

2019 Upcoming Events

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC's UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. Tuesday-Wednesday, March 26-27, Master-only Hunt Test, 60 dogs, Lucky 7, Sweetwater, TN. Opens Tuesday, 3/5 for workers, Wednesday 3/6 for all others. Judges pending.
2. Saturday, 3/30/19: Youth Handler's seminar with Sherie Catledge, 3508 Martha Washington Rd., Sweetwater, TN. Sunday, 3/31/19: Adult Handler Seminar, same location. See p. 7.
3. Saturday, April 13, 2019, 9 a.m. — club trial, Darryl Miller Farm, Sweetwater.
4. Saturday/Sunday, May 25-26, 2019: ETRC Spring Hunt Test, Hiwassee, judges pending

Photo of the Month



ETRC Awards Banquet, February 23, 2019. President Luke McCoy and Past President Lois Luthenauer hand member John Broucek a title plaque for his dog Ribeye, who won his Field Trial Championship this past summer.

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Minutes for Banquet and General Membership Meeting, Saturday, February 23, 2019 Calhoun's Bearden Hill Restaurant, Knoxville, TN

Present from the Board: : Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Jim Pearce, John Broucek, Donna Smith, Cory Smith

Absent, excused: Tom Gibson, Michele Fletcher (AKC delegate), Carol McCorkle (HTSecy)

Members present: Mitzi Evans, Sherie Catledge, Denise, Tony and Ivan Chambers, David Knott, Cynthia Bruhin, Elena and Abigail Smith, Jeff and Cheryl McNutt, Mike Smith, Jake Greenwell, Lisa Styles, Ashley & Debbie Goddard

Guests Present: Katy Cundiff, Dusty Vaughn, Travis Vaughn,

A quorum is 20% of the voting membership. Sixteen memberships were represented, and the current membership stands at 61 (20% would be 13). Therefore, a quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 7:50 p.m. following dinner.

Officer's Reports

Greetings, Introduction of Guests, and President's Report on last year's activities: Luke gave a brief wrap-up of events during the past fiscal year – AKC hunt tests in the spring and fall, with the spring test being one of the biggest we have ever had; a summer picnic / seminar conducted by Brian Caldwell, who filled in for Jody Ware at the last minute (Luke had a comment about Jody being a great dog trainer, but a lousy truck buyer); a Spring and Fall Club Trial; and 4 training seminars from November through February. Luke thanked Darryl Miller and Ken Campbell for letting us use their farms for club trials and hunt tests; Brian Caldwell for conducting the seminar and also leading several training sessions during January / February of 2018; and Lisa Styles, John Broucek, and Sherie Catledge for leading the recent training sessions/ seminars during November, December, January and February which amazingly all happened in spite of iffy winter weather. Recently, the club has continued upgrading our equipment with the purchase of 2 new Thunder Launchers (10-bumper) which will be used in training sessions and club trials this coming year.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards. The last meeting was on January 6, 2019. Minutes were approved via email by a majority of the Board and have been posted on the club website since January 14. Alan Bruhin moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes as posted. The motion was seconded by Lois Luthenauer and passed unanimously.

Correspondence: sent in ballots for Master National judges as voted & directed by the Board.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards: Balance in the treasury as of 2/22/19 is \$18,768.50. Karen handed out a single copy of the full Treasurer's report for the past year; this included separate sheets for calendar year 2018 and for Calendar year 2019 to date, as well as a sheet that showed the money in and out of our Youth Program fund. Balance in our ORNL FCU account at the end of 2018 was \$23,364.13, of which \$4,616.74 is earmarked for the youth fund. Recent payments were for the purchase of the Thunder remote launchers and for the first insurance bill of the year.

Old Business

Election of New members: Michael Evans. We have 11 new provisional members who are coming before the membership tonight for final approval. All sponsors recommended approval.

- ◆ Michael & Robin Jones, Lenoir City: Has a young black lab, previously belonged to Atlanta RC and Old South RC, interested in hunt tests, field trials, and dog training. Sponsors Jim Pearce & John Broucek.
- ◆ Victor & Jo Ann Burk, Chuckey, TN. Have 3 Goldens, also active in obedience & agility, interested in Hunt tests and dog training, DU members. Sponsors Cory Smith & Mike Smith.
- ◆ John & Teena Hewgley, S. Pittsburg, TN. Has an MH level black lab, interested in getting handling experience & dog training. Sponsors Carol McCorkle & Michael Evans.
- ◆ Gwen & Bill Coon, Crossville. Have Golden Retrievers, also do agility & obedience plus field. Live part of the year in Michigan, active in various other dog clubs. Sponsors Sherie Catledge, Lois Luthenauer.
- ◆ Barb and Mike Reed, Cincinnati, OH. Breed chocolate labs, belong to a number of retriever clubs. Interested in hunt tests, training. Sponsors Tom Gibson, Sherie Catledge.

Banquet Minutes, Continued

- ◆ Sparky & Nikki Roberts, Chatsworth, GA. Have a yellow lab, interested in hunt tests, dog training. Sponsors Lois Luthenauer, Mike Smith.
- ◆ Shane & Mariah Doughty, Kingston, TN. Black lab. Sponsors Jim Pearce, Michael Evans.
- ◆ Rachel & Ryan Smith, Dayton, TN. Yellow lab, interested in hunt tests, field trials, dog training, breeding. Sponsors Carol McCorkle and Luke McCoy.
- ◆ Peter & Mara Torok, Rogersville, TN. Have a young golden Retriever, interested in hunt tests, field trials, dog training, club trials. Sponsors Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce.
- ◆ Nathan & Nicole Osbourn, Ringgold, GA. Have a young yellow lab. Interested in hunt tests, field trials, dog training, club trials. Sponsors Luke McCoy and Jim Pearce
- ◆ Jay & Heather Richards, Greenback, TN. have a young black Lab. Interested in hunt tests, field trials, dog training, club trials, breeding. Sponsors: Mike Evans, Cory Smith.

Jim Pearce moved that we accept all these people into full membership in ETRC. Cory Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Upcoming Events Updates: We have a full line-up of events for this coming year, and planning is already well underway for the following events:

- ◆ **Mid-Week Master Hunt Test:** For the first time, we have added a master-only 2-day mid-week hunt test which will be held March 26-27 at Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Ranch. This was added to help our members who are trying to qualify Master dogs for the nearby Master National this fall and also the upcoming Master Amateur event. We will have 9 worker codes; anyone who plans to run a dog in this event is encouraged to contact Mike Evans, volunteer to help with the test, and be assured of a place in the test which will only house 60 dogs. We will be setting up all three series at once, and need helpers to do the setup on Monday, plus people to work the test as bird boys on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- ◆ **Youth Handler's Seminar and General Handler's Seminar with Sherie Catledge :** March 30 – 31. Lois announced that Sherie Catledge will be hosting a youth-only handler's seminar on Saturday, March 30. This will be free for all ETRC youth members but also we are inviting the Future Farmers of America groups to participate at no cost. Any youth who is interested in learning about retriever sports is welcome to come, and Lois and Sherie are looking for some experienced member dogs who can be used by youth in the event they don't have a trained dog of their own. The following day, Sherie will offer a handler's seminar for all adult members of the club free of charge. Youth members are also welcome to attend, but this one will be a members-only event. The location will be at Sherie and Lois's new property, 3508 Martha Washington Road, Clarkrange, Tn; for people coming out of town who want to attend both days, there may be lodging available as there are some guest houses on the property.
- ◆ **Spring Club Trial:** this is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 at Darry Miller's Farm, Sweetwater.
- ◆ **Spring Hunt Test:** May 25-26, 2019, Hiwassee. This is usually our biggest event of the year and we need help with set-up, marshaling, and more.
- ◆ **Summer Seminar and Picnic:** date and location to be determined.
- ◆ **Fall Club Trial:** Not scheduled yet, look for news in the newsletter.
- ◆ **Fall Hunt Test:** October 20-21, 2019, Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Farm.
- ◆ **Fall Training:** We will pick up with more club training events starting next November.

New Business:

Awards Presentations . [For award recipients for 2018, please see page 6 of this Newsletter].

In Memoriam: Luke McCoy reminded people who have lost dogs during the year that we do have an ‘in memoriam’ page on the website and in the newsletter, and we welcome pictures and tributes to any member dogs who pass on during the year. Please send the info and photos to Karen Edwards.

Also, Luke mentioned that a person who has been at every event, every banquet, and worked unceasingly for the ETRC from its inception in 1986, is missing from the ceremony tonight. Roberta Williams passed away last summer and is sorely missed. Our spring hunt test will be held in her honor.

Election of Officers/Board — [See report and contact information on page 7]

Statement by New President: Luke McCoy. Luke thanked everyone for working hard during the past year, and that he is pleased with the direction the club is going. More training, more testing, more enthusiastic members. He looks forward to another exciting year. Several members thanked Luke for his hard work during the year.

Door Prize: Photographer Ken Goss, who has taken photos at our hunt tests this past several years, donated a blown-up and matted photograph of ducks taking flight from a pond near dusk. Everyone who came to the Banquet had a chance to win this prize, which was drawn by Ivan Chambers. Sherie Catledge was the lucky winner – and this will serve as a housewarming present for her new home in Clarkrange!

Any other new business? None

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Mike Smith moved that we adjourn. The motion was seconded by Cory Smith, and the meeting was officially adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Tony, Ivan and Denise Chambers at the Banquet 2/23/19



Sherie Catledge with the door prize photograph



Membership Renewals Due NOW

Your 2018 memberships expired the last day of February. You will stay on the email notification list until 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!

Banquet Photos



Lois Luthenauer & Sherie Catledge accepting the Puppy of the Year Award for their Labrador Roxie.



Mike & Donna Smith admire Mike's plaque for Member of the Year



Mike Evans should be smiling! He & Ivy earned SH & MH title awards and the Gun Dog of the Year award!

Board Member Cory Smith



Lois Luthenauer & Karen Edwards; Lisa Styles



David Knott (who Qualified at the MN this year with Coal MNH4), and new Board member Jeff McNutt (who is still smiling anyway!)

End of the Year Awards 2018

Each year, ETRC recognizes a number of members and their dogs for a variety of achievements during the previous year. Awards include engraved brass plaques, and a few also have a perpetual trophy that the winner gets to keep for a year. The following End-of-the-Year Awards were passed out at the Awards Banquet on February 23. Congratulations everyone!

Junior Hunter Title Awards:

- ◆ Roddydogs Rocky Top Gal JH, Labrador Retriever owned and handled by Haley O'Neal
- ◆ Southern Pro Gar JH, Labrador Retriever owned and handled by Ben O'Neal
- ◆ BRF I Missed Bring More Ammo JH ("Ammo"), Chesapeake owned and handled by Tom Gibson.

Senior Hunter Title Awards:

- ◆ McCoy's Echo Callin' Your Name SH ("Echo"), Golden retriever bred by Brent McCoy, owned by Luke McCoy, and handled by Luke and Brian Caldwell.
- ◆ HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen SH ("Ivy"), Yellow Labrador owned and handled by J. Michael Evans.

Master Hunter Title Awards:

- ◆ Troublesome Oklahoma Girl MH ("Okie"), Labrador Retriever owned by Jake Greenwell;
- ◆ Blythe Ferry's Bristol MH, Labrador Retriever owned by Chad Suttles;
- ◆ Troublesome Delta's Highseas Mae MH, Labrador Retriever owned by Jeremy Majors; and
- ◆ HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen SH ("Ivy"), Yellow Labrador owned and handled by J. Michael Evans.

Qualifying at the Master National:

Luther's High Grade Black Coal MH, "Coal," owner and handler David Knott,. This was Coal's 4th completion, so he also earned the title MNH4 as well. This was David's first attempt at handling a dog at this level (Brian Caldwell has handled Coal at his earlier successes), and David was so nervous when he first went to the line that he sent Coal on his name rather than a back command for his first blind. Coal knew what he meant anyway, he is the consummate professional, and after that David settled down and enjoyed the ride!

Qualified All-Age 2: This is an AKC title award to dogs who qualify twice to advance to All-Age field trial competition. Winning one of these prestigious titles in November 2018 were Indi's L7 Nellie, owned and handled in Qualifying field trials by John Broucek.

Field Trial Champion: AKC awards this title as one of the highest honors in our sport, one which many dogs and owner teams pursue for many years and never achieve. Congratulations to Troublesome Ribeye Medium Rare, bred and handled by John Broucek, and co-owned by John Broucek and David and Kara McMahan. Ribeye earned his Championship in June 2018.

Austin-Williams Puppy of the Year: Bear Country's Love on the Rox ("Roxie"), owned and trained by Lois Luthenauer and Sherie Catledge, were the winners of the Perpetual Trophy for 2018.

Holcomb Award for Gun Dog of the Year: This year the plaque and Perpetual Trophy went to HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen MH ("Ivy"), owned and handled by J. Michael Evans.

AKC Outstanding Sportsman for 2018: Awarded to Jody Ware, who always helps out at every test he has attended, and has conducted summer seminars for the club for many years. Jody's professionalism, courteous behavior, willingness to help out, and his great training exemplify the very highest standards in the Sport.

ETRC Member of the Year: This year, the Member of the Year was awarded to Mike Smith, who attends every one of our events, helps out from the time it starts until it ends, and also brings along a cooler of beer.... Congratulations, Mike!

Kevin Luthenauer Young Handler of the Year: a new perpetual trophy has just been purchased and will be engraved with the following winners: for 2017, Bailey and Taylor McCoy. For 2018, Cade and Ivan Chambers. Each recipient will also receive an engraved plaque for them to keep honoring their achievement.



ETRC Officers / Board Members for 2018

Here is the list of officers, board members, and other important club positions for 2018, as voted in at the banquet on February 23. Email addresses are provided for everyone; phone numbers are available on the membership listing which is in the "Members Only" section of the website [www/etrclub.org](http://www.etrclub.org). If you have suggestions or comments on any matter about the club, please contact one of the people below:

President: Luke McCoy (fonemn3@bellsouth.net)

Vice President: Alan Bruhin (wabruhin@utk.edu)

Secretary / Treasurer: Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com)

Hunt Test Secretary: Michele Fletcher (michelemfletcher@yahoo.com)

Past President: Lois Luthenauer (mountainLO717@gmail.com)

Board member 2018-2020: J. Michael Evans (Fowl_Mouth_K9@aol.com) (filling remainder of L. McCoy's term)

Board member 2017-2020: Jim Pearce (jwp@pegasustech.com)

Board member 2018-2021: Tom Gibson (tinytomgib@yahoo.com)

Board member 2018-2021: Cory Smith (lrrs223@gmail.com)

Board member 2019-2022: Jeff McNutt (seymournutts75@gmail.com)

Board member 2019-2022: Mike Smith (mdsmith2314@gmail.com)

AKC Representative since October 2016: Michele Fletcher (see above)

Head Marshal for 2019: Lois Luthenauer (see above)

A big thanks to Luke McCoy for serving as President this past year, and agreeing to another turn in the barrel.

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/etr_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. A youth handler seminar conducted by Sherie Catledge and open to any youth who is interested in retriever sports will be held on March 30, 2019 at Sherie's and Lois Luthenauer's new farm, 3508 Martha Washington Road, Clarkrange, TN. Contact Lois (mountainLO717@gmail.com) to register so we know how many to expect.



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.

The picture to the right shows Cade Chambers receiving his JH title award that he earned in 2017 with his Chessie, Dead River's Rascally Reed JH.

ETRC Board Meeting, 1/6/19 Pegasus Technologies Bldg, Lenoir City, TN

Present from the Board: Luke McCoy, Alan Bruhin, Lois Luthenauer, Karen Edwards, Jim Pearce, Tom Gibson, Donna Smith, Cory Smith, J. Michael Evans

Absent, excused: John Broucek (leaving for Florida), Michele Fletcher (in Atlanta getting dog bred), Carol McCorkle.

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report: None.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

Minutes: Last meeting was 10/31/18; minutes approved and sent to the club website. Alan moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval of minutes. J. Michael Seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

Membership: Current 2018 membership is 61 as of 12/31/18, including 10 waiting final vote and 1 more needing first reading today, and excluding deceased member.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 12/31/18 is \$23,364.13 with no bills currently unpaid but lots coming up soon:

- \$3597.98 to Karen Edwards for payback on 2 Thunder 1000 dummy launchers w/electronics
 - \$159.80 to Karen Edwards for payback on new Youth trophy, Costs for awards banquet
- Income since last meeting:: \$25 from new member Jay /Heather Richards

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

Old Business

Awards Banquet. Status update, Mike Evans. The date is confirmed with Calhoun's Bearden Hill for Sat, Feb 23, 6:00 p.m. Calhoun's staff did not mention a 'room cost' as we have had to pay at least once in the past. However, they told J. Michael that this is the last year that groups of more than 22 can order off the menu. In succeeding years, we will have to have a buffet with several choices of meat and veg, and the cost will depend on the meats chosen. Fish and chicken is the cheapest option. We had discussed before going back to paying all or part of the banquet fee this year, but have decided to delay that discussion until next year when we have to go back to a buffet.

Awards: last date for title awards, MN/MA awards and special member/akc awards is 1/14/19. J. Michael reported that so far, only 6 title awards have been received and he is sure there are others. Also, so far he has only received two nominations for Sportsman of the Year and one for Member of the Year. No one has submitted a nomination for puppy of the year. He asked Karen to get out a brief email to the membership reminding them of the upcoming deadline for nominations and awards (January 14) and asking them to get those nominations in. He has also asked Michele to order the AKC medallion so that is underway.

Puppy points: There was some confusion about the new awards rules which are in effect for the first time this year. Relying on memory, two of the Board members, including one who has an eligible puppy, thought there were no points awarded for puppy stakes unless at least three puppies entered. We looked up the rules and that is not correct; any puppy who passes gets at least one point even if he is the only puppy competing. First place gets more points if there are at least 3 puppies, etc.

Field Trial titles: As we agreed last year, AKC field trial titles are eligible for title plaques at our awards ceremony. We have two this year – a QA2 and an FC. We decided that these should be the large size plaques (like Master), and Lois was going to check with MTARC to see if they would show us how they design their plaques to see the actual wording that we should use.

Master March Midweek Hunt Test: AKC has agreed to let us have a mid-week Master only test in March. However, since we are already within the 3 months window (tests are supposed to be requested at least three months in advance) we have to get on the ball and get the dates requested right away. J. Michael had talked with Jason at Hiwassee, and the grounds would be available up until the last weekend in March. Jason can't guarantee there would be enough water to run two Master setups because of the lake drawdown which TWRA has no control over, but probably we could run two flights there if we wanted to. J. Michael hadn't been able to confirm our prospective dates with Ken Campbell, but last fall Ken told him any date would be OK. After some discussion, Lois moved that we have a single-flight Master only hunt test (60 dogs) at Lucky 7 Ranch on Tuesday & Wednesday, March 26 and 27. Jim seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

We are not likely to make much money on this test, but the important thing is that we aren't likely to lose money either. Also, the chief reason for having it is to give our members who are running master dogs another test with a better chance to get into, to help them qualify for the MN or MA which will be run in Cheraw this fall.

With only one flight, we can set up all three series on Monday and just move from one to another without difficulty. We should only need 4 birdboys plus maybe one or two grounds crew who can maybe double as marshals or substitute marshals, and will hopefully be able to fill all these slots with club members or possibly use some pro birdboys (Brian's?) if the pros are coming to the test. We will need gunners, ducks, about 45 or so Master ribbons, etc. No decision made yet on hiring a dumpster and porta potties. We may be able to put the judges up at the clubhouse at Lucky 7; Michael will ask Ken if this is possible. Judges dinner and lunches still to be discussed.

Karen will make the formal request to AKC on Monday and enter in the info into the online event management system. Karen will also ask Michele to enter these into the Entry Express system and start working on getting them posted ASAP. Karen will report back to the Board when this is done. Luke will start working on judges ASAP.

Karen will update the Assignments Sheet for get this out to the Board so we can track where we stand as plans progress.

Spring Hunt Test:

Hiwassee approval: J. Michael reported that he has discussed with Jason using Hiwassee and the dates (Saturday/Sunday May 25-26), but we still have to fill in the paper application form and send it to Wally in Nashville. Roberta used to do this; we decided since Michele is the new Hunt Test Secretary, that we will ask her to get this form and fill it out.

AKC approvals and online Entry Express posting: Karen will enter the info into the AKC online event management system on Monday and report back to the Board when that is done. Michele will also enter it into Entry Express asap.

Judges: Luke will start making calls for judges.

Chief Marshal: Lois will not be at this test as she will be running Woodie in the Master Amateur (Congratulations). She is planning to ask Lisa Styles if she will fill in for this test.

Dedication to Roberta and plans for that. Need to start thinking about this.

Karen will update the Assignments Sheet for get this out to the Board so we can track where we stand as plans progress.

Training dates: The club has had three so far this winter – November, December and just before this meeting. The first two were mini-seminars presented by Lisa Styles / John Broucek, aimed at starting young dogs and transitioning beyond the basics. The session today was aimed at problem solving, any level, with Lisa conducting. These have been well attended and well received. The first two were mostly attended by new members with very little participation from old members but that's OK since it wasn't aimed at more experienced people. Today's session had more participation from members who are working on particular problems with their dogs. We are hoping to have one more session in February – Sunday afternoon, Feb 10 is the tentative date. Lois will ask Sherie Catledge if she will lead this one and report back to Karen. Sherie and Lois have already offered to conduct a free Adult handler session on Sunday, 3/31/19, at a location still to be determined.

Luthenauer Youth Handler Program:

Youth Seminar: Lois Luthenauer reported that she and Sherie Catledge will hold a Youth seminar on Saturday, 3/30/19. The location has not yet been decided upon. Lois and Sherie will cover all expenses. Karen will provide Lois with the email contacts for the two FFA chapters who have been providing birdboys, and they will be invited to come. Karen will announce the seminar in the newsletter and as necessary in a separate email to the membership. Lois asked that

members volunteer to contribute advanced dogs for use by handlers that don't have their own.

Youth trophy. On January 5, Karen ordered the perpetual trophy – a silver cup on a cherry-toned base with aluminum plates. The club logo and award name will be engraved on the cup. Cost of the trophy: \$159.80 including shipping. This will be charged against the Luthenauer program funds in the club treasury.

Equipment: Automatic launchers: In August, the board approved buying two of these to help at Club Trials and training days, less time for people in the blinds etc. This fell in the cracks and Karen volunteered to pick it up on 9/30/18. Unfortunately, these are drop-shipped from the factory and take 3-5 weeks to ship so it was too late to order in time for our upcoming club trial. Ordered 1/3/19; \$3598 for two with Garmin electronics; expected to take 3-5 weeks to arrive

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 has been unable to contact her since early this fall and thinks she may have changed her number. Karen agreed to email her to see if we can re-establish contact and get this stuff back in our possession.

New Business:

New Members:

- ◆ Jay & Heather Richards: he is a national guardsman who lives in Greenback. Mike Evans knows him and used to work in the Knoxville Sheriff's office with him. Jay has a black lab and is interested in hunt tests and training. Mike and Cory Smith agreed to be sponsors. Mike moved that we accept them as new members; Lois seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Club Trial: After some discussion we set the club trial for April 13, 2019, tentatively at Darryl Miller's farm in Sweetwater. J. Michael will contact Darryl to see if this is OK and will notify Karen so we can get this in the next newsletter.

Any other new business? None

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jim Pearce moved that we adjourn. J. Michael Evans seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

AKC Sportsman of the Year

Jody Ware couldn't make it to the banquet to pick up his Sportsman of the Year award, but we chased him down on the farm and presented it to him on February 26. I guess you could fairly say that he is Out Standing In His Field!

Master Amateur Renewals Due

The qualifying year for the 2019 Master Amateur Invitational (in Butte, MT) begins on March 1. If you're an annual member, be sure to renew soon to have your master passes count during the qualification period, you can't go back and retroactively count passes. Renew online:
<https://www.masteramateur.com/membership-options.html>

Upcoming Pro Seminars

Farmer/Lardy Symposium Rematch — March 14-17, 2019, Boston, GA. Observer slots \$465. Learn from two of the best trainers in the field! <https://www.eliteretrievers.com/shop/>

Pat Burns Seminar, Bristol, TN, April 29-May 3. For more info, see <https://www.eliteretrievers.com/training/> or call Pat at 920-896-2911.



Training Corner

Winter Training Session with Sherie Catledge, February 17, 2019

By Lorrie Johnston

ETRC members gathered at the Pegasus Technologies building at 108 Pawnook Farm Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771 for a training session with pro trainer Sherie Catledge on February 17, 2019. Sherie began the session with a discussion and overview of training fundamentals. She stressed the need for a solid foundations base and reiterated that dogs aren't born with bad habits - habits are created! Every interaction with a dog can be viewed as "training" and good behavior should be expected both in the field and in everyday life. Sherie discussed some of the differences between retriever breeds, but reminded handlers that "you train for the dog, not the breed."

Sherie recommended making Training the same as Testing, beginning with getting the dog out of the truck. Making sure the dog understands SIT is vitally important. The dog needs to be in control as it comes into the blinds and approaches the line, and Sherie went over the steps she uses, including using the bumper to keep the dog's focus on her, and having the dog face the handler in the blind rather than staring at the blind cloth 3" in front of its nose. Dogs that are out of control or over-aroused in the blinds tend to break once on the line, so handlers should treat the whole process of getting from truck to line as part of the test and train it accordingly. Handlers should not be afraid to back up in training and rework fundamentals when necessary. Commands should be clear, and along with SIT, dogs should have a clear understanding of HERE and HEEL.

The working session began with a setup for advanced (Master level) dogs and consisted of a water mark, land mark, land blind, and water blind. The land blind was run first, followed by the water mark, land mark, and water blind. Techniques and strategies for running the blinds, especially the water blind, were discussed as each dog ran. For water blinds, handlers should consider where they want the dog to enter the water and where the dog should exit the water. Options for getting the dog to come back through the water were also demonstrated. For younger (Junior level) dogs, Sherie had the handlers plant the blinds with the dog watching, then send the dog. Single water and land marks were thrown for the young dogs. These dogs were left out to watch the other dogs run, and Sherie showed handlers how to work on control and how to reinforce the SIT command in these exciting situations. Remember to praise the dog when it's right!

Tom Gibson and Ammo in the holding blind, February 17, 2019



Editor's Note: This was the last in a series of four directed training sessions that focused on training the handler to more effectively train their dogs. This was an idea proposed by Lisa Styles last summer, and was ably conducted by Lisa, John Broucek, and Sherie Catledge. Huge thanks to all of these people for sharing their knowledge with us. The sessions were well-received, and amazingly enough NONE of them were rained or otherwise weathered out. In the February session, it was even warm enough for water work!

Organized training sessions will be suspended until next fall, as we have so many other events going on that it will not be possible to fit them in, and during the summer it will be too hot. Keep an eye on the newsletter for a resumption of the sessions next fall!

Around the Region — Seminars, Tests, & Trials

Upcoming AKC Retriever Hunting Tests

Wiregrass HRC of Georgia (120)	Meigs, GA	03/02/19
N.Alabama RC	Greensboro, AL	03/02/19
Palmetto RC	Patrick, SC	03/09/19
Black Warrior RC	Greensboro, AL	03/09/19
Carolina Retriever Assoc.	Cheraw, SC	03/16/19
Tallahassee HRC (120)	Thomasville, GA	03/16/19
Mid-Atlantic HRC	Emporia, VA	03/22/19
Fall Line RC	Lincolnton, GA	03/23/19
Boot Heel	Millersville, MO	03/23/19
ETRC March Midweek Master (60)	Sweetwater, TN	03/26/19
Central KY RC (120)	Kevil, KY	03/30/19
Tidewater RC	Emporia, VA	04/03/19
Rappahannock River RC	Remington, VA	04/12/19
Yadkin River RC	Mebane, NC	04/13/19
Poodle Club National Specialty	St. Charles, MO	04/13/19
Atlanta RC	Buckhead, GA	04/13/19
Cooper River Double Master	Cheraw, SC	04/26/19
Magnolia RC	Greensboro, AL	04/27/19

Numbers in parentheses are limits on number of Master dogs

Upcoming AKC Field Trials

SW Georgia RC	Americus, GA	03/01/19
Tar Heel RC	Snow Hill, NC	03/08/19
Black Warrior RC	Greensboro, AL	03/15/19
Central Savannah River RC	Lincolnton, GA	03/15/19
Mid Atlantic HRC, O/H Qual	Emporia, VA	03/22/19
Carolina Piedmont RC	Cheraw, SC	03/22/19
Bluegrass RC	Grahamville, KY	03/22/10
Montgomery River RC	Greensboro, AL	03/29/19
Blue Ridge RC D/Q	Farmville, VA	04/05/19
Pro RTA	Pavo, GA	04/05/19
TN Valley RC	Sweetwater, TN	04/12/19
N. Alabama RC	Greensboro, AL	04/12/19
Tidewater RC 2D/Q	Emporia, VA	04/17/19
Mobile ARC	Greensboro, AL	04/18/19
Middle TN ARC	LaVergne, TN	04/26/19

Newsletter Info

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