



Spring/Summer 2016 Upcoming Events

1. Training Seminar, being planned for this summer, details to follow.
2. Picnic/ General Business Meeting / Training Demonstration , August, more details to follow.

President's Message

Congratulations on an excellent Spring AKC Hunt Test! Whether your dog passed or not, we put on a heck of a test and the dogs all had fun! It was hot, it was miserable, it was long, but collectively we did a great job! We all went home with our fair share of sunburns, bug bites and tired muscles. Everyone I saw was pitching in to get stuff done, and it takes a village to put on one of these events.

In the last two newsletters, I begged for people to step up and help with the test, and people sure did! People like Bruce Fox, who when asked actually volunteered to be my driver, and ended up setting up on Friday afternoon, and being the equipment person at Master A all weekend. After the test was *finally* done, he commented to me that he had no idea what all was involved before he arrived Friday afternoon. He was hot, and tired but when asked if that meant he'd rather not work like that in the fall, he replied that we could count on him, he'd had fun as well as worked hard!

It was so good to see Robert Dodson again and his help was invaluable. In spite of the number of dogs that Jody Ware brought to run, he worked hard getting us setup and going. Brian Caldwell met the driver to get the ducks on Thursday morning, saving me five hours of driving. Everyone worked their butts off, including but not limited to Karen Edwards, Jim Pearce, Donna and Michael Smith, Art and Liz Gibson, Luke McCoy, Carol Stone, Roberta Williams, Diane and Rick Fyfe, Michelle Fletcher, Gibson, Wayne Rasbury, Andrew Sellin, Gale Frana, John Guinn, Brent and Luke McCoy, Kevin Niethammer, Ritchie Grigsby, Keith Garner, and of course Mike Evans! Patti Gibson did a great job on the judges dinner and she Marshalled too! We even had some extra help from my sister-in-law, Marsha Luthenauer. She had never been to a hunt test before, but sold tee shirts for us and helped make lunches on Saturday! I am sure that I have left out someone, and if I did you can beat me over the head with a bumper the next time I see you! I just wanted to make sure these guys were remembered for the tremendous work they did this weekend and let them know how much I appreciated them. I wish I could give them all a medal for their hard work!

On a more personal note, I want to thank everyone who shared their remembrances of Kevin with me. I still grieve the loss of the love of my life, and I appreciate the stories shared! I also want to thank everyone who helped me with my trailer —I'm still trying to fill the big shoes Kevin left and trailer handling is an art form I have not yet mastered! Thanks for helping out!

Now we turn our attention to the summer heat, perhaps a training seminar, the annual membership meeting and picnic and of course, planning for the Fall AKC Hunt Test. There is always lots to do, and planning starts months in advance!

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Bailey McCoy, first title winner in the Kevin Luthenauer Youth program — see Brags page!

Report on the May 14, 2016 Club Trial in Sevierville

Thanks to:

- ◆ Chuck Atchley for the use of his beautiful farm and for locating some bird boys for us to use;
- ◆ Judges: Singles Classic – Robert Dodson & Jim Pearce; Master /Junior: Alan Bruhin & Tom Gibson;
- ◆ Jim Pearce for bringing over the club’s new smaller trailer;
- ◆ Keith Garner, who brought over 5 fresh frozen ducks for young dogs to practice on;
- ◆ Roberta Williams and Karen Edwards, who ran the table; and
- ◆ Everyone who came and enjoyed the beautiful weather and good companionship.

The Singles Classic was run first —two long land marks on flat ground with dense, medium high cover. Difficulties included problems in hearing the duck calls and in seeing the falls against dark treelines.

The other stakes were all run on the same set-up at the swampy long pond at the back of the property, and involved both land and water work. For Master, the triple consisted of a hand-thrown 35-yard mark into higher grass at 45 degrees on the other side of the dirt road/path, with a diversion bird thrown on the return; then a long mark at 120 yards away from the pond into medium-high cover; and in the middle a mark into the pond with heavy brush along the edges of the pond. One of the blinds was on a peninsula extending into the pond, with heavy brush on the entry, and the other one was fairly tight behind the first short mark.

The Junior setup used the short mark and the water mark from the Master test. There were no senior dogs entered, and only one Advanced Junior, which used the same marks as the Junior only thrown as a double, plus an honor.

Signups and setups began at 8:00 a.m., and the action was underway by 9:15 a.m. The weather was sunny and breezy, with a high near 70. After the formal work, everyone gathered back at headquarters for lunch and the ribbon ceremony, and then went back out for another training setup. We all broke up and went home around 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Results:

Singles Classic: 6 dogs entered, 3 passed.

First place: Panda & Jim Pearce

Second place: Shine & Alan Bruhin

Third place: Callie & Jim Pearce

Advanced Junior Test: 1 entered, did not pass

Master Test: 4 dogs entered, all 4 passed.

Passing were: Shine and Alan Bruhin; Sonny and Fay Norwood; Panda and Jim Pearce; and Callie and Jim Pearce.

Junior Test: 2 entered, one passed. Passing was Cooper and Wayne Rasbury.

Senior Test: no entries

Puppies: None entered



Wayne Rasbury & Cooper

Financial Info	Entries	Sales	Birdboys	Total
Receipts	\$130	\$117		\$247
Expenses			\$80	(\$80)
Totals	\$130	\$117	(\$80)	\$167

Club Test Results, May 14, 2016 Continued

Final Thoughts:

This was the first test where we used our new Dokkens instead of ducks. This worked great since our club ducks are well past their discard-by date, and having a few fresh frozen ducks there for younger/less experienced dogs to work on in the practice session afterwards was a good idea. Having a few outside bird boys was a big help as well. Other improvements this time over our earlier test – we had a marshal box with more equipment such as bird calls, trash bags etc. and a sign at the main road!

However, attendance was very low. We were competing with nearby hunt tests and other dog / kid events, which kept attendance very low. We discussed the need to go back to March and April dates for our club trials next year to lessen the number of people who are off doing other things. We may face worse weather, but that is something we will just have to face.

Next test is in the fall, date to be announced.

**Pictures from the
Spring Trial #2, May 14, 2016**



Liz, Tom and Charlie Gibson



Luke Gibson waits his turn



Headquarters at the Club Trial

2016 Spring Hunt Test—Report

Wow, what a weekend! We had a total of 293 dogs entered in our AKC Hunt Test on May 28-29, 2016 — 120 in Master, 81 in Senior over two days; and 92 (!) in Junior over two days. Thanks to the judges, to the handlers, and most especially to all the members who helped with planning, setup and operation of the test both before, during and after the test! It takes a lot of people to run a successful test, and I am proud to be a member of a club that had so many people willing to volunteer their time to make this such a good event!

This test was dedicated to past President and longtime ETRC member Kevin Luthenauer. There were pictures and mementoes set up in the headquarters cabin, and many people shared remembrances of Kevin with his wife Lois.

Congratulations to members whose dogs competed successfully in the test. The following owners and dogs qualified:

- ◆ **Master:** Terri & Lane Arthur, Loaded Down and Flynn' High JH; Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce, Fern Hill Pandemonium MH WCX; Bruce Fox, Tennessee Troublesome Ty ; and Lois Luthenauer, Coon Creek's Backwater Quack Head MH
- ◆ **Senior:** Ritchie Grigsby, Troublesome One Shot One Kill (Saturday & Sunday); Bob Smith, Knute's Callie's Man (Saturday); Ben Dorton, RoddyDogs Chocolate Lightning JH (Saturday and Sunday)
- ◆ **Junior:** Ben & Haley O'Neal, with four dogs titling Ben with Mae , and Haley with Bear, Beau, Riley and Gus. Haley had two other Junior passes with Boone and Ryder; Bailey McCoy, title and pass with McCoy's Only Sunshine; Luke McCoy with McCoy's Echo Callin' Your Name; Taylor McCoy with McCoy's Golden Nugget; Wayne Rasbury with Fern Hill Majestic Golden Boy Cooper; and Richard Fyfe with Northern Star Holy Mackerel ;

Congrats as well to Pro members Jody Ware and Brian Caldwell, who ran many dogs successfully in multiple stakes and still had time to volunteer to help with set-up, teardown, and equipment issues.

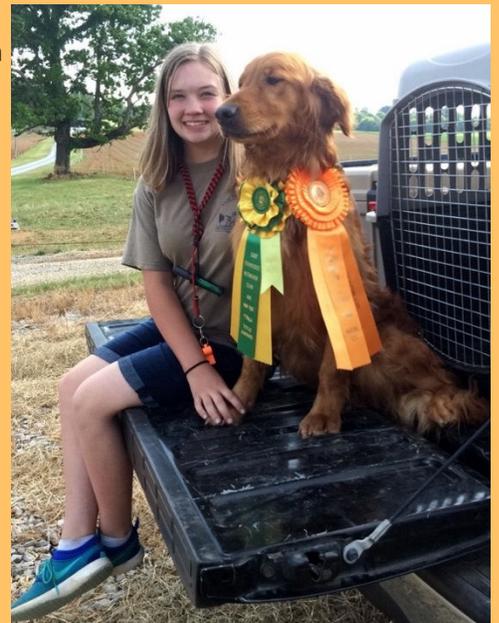
Financial information is not complete yet, but it looks like we made somewhere north of \$6,000 in profit, which we can now use for more equipment and other items to benefit the entire club. Good work everybody! **If you titled at our test or some other time this spring, please send me a picture and particulars including the full name of your dog for next month's newsletter! There are a few hunt test pictures on page 8.**

The 2016 Luthenauer Young Handler's Program

The Luthenauer Young Handler's Program is up and running, and at our hunt test we sponsored our first two participants in Junior Hunter. Bailey McCoy ran her dog McCoy's Only Sunshine on Saturday and Sunday and passed both days, earning the Junior Hunter title. This is the first title earned under our youth program — see the picture on the front page of Bailey in front of Kevin Luthenauer's memorial table. Bailey's sister Taylor, who is also a member of the program, earned her JH title last fall but ran again in Junior on Sunday for more line experience with her dog McCoy's Golden Nugget, and also passed. Congratulations to both of the McCoy's!

Over the weekend, a third young handler filled out an application for the program. We will announce his name next month after we finish processing his application.

The Luthenauer Young Handler's program is designed to encourage young ETRC members to become more active in the sport. 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. **For full information on this program please visit our website at http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub_youth_program.htm .**



Member Brags

New QAA Title

Bruce Fox's dog Troublesome Captain Call (Woodrow), earned his QAA (Qualified All Age) at the Memphis Amateur Retriever Club Field Trial on Saturday, April 23, 2016. Woodrow placed second out of 38 dogs in the Qualifying Stake. This is a huge achievement — big congratulations to Bruce and Woodrow!



Bruce Fox and Woodrow, new QAA dog!

New Master Hunter

Richard Cook and his Golden Retriever Charlie (Adirondac Sir Charles) earned their Master Hunter title at Black Warrior's Spring Hunt Test on April 23, 2016. Congratulations to this team!

New Junior Hunters

The following member owned or handled dogs earned Junior Hunter titles at ETRC's spring hunt test May 28 & 29 —

- ◆ Bailey McCoy and McCoy's Only Sunshine
- ◆ Haley O'Neal and Beau
- ◆ Haley O'Neal with Roddydogs Riley Belle (Riley)
- ◆ Haley O'Neal with Gus
- ◆ Ben O'Neal and Mae
- ◆ Haley O'Neal with Bear

In addition, Haley's puppy Rebel was first place Junior Puppy in the puppy stakes!

See pictures on page 8. More will be published next month — and if I missed anybody, please send in your info and a picture and we'll get it in!

New Family Member

Look who's got a new puppy! Meet Miss Ivy Evans, owned by Michael and Mitzi Evans. Congrats to everybody! She's a cutie!



Ivy made her debut as Michael's sidekick at the Spring Hunt Test. She split her time between riding shotgun on Michael's ATV as he worked, and entertaining everyone in the office where she spent time in her crate when she wasn't being loved by someone. Michael had lots of offers for this little doll!

New AKC Hunt Test Rule Changes

AKC announced on May 17 that there have been four changes to the Retriever Hunting Test Regulations:

- ◆ The event opening time will be determined by the time zone where the event is being held.
- ◆ The event opening date will be moved earlier by one day so all events open to the public on Wednesday evening.
- ◆ Clubs will be allowed, at their option, to hold Master level-only tests at their fifth and sixth events of the year provided the club has offered each of the test levels at least once at their first four hunting tests offered in the year.
- ◆ Clubs will be required to use fresh-killed birds in their hunting tests.

The new Regulations are as follows:

(1) & (2) Chapter 1, Section 3. Making Application.

Paragraph # 14 Clubs that limit the number of entries in the Master Hunter Test must advertise an opening date for its hunting test. In order for there to be transparency for all participants, the opening date for public entries shall be the Wednesday closest to three weeks prior to the first date of the event. The opening time shall be 8:00 pm in the time zone where the event is being held. The entries reserved for worker's dogs shall open on Tuesday.

These two changes become effective for any events that have an opening date after July 1, 2016.

(3) Chapter 1, Section 3. Making Application.

Paragraph # 5A local club is permitted to hold up to six licensed or member club events per calendar year. At the club's option, their 5th and 6th events of the year are allowed to be Master level only tests provided the club has offered each of the test levels at least once at the first four hunting tests it offered in the calendar year.

Clubs may start to apply immediately for their 5th – 6th Master level only test(s).

(4) Chapter 3, Section 2. Game. *Paragraph #2A* a minimum of two live birds per entry must be made available for the use at the discretion of the Judges in all test levels. Only birds shot as flyers during the event or euthanized within 24 hours of the event start time as stated in the premium may be used at an event.

This change becomes effective for events held on or after July 1, 2016.

Update on Fall Hunt Test

Now that the spring test is 'in the books', the Board will immediately begin working on getting the fall test up and running. Lots of work to be done to get our grounds approved (the test is tentatively slated to be held at the Lucky 7 Ranch near Sweetwater rather than Hiwassee; we were unable to reach agreement between AKC and TWRA on available dates for using the WMA this fall) and to get the proper permits in place for using live ducks as flyers in our test. The date remains October 22-23; we will be needing plenty of volunteers again to help run the test. Look for more information in the next Newsletter!

Update on the 2017 Master Amateur Invitational

The inaugural Master Amateur Invitational will be held in Cairo, GA beginning on April 23, 2017.

See the [countdown clock](#) as well as qualifying information on the club web site:

www.masteramateur.com Check back frequently for updates on schedules, accommodations and more!

REMINDER TO ALL AMATEUR HANDLERS: Please make sure you have correctly updated your personal profile and your dogs' profile on Entry Express. Retriever News relies on that information for proper tracking of results. Handlers must also confirm with the stake Marshal that their status and actual handler are properly identified. The latter is most important when multiple handlers are listed.

EE and RN combined do a very good job of tracking and reporting results but it is the responsibility of the handlers to make sure their information is current and correct.

Note: all AKC Hunt Tests this year will be considered as qualifying events for the 2017 MAI, including ETRC's Spring and Fall Hunt Tests. If you are an Amateur Handler, be sure to update your status in Entry Express and make sure you are identified as such at the ETRC Spring and Fall hunt tests.

Results as of April 29 - May 1, 2016

The number of dogs being tracked: 484

How many passes so far towards the Invitational: 841

Qualifiers: 2

Puppy Stake Results, ETRC Hunt Test

Twelve Junior Puppies competed in the Puppy Stakes at the spring ETRC Hunt Test on Saturday, May 28, 2016. Not everyone was able to stick around for the results, and as they are not included on Entry Express, we promised to publish them in the newsletter. Results are as follows:

1st place: Rebel, with Haley O'Neal

2nd place: Nash, with Konrad Heider

3rd place: Polly and Lois Luthenauer

4th place: Tank and John Pickering

JAM: Chyann with John Guinn

JAM: Koby and Donna Smith

Congratulations to all puppies and handlers! It's so nice to have such a large puppy class!

New Members

Welcome to the following new members who have joined ETRC during the last month:

- ◆ Andrew Sellin, of Tellico Plains, TN 37385. Andrew owns two Golden Retrievers
- ◆ Bob and Margaret Smith of Cleveland, TN, who own two Labradors
- ◆ Erik and Lisa Zrucky, of Lancing, TN, who have just bought one of John Guinn's Labrador puppies

If you see them at one of our events, please introduce yourselves and make them welcome.

2016 Area Hunt Tests

<i>Name of Test</i>	<i>Date</i>	Location
◆ Cuyahoga RC	6/11/16	Chardon, OH
◆ Buckeye RC	6/18/16	Chardon, OH
◆ Greater Pittsburgh RC	6/25/16	Chardon, OH
◆ Curly coated RC (All Breeds)	7/2/16	Hambden Township, OH
◆ Wisconsin Amateur RC	7/30/16	Horicon, WI
◆ Master National RC	9/29/16-10/9/16	Weldon Springs, MO

Hunt Test Pictures



Birdkids from the Explorer's Academy; Bailey & Taylor McCoy with Sunny & Nugget; Haley & Ben O'Neal with Beau, Mae & Bear.



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, litter info, and any other 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 for inclusion to any of the following: Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com); Lois Luthenauer (mountainLo717@gmail.com) or Roberta Williams (sharplw@usit.net).