camo performance tee	Chandler Tipton: hat
Tracy Griffin: camo hat	Rick Fletcher: Blue tee shirt
Lois Luthenauer: ETRC Clock	Donna Smith: Tee shirt
Nancy Rader: Cooler	Mike Smith: Hat
Luke McCoy: visor	Denise Chambers: Tee shirt
Gavin Sigmund: tee shirt	Tony Chambers: hat
Matt Tipton: folding chair	

Any other new business? None

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Karen moved that we adjourn. The motion was seconded by Lois, the vote passed, and the meeting was officially adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes for After-Banquet Board Meeting Saturday, February 25, 2023 Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville, TN

Present from the Board: Mike Smith, J. Michael Evans, Alan Bruhin, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Lois Luthenauer, Denise Chambers, Luke McCoy, Lois Luthenauer, Jeff Rader, Jim Pearce

Absent: Cory Smith, ,.

Mike Smith called for a quick meeting after the banquet, which was called to order at 8:37 p.m. The first order of business was a chastisement (well deserved) from J. Michael Evans, who was distressed that he only received four nominations from the Board for Member of the Year and AKC Sportsman of the Year. He urged us to please take these awards more seriously in the future and provide him with our nominations.

Second order of business was the duck situation for our upcoming tests. Because of the cycle of raising ducklings in Iowa, where we get our ducks from Buettner Farms, they will be small and ratty for our first test in March. They will also be costly, as Kiley B doesn't have any other duck deliveries in the area for either this test or the April test. There may be a few people who want ducks and that may make it a little cheaper, but basically we should expect duck prices to be higher than normal.

J. Michael's question was, should he order enough ducks for both the March and April tests to arrive at the same time, and keep the ones for the April test at Cory's place? One problem with this is that our

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April test won't close until after our March test has ended, which means we don't have a good idea how many ducks we will actually need. After some discussion about the high price of duck feed, and Cory trying to deal with so many juvenile ducks who still need special handling, we decided that it makes more sense to just pay the extra in freight once we know how many we will actually need. The ducks will be larger and more mature in April if they stay at the Buettner farm, and the possible death rate plus feed costs for several weeks at Cory's will probably offset the higher cost for transport.

Alan Bruhin mentioned his desire to have an ETRC Facebook page, and mentioned that the other clubs in middle Tennessee and upper Georgia have such pages. Karen remarked that we used to have a page, and that Patti Gibson managed it. Lois said she had looked at it and had made a few changes in early days but is no longer able to find it and assumes that Patti shut the page down when she left the club. Lois suggested we ask Kyle and Tracey Griffins, who had come to the banquet, if they would be willing to set up such a page and manage it. The Griffins agreed that they will set one up and manage it for a while until we can find someone else to take it over. Karen will send them the ETRC Logo, pictures, and copies of the agenda so they can pull info from there to post. Thanks so much, Kyle and Tracey!

Karen mentioned that our long-time webmaster, Mary Hext, had just sent an email announcing that she was retiring as of July 1, and that we needed to find a new webmaster. Karen has asked Mary to send the log-in info, and she will take a look at the code. If it's primarily an HTML page, Karen can take it on but if it has Java, Flash and some of the more advanced web tools, that is beyond her capability. Karen will also try to talk with the Oak Ridge Kennel Club to see if it is a professional service that manages their web page, and if so how much they cost. More info on this later.

Questions were raised about whether we had bird techs line up for our March test at Brian Caldwell's. Mike reported that Brian was working on it, and had one so far (Bob Smith). Alan reported that the Wildlife Club, who has provided techs for our weekend tests for the last several years, only had 10 people lined up so far each day. This will be a Quad JH / SH so we will need a bare minimum of 12 and 16 would be much better. Alan will keep in touch with the Wildlife Club, and Lois volunteered her partner Bob and nephew Gavin to serve as bird techs.

At this point, Jim moved we adjourn, Lois seconded, and we all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m..



Youth Program



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).