

May 28-29 Spring AKC Hunting Test—Birchwood, TN

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ETRC held the 2011 AKC Spring Hunting Test at the Hiwassee Refuge WMA, Birchwood, TN by permission of the TWRA on Saturday May 28 and Sunday May 29. The weather was clear and hot with temperatures reaching 93 degrees but with low humidity. Entries totaled 230 retrievers in all stakes. **The following is a message to ETRC workers from Carol Stone, Event Chairman:** I want to extend my sincere thanks to all who helped make our Spring Hunting Test a great success. An event such as this takes a huge amount of manpower to be successful and our club members do a fantastic job of stepping up to assist. Having super task leaders made things flow smoothly and certainly made my job easier. Roberta Williams again secretaried our event. This has to be the most demanding and difficult job as it begins months prior to the event and finished a week or so after the event. While Roberta makes it look easy, we know it is anything but. Brent McCoy assumed the duties of Chief Marshal and made sure all of the stakes had knowledgeable marshals. He also assisted with the bird boys and just about anything else we needed. Our Bird Stewards were Kelley Eller (who ordered our birds) and Tom Beeckman. They made sure all stakes had sufficient birds at all times. John Guinn took on the momentous task of arranging and overseeing our bird boys from the Sunbright High School football team and what a phenomenal job he and they did. Our group of bird boys were among the best we have had. After finding out late in the game AKC was requiring live flyers for Master and Senior, Mike Evans stepped up as the Gun Captain and made sure we had qualified gunners. He literally brought in the Knox County Sheriff's Swat Team. Equipment is always a big deal and Wes Costner, Kelley Eller, Tom Beeckman, and Ken Wade made sure all stakes had the equipment needed, when they needed it. Wes was literally everywhere!! Lois Eller and Marianne Beeckman made sure we were all fed with the best deli sandwiches and lunches imaginable. They also sell lunches to participants to cover the cost of feeding our judges and workers. Valerie McCoy, assisted by Taylor and Bailey, is an extraordinary sales lady. She is in charge of your T-shirt sales and generates a good profit for us on our merchandise sales. Who else could sell long-sleeved shirts on a 92 degree day!! Derek Dieterich made sure everyone stayed hydrated on Saturday by stocking and delivering the ice chests with drinks and ice. Chuck Atchley always makes sure everyone gets paid on time and gets our judges gifts. Robert Dodson makes sure our gas canisters arrive on time and gets our duck source paid. Our Friday set-up crew consisted of Robert Dodson, Kelley Eller, Tom Beeckman, Wes Costner, Ken Wade, Kevin & Lois Luthenauer, Brent McCoy and Fay Norwood. Marshaling for us were Robert Dodson, Fay Norwood, Lois & Kevin Luthenauer, David Knott, Patti Gibson, Cindy Price, and Lisa Styles. Many thanks to all who stayed until the last of the clean up on Sunday was done: Kelley Eller, Tom Beeckman, Wes Costner, Roberta Williams, Brent McCoy, Mike Evans, Kevin & Lois Luthenauer, and Ken Wade. If I have missed anyone, my sincere apologies. I tried to keep notes throughout the weekend, but am sure some who gave of their time might have escaped me. Again, thanks to all for a successful event. Looking forward to our Fall test and cooler weather!!

Post Event MESSAGE From ETRC President, Kevin Luthenauer: "First off I wanted to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our spring Hunt Test such a success. We should all give ourselves a pat on the back for how well organized it was. I would like to extend a special thanks to Carol Stone as the Hunt Test Event Chairman for keeping it reined in and having all of our ducks (no pun intended) in a row. As a hunt test it went exceptionally well and all the judges and handlers I talked with indicated they were well pleased with how the event was held. I noted we were off the site by 4:30 or 5:00 PM which beat some years in the past where we were at the grounds right up until dark on Sunday night. "THANK YOU" to those folks who always go the extra mile for the club. Without you there would be no club".

After four consecutive weekends of Tennessee in-state AKC Hunting Tests, including a double-header at Middle Tennessee, the owners, handlers, and retrievers are more than ready to take a break before starting training for the Master National (Sept 30 to Oct 9) and Fall tests.

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FALL AKC HUNT TEST
October 29-30, 2011
HIWASSEE REFUGE
BIRCHWOOD, TN

May 28-29 Spring AKC Hunting Test—Birchwood, TN—Continued

ETRC Qualifiers

<u>Master A</u>	Lisa Styles Kelley Eller Tony/Trudie Kuka	Raven Jethro Stella	<u>Master B</u>	Donna Smith/Jody Ware Hubert/Linda Helton Benedict/Jody Ware	Abbie River Benedict
<u>Master C</u>	John Guinn Ken Wade	Diezel Star	<u>Senior (Sat)</u>	VanderPlog/Jody Ware David Knott Lois Luthenauer/Jody Ware	Abby Bella Susie
<u>Senior (Sun)</u>	VanderPlog/Jody Ware/Abby Lois Luthenauer/Jody Ware/Susie		<u>Junior (Sat)</u>	Roberta Williams John Guinn Cindy Price	Grace Dakota Prism
<u>Junior (Sun)</u>	Cindy Price Richard Cook John Guinn	Prism Charles Dakota	<u>May 28 Puppy Stakes (Non-members)</u>		
			<u>Junior</u>	1st Place 2nd Place	Chance Rev
			<u>Senior</u>	1st Place	Cooper
					Clay Treece Otey Brabston Jordan Leddy

ETRC wants to give a special Thank You to Jason Jackson, Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge Area Manager for his assistance in allowing our club to hold our AKC events on the beautiful Watts Bar Lake grounds. FLASH! Jason is the new owner of a Lab puppy.

April 30 2nd Spring Club Trial—Atchley Farm, Sevierville, TN

SINGLES CLASSIC

1st Place	Jethro	Kelley Eller	<u>MASTER</u>		<u>JUNIOR</u>	
2nd Place	River	Hubert Helton	Shadow	Kelley Eller	Magnum	Michael Stephens
3rd Place	Shadow	Kelley Eller	Star	Ken Wade	Teela	Dickie Jones
4th Place	Daizy	Mark Gibson	Carly	Derek Dieterich	Luke	Casey Jones
JAMS			Lefty	Robert Dodson	River	Rodney Horner
Gypsy	Roberta Williams		Buster	Kevin Luthenauer	Grace	Roberta Williams
Hammer	Roberta Williams		River	Hubert Helton	<u>JUNIOR PUPPY</u>	
Rush	Tom Beeckman		Gypsy	Roberta Williams	No puppies Entered	
Carly	Derek Dieterich		Annie	Mike Evans	<u>SENIOR PUPPY</u>	
Star	Ken Wade				No puppies Entered	
Crocket	Tom Beeckman		<u>SENIOR</u>			
Annie	Mike Evans		Daizy	Mark Gibson		
Magnum	Michael Stephens		Buster	Kevin Luthenauer		

A total of 45 retrievers were entered in four stakes at the second Spring club trial. The club wishes to thank Chuck and the Atchley Family for allowing us to use the large private farm located on the French Broad River. Thanks to Linda and Hubert Helton for providing snacks and food.

WELCOME	NEW MEMBERS	WELCOME	NEW MEMBERS	WELCOME
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