



2019 Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC's UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. Saturday/Sunday, May 25-26, 2019: ETRC Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee, approved. Open NOW. See page 2 — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
2. August Seminar / Picnic / Jody Ware training seminar: Saturday, August 17, Retriever Retreat, Clarkrange, TN. Details to follow, save the date.
3. Fall Club Trial: Date and location pending
4. Saturday / Sunday September 28-29, 2019: ETRC Fall Hunt Test, Lucky 7 Ranch, Sweetwater, TN, judges pending. **NOTE DATE CHANGE to avoid conflict with Master National!**

Photo of the Month



Donna Smith and Beau — Club Trial, 4/13/19

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Final Update on the Spring Hunt Test

ETRC's spring hunt test is the end of this month! The test will be held over the Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 25 and Sunday May 26. The test will be a double Junior, double Senior, and two flights of Master (limit 120 dogs), and will be at the Hiwassee Refuge near Brentwood / Dayton Tennessee. Plans are finalized and entries for the public open Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Central time. Workers with codes can enter on Tuesday, 4/30/19 at 8:00 p.m. Central time. Entries close Monday, May 13, 2019 just before midnight Central time. This year our test is set up as a single test on Entry Express, so you only have to click on one test in order to enter both Junior and Senior tests.

The Master test is limited to 120 dogs; people who volunteer to work at the test for at least 4 hours can sign up and get a code from Assistant Test Chair J. Michael Evans — text or call him at 865-824-8638, or email at Fowl_Mouth_K9@aol.com.

Judges are:

- Junior Sat/Senior Sun: Jack Gravely / Daniel Overstreet
- Senior Sat/Junior Sun: Scott Chaney / Melissa Shanks
- Master A: Terri Dietrich / Lin Gelbmann
- Master B: Jane Doolittle / Josh Moorman



Workers are needed for test setup beginning at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 24; for gunners, stewards and assistants, and equipment moving/maintenance on Saturday and Sunday; for cleanup on Sunday, and for many more tasks. If you would like to work inside, we are looking for a helper who will sell tee shirts and assist with preparing lunches for workers and judges on Saturday and Sunday. Four-wheelers or small utility vehicles are also needed for the weekend to help get workers and equipment from one test site to another quickly. All workers will be invited to dinner with the judges and hunt test committee on Friday night, dutch treat, at a steakhouse in Dayton. To volunteer, contact test chairman Luke McCoy (fonemn3@bellsouth.net), assistant chair J. Michael Evans (contact info above), Chief Steward Lois Luthenauer (mountainLO717@gmail.com) or Secretary Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com) to sign up for some hard work and good fun.

The official motel will again be the Best Western Inn, 7835 Rhea County Highway (US 27 North), Dayton, TN. A total of 12 rooms will be blocked out with the hotel and will be held until the Wednesday before the test. If you want to stay at this Inn, contact the Best Western directly and tell them that you are coming for the ETRC Hunt test in order to get the special rate. You may find that you can get a cheaper rate online or with other discounts you are entitled to through other organizations. The phone number is (423) 775-6560.

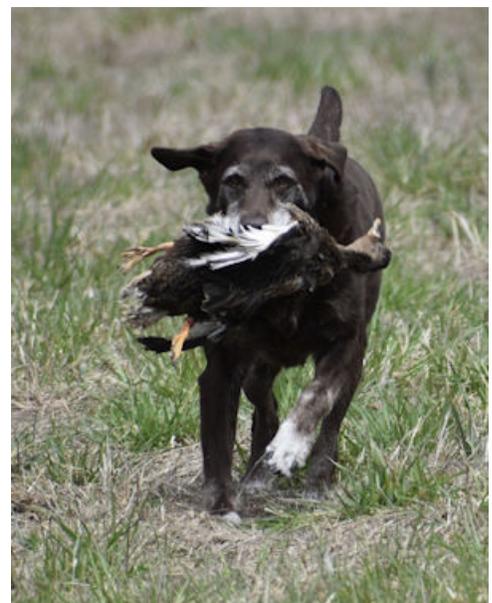
Hope to see you there, as a competitor or worker or both!



Best Western, Dayton, TN



Hiwassee Refuge



Spring Club Trial, April 13, 2019 Roane Regional Industrial Park Training Grounds

Thanks to:

- ◆ Darryl and Sharon Miller, who agreed to let us use their farm in Sweetwater, before the rains washed away the road leading to it.
- ◆ Roane Regional, who agreed to step in and let us use our training grounds for this event on short notice.
- ◆ Judges: rotating group including Tom Gibson, Wayne Rasbury, and Jim Pearce
- ◆ Club members who came to play.

We got off to a bit of a late start because of unexpected rain; everyone stood on the porch of the Pegasus Technologies building and talked for a while until the rain stopped. The Singles Classic was run first and was comprised of two extraordinarily long land marks out over rolling terrain in the large, long field behind the Pegasus Tech property. We used the club's new remote launchers for this setup, and they worked great!

The Master/Senior/ Junior stakes were run on one set-up over by the pond, and involved two land marks, one of them landing in a dip and not visible from the line, and a 180 degree turn to a water mark all the way across the pond to the edge of the bank on the far side. There was a single long, cheaty swimming blind about half the length of the pond near the brushy bank. This was complicated by a pair of geese that swam around honking at the far end near the location of the blind. Dokkens were used for this setup.

Signups and setups began around 9:00 a.m. and the action was underway by about 9:15 a.m. The weather was cloudy with the occasional raindrop and temps in the low 60s. The rain started again just as we were finishing with the Master dogs, and we retreated inside the building for the ribbon ceremony. We finished around 1:00 p.m..

Results:

Singles Classic: 8 dogs entered, 3 passed.

- ◆ First place: Cooper with Wayne Rasbury. This is his 6th win in the last couple of years! Cooper was the only dog to pick up both marks without being handled on the long mark.
- ◆ Second place: Beau with Donna Smith. Donna had to handle Beau on the long mark, but he took her directions and eventually got all the way back.
- ◆ Third place: Panda and Jim Pearce. Panda needed some serious handling on the long mark.

Master Test: 4 dogs entered and all 4 passed. Passing were: Cooper and Wayne Rasbury; Donna Smith and Beau; and Jim Pearce with Callie and Panda.

Senior Test: No dogs entered.

Junior Test: 4 dogs entered and 3 passed. Passing were: Ammo and Tom Gibson; Bleu and Richard Jones; and Kepes and Peter Torok.

Puppies: None entered.

Financial Information: We received \$160 for entries and one member renewed. There were no expenses.

Final Thoughts: Very small entries, but those who came had a good time anyway!

Club Trial Photos, 4/13/19



Top: Liz Gibson & Charlie; Wayne Rasbury with Cooper.

Middle: Mara & Peter Torok with Kepes; Jim Pearce with Callie; Tom Gibson's Ammo running.

Bottom: Scene at the water mark pond; Wayne Rasbury, Dickie Jones and Bleu.



Field Trial at Lucky 7 April 12-14, 2019

—by Karen Edwards

Our sister club, the newly-formed Tennessee Valley Retriever Club, had its inaugural event at Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Ranch Friday through Sunday, April 12-14, 2019. They put on quite a show! Jim and I spent much of Friday afternoon watching and talking to many of the exhibitors and learning about the "other side" of the retriever sports world.

The trial lasted for three days. On Friday, they ran the Derby (for young dogs who haven't yet reached their 2nd birthday) and started the Open All-Age Stake. 11 pups were entered in the Derby, and 66 dogs were entered in the Open Stake. On Saturday, they started the Amateur Stake, with 47 entries. On Sunday, they finished up with whatever was needed.

The two mature dog stakes consist of four series — land marks, land blinds, water marks, and water blinds. As with hunt tests, only the dogs who pass each series go on to the next series. By the end of the trial the judges award placements in each stake — first through fourth place, and may also award JAMS to some of the other dogs who complete all four series satisfactorily.

Ernie Hawkins & AFC Top-brass Hawks's Blackhawk



We watched a number of dogs in the Open stake on the first series. It was a quad, with three very long and rather tight marks and a shorter live flyer. Lots of terrain changes to navigate! The series was set up on a new large field that Ken Campbell recently added to Lucky 7 — on the right side towards the back of his original property, with road frontage on Erie Road farther down from the main entrance. It was a beautiful day, the dogs were amazing, and the people attending were very welcoming and happy to answer lots of questions from us. They even invited us to stay for the dinner, which was catered by a barbecue truck (smoked brisket, barbecued chicken and all the trimmings) and held at the Clubhouse and pavilion, along with a band from Texas/Nashville that provided live entertainment. It was quite the party!

We saw lots of people we already know — Ken Campbell, Brady Collins, one of our puppy-daddy owners Ernie Hawkins (who owns two AFC Goldens), pro trainer Al Arthur (who handled one of our Penny's breedings that resulted in Panda), and many current and former ETRC members — Lisa Styles, John Broucek, Bruce Fox, Jake Greenwell, and Trudie Kuka among others that I recognized the face but don't have it associated with the proper name. We also met many new people and enjoyed 'talking dogs' for hours!

We are very excited about the formation of this club and the new opportunities it will provide to expand Retriever sports in the East Tennessee area. We are looking forward to their Fall event in late October, and hope that more of the club members will stop by for an interesting and educational day.



Board Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2019

Present from the Board: Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer, Karen Edwards, Jim Pearce, Michele Fletcher, J. Michael Evans

Absent, excused: Tom Gibson, Mike Smith, Cory Smith, Jeff McNutt

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report:

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

Minutes: Last meeting was 2/23/19; minutes approved and sent to the club website. Lois moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. Jim Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence: None to report.

Membership: Current 2019 membership is 41 as of 4/8/19, including 2 waiting first reading and assignment of sponsors. 22 members have not renewed yet from 2018; EOY membership was 61. Sent out membership reminder to people who haven't rejoined on 3/16/19, will do another reminder in a few weeks.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 4/8/19 is \$19,241.13. Karen passed out copies of a report showing income and expenses year to date, and the status of funds in the Youth program.

AKC Representative's Report: Michele Fletcher: Nothing to report.

Old Business

1. *Master Midweek Hunt Test:*

- Financial info: so far, we have netted \$2,122.40, with some bills still out:
 - Keith Maready judges fees (\$200?)- emailed him 4/8/19, reminding him that I need an invoice from him.
 - Scratches (Tammy & Mike Pierce? 4 dogs @ \$50 = \$200, No others received). Have not received a refund request from the Pierces, but since they were already at the test ready to go, and had to leave to take Mike to the hospital for a medical emergency, and always support our tests and help out as needed, Michele moved that we give them the partial refund. Lois seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Karen will write them a refund check.
 - Not counted directly, but we used about \$185 in ribbons, title ribbon, and duck bands from our overall supply.
 - Lunch: sandwiches from Subway cost us about \$4 per lunch. Extra cost for cookies and chips, some napkins and bags; most of the chips/napkins/bags left over and will be used for spring hunt test. Charged \$7 for the one lunch we sold.
 - Extra invoice from Holston Gas – Michael called and got this corrected.
 - Bottom line: looks like we will net around \$1,700 which is NOT BAD for such a small test.
 - Ducks: There was some discussion about the club buying Brady ducks that ended up being for free, since we used Ken's duck facilities instead of Brady's. Lois contacted John Broucek to see if the ducks ended up with Ken, which is fine, or if Brady took them. If so, he needs to refund us the \$290 for the cost of the ducks.
 - Missing stuff: one of the radios went walkabout; may have been left in a field or out in someone's car. We had it Wednesday morning but not by the evening. Also, a hammer is missing from one of the tool bags, but Jim thinks that Jeff McNutt has it.
 - Overall, the test went very smoothly. It was two long hard days for the club members out in the holding blinds, since our relief plan didn't work out too well and we couldn't get school-age birdkids for a midweek test. And, asking people to take three days off from work to put this on was a big ask. These were reasons expressed for deciding not to have a one-day field trial qualifier before one of our hunt tests in the past.

2. ***Sherie Catledge Handler Workshop 3/31/19:*** Not much attendance, but excellent info and very helpful for those of us who attended. Thanks to Sherie and Lois –lunch was delicious, and their place is gorgeous!

3. ***Club Trial 4/13/19: Darryl Miller's place:*** Lois won't be there. Both Alan and Michael had talked to Darryl in the last several days, and found out that the road through the Holt Farm is washed out. With lots more rain yesterday, the

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chances of it being repaired and dry enough to use on Saturday are slim and nil. After some discussion, we decided to change the location to Roane Regional. Jim checked the road up onto the hill and it looks more or less OK unless there is more rain on Friday / Saturday. Karen will write emails tomorrow notifying Roane Regional and letting the membership know of the change in location.

4. **Spring Hunt Test:** We went through the checklist, and the following updates were noted:

- Judges have been selected, and J. Michael has entered them into the AKC website. He does not yet have approval. As soon as he receives approval, we can finalize our test. He will notify Karen and Michele, could possibly receive approval on Tuesday.
- 17 rooms have been reserved at the Dayton Best Western. After a brief discussion of the possibility of having to split one of the Senior or Junior tests, Michael agreed to call them back and ask them to hold on to 20 rooms in all.
- Honoring Roberta: Karen will write up a brief blurb and send to Michele for use in the premium and program, and will send Michele the picture we decided to use. Melody says she has some information / posters from the funeral that she will loan to us.
- Chief Marshal status: Lois will be at the Master Amateur with Woody during the test. She is working to identify marshals and reliefs, and will get us the info before she leaves. She can also make phone calls if someone falls out before the test. Michele agreed to be the acting chief marshal at the test, which shouldn't involve much work that would interfere with her HT Secretary duties.
- Michael will be handling helper codes. We will have 18; we discussed how to handle more requests than codes, and decided that priority will go to people who have helped in the past rather than to new people who promise to help, as oftentimes the help doesn't materialize.
- Alan will copy off more judges sheets, around 600 or so.
- Ducks: we will have to go with Kiley again since closer ducks are all promised for the Master National.
- Need more ammo; Michael will order. Need more garbage bags and paper towel rolls for marshal boxes, writing pads, and toilet paper.
- Meigs County FFA has agreed to provide 25 birdboys. Contract is with them for signature. Karen will need to contact them and tell them to be sure to wear appropriate colored tops (camo, brown, dark blue/green etc.) and hats for sun protection.
- Judges' dinner: After some discussion about the state of the cabin's kitchen, Alan moved that we take the judges out to dinner at a Dayton Restaurant. This will also make it easier on Patti, who we hope will still do the lunches for us on Saturday and Sunday. Michael seconded, and the vote passed. Lois texted Patti and told her about this; she agreed to do the lunches. After discussing the restaurant options, we decided to go to Jacob Myers steakhouse; Luke will make reservations for 20, and we will only be paying for the judges' dinners. All others except for Patti will go dutch.
- Judges gifts: we had some discussion about keeping on with giving \$100 bills, or going back to getting them some kind of personalized or local flavor gift. Alan, Michael, and Luke, all judges, discussed what they liked but reported that judges are all over the board on this. Some of them are sick of getting personalized stuff that sits around collecting dust, some negative comments were made about getting food items, etc. We decided to keep on with the \$100 bills; everyone can use money and it doesn't clutter up the house.

5. **Luthenauer Youth Handler Program:** Lois reported no response on the youth handler seminar, but admitted that their move and subsequent lack of attention to advertising it had a major impact. The FFA people expressed that they had kids who would be very interested but they didn't get the info in time. Lois asked Karen to re-do the flyer that was prepared at the last moment to make it sort of a 'save the date' thing for next year, and they can pass it out to youth groups and people now, set up a contact list, and provide further info once next year's dates are set.

6. **Equipment:**

- Popups: We should try to have some of these available for the May hunt test. We have one good one and four cheap ones that tend to last only about one day before breaking. Karen moved we purchase 3 good ones, at around \$200 each. Lois seconded, and the motion passed. Lois will purchase some in time for the May hunt test.

7. **Miscellaneous Club Business stuff:** History stuff has been moved from Roberta's home to her daughter Melody's, along with incorporation papers, corporate seal, etc. Michael Evans is trying to set up a time with her for pickup. She warns that some of it has been water damaged. Michael reports he has had some problems with getting a hand-off set up. Karen volunteered to take over if Michael wasn't able to get with Melody in the next week or two; Karen's schedule is more flexible than Michael's and this may help.

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New Business:

1. **New Members:**

- Catherine (Cat) Perry, Mauldin, SC, pro trainer, Labradors. Does hunt tests, field trials, obedience, dock diving. Says she was a member many years ago, none of our old members remember her. Will marshal at HTs.
- Jake & Jessi Webb, Cosby, Tn: have an 11-week old lab puppy. Interested in HT, Field Trials, dog training. Will do whatever is needed.

Michael moved that we accept these people as members; Karen seconded and the motion passed. Unfortunately, we forgot to assign sponsors, so please contact Karen to volunteer.

2. **Summer picnic:** Last year's picnic was not a success. Jody's truck broke down and he canceled at the last minute. Brian filled in for him, but had no opportunity to prepare. We didn't have a quorum with few members attending. We decided to use the same format, but change locations. Lois volunteered her new place, about 20 miles north of Crossville, with 20 acres of fields and a pond that is not technical (yet) but provides the opportunity to get wet. There is a covered pavilion and outdoor kitchen that is ideal for the picnic itself, and there are several extremely nice guest cottages where we can put up Jody and as much of his family as he brings along. Karen will talk with Jody on Wednesday to see if he is agreeable with the proposed date of Saturday, August 17; and Lois will discuss with Sherie who is leasing the training grounds to make sure she doesn't have something else planned on that date.

3. **Fall Hunt Test: 10/19-20/19.** AKC has approved our dates and location, and we have got the basic info entered into AKC and EE websites. However, this date is right in the middle of the Master National over in Cheraw, and there are serious problems with going ahead with this date. Getting judges will be a major issue; attendance will be low as most of the pros east of the Mississippi will be at the MA; and many of our worker cadre will be over there participating and won't be available to help. We discussed various alternatives, including moving the date earlier or later so as not to conflict, and decided that Michael will talk to AKC to see if we can have the date of 9/28/19 instead, and if so, check with Ken Campbell to see if this changed date is OK with him. If this doesn't work out, we will have to look at other options.

4. **Fall club trial:** Ideally, we would have this at Lucky 7 about two weeks before our fall hunt test. However, until we get the date for that test pinned down, we need to hold off on selecting a date.

5. **Possible replacement of big trailer:** Mike Evans commented that our big trailer is getting close to the point where it will no longer serve our needs. It is 14' long and extremely heavy; the brakes don't work; and we have too much stuff to store it efficiently and effectively. He suggests we look around for a newer trailer – maybe a 20' trailer made of aluminum, with a drop ramp tailgate and barn doors on the side that we could fix up with shelves and cupboards. He thinks we could get a used one for \$5 to \$8,000, and a new one would be from \$10 to \$15,000. Alan moved that we ask Mike to do more study on this issue and report back after the spring hunt test. Jim Pearce seconded and the motion passed. The general consensus was that this was a good idea if we could find a good used one. Ken Campbell has said we can store the trailer at his place permanently if we want, and we still have the option of using Hiwassee.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Alan moved that we adjourn. Michael seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



Member News and Announcements



Fern Hill Sunday at the Zoo SH (“Zoey”) earned her Senior Hunter title at the Atlanta hunt test on 4/14/19. Zoey is a December 2016 daughter of Fern Hill Pandemonium (“Panda”) by FC AFC The Sunday Swimmer OS FDHF. Bred, owned and loved by Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce, and trained and handled by Jody Ware — Zoey is now on to Master level testing. We love her ‘110% effort’ attitude!

Youth Program Update

The Luthenauer Young Handler program is entering its fourth year. Kids who are interested in working with dogs in field work 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. An annual youth handler seminar open to any youth who is interested in retriever sports will be held next March (2020) at Sherie’s and Lois Luthenauer’s new farm, 3508 Martha Washington Road, Clarkrange, TN. Contact Lois (mountainLO717@gmail.com) to get on a list for more information as plans develop.



A perpetual trophy will be awarded annually along with a plaque to keep, and a participation award for everyone in the program. Fees for hunt tests attended and all club events will be free for participating youth program members.

Membership Renewals Overdue

Your 2018 memberships expired the last day of February. This is your last newsletter if you haven’t renewed before June 1, at which time we purge the rolls and change the passwords on the website.

So why not renew now while you are thinking about it? Membership is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). The renewal forms are available online at <http://www.etrclub.org/join.htm> — just click the link, print it off, and send it to Karen Edwards, Secretary /Treasurer, 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Cost is still just \$25 which includes electronic copies of the newsletter, special announcements, eligibility to attend all ETRC Sponsored events, and consideration for end of the year awards plus the opportunity to make friendships with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. It’s a bargain!

Around the Region — Seminars, Tests, & Trials

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Labrador RC of Piedmont	Patrick, SC	05/04/19
MidSouth HRC	Bruce, MS	05/04/19
Atlanta RC Mid-week Master Only (90)	Greensboro, GA	05/07/19
Golden RC of St.Louis	St.Charles, MO	05/10/19
Sandhills RC (60)	Pinebluff, NC	05/11/19
DelBay RC	Elkton, MD	05/11/19
MTARC	LaVergne, TN	05/17/19
ETRC	Birchwood, TN	05/25/19
Master Amateur Invitational	Butte, Montana	06/02/19

Numbers in parentheses are limits on number of Master dogs

Upcoming AKC Field Trials

Lincoln Trail RC	Grahamville, KY	05/03/19
Tall Pines RC	Leesburg, GA	05/03/19
Green River RC	Grahamville, KY	05/10/19
Blue Ridge RC	Emporia, VA	05/17/19

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, new dogs, dog-related jobs and services, 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 either of the following: Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com); or Lois Luthenauer (mountainLo717@gmail.com) .