



ETRC Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. September 15, Sunday: club trial, picnic, summer business meeting, Lucky 7 Ranch
2. October 19-20, Saturday—Sunday: Fall Test, Lucky 7 Ranch, 2 JH, 2 SH, Master
3. November 12-13, Tuesday—Wednesday: Midweek Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's
4. February 22, 2025 — Saturday: Annual Awards Banquet & Business Meeting / elections, Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville, Tn

Photo of the Month



Cadron Ridge's Hunting Birds In the Snow and Rayne, owned and handled by Janet Summers in Senior at the June 1-2 JH/SH Quad Hunt Test

Photo courtesy of Donna Smith

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President's Message

J. Michael Evans, ETRC President

A long and tiring Spring Hunt Test season has come and gone for the ETRC and I, for one, am grateful for the break. Congratulations to all of our members that competed, there were some tough test set-ups out there and whether you passed a particular test or not, be proud of the work you and your dog did. Running tests can be a fantastic way to see where some of the holes in your training are and what you need to work on during your training sessions leading up to the next one. Best of luck working through those in the coming months.

I want to take a moment to first thank all of the members that came out and helped. Some came for a few hours and some came for the entirety. Regardless of how much time you were able to donate, THANK YOU!!

I'd also like to recognize a few of our newer members that stepped up in a big way during our Junior/Senior quad weekend. For those that weren't there, it was a resounding success and a lot of fun. As most of you know, we have been without a huge piece of our Hunt Test puzzle the last few weeks, Mike Smith. He is recovering well and should be back with us in the Fall, and we can't wait to have him back! But, during the time Mike has been out we've had three club members in particular step up and do yeoman's work and we were so thankful to have them — Brent Naveiro, Matt Eden and Nate Lamping. There were many others who assisted but these three were workhorses the entire weekend! Not only did they come early, stay late and work the whole time, they also ran their dogs in the tests! THANK YOU for all of your hard work, we could not have pulled it off without you guys!

2 judges, working dog, honoring dog, next dog, marshal, bird hanger.



The ETRC board will be having a meeting on July 2nd to discuss upcoming events including our Fall Club Trial, our Club Picnic and our remaining 2024 AKC Hunt Tests. If you have anything you'd like to have added onto the agenda please reach out to myself or the club secretary Karen Edwards with a phone call or Email and we will happily address it during our meeting.

One final administrative note: The broken links on our website to the New Member and Member Renewal forms have now been repaired and can be downloaded easily.

I hope to see you all at our Club Trial, we are hopeful to make it challenging and fun! We will get out the date, time, details and location as soon as we nail everything down. Enjoy your summer, train early, train smart and take good care of your four-legged family members.

~J. Michael Evans , President ETRC

ETRC Hunt Test Report

June 1-2, 2024 Quadruple JH/SH AKC Hunt Test, Hiwassee WMA

Another of our big Spring Extravaganzas for Junior and Senior dogs is in the books! This is an increasingly popular test, giving people the opportunity to earn a title all in one weekend. It's so popular that other clubs are planning to copy our format — I hope they have a hundred workers because this is one tough test to put on for sure, with four tests running at once each day and multiple handlers entered with different dogs in all 4 at once. Two days of chaos, but it all went off very well and we were super lucky that the weather wasn't too hot. Saturday was perfect. Of course, we could have done without the monsoon on Sunday; several guys ended up wearing swimming trunks and there were a lot of thoroughly drenched people and dogs! Several people with frog togs came to the Cabin and still emptied out about 1/4 cup of water from each shoe or boot.

There were two Junior and two Senior tests each day, four tests in total at each level. Thanks a bunch to our ETRC member Judges Dick Lamping, Haley Shealy, Lisa Vencille, and especially to Lois Luthenauer who filled in when one of the scheduled judges had to cancel two days before the test after coming down with Covid. Thanks also to our non-member judges — Ray Rogers, Bonnie Cuddihy, Robert Shell and Kenny Wilburn West. Judges have to work harder than anyone!

We had 285 total entries, gave out 36 title ribbons and 132 orange completion ribbons. Numbers were in the mid-40s for each of the 4 Junior tests, and upper 20s for the Senior tests. That's a lot of dogs! Thanks to our bird technicians, who were a combination of kids from the Cleveland State Community College Wildlife Society, ETRC members who worked long hours in the sun and rain, and some professional techs from around the area. That's a hard job, hand throwing ducks all day long, for sure. Thanks also to the marshals, the set-up crew, the duck wranglers, the lunch makers, and everyone else who helped put on this event. Too many names to list, but please know that we appreciate each and every one of you, particularly those new members who came out to help for the first time!



RESULTS

Junior 1, Saturday: 46 entries, 34 passes. ETRC-owned dogs passing were:

- ◆ Nates High Flying Wren, owned and handled by Nate Lamping;
- ◆ Troup's Ain't Nuttin Fancy, owned and handled by new member Ryan Troup;
- ◆ Fern Hill I Mint To Do That, owned by Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce and handled by Jim;
- ◆ Mr. Bristol's Roan of Appalachia, owned and handled by Matt Eden; and
- ◆ Troup's Blackwater Boccephus, owned & handled by Ryan Troup

Junior 2, Saturday: 46 entries, 39 passes. ETRC-owned successful contestants were the five listed above plus:

- ◆ Southern Pro Pretty Boy Brad, owned by Haley Shealy & handled by Megan Nowak

Senior 1, Saturday: 28 entries, 18 passed.

Senior 2, Saturday: 27 entries, 11 passed. Congratulations to successful contestant Fowlweather's Filson River, owned by ETRC members Lisa and Mike Vencille and handled by Mike.

Junior 1, Sunday: 44 entries, 34 passes. Congratulations to the following successful ETRC-owned dogs:

- ◆ Nates High Flying Wren, owned and handled by Nate Lamping;
- ◆ Troup's Ain't Nuttin Fancy, owned and handled by new member Ryan Troup;
- ◆ Mr. Bristol's Roan of Appalachia, owned and handled by Matt Eden;
- ◆ Troup's Blackwater Boccephus, owned & handled by Ryan Troup
- ◆ Southern Pro Pretty Boy Brad, owned by Haley Shealy & handled by Megan Nowak; and
- ◆ Southern Pro Old Man Carl, owned by Haley Shealy & handled by Megan Nowak.



Junior 2, Sunday: 43 entries, 35 passes. ETRC-owned successful contestants were the six listed above for the Junior 1 stake.

Senior 1, Sunday: 28 entries, 14 passed. Congratulations to successful contestant Fowlweather's Filson River, owned by ETRC members Lisa and Mike Vencille and handled by Mike.

Senior 2, Sunday: 23 entries, 11 passed. Congratulations again to passing dog Fowlweather's Filson River, owned by ETRC members Lisa and Mike Vencille and handled by Mike.

You can tell from the many repeats that a number of these dogs also titled at the Junior level — Matt Eden's dog, Nate Lamping's dog, Ryan Troup's two dogs, Jim Pearce's dog, and probably some of the others. Hey guys, send me a picture of your dog and some info, and we'll feature those new titles in the Brags/ Member news section!

Thanks to Chief Marshal Donna Smith for the wonderful pictures, some of which are displayed here. She's pretty handy with a camera as well as marshalling and running dogs!

Financial Information: This test is a real money earner for us with the very large number of entries. It will more than make up for the very small earnings on the Master Only tests and (historically) on our fall test!

Top: Labrador at the Line

Middle: Janet Summers and Rayne

Bottom: Junior hunt test water setup, Judges Dick Lamping & Lois Luthenauer



ETRC Hunt Test Report

June 11-12, 2024 Midweek Master, Lucky 7 Ranch

Our fourth hunt test of the season, and the third Master Only test, was held June 11-12 at Ken Campbell's beautiful Lucky 7 Ranch in Sweetwater. We were again super lucky with the weather, the high was about 82 on Tuesday and only slightly higher on Wednesday before starting more than a week of 90 plus temps and blazing sun! This is our last hunt test till the fall, and I think it's safe to say that we are all heaving a sigh of relief and looking forward to some time off. It's fun, but it IS work!

Thanks to our judges, Linc Huffman and Jack Gravely, to the professional bird techs supplied by pro trainers Barry Smith and Ryan Stamey, to the club members who filled in on the third gunner station off and on all test, to the many members who served in a variety of jobs including hunt test secretary, site marshal, duck wrangler, helped set up and take down equipment, fixed lunches, ran errands, and more. It truly takes a village! Mike Smith, you are still missed even though we did have several newer members who came and worked like Trojans. Finally, thanks to everyone who competed with your dogs.

Test description:

- Land Series:** laid out on the hilly land near the second technical pond, this first series included a walk-up triple with a blind under the arc of the second bird. The third (go) bird was at the bottom of steep hill. Many of the dogs carried so much speed they ran up the other side and hunted high. The 1st bird down was fairly short and off to right. The 2nd bird, which was usually picked up last, was also at the bottom of the hill on a slant. Many dogs did lots of hunting and there were many handles. The blind was along the treeline after running down a slant and then up again. Decoys were planted along the path of blind and also in front of the shortest mark. Difficulty not only included the hilly terrain but also changing shadows as the day progressed. 61 dogs were entered, and one scratched leaving 60 to come to the line.
- Water Series:** The second series was a water triple with honor. All three marks involved a swim and finding the mark on the hill beyond the bank. Difficulties included the terrain, crossing a gravel road on one mark, and high cover in spots on the bank. 49 dogs came to the line in this series.
- Land-Water Series:** The third series involved a triple, with two of the marks land marks and the third one with a swim, plus a bland blind and a water blind and a diversion shot. 45 dogs returned for the final series, which took an average of around 6 minutes to complete. The judges warned the contestants that many were 'bleeding badly' and needed to do a stellar job on this series. The final number qualifying was 33.

Member dogs passing:

- ◆ Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH25, bred, owned, trained & handled by Alan Bruhin.
- ◆ HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen MH ("Ivy"), owned & handled by J. Michael Evans .
- ◆ Evans Million May, owned and handled by Brian Caldwell.
- ◆ Lick Creek On The Money MH, owned by Mike & Lisa Vencille, handled by Mike.
- ◆ Blythe Ferry's Indy Dos, owned by Donna and Mike Smith, handled by Donna.
- ◆ Spitfire's Whiskey Teal MH, owned by Janet Summers, handled by Brian Caldwell.
- ◆ Lucy Bella Grace, owned by JoLynn Lamping and handled by Dick Lamping.
- ◆ L7TroublesomeWhatAboutBob MH, owned & handled by Bob Smith.



Donna Smith and Indy leaving the third series

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- ◆ The Money's In Sales ("Bootsy"), owned and handled by David Knott.
- ◆ Chandler's Lucy Lou, owned by Matt Tipton, handled by Ryan Stamey.

Congratulations to all these dogs, owners and handlers !



Scenes from the hunt test:

- ◆ Top left — first series judging tent.
- ◆ Top right: Jim Pearce and Fern Hill Py In The Sky MH, test dog, 2nd series.
- ◆ Bottom left: J. Michael Evans and Ivy at the Line;
- ◆ Bottom right: Mike Vencille and Lick Creek On The Money .

Ryan Stamey



Dick Lamping & Lucy Bella Grace



Member Announcements, News, & Brags

Percy & John at the NARC



FC AFC Seaside's Troublesome Fowl Pursuits QA2, better known as Percy, and owner John Broucek have spent the last couple of weeks at the Annual National Amateur Retriever Championship Field Trial. This trial, held in Waterville, Maine, included 10 series run in the week from June 15-22. Only 149 dogs nationwide qualified for this event; 103 dogs entered, and only 14 finished the entire tests as Finalists. Percy was dropped after a handle in the 5th series, in John's first National event. Percy was also qualified last year but the event in Oregon was just too far away. Congratulations, John and Percy! You guys have had quite a year!

New Junior Hunter

Four for Four! Meet **Fern Hill I Mint To Do That JH**, our newest Junior Hunter! She earned all four ribbons at ETRC tests, 2 at the Fall 23 test, and 2 at the June 1-2 Quad tests. She is bred, owned and loved by Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce, and was handled to all her passes by Jim Pearce. Trained by Jody Ware, she will be starting on her Senior career with him soon (we hope!).

Mint is four generations of Fern Hill breeding. She is by Wynwood's Over The Top QA2 MH13 CCA and out of our Fern Hill Py In The Sky MH, who is out of Fern Hill Pandemonium MH WCX OD, out of Fern Hill Pennyroyal CDX JH NAP TDI, out of our foundation bitch Adirondac Hilfy of Fern Hill CDX TDI OD. .



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 Information

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 planned in 2024 with 6 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 / Facebook / Website Info

NEWSLETTER: The ETRC newsletter is published monthly, usually on the 1st of the month. Send us your test results, new titles, litter info, new dogs, dog-related jobs, items 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: beginning with the January 2020 issue, the volume number is the last two digits of the year, in Roman numeral format — so this is Volume XXIV (for 2024). Newsletters are archived on the club Website, www.etrclub.org.

FACEBOOK: we now have a Facebook page! Either post on it yourself, or send pics and info to our moderator, Alan Bruhin, at wbruhin1@retiree.utk.edu.

WEBSITE: Updated recently to add a security certificate so no more pesky 'danger/warning!' notices. A repository of current & past information. Send material for the website to webmaster Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com).