



Spring 2016 Upcoming Events

1. **ETRC Spring Club Trial #1**, Saturday, signups begin at 8 AM, April 9, at Daryl and Sharon Miller Farm, 5249 Holt Road, Sweetwater, TN, Exit 62, I-75 South. For more information and directions, see Page 3 of this Newsletter.
2. **Board of Directors Meeting**, Saturday, April 9, 2016, after the club test at the Darryl Miller farm, Sweetwater.
3. **ETRC Spring Club Trial #2**, Saturday, signups begin at 8 AM, May 14, at Chuck Atchley's Revilo Farm, Hwy 338, Exit 407, Hwy 338, Sevierville, TN. More information & directions in the May newsletter.
4. **ETRC AKC Hunt Test**: Hiwassee Refuge, Birchwood, TN, May 28-29, 2016, 8 AM each day. Judges panel approved; listed on Entry Express; entries open May 4—May 16. More information and directions on Page 5.

President's Message

We are off to a great spring – weather was great for the March training session, and hopefully we will have a great Club Test on April 9th . Be sure to come out and see how much couch-rust has accumulated over the winter! See all the details in this Newsletter.

Many thanks to Karen and Roberta for their hard work and persistence in getting the Newsletter up and running again! It's great to have such a handy tool for our members to refer to, I am hoping it will encourage more members to get involved.

We will no longer have the services of David Knott (moved) or Derek Dieterich at the hunt test, they were our major equipment handlers. If you can help with that task, or any of the hundreds of other small but vital tasks it takes to put on a hunt test, please let one of the board members know. If you don't volunteer for a job of your liking, we may just resort to recruiting on the spot! It's fun, you get to see a lot more than just what goes on at your stake, and your hardworking board will appreciate the help!

As we get ready for the spring hunt test season, don't forget to have any interested youth in your family prepare a simple one-page essay telling us why they like our sport and how it helps them grow into a capable young adult. The reward for a few written words will be the reimbursement of their entry fee to the ETRC Spring Test, free entry to the two club tests (April 9 and May 14) and potential points accumulated toward a new annual award.

Watch for details on the (first in a long, long time) raffle to be held in conjunction with the Spring ETRC Hunt Test! Our Raffle Committee (thank you Michael and Donna Smith) is hard at work contacting potential donors and this should be a great fundraiser for the club!

See you all in the field at the Daryl Miller Farm on April 9th ! Happy Hunting!

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Diane Fyfe with puppy Mac



Board Meeting March 8, 2016

The ETRC Board of Directors met at the Pegasus Technologies building in Lenoir City on March 8, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President Lois Luthenauer. All Board members were present except Alan Bruhin, Ron Burger, and Diane Fyfe. Minutes as posted on the website since February 22, 2016 were approved as posted. The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance (after paying for the new duck driers) is \$13,432.19 with no outstanding bills due.

Website Changes: The Classified ads page has now been moved out into the public area, and two people have submitted ads that have been posted. Minutes and pictures from the banquet, plus awards and title awards information is now up, all upcoming events have been posted and updated, new officers are listed, and an updated end-of-the-year membership list with contact information has been posted in the members-only portion.

Membership: As of March 1, anyone who has not renewed is considered overdue on payment of dues. Anyone who has not renewed by June 1 will be dropped from the club rolls and will not receive emails and newsletters. Karen Edwards reported that so far, 35 families have renewed and 25 have not yet rejoined for 2016.

Spring Club Trials. Dates and locations of the two Club Trials are April 9 at the Darryl Miller farm near Sweetwater, and May 14 at the Chuck Atchley farm (Revilo) in Sevierville. Plans were discussed and finalized for the first of these two events.

Spring AKC Hunt Test. Plans are well underway. A number of assignments were made for key positions, including Head Duck Wrangler, Judges' dinner coordinator, lunch lady, etc.

Fall AKC Hunt Test. The dates we have set with AKC are October 22-23, but Hiwassee is unavailable that weekend. Every weekend that Hiwassee is available, AKC won't approve. Lois is talking with a former club member about another possible location; we will have to pay a land use fee, amount to be determined. She will try to arrange for a small group of senior club judges to go see the site to determine if it would be suitable.

The Luthenauer Young Handler Program. The Board reviewed and approved a draft document, which was included on the Club website and a summary was included in the last Newsletter. For details, click the Youth Program tab on the home page: http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub_youth_program.htm.

Tee Shirts. Lois Luthenauer will try to get a new order together in time for the first Club Trial.

Raffle: Mike and Donna Smith will be in charge of putting together a raffle fundraiser at the spring Hunt Test..

Jody Ware spring seminar: tentative plans were discussed for a seminar in June. First step is finding a suitable date and location.

Master National Judges Nominations: the MNRC asked us to nominate three judges (one from a provided list of previous Master National judges and two from a list of those who have not judged there before). After discussion, we nominated Helen Romain, Sam Daley, and DuWayne Bickel.

Master Amateur Club: This new club has been approved by AKC and will be holding their first test in spring 2017. For this first year, all club tests will be considered as members. Our Master stakes marshals will be required to verify the amateur / pro status of all handlers coming to the line. We will need to develop some protocols for this.

For complete minutes of this meeting, go to www.etrclub.org, press the 'Members' tab in the left column, and log in. For log-in information, contact Karen Edwards — edwardskc@gmail.com.

ETRC Club Trial April 9, 2016, at the Darryl Miller Farm Near Sweetwater

Our first Club Trial of the year will be Saturday, April 9, with setup and sign-ups beginning at 8 a.m. It will be held at the Darryl Miller Farm, 5249 Holt Road, Sweetwater, TN beginning at 8 AM. The farm is located next to the Holt Farm that ETRC used for AKC Hunting Tests and training until 2006. 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. More detailed directions are given below.

Events: Singles Classic, Master, Senior, Junior, Puppy Stakes (under 1 yr). Entry Fee: \$10.00 each stake per dog (thawed ducks), Puppy Stakes (bumpers) \$5.00 (1 PM). MEMBERS ONLY. If you haven't yet renewed for 2016 or want to join for the first time, forms and people to take your membership fee (\$25 for the year) will be available before you sign up.

No E-collar allowed. All dogs must be on leash when out of vehicle unless running tests. Bring your retriever, a chair, your lunch, and water.

WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY: We will send out an email on Friday night if the weather is such that we are going to have to cancel the trial.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-75 South to Sweetwater Exit 62. Turn right on Hwy 322 for 1.7 miles to County Road 200 and turn right. Go 1/2 mile past Holt Tractor Sales Bldg to 5249 Holt Road. Turn right and go 3/4 mile to the barn headquarters.

Membership Renewals Now Overdue

A friendly reminder — if you have not yet renewed your membership, please plan to do so soon so that you don't miss out on any club events. You must be a current member in order to participate in the Club Trials on April 9 and May 14. On June 1, 2016, all people who haven't renewed will be dropped from the email lists and will not get any further notices of club events. Membership is \$25 — send checks made out to ETRC to Karen Edwards, Secretary/Treasurer, at 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN. A copy of the renewal form is online at <http://www.etrclub.org>, click the "membership" tab and the link under 'Renewals.'

Training Committee Report

Organized ETRC training was held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the big fields and pond behind the Pegasus Technologies Building in the Roane Regional Industrial Park. About 15 people attended, including several prospective members. Alan Bruhin and Roberta Williams set up two land series and a water series — the first land setup was relatively easy to get everyone warmed up, but the second one included varied terrain, unexpected slopes, and a tricky blind through a gap in a fence row into a rough field on the other side. It was a great challenge for the experienced dogs and excellent training for the younger ones!

Because of the Club Trials scheduled for April and June, the May hunt test, a possible training seminar we are looking to organize in June, our picnic in August, and summer heat/high grass in July, we will probably not have another training session until the fall. We went out on a high note!

Member Brags

Whistle Creek's Lean Powerplayin Machine, (Belle) owned by Brad and Will Harris, took her Senior Hunter title in spring 2015 at the Northeast Tennessee Retriever Club test. She was not quite three years old. Congratulations Brad, Will and Belle! Quite an achievement!



Belle, Brad and Will Harris



Lois Luthenauer is proud to announce a litter of 10 chocolate lab puppies, out of her 2015 Master National participant Susie (Luthenauer's Coon Creek Susie MH) by her Woodie (Coon Creek's Backwater Quack Head). Momma and babies are doing fine and Daddy is hanging in there! Lois is planning to keep one of the girls, who will be named "Coon Creek's Polly Wanna Quacker ", a name picked out by Lois's late husband Kevin.

Deadline Extended for the 2016 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 APRIL 30**, 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.

More Information on the Spring Hunt Test

The motel for our Spring Hunt Test at the Hiwassee Refuge is the nearby Best Western in Dayton, TN, phone (423) 775-6560. Call right away for reservations as there are local fishing tournaments on the same weekend. Be sure to specify that you are coming to the ETRC Hunt Test as we do have a small block of rooms reserved. This is a pet friendly motel.

Our test will be a qualifying test for the new Master Amateur national hunt test that will be coming up in spring 2017, as well as for the Master National Hunt Test. Entries for Master are limited to 120 (two flights) so Master contestants will need to sign up early to ensure a space. We do have a small number of Master spaces that are reserved for workers, and the first 24 hours of the entry period (Monday, May 4) is for sign-ups by workers only. To get your code, contact Lois Luthenauer (mountainLO717@gmail.com) or Michael Evans (Fowl_Mouth_K9@aol.com) to sign up for at least 4 hours of work at the test. Test secretary Roberta Williams will provide all volunteer workers who are also running Master dogs with a special code to sign up early. We need people to help set up on Friday, move equipment during the test, serve as Marshals, help with the Judges Dinner Friday night, and clean up on Sunday. Fun for everyone!

Directions to Hiwassee Refuge, Birchwood, TN:

From I-75: Take I-75 South to Cleveland, TN, Exit 27. Take a right off the ramp onto Paul Huff Parkway. Go one mile to redlight and take a right turn onto Hwy 60. Go 13 miles through Birchwood, TN. Look for cemetery on right and turn right on Shadden Road. Go 1/2 mile to large Hiwassee Refuge sign. Take a right on Blythe Ferry Road into the WMA.

From I-40: Take I-40 West to Rockwood, TN, Exit 347. Turn onto Hwy 27 South to Dayton, TN. In Dayton take Hwy 60 South ten miles to Hiwassee Refuge sign on left. Watch for Orange ETRC goose signs into WMA.

Organization Looking for Search & Rescue Dogs

Needed immediately: Dogs that are approximately 1-2 years old to be trained for a local search and rescue program. Must possess the following characteristics:

- ◆ Bold, energetic, athletic — we are looking for intensity, focus and perseverance, a dog that not only wants to work but needs to work.
- ◆ Strong hunt/prey — dogs with an insatiable appetite for retrieving a toy. A dog that will not stop hunting until the toy is found even while encountering loud noises or other visual distractions.
- ◆ Well socialized, personable and outgoing — a dog that greets strangers and other dogs with curiosity and an amiable attitude.
- ◆ Dogs should be confident and possess solid nerve strength with a willingness and eagerness to explore new environments.
- ◆ Natural ability to cross unstable surfaces without hesitation and hunt for toys on unstable objects.
- ◆ Excellent health — dogs selected for this program must be healthy, capable of passing orthopedic screening for hips, elbows, free from genetic disorders and be current on vaccines, etc.

Labrador Retrievers are the preferred breed for this program. Other breeds of dogs considered- golden retriever, border collie, pointers, spaniels, shepherd, Malinois or mixed breeds meeting the same standards listed above so long as the size of the dog is similar to that of a Labrador Retriever. No dogs with fearful or shy behaviors will be accepted. No dogs with aggression will be considered. No pit bulls or flat-nosed breeds will be considered.

Contact Darrell Wilkerson [865-388-3746](tel:865-388-3746). Email: lcfiredogq@yahoo.com .

2016 Area Hunt Tests

<i>Name of Test</i>	<i>Date</i>	Location
◆ Lumber River Retriever Club	4/9/16	Rose Hill, NC
◆ Backwater RC	4/9/16	N. Webster, IN
◆ Rappahannock RC	4/15/16	Remington, VA
◆ Yadkin River RC	4/15/16	Cedar Grove, NC
◆ Fall River RC	4/16/16	Lincolnton, GA
◆ Ohio Valley RC	4/22/16	Coshocton, OH
◆ Neuse River RC	4/23/16	Kinston, NC
◆ Atlanta RC	4/23/16	Buckhead, GA
◆ Black Warrior RC	4/23/16	Greensboro, AL
◆ Back Bay RC	4/30/16	Goldvein, VA
◆ Carolina Retriever Association	4/30/16	Cheraw, SC
◆ Labrador Club of Piedmont	5/7/16	Patrick, SC
◆ Golden Retriever Club of St. Louis	5/13/16	St. Charles, MO
◆ Cooper River RC	5/13/16	Cheraw, SC
◆ Mid-South RC	5/14/16	Bruce, MS
◆ Middle Tennessee ARC	5/20/16	LaVergne, TN
◆ East Tennessee RC	5/28/16	Birchwood, TN
◆ North Mississippi ARC	5/28/16	Como, MS
◆ Master National RC	9/29/16	Weldon Springs, MO



William & Willie Ware — ETRC's
Youngest team, August 2015 picnic



Wayne Rasbury and Cooper won the Junior
Puppy stake at the Fall 2015 Club Trial



Carol Stone & 2nd place puppy,
April 2013 Club Trial, Revilo