



# Spring/Summer 2016 Upcoming Events

1. **ETRC Spring Club Trial #2**, Saturday, 9 AM, May 14, at Chuck Atchley's Revilo Farm, Hwy 338, Exit 407, Hwy 338, Sevierville, TN. More information & directions below on page 4.
2. **Board of Directors Meeting**, Saturday, May 14, 2016, after the club test at the Chuck Atchley farm, Sevierville.
3. **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.
4. **Training Seminar**, being planned for this summer, details to follow.
5. **Picnic/ General Business Meeting / Training Demonstration**, August, more details to follow.

## President's Message

Well, spring is well underway, as is the Spring Hunt Test season! I tried my dogs out at the Club Trial in April, and lo and behold, I had pretty much the same result at the Atlanta Retriever AKC Test as I did at the Club trial! The Club Trial really does give you a good idea of what you need to work on ... now to find the time to work on it!

Many thanks to everyone who helped out at the April Club Trial judging, setting up, taking down, etc. Even those events need a lot of hands to make it fun and effective. We are hoping for a good turnout at our next one, and some workers to boot. It's a lot of fun, why not volunteer to help out? The trial will be held on May 14 at Revilo Farm, details and direction are in this newsletter.

One of the jobs of the Board is to make sure that we have the right tools and equipment to run our tests, trials, and training sessions. Your Board decided to purchase some Dokkens for use in training and clubs trials ... After the experience we had with some very rank ducks and some very young dogs, the next club test will use Dokkens rather than ducks. Hopefully, everyone will have a much better experience this time around. Is there something else you'd like to see us do, or do differently? Let us know!

We are getting ready for the all important ETRC Spring AKC Hunt Test, and we are still looking for volunteers to help out. If I sound like a broken record, it's because you don't know how much fun you can have until you try it. No all day (or three day) commitment is necessarily required - although the folks that can do that are greatly appreciated. Please contact one of the board members if you can help us out, please. In the meantime, Happy Hunting!

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## ETRC Club Trial May 14, 2016 in Sevierville

Our second Club Trial of the year will be Saturday, May 14, with setup and sign-ups beginning at 8 a.m. It will be held at Chuck Atchley's beautiful Revilo Farm, Sevierville, TN. Detailed directions are given below.

Events: Singles Classic, Master, Senior, Junior, Puppy Stakes (under 1 yr). Entry Fee: \$10.00 each stake per dog (dokkens), 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. NOTE: we are using dokkens because our duck supply from last spring's test is rancid and pretty much unusable.

No E-collars allowed. All dogs must be on leash when out of vehicle unless running tests. Bring your retriever, a chair, your lunch, and water. Tee shirts, hats, and other club 'stuff' will be available for sale.

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-40 to Exit 407, Sevierville, TN. Go south on Hwy 66 towards Sevierville. Go approximately three miles across the French Broad River bridge to Hwy 338 (Boyd's Creek Hwy). Turn right and stay on Boyd's Creek for 2.5 miles to Revilo Farm on the right. Turn right at large Revilo Farm sign. Headquarters at picnic area.

## Report on the April 9, 2016 Club Trial in Sweetwater

### Thanks to:

- ◆ Darryl and Sharon Miller for the use of their beautiful farm!
- ◆ Judges: Singles Classic – Michael Evans & Lois Luthenauer; Master & Senior: Alan Bruhin and Ritchie Grigsby; Junior and Advanced Junior: Wayne Rasbury and Pat Trainor; and Puppies – Roberta Williams and Fay Norwood.
- ◆ Jim Pearce for bringing the club's new smaller trailer over.
- ◆ Lois Luthenauer, who ordered and collected the new tee shirts and brought over the ducks.
- ◆ Roberta Williams and Karen Edwards, who ran the table.
- ◆ Everyone who threw bumpers and acted as bird boys.

Signups and setups began at 8:00 a.m., and the action was underway by 9:30 a.m. The weather was brilliantly sunny but chilly and windy, which also added to the fun!

The Singles Classic was run first and was comprised of two long land marks. Master and Senior were run on the same set-up at the technical pond near the back of the property, and involved both land and water work. For Master, there was a land triple, one water/land blind and a land blind. The blinds were tight behind the marks which created a terrific challenge for the dogs! The senior setup was a double (the two outside marks) and a blind in an easier location. Junior and Advanced Junior were run on the same setup down near the small pond, with the difference being that Advanced Junior used a double mark and an honor. The puppy stakes were run up near the barn that served as Headquarters and were land marks only.

### Results:

*Singles Classic:* 16 dogs entered, 15 passed. Breeds included 12 labradors and 3 goldens.

First place: Woodie (CLM) and Lois Luthenauer

Second place: Cash (CLM) and Haley O'Neal

Third place: Susie (CLF) and Lois Luthenauer

Fourth place: Panda (GRF) and Jim Pearce

*Master Test:* 9 dogs entered (7 labs, 2 goldens), 4 passed (all labs). The rest had troubles with all the delicious scents from the rotten ducks in front of the blinds! Passing were: Shine and Alan Bruhin; Sonny and Fay Norwood; Sniper and Ritchie Grigsby; and Woodie and Lois Luthenauer.

*Senior Test:* 3 entered (all labs), 2 passed. Passing were Aspen with Ben Dorton and Cash with Haley O'Neal..

*Advanced Junior Test:* 4 entered (3 labs and a mini poodle), 1 passed. Passing was Nina (poodle) with Beth White.

### Club Test Results, April 9, 2016 Continued

Junior Test: 3 entered (all labs), none passed.

Puppies: 4 entered and 3 puppies ran, ranging in age from 6 weeks (!) to 8 months. 1<sup>st</sup>. place, Cooper and Ben Dorton (Lab); 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dixie and Tracy Heard (Boykin Spaniel); and 3<sup>rd</sup>, Polly with Lois Luthenauer (Lab).

#### Financial Information:

Item	Memberships	Entries	Sales	Donations	Totals
Checks	\$50	\$110	\$70	\$0	\$230
cash	\$25	\$260	\$105	\$5	\$395
Totals	\$75	\$370	\$175	\$5	\$625

The Club took in \$370 in entry fees, \$5 in donations (thank you Adam Smelcer!) and \$175 in tee shirt/hat sales. In addition, two new member/families joined and an old member renewed. There were no expenses.

#### Final Thoughts:

Overall, this was a good event. It would have been improved if we would have hired a few outside birdboys rather than have to rotate people through the blinds. Also, next time we will combine all the stakes (other than Singles Classic and Puppy) into a single set-up, for greater efficiency for people who are running dogs in multiple levels, and so we can all be together in the same spot for more camaraderie. Finally, the ducks were really bad – leftovers from last spring’s hunt test and frozen/thawed more than once. It posed a real problem for the younger dogs (who thought they were fine for rolling in but were not as enthusiastic about carrying them around in their mouths). We need to consider investing in some dokkens or buying fresh ducks for these events. Also, we need to put a few more things in our new small trailer – a couple of signs to make it easier to find the event; some blind stakes or tape so we don’t have to rely on using people’s private supplies; and a marshal’s box with duck calls etc.

#### Pictures from the Spring Trial, April 9, 2016



Lois Luthenauer & Woodie finish a blind

Jim Pearce sends Panda off for a mark while judges Ritchie Grigsby & Alan Bruhin watch



New member Tracy Heard & puppy Dixie watch the fun



## 2016 Spring Hunt Test—Important Information

It's almost here! We are looking forward to a great test at the Hiwassee Refuge May 28 and 29, with set-up on Friday the 27th. The official motel 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.

Entries for Master are limited to 120 dogs in two flights, Master A and Master B. The event will open on Wednesday, May 4 at 8 p.m. CENTRAL time for entries. For the first 24 hours, only entries from the ETRC worker pool may enter. ETRC will be allowed to designate up to 15% of the Master entries (18 dogs total) to receive a code number sent from Entry Express to the Hunt Test Secretary. First contact Lois Luthenauer ([mountainLO717@gmail.com](mailto:mountainLO717@gmail.com)) or Michael Evans ([Fowl\\_Mouth\\_K9@aol.com](mailto:Fowl_Mouth_K9@aol.com)) to sign up for at least 4 hours of work at the test, then contact Test secretary Roberta Williams ([sharphlw@usit.net](mailto:sharphlw@usit.net) or 1-865-680-1388) before May 4 to request your code.

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! All people who work will be signed up automatically for the workers raffle — tee shirts, hats, a wool jacket, and more! Plus workers are invited to stay for the Judges' dinner at the clubhouse Friday night.

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.

### ***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.

## Deadline Extended for the 2016 Luthenauer Young Handler's Program

ETRC is inaugurating 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: 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](mailto: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.



## Board Meeting Summary, April 9, 2016

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The ETRC Board of Directors met at the barn on the Darryl and Sharon Miller farm in Sweetwater following the conclusion of the Club Trial on April 9, 2016. The meeting was called to order by President Lois Luthenauer. All Board members were present except Ron Burger, Michele Fletcher, Diane Fyfe. Minutes available for review on the website since March 22, 2016 were approved as posted. The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance (after paying for the new duck driers) is \$11,378.20 after purchasing new tee shirts and hats with only one bill outstanding (\$94 for website work, first quarter).

**Website Changes:** Routine updates on hunt test information; posted March minutes, posted April Newsletter.

**Membership:** Anyone who has not renewed by June 1 will be dropped from the club rolls and will not receive further emails and newsletters. Karen Edwards reported that so far, 2016 membership stands at 44 families, with 21 who have not yet rejoined for 2016.

**Spring Club Trials:** The first Club Trial was held today. See results on page 3. The next Club Trial is scheduled for May 14 at the Chuck Atchley farm (Revalo) in Sevierville. Plans were discussed and finalized for this event; Karen Edwards will send out an email either the night before or first thing in the morning if we are forced to cancel because of weather.

**Spring AKC Hunt Test:** Plans are well underway. Entries will be open May 4-16. Anyone who wants to rent one of the motel rooms needs to do so quickly as there are fishing tournaments in the area the same weekend.

**Fall AKC Hunt Test:** The approved AKC dates for this test are October 22-23. We have located new grounds for this test at the Lucky 7 Ranch near Sweetwater, and are in the process of getting AKC/TWRA approval of the grounds. Judges selection is underway.

**The Luthenauer Young Handler Program:** The deadline for receipt of applications has been extended until May 31. In the meantime, we are going to be getting a \$500 donation (our land use fees for the Lucky 7 Ranch, which owner Ken Campbell is donating back to us for this program) so it will be a shame if we have all this money and no one to spend it on. For details, click the Youth Program tab on the home page: [http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub\\_youth\\_program.htm](http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub_youth_program.htm).

**Tee Shirts:** A new shipment of short and long-sleeved tees, plus more hats, was received on April 8. Lots of sizes, some more of the very popular Camo performance material tees! They will be on sale at the Club Trial & Hunt Test.

**Raffle:** Mike and Donna Smith reported they have received a number of donations but more are needed. If any club member has a dog-related item they would like to donate, contact Donna at [donnasmith1@gmail.com](mailto:donnasmith1@gmail.com).

**New Members:** The Board voted on the following new members on first reading, and assigned sponsors. These people will be voted on for final membership in our August picnic:

1. Haley & Ben O'Neal. They have Labradors and run a dog training/boarding business near Chattanooga. Sponsors assigned: Michael Evans and Alan Bruhin.
2. Ben & Mandy Dorton: also have Labradors and live in Knoxville. Sponsors assigned: Michael Evans and Alan Bruhin.
3. Tracey and Daniel Heard: the Heards have two sons and a Boykin puppy. Sponsors assigned: Patti Gibson and Donna Smith.

Welcome to these new members!

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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***For complete minutes of this meeting, go to [www.etrclub.org](http://www.etrclub.org), press the 'Members' tab in the left column, and log in. For log-in information, contact Karen Edwards — [edwardskc@gmail.com](mailto:edwardskc@gmail.com).***

## Board Meeting Summary, April 18, 2016

The ETRC Board of Directors met at the Pegasus Technologies conference room in Lenoir City. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Lois Luthenauer. Present were Lois, Michele Fletcher, Karen Edwards, Roberta Williams, Michael Evans, Tom Gibson, and Diane Fyfe. Minutes of the last meeting were available for review on the website since April 13, 2016 and were formally approved as posted. The Treasurer reported that the current bank balance is \$11,914.20 with no bills outstanding.

**Website Changes:** Posted April 9 minutes.

**Membership:** Anyone who has not renewed by June 1 will be dropped from the club rolls and will not receive further emails and newsletters. Karen Edwards reported that so far, 2016 membership stands at 44 families, with 21 who have not yet rejoined for 2016.

**Spring Club Trials.** The next Club Trial is scheduled for May 14 at the Chuck Atchley farm (Revalo) in Sevierville. Plans were discussed and finalized for this event, including the use and purchase of 30 dokkens instead of rotten ducks. Karen Edwards will send out an email either the night before or first thing in the morning if we are forced to cancel because of weather.

**Spring AKC Hunt Test.** Still working on filling worker slots. Entries will be open May 4-16; workers can get a code for early entry to make sure you can get one of the scarce Master slots.

**Fall AKC Hunt Test.** The approved AKC dates for this test are October 22-23. TWRA has notified us that we can use Hiwassee the weekend of November 4; the board discussed and voted to explore with AKC whether these dates were available and if so, have the test there. If not, we will continue planning for use of the Lucky 7 Ranch near Sweetwater, with either a single flight Master, or using another nearby farm for a second Master flight. Judges selection is pending a final decision on which date/location we will be using. **[EDITOR'S NOTE 4//28/16: AKC will not approve us moving to the November date as it conflicts with Fall Line's test, so we will be staying with the October 22-23 dates after all, and working to get approval for use of Lucky 7 /Dogtown properties.]**

**Raffle:** Mike and Donna Smith reported they have received some donations but more are needed and there are no big items that would be enticing for selling raffle tickets. They have contacted 13 companies and only three responded positively. We discussed two options: adding \$500 from the treasury to have significant first, second and third prizes; or canceling the raffle and using the donated items for a workers-only raffle. After some discussion, the Board decided to use the second option, and discontinue planning for an open ticket-sale type of raffle.

**Summer Training Seminar:** We are hoping to get Jody Ware back for a full-day training seminar this summer, possibly at the Fyfe / Fletcher farm near Pikeville, TN again — Lois will contact the Ware's to see if either June 18 or June 25 will work for them. If not, we will explore other dates/options.

**Summer Picnic:** Ken Campbell had tentatively offered use of Lucky 7 for our annual picnic/business meeting. Lois will contact him to see if this is OK and to firm up a date. First choice is August 20. We would like to have this combined with a field trial / training demo by John Broucek and Brady Collins if possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held after the Club Trial on May 14 strictly to discuss plans for the hunt test.

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## More Info on the 2017 Master Amateur Invitational

The first annual Master Amateur Invitational will be held on private properties in the vicinity of Cairo and Thomasville, GA in April, 2017. The MAI Hunting Test for Retrievers will begin on Sunday, April 23 with handlers' meeting and welcome reception on Saturday, April 22. Entries will be handled by Entry Express. The event is open to amateur handled dogs that have met the qualifying requirements as stipulated by the Master Amateur Retriever Club, Inc. and posted on the club website.

Full details on schedule, headquarters, lodging options and more will be posted on the website: [www.masteramateur.com](http://www.masteramateur.com).

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.

## Membership Renewals Now Overdue

If you haven't rejoined ETRC before June 1, 2016, this is your last newsletter. On June 1, we will strike all non-renewing members off the membership lists and the email lists, and will be changing the password for the members-only section of the website. Don't miss out! 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.'



## Shirts, Hats, & More!

ETRC has replenished its stock of logo items which are now available in a number of styles and sizes, including some of the hard-to-find large sizes. These will be offered for sale at most club events, including the upcoming club trial in Sevierville on May 14, and the spring AKC Hunt test at Hiwassee at the end of May.

We have short sleeve tees available in most of the colors shown on the left (the dark chocolate is only available in a heavy sweat shirt). We have more of the performance camo tees, plus performance tees in Sand and a lady's style in light pink. Long sleeve tees are available in Sand and Sport Grey plus one lonely Forest Green one. Sizes range from child small to Adult 4XL, but not all sizes are available in all colors.

Hats and visors come in a variety of styles — camo/khaki with duck embroidery on the side, solid khaki in both hats and visors, and solid camo (visors only) — plus a few leftover ones in forest green and natural.

Prices are reasonable, only a bit above what we pay for them and the logo is nice and prominent. Buy one or several, look spiffy, be comfortable, and help advertise the club!

## 2016 Area Hunt Tests

<i>Name of Test</i>	<i>Date</i>	Location
◆ 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
◆ Cape Fear RC	6/3/16	Rocky Point, NC
◆ 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

## AKC Publications, Magazines, & ENewsletters

The AKC publishes numerous Enewsletters available to club members by contacting the following customer service department: [info@akc.org](mailto:info@akc.org) or [www.akc.org](http://www.akc.org).

Name of Publication	Frequency	Content
AKC Weekly Winners	Weekly	All breed winners
AKC Communications	Weekly	Events info
Your AKC Enewsletter	Quarterly	Health & canine tips
AKC Gazette	Monthly	Official AKC magazine
AKC Breeder	Quarterly	Breeder education
Family Dog	Quarterly	Canine training tips

A wealth of knowledge may be found on the AKC website under Downloadable Forms. The AKC Hunt Test Rules and Regulation booklet may be downloaded to obtain the current edition. To research a pedigree, points, or awards, go to the AKC Store.

## 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](mailto:edwardskc@gmail.com)); Lois Luthenauer ([mountainLo717@gmail.com](mailto:mountainLo717@gmail.com)) or Roberta Williams ([sharplw@usit.net](mailto:sharplw@usit.net)).