



ETRC Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. June 1-2, Saturday—Sunday: Quad Junior / Senior Hunt Test, Hiwassee WMA
2. June 11-12, Tuesday—Wednesday, Midweek Master only Hunt Test, Lucky 7 Ranch
3. September 15, Sunday: club trial, picnic, summer business meeting, Lucky 7 Ranch
4. October 19-20, Saturday—Sunday: Fall Test, Lucky 7 Ranch, 2 JH, 2 SH, Master
5. November 12-13, Tuesday—Wednesday: Midweek Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's

Photo of the Month



Waiting At The Blind
Picture courtesy of Donna Smith

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President's Message

J. Michael Evans, ETRC President

This month marks the beginning of summer but, like most everyone else, we are already feeling the sting of the sun. We've been lucky with the weather at our tests so far but it seems we may pay for it in our second June test in particular.



For those of you that helped with our Master only test in May, THANK YOU! As you can see in the picture of our Duck Wranglers Extraordinaire, it's a messy job!! Alan Bruhin and Jim Pearce snatched up ducks like they'd been doing it their whole lives!! They were so good at it that I, for one, think they should keep the job permanently!

Thank you to our amazing judges Keith Maready and Robbie Griffin for their expertise in setting up a very challenging test that was judged both fairly and compassionately. Without fantastic folks like them there could be no test.

We were down a key piece of our work team and could be without him for some time. Mike Smith decided he would rather tear all the ligaments in his leg than help with our test! So he joyfully chose to throw himself down a mountain, be cart-

ed out on a Mule, be carried to an ambulance, wheeled into the hospital and undergo surgery! That's a little overkill to get out of a test if you ask me but, who am I to judge?.....lol.....If we all remember, it was just a short time ago when his dear wife took a helicopter ride to the hospital because she had enough working on a Saturday test! Sorry Mike, Ms. Donna definitely got the better end of that one so stop trying to outdo each other!! In all seriousness, we miss you, my friend, and hope for a speedy recovery. You have a long road ahead of you but if anyone can do it, I know you can!!

When you receive this we will probably be in full swing with our Spring Junior/Senior Quad. We have somewhere in the vicinity of 285 dogs that will come to the line June 1st and 2nd — best of luck to you all!! We also have another Master only test June 11th & 12th. If there is any way you can lend a hand with either or both we would certainly appreciate it. Yes, I'm talking to YOU!! These tests are what allow all of us to stay close to home and not have to travel so far to run, afford our yearly Banquet, purchase awards/plaques, have club trials, pay our dues to AKC and MNRC, lease the test grounds at Hiwassee and have specialty training by pro trainers. So any amount of time you can lend to help is much appreciated.

As summer gets hotter please take care of your 4-legged family members. As bad as the heat can feel on you, it's much worse for them in their fur coats. Limit the amount of time you train in the heat, make your drills count but keep them short and specific. Summer is not the time to push your dog to the point of heat stroke!

I wish you all good luck in the tests and your training. Have a great month and we will see you in the field.

NOW!

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

This is our big Spring Extravaganza for Junior and Senior dogs, with the opportunity to earn a title all in one weekend! There will be two Junior and two Senior tests each day, four tests in total at each level. Junior Judges on Saturday, June 1 are: Dick Lamping & Haley Shealy (Junior 1) and Clint Catledge & Ray Rogers (Junior 2). Senior Judges on Saturday are Lisa Vencille & Bonnie Cuddihy (Senior 1) and Robert Shell & Kenny West (Senior 2). On Sunday, June 2, the same judges will have the following assignments: Junior 1 is Vencille & Cuddihy; Junior 2 is Shell & West; Senior 1 is Lamping & Shealy, and Senior 2 is Shell & West.

The test is closed with mid-thirties entries in all four Junior events, and mid-teens in the senior events. Check Entry Express for the premium list and further details. There are no limits on the number of entries. We will have a mix of professional and club member/ wildlife society 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.

Volunteers are needed to help out with test set-up and breakdown, bird technicians, and running errands. With 4 setups running at once each day at a large test site, the normal 3 or 4 people who help out will NOT BE ENOUGH. Call or text J. Michael Evans at 865-824-8638 to sign up. Just a few hours on even one day will be a big help! Free bagged lunch will be provided to all volunteers who stay till lunchtime or come early for the afternoon session.

Address: Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge/Blythe's Ferry WMA, 545 Priddy Road, Birchwood, TN

SOON

ETRC Midweek Master Only AKC Hunt Test **June 11-12, 2024, Lucky 7 Ranch, Sweetwater**

This is our third Master Only hunt test of the year, and will be back again at the fabulous Lucky 7 Ranch. The test opened May 22, and closes on June 3. We have a full test with a waiting list at the present time. Check Entry Express for the premium list and further details.

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.

DIRECTIONS TO LUCKY 7 FARM: The address is, 6720 Erie Road, Sweetwater, TN. BE AWARE that some GPS services may take you to the wrong place, around the back of the farm where there is no entrance. Alternatively, use the address 6979 Erie Road, which is right across the street from the L7 Farm entrance.

NOTE: New members, or people looking to get into the hunt test game, are encouraged to come and spectate at one or both of these tests. Single flight Master tests are easy tests to watch, since there is only one set up at a time and plenty of room to set up a chair and watch. With this many Junior and Senior tests on the June 1-2 Quad test, you will have a great opportunity to study how these tests are run.

ETRC Hunt Test Report

May 14-15, 2024 Midweek Master, Brian Caldwell's Farm

Our second hunt test of the season was held May 14-15 over at Brian Caldwell's in Georgetown, Tennessee. Although the forecast was for rain and thunderstorms both days, we didn't get hit with anything torrential and the test moved right along. The first two series were finished by the time we closed down for the evening on Tuesday, and the third series was done and the ribbon ceremony completed just before 1:00 on Wednesday. Temps were lovely, in the 60s and low 70s.

We had a full test — 66 dogs signed up, 5 scratched before the test began, and we were able to re-fill the scratched dogs from the waiting list. So, 66 dogs came to the line for the first series; 46 for the second series, and 43 for the third. 31 dogs passed.

Thanks to our judges, Keith Maready and Robbie Griffin. Special thanks to Brian Caldwell for the use of his farm / training grounds and to Bob Smith for arranging for 4 terrific professional bird technicians. Bob Smith's arm, in particular, is a thing of beauty with ducks landing in exactly the same spot time after time! Thanks as always to Beuttner Farms for the really lovely ducks and to Cory Smith for keeping them at his farm for a few days in the duck pen over there.



Other members helping out on one or both days or during setup — Mike Evans, Alan Bruhin, Jim Pearce, Donna Smith, Bob Smith, Hunt Test Secretary and Marshal Michele Fletcher, David Knott, and Melissa Dobson. Karen Edwards made a cameo appearance on Wednesday to pay the bills, missing in action the rest of the time because of out of town guests. Also missing in action was Mike Smith, who decided to blow out his knee instead. What an excuse! Finally, thanks to everyone who competed with your dogs.

Test description: (Thanks to J. Michael Evans for this information)

1. **Land Series:** Triple mark, double blind with an honor. First mark on the left thrown right to left into light cover (approximately 115 yards). Second mark was thrown right to left down a tree line into thick cover (approximately 75 yards) and the third mark was thrown left to right, uphill into light cover (approximately 65 yards). The left-hand blind was on the backside of gunner station #1 (approximately 150 yards), and the second blind ran on the

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backside of gunner station #3 (approximately 70 yards).

2. **Land-Water Series:** The second series was a triple with a walk-up. The first mark (walk-up bird) was splashed to the left (approximately 40 yards). The second and third marks were a mom and pop thrown on land into light cover (each approximately 55-65 yards) and between mowed strips.

3. **Water Series:** The final series was a triple with a blind and a diversion shot. The first mark was thrown down the levee from the left approximately 45 yards; the dog had to cut the corner on the pond. The second mark thrown was straight away approximately 75 yards, thrown right to left where the dog had to cut across the small island and re-enter the water to get to the bird in thick cover near the shoreline. The third mark was to the right, thrown down a point approximately 65 yards where the dog had to enter the water, cut the corner of a point, re-enter the water and exit onto the next point. The dog received a diversion shot returning from this mark. The blind was on the backside of station #2 and the dog had to cut across small island and swim a "down the shore" line without getting out onto the point to retrieve the duck laying in the corner. This test had increased difficulty due to swimming geese, goslings and mallards that were loose in the pond.



Member dogs passing:

- ◆ Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH25, bred, owned, trained & handled by Alan Bruhin.
- ◆ The Money's In Sales ("Bootsy"), owned and handled by David Knott.
- ◆ Lick Creek On The Money MH, owned by Mike & Lisa Vencille, handled by Mike.
- ◆ HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen MH ("Ivy"), owned & handled by J. Michael Evans .
- ◆ Spitfire's Whiskey Teal MH, owned by Janet Summers, handled by Brian Caldwell.
- ◆ Tennessee Gentleman Jack MH, bred, owned, trained & handled by Alan Bruhin.
- ◆ Ringtail Headhunter MH, owned & handled by Brian Caldwell.
- ◆ L7TroublesomeWhatAboutBob MH, owned & handled by Bob Smith.
- ◆ FC AFC Seaside's Troublesome Fowl Pursuits QA2, owned and handled by John Broucek.
- ◆ Rader's Charley Belle MH, owned & handled by Jeff Rader.

Congratulations to all these dogs, owners and handlers — and to those other members and non-members whose dogs didn't do so well, if this were easy it wouldn't be so worthwhile!



More Hunt Test Pictures. Thanks to Donna Smith for all the great photos!

Member Announcements, News, & Brags

NEW FIELD TRIAL CHAMPION: FC AFC SEASIDES TROUBLESOME FOWL PURSUITS



Percy finished up his Field Trial Championship on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the Lincoln Trail Retriever Club 2024 Spring Retriever Field Trial in Grahamville, KY. He finished 2nd in the Open stake (total of 54 entries) with owner John Broucek handling. Percy only needed one point to earn the title, but earned 3 instead with the second place finish! He followed this performance up with a 4th place finish in the Open stake at the River King Retriever Club 2024 Spring Field Trial on May 9, and a pass at our Master Hunt Test on May 15 where he was letter perfect in all three series, earning his 2nd Master ribbon.

Percy and John's next stop is the National Amateur Retriever Club 2024 Championship in Maine coming up on June 15. Best wishes at that event — it's an incredible honor even to be qualified to run, given the tough requirements for an invitation.

Percy just turned 7 in March and is also now making a name for himself as a sire — several of our members have Percy progeny and we expect to see more of them in the future!

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Cin Earns MH30 Title!

Congratulations to Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH30 who has now passed 26 MH tests in a row including two Master Amateur Invitational tests in 2022 and 2023.

Cin has only had two fails in all her Master tests, and they were way back in October and December of 2020 when she was still only a two year old. What a gal!

Din is the daughter of FC AFC Low Tide's Pounder out of Alan's bitch Grady's Tennessee Moonshine MH26. Born on June 5, 2018, she is second generation of Alan's breeding. Best wishes and keep on keeping on, you guys!



Get Well Soon, Mike!

Past President Mike Smith, who is a volunteer hiker for the Park Service in the Smokies, had an unfortunate accident a week or so ago and had to have knee surgery on May 17 to reattach some tendons. Donna says he is stir crazy, so send him well wishes etc.!

The Bruhins have offered their fluffy little dog Charlie while they are on vacation to keep him company. Donna suggests he learn to knit. Other suggestions welcomed!



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TWO NEW OUTSTANDING DAMS

The Golden Retriever Club of America (GRCA) awards Outstanding Sire (OS) and Outstanding Dam (OD) titles to those dogs whose progeny have earned a certain number of high-level titles. To be named as an Outstanding Dam, a bitch must have at least 3 “qualifying get” . To be a qualifying get in the field world, the puppy must have at least a Senior Hunter title; in Obedience they must have a Utility title; in Agility, an Agility Excellent is required, and in Scent Work, the minimum title needed to be a qualifying get is a Scent Work Master title. Conformation titles are also qualifying at the Champion level. Once a puppy has become qualified towards earning its dam the OD title, other lesser titles in one of the other fields also counts towards the overall point total which must be met for a Dam to qualify. The two new Outstanding Dams in ETRC are:



Callie

MACH RPO's Calamity Jane UD SH MXG MJS MXF MFS T2B3 OD "Callie", owned and loved by Michele Fletcher. Callie had one litter of 5 puppies, all of whom are out competing successfully.

Her qualifying get are:

1. Calamity Jane's Special Brew JH MXB MJB MXF T2B (Chai), 13 points
2. Calamity Jane's Ricochet of Agilitypaws MX AXJ MXF T2BRATO RS-N JS-E GS-O (Ricochet) , 9 points
3. RPO's Calamity Jane's Sidekick CDX BN R1 AX OAJ NF CGC (Kick) , 13 points
4. Calamity Jane's Flower Child AX AXJ XF (Groovy), 9 points

Her fifth puppy, Watermark Don't Go Trippin Over Me (Tripp), has a Junior Hunter title and a CGC, so may join her list of qualifiers one of these days.

Fern Hill Sunday At The Zoo MH OD "Zoey", owned by Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce. Zoey had two litters for a total of 9 puppies. Five of these went to non-competition hunting homes, but the four who are competing have done very well so far:

Zoey's three qualifying get are:

1. Fern Hill's Triple Echo Remy MH, 10 points;
2. Fern Hill Fiona McCool SH, 7 points;
3. SHR Fern Hill Jessie's Girl Rae JH NAJ SWM SWEE SWAE DMX (Rae), 15 points

Upcoming is Fern Hill & Gingrock's Miss Parr JH, who is starting on her Master Hunter career later this summer and into Qualifiers in the spring if all goes well.



Zoey

Congratulations Callie and Zoey! Special kudos to Callie, who was sick with lymphoma during the gestation period of her puppies, but managed to hang on till her babies were weaned.

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LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT — LABRADOR RETRIEVERS

AFC Coolwater's The Man Behind The Curtain "Wizard" (FC-AFC Punch son x FC-AFC Maya) x Zuma's Tennessee Twister "Twist" (FC Magic Trick's Zuma x FC AFC Land Ahoy daughter).

9 black pups born 5-14-24, 6 males and 3 females available.

Twist-62lbs athletic, smart, very good marker, big water entry, kids athletics delayed her hunt test career but will resume training after weaning pups. OFA: Hips-excellent, elbows/eyes normal, EIC/CNM clear, carries hidden yellow.

Wizard-86lbs athletic male, AFC at 2yrs, Double-header winner at 2yrs, qualified for 2 nationals at 2ys old, needs 2 points for his FC, OFA: hips-good, eyes/elbows normal, EIC/CNM clear.

Please contact me for more info, price, questions and to reserve your pup. Pups ready at the end June. Denise Chambers phone: 865-660-6135 or email: tchamb@bellsouth.net

Pedigree:

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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 XXIII (for 2023). 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).