

# 2021-2022 Upcoming Events

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. October 23-24, 2021, Fall Weekend Hunt Test, double JH / SH, 2 flights Master: Ken Campbell's Lucky 7 Farm, 6720 Erie Road, Sweetwater, TN. More info inside on p. 3.
2. November 2-3, Master Only Midweek November Hunt Test, Caldwell Farm, 1810 State Hwy 58S, Georgetown, TN 37336. More info inside on p. 3, more info next month.
3. Jan-Feb-Mar: Seminars & Directed Training for Club members — more info later
4. February 18, 2022, Friday evening: ETRC Awards Banquet, General Meeting, & Elections: Bearden Banquet Hall (Buddy's), Knoxville, 6:00. More details to follow.
5. March 12-13, 2022, Saturday / Sunday. Advanced Judges Seminar, Sweetwater, TN.



## Photo of the Month



Site of the Master National Hunt Test in Idaho, picture courtesy Alan Bruhin, Judge

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## ETRC Fall AKC Hunt Test October 23-24, 2021, Ken Campbell's Farm

Our fall test is coming soon! The test will be held at Ken Campbell's amazing Lucky 7 farm, with 14 ponds, great land, wonderful facilities, and no cows. We are planning a full test with double Junior, double Senior, and two flights of Master (total 132 dogs).

The test is open NOW and will remain open until Monday, October 11 at midnight. At the present time there are still many spots open even in Master — we may well not fill up, given that the Master National are ongoing until October 10, and a lot of people may be exhausted from that. Entry fees are \$80, \$90, and \$100 for Junior / Senior / Master.

Judges for this test are as follows:

- ◆ Master A: David Coffey & Mike Akeroyd.
- ◆ Master B: Dean Muehlbauer & Ted Towne
- ◆ Senior Saturday: Matthew Mokler & Denise Sejalon
- ◆ Senior Sunday: Barbara Reed & Matthew Mokler
- ◆ Junior Saturday: Kathy Z Poole Price & Barbara Reed
- ◆ Junior Sunday: Denise Sejalon & Kathy Z Poole Price



**Hotels in the area:** Quality Inn West Sweetwater, 423-337-3353; Best Western Dayton, 423-775-6560; Holiday Inn Express Dayton, 423-570-0080; Quality Inn Cleveland, 423-478-5265. Please verify pet policies and current rates when making reservations, and be sure to mention ETRC as we get slightly lower rates that way.

**Directions:** Lucky 7 Farm, 6720 Erie Road, Sweetwater, TN. BE AWARE that some GPS services may take you to the wrong place, around the back of the farm where there is no entrance. Alternatively, use the address 6979 Erie Road, which is right across the street from the L7 Farm entrance.

Look forward to seeing you there! This is possibly our last time at Lucky 7, as the property is now for sale. Who knows, maybe someone will buy it who will turn it into the dog sports destination of East Tennessee!

## ETRC November Midweek Master Only AKC Hunt Test

**LAST  
CHANCE**

Our 7th and final hunt test of ETRC's 2021's very busy season will be another mid-week Master test on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 2 and 3. This will be a single flight of Master with 66 dogs. The address is 1810 State Highway 58 South, Georgetown, TN, near Cleveland and Decatur and not far from Dayton, TN. Because this is a no-live ammunition property, there will be no live flyers at this test as approved by AKC. Judges are Linc Huffman and Stacy Overcash Atkins.

Entry is through EntryExpress.com. Entries open: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 7:00:00 PM CT; Workers/Amateur Set Aside open: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 7:00:00 PM CT. Entries Close: Monday, October 25, 2021 11:59:59 PM CT. 35% of the entries are reserved for Amateurs; any unused entries will be open to everyone after the official entry time. To get a worker code, text J. Michael Evans at 865-824-8638 as he works shifts; he will get back with you and sign you up for an exciting volunteer opportunity.

For hotels in the area, see the article above. Hope to see you there, and a final big THANK YOU to Brian Caldwell for letting us use his property for 5 midweek tests this year!

## Fall Club Trial #3 Report—Sunday, September 12, 2013 Cory & Elena Smith's Farm, Niota, TN

This year, we decided to combine our Summer picnic / business meeting with a Club Trial and an equipment sale. The festivities started at 9 a.m., on a crisp and cool morning. Thanks a million to Cory and Elena Smith, who opened up their farm for us yet again! Cory, with assistance from Alan Bruhin and Michael Evans, set up the various tests. Cory and Michele Fletcher judged the puppy, Junior and Senior stakes, and Michael and Alan judged the Master and Singles Classic stakes. Thanks also to Michele, Michael, and Karen Edwards who manned the sign-up table.

The weather was perfect — in the upper 60s and 70s, with a nice breeze and puffy white clouds. Couldn't have asked for a prettier late Summer day in East Tennessee!

**Singles Classic** had 16 entries, with two long single marks. First through 4th place color ribbons were awarded, along with JAM (green) ribbons for others who brought back both marks but didn't place in the top four. Results were:

- ◆ First place was won by Eva, a Labrador Retriever owned by Jake Greenwell and handled by Jake's 3-year-old son Baker (with a little help from Jake).
- ◆ Second place was Kaypesh, a Golden Retriever, with Peter Torok;
- ◆ Third was Drake (Labrador) with Andy Buck;
- ◆ Fourth was Jade (Labrador) with Cheryl McNutt.
- ◆ JAMs were: Zoey and Py (Golden Retrievers) with Jim Pearce; Tiger and Merritt (Labradors) with new member Parker Smith; and Polly and Max (Chocolate Labs) with Lois Luthenauer.

**Junior Hunter/Advanced Junior Hunter** was up next. Junior was the standard setup, with two single marks. Advanced Junior ran those same marks as a double. There were 5 dogs entered in Junior, and 2 in Advanced Junior. There were no passes in the advanced stakes, but two passes in regular junior. Passing were:

- ◆ Hope, a Labrador Retriever, with Parker Smith; and
- ◆ Jack, Alan Bruhin's Black Lab puppy from his most recent Shine litter.

**Senior Hunter** was run with the same marks as the Advanced Junior setup, and with the addition of two blinds. Seven dogs entered, and two passed. Passing were:

- ◆ Kaypesh, Peter Torok's Golden Retriever; and
- ◆ Max, Lois Luthenauer's Chocolate Lab.

**Master Hunter** ran last, and added another mark to make a triple. Interesting terrain changes and a mark set fairly close to one of the blinds added some interest to the set-up. Nine dogs went to the line, and 6 of them were successful. Passing were:

- ◆ Shine, Black Lab, with Alan Bruhin;
- ◆ Cyn, Shine's daughter from her first litter, also with Alan;
- ◆ Py, Golden Retriever, with Jim Pearce;
- ◆ Tiger, Labrador Retriever, with Parker Smith;
- ◆ Gunner, Labrador Retriever, with Haley Shealy;
- ◆ Roxie, Chocolate Lab, with Lois Luthenauer.

**Senior Puppy:** there were 3 Senior puppies (27 weeks and older). Results:

- ◆ First place: Wendy, handled by Jake Greenwell's son Baker;
- ◆ Second place: Jack, Alan Bruhin's newest Shine puppy;
- ◆ Third Place: Corn Dog, handled by Parker Smith.

The club made \$395 in entry fees, and there were no expenses. Congratulations everyone and thanks for coming! Next Club Trial will be sometime in the spring before hunt test season starts!

## Master National Retriever Test September 30—October 10, 2021, Valley County, Idaho

A lot of our members and/or their dogs are out in Idaho now getting ready for the start of this year's Master National. An amazing 1,115 dogs are entered — there are 7 flights of approximately 160 dogs each. Here are the participants from ETRC:

- ◆ Alan Bruhin is one of the judges. What a job that will be! He is sending back wonderful photos of the beautiful Idaho countryside as he and the other judges figure out the setups. This is not Alan's first rodeo — he has judged this at least one other time in the past and maybe more, so he knows what he is getting into.
- ◆ Blythe Ferry Indy Dos — Donna and Mike Smith's young black girl is out there, gonna be #4 in Flight D with Brian Caldwell.
- ◆ Hilltops Fowl Mouth Delta Queen (Ivy) — owned by J. Michale Evans, will be making her second try at the MN with Brian as dog #11 in Flight D.
- ◆ McCoy's Echo Callin' Your Name — Luke and Katie McCoy's Golden Retriever is dog #23 in Flight D with Brian Caldwell.
- ◆ RSR's Double J — Jeremy Majors' dog (bred by ETRC Member Jody Ware) is dog #42 in Flight D with Brian.
- ◆ Luther's High Grade Black Coal — owned by David Knott, this is Coal's third or fourth trip to the nationals. David did it himself one year, but this year, Brian will be handling him as dog #48 in Flight D.
- ◆ Troublesome Fowl Addiction — John Broucek's dog is entry #119 in flight D with Jody Ware.
- ◆ Brian is handling a total of 8 dogs, and Jody is handling 5.

It's a huge accomplishment to qualify for the Master National, and of course an even bigger one to become one of the finalists. It's a long, hard test over many, many days! If you want to follow their progress, you can check in here: <http://masternational.org/events-2/2021-master-national/> and poke around to find the schedule of events (first series starts on October 2) and the callback lists. Last year, they posted the callbacks on the Blog so check there first if 'callbacks' doesn't have it's own link from the home page.

Best of luck everyone! Take lots of pictures and we'll be excited to hear all about it!



*Left: MN Judge Alan Bruhin,*

*Right: Mike Evans is excited about Indy going to the MN — or something!*



# ETRC Equipment Sale Report Sunday, September 12, 2021

ETRC sold some of our excess equipment on Sunday, September 12 at the Club Trial / general business meeting. We sold \$505 worth of used and new equipment, but still have the following items for sale. They will be available at the Fall Hunt Test at the end of October and the Master Only test in early November. Anything remaining after that time will be offered for sale to the general public on Craig's list or similar.

### Remaining Items for sale:

**20' Aluminum White Car-Hauler Trailer**, partially fitted inside for storing equipment. Drop-down back ramp, side door. Almost new, probably has less than 300 miles on it. These sell for around \$6500 new. Has small dent on one side. **\$4,500**



**Folding metal / fabric chairs.** A grab bag of miscellaneous chairs, some still in original packaging and never used. We have 13 left. **\$5 each.**



**1 Black metal handler gun stands** — keep your gun dry and out of the mud while you are training! **\$5 .**



**3 Ghillie blankets, 5x9.** unopened in original package. These are used as blinds for hunting or field trials. Cost \$100 each new on Amazon, **\$50 each.**

**Blinds.** We have 5 panel blinds left in a variety of green and brown camo, for sale for **\$20 each.** Some of these have bent legs and most need some fabric repairs as well, but are useable with a little easy fix-up work. New blinds cost around \$100—\$169 so if you are looking for some inexpensive training equipment, these are a great deal.



**20 Heavy duty metal signs with handles.** Vinyl letters can be easily removed. Ideal for any type of club or event where directions are needed. Foam or poster-board signs can be attached with Velcro for re-use at different events.

**Duck Drying Racks.** 4 left — 3-piece circular racks for **\$10 each**—3 black and 1 silver colored; & a 2-piece silver rack for **\$5.** These come apart and store flat, hold 12-16 ducks.



## Minutes from ETRC's General Summer Business Meeting September 12, 2021 Smith Farm, Niota, TN

### General Meeting: 2:05 p.m. (following the Club Trial)

**Present from the Board:** Alan Bruhin, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Jim Pearce, Jeff McNutt, Peter Torok, Cory Smith, Denise Chambers

**Absent, excused:** Luke McCoy, Mike Smith

**Other Members present:** Lois Luthenauer, Kyle and Tracy Griffin, Jake, Laura & Baker Greenwell, Andy Buck, Haley Shealy, Parker Smith, Jeff & Nancy Rader

A quorum is 50% of the Board. Therefore, a quorum of the Board was present. A quorum of the membership is 20% of the voting members. The current membership stands at 57 individuals / families. Therefore, a quorum would require 12 individuals/families. The quorum was met.

### Officer's and AKC Delegate's Reports

**President's Report:** Deferred to discussion of Old Business later in the meeting.

**Secretary's Report.** Karen Edwards.

- ◆ **Minutes:** Last meeting was 7/28/21; minutes approved by a majority of Board members and sent to the club website shortly after the meeting. Michael Evans moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval; Peter Torok seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- ◆ **Correspondence:** New: request for vote on judges for MN, to be discussed under New Business later in the meeting.
- ◆ **Membership:** Current 2021 membership is 57, including 6 waiting final vote later today.

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen Edwards. Current balance in ORNL FCU as of 9/13/21 is \$29,934.72 (reconciled amount). Treasurer's Report for 2021 to date was passed around showing details of all monies received and spent.

**AKC Representative's Report:** Michele Fletcher: New AKC rule on waiting lists for Master tests, to be discussed under new business later.

### First Business: Election of Members

- ◆ **New Members:** The following new members are up for final membership votes, and their sponsors have recommended approval:
  - ◆ Brandon & Jessica Parton, Dandridge, TN Have a young Lab, interested in hunt testing and retriever training. Sponsors Peter Torok, Alan Bruhin
  - ◆ Parker Smith, Dog trainer with Southern Pro Kennels, Chattanooga, TN. Volunteers for many different assignments associated with testing and training, owns two chocolate labs. Sponsors Mike Evans, Karen Edwards
  - ◆ Gwen Tidwell, Chattanooga, TN. Has a Golden Retriever. Sponsors: Lois Luthenauer & Michele Fletcher
  - ◆ Todd and Laura Eldridge, Chickamauga, GA. Have a young black lab. Sponsors: Mike Smith, Mike Evans.
  - ◆ Kevin and Della Poe, Dandridge, TN. Have two young Labrador Retrievers. Sponsors, Jeff McNutt & Peter Torok.
  - ◆ Robert & Charlotte White, Signal Mt. TN. DU member, have a young black lab in training with Caldwell. Sponsors: Mike Smith, Cory Smith.

Michael Evans moved that we accept these individuals and families as full members. Jim

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Pearce seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Welcome to all new members; we look forward to getting to know you better!

### Old Business

- ♦ **Spring / Summer Hunt Test Season:** Alan Bruhin: We have put on 5 AKC hunt tests so far this year, our regular spring tests plus 3 Master-only single flight midweek tests and a Junior/Senior marathon with 4 tests each on two days in mid-April. Results: many local tests for people to go to, reducing travel for our members and making quite a bit of money that we are spending on equipment purchases, improved payment for judges, a pad against hard times, etc. We have two more tests to go. Alan stated we are probably the only club in the country that will have put on 7 AKC hunt tests this year!
- ♦ **Fall Hunt Test:** Saturday & Sunday, 10/23-24/21, Lucky 7 Ranch, Sweetwater, TN. 2 flights Master, double JH, double SH. Opens for workers / amateurs Tuesday, 9/28/21 7 p.m. CT, all others Wednesday 9/29/21 7 pm CT. Closes Monday, 10/11/21. Alan reported that we have all judges, motel reservations are made, everything is approved by AKC, and we are on schedule for another successful test. Alan requested that Karen send out an email to all members a few days before the opening date, reminding them of the time so they don't miss out.
- ♦ **November Master Only Hunt Test:** Tuesday & Wednesday, 11/2-3/21, Caldwell's farm, Georgetown, TN. Single flight Master. Opens for workers/ Amateurs Tuesday, 10/12/21 at 7 p.m. CT; all others Wednesday 10/13/21 7 p.m. CT. Alan reported that he has one judge pinned down for this event, and if he is unable to locate anyone else, either he or J. Michael will judge. Lois won't be there to marshal, but will be looking for someone to take over for her in her absence. As a Master only test, marshaling is pretty easy.
- ♦ **Equipment purchases / Sale:** We purchased a trailer full of equipment from the now-defunct Tennessee Valley Retriever Club, have replenished our supplies and are offering surplus equipment for sale today. If you haven't already gone over to check it out, please do so now. Fire sale prices will apply for anything not yet sold! Michael Evans will take over selling the trailer on Craig's List or similar, but first will call member Robert Dodson who is refurbishing and reselling trailers. We will hold other unsold equipment for the Fall hunt test and have it displayed for sale at the headquarters building.

### New Business:

- ♦ **Nominating Committee for Officers/Board.** Alan Bruhin: We usually set up the nominating committee at this time to give everyone plenty of opportunity to do the work before the required report has to be submitted to Karen as Secretary by November 24th, 2021. We need two non-board members and one board member to serve as chairman. Cory Smith volunteered to be the Board representative and chairman of the committee; Cheryl McNutt and Lisa Styles agreed to be the two non-Board representatives. Karen will send out an email to all of members with the specific information on bylaws requirements, a copy of the most recent membership list, and a list of the positions that have to be filled. Basically, the job is to identify and get agreement from people to serve as officers plus two new board members for the following year. There are no term limits, so some people may be willing to keep on serving.
- ♦ **MNRC Ballot:** Alan Bruhin: We need to vote on three judges for our region for the 2022 MN event which will be held in Washington State next October. Alan read off the names and after a brief discussion, Michael moved that we vote for Carol Hynes, Blake Lemish, and Jack Gravely. Michele seconded the motion, and the vote carried unanimously. Karen will respond with our vote to the Master National committee. [Done 9/14/21].
- ♦ **Next Year's Hunt Test Schedule:** We discussed how much to cut back on our hunt test schedule for next year. It's nice to have more local tests to go to, and as long as Brian Caldwell

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is willing to host some extra tests at his farm, it's not too much work having single-flight Master tests there. However, everyone was in agreement that we don't want to have 7 tests next year, and no more mid-summer tests! In order to have more than one extra Master test, we need to have another double JH /SH test (one JH and one SH each day for two days).

After some discussion, we coalesced around the idea of having two extra Master Only tests, and a double JH/SH test at Brian's, all midweek. Yes, weekends are nicer for people who work, but getting dates from AKC is very hard because of the number of weekend tests and AKC's rules on geographical spacing. This would be a total of five tests during the year – our regular spring and fall tests, and the 3 extra mid-week tests. We will try to have them all in early spring or fall, and not have any more in the middle of the summer. We lucked out this year with remarkably mild weather on our late May, June and July test dates, but can't count on that! Lois moved that we aim for the 5 tests as discussed; Jim seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Selection of dates will be at a later meeting after discussions with Brian and AKC.

There was also some discussion about possibly asking if we could move our Spring test to Ken Campbell's, if he hadn't sold the farm yet by that time. However, we don't want to lose our weekend date at Hiwassee, so we decided to think about possibly having a big test at Ken's if he is willing and the farm is available, and having a smaller test at Hiwassee, like possible just the extra JH/SH test, for example. This will be discussed at future meetings.

- ◆ **Judges' Seminar:** Last year, we put in a grant request for an Advanced Judges' seminar with the Master National. We did not get the grant, but have been thinking about having a basic judges' seminar even without the grant. Now MNRC has announced a new round of \$600 grants, again for the advanced seminar. This time, they want clubs to have approval from AKC before submitting the grant proposal. Alan contacted AKC to see if they would approve us for an advanced seminar, and we are approved for Saturday and Sunday, March 12-13, with the Saturday lecture day being at a Sweetwater motel, and the Practical day on Sunday at Cory's farm. AKC Representative Russ Reavis would be the presenter.

Alan doesn't know, but will ask, if an advanced seminar can be substituted for a beginning seminar for people who are considering getting into judging and would like to come. Also, attending this seminar would be great for handlers who just want to know more about the judging process and how judges are thinking. A poll of raised hands indicated that a number of members present would be interested in attending. Cory moved that we submit a grant proposal to the MNRC for the approved dates, and that we pay whatever registration fee we set for Club members who want to attend. Peter seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Costs of the seminar will be about \$150 for use of the motel's conference room, a \$500 fee to AKC, and some minor amounts for snacks and drinks for attendees. We have to have 20 people sign up. People wanting to stay at the motel will be responsible for their own motel fees. How much we will charge for registration is still to be determined. We will advertise this on Entry Express, send info to nearby clubs, etc.

- ◆ **Fall/Winter training sessions:** Last year, we had mini seminars on Junior, Senior and Master Hunt tests and how they are judged; info on how to enter hunt tests, and 'directed training' with highly experienced club members who are also judges, giving instructions on a particular topic and then working with people individually on particular issues. This was well received by the people who attended, usually about 10 people, usually people with less experience. The sessions were held on Sunday afternoons, weather permitting, about one a month.

Alan asked the members present if they liked this format and if we should do something similar again? Any ideas for something different?

Karen mentioned that Jake Greenwell, who had to leave early, had told her that Brady Collins said he would be willing to have a demonstration / seminar at his training grounds in Dogtown

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about owner / amateur Field Trial Qualifier event. Alan commented he would like to consider putting on such a qual, maybe at our next year's fall test, on Friday – and several other people indicated they would be interested in this – maybe they might like to try one, and at least find out what is involved.

Another person suggested it would be a good idea to maybe have a session on 'what to do at your first hunt test' – walk attendees through entering on Entry Express, how to sign in at a test, how to recognize a marshal, rules covering line manners and getting to the line, when you can touch or speak to the dog and when you can't, the 'junior snatch', etc. – and then follow this up with some directed training with Junior marks, force fetch, etc.

Another suggestion was to have a session just on different transition drills and let dogs try them with advice from the presenter.

The general consensus was that we will try to have three sessions in January, February, and March, probably on Sunday afternoons again toward the end of the month, at Cory's place so we can be inside if it rains (except for the one at Brady Collins' grounds). We will work to get these set up and will announce them in the Newsletter.

- ◆ **New AKC Rule on Waiting Lists.** AKC has approved a new rule that is effective this fall, that will permit waitlisted dogs to still be able to enter Master Hunter tests after the closing date, if an entered dog's handler notifies club management that the dog will not be present. However, they are supposed to be accepted in waitlist order, and AKC is leaving it up to Entry Express and the Clubs to figure out how to do this, within very general guidelines. Michele emails Entry Express about whether they would be willing to provide us with the waiting list and phone numbers after the closing date, and got no response. Since our Fall test is already up on Entry Express with the premium, and this is supposed to be announced in the premium, Michele recommended that we not institute this for the October test – but do we want to try it for the November test? There was some discussion about whether it was likely that the November test would fill up, given it's late in the year and many people who just got back from the Nationals will be wanting a break. Lisa moved that we not make a change to our waitlist procedures this year, and wait to see what Entry Express and other clubs work out for next year. Jim seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Any other new business?**

- ◆ **February Banquet:** Denise Chambers suggested we have a preliminary discussion on the location of the next Awards Banquet in February. She very much liked having the extra space in Cory's barn and having it catered, and thought the barbecue place that catered it last time was wonderful. However, although this was a great option for pandemic times, it put Cory and Elena to a lot of work, cost a lot of money for the caterer and for the rented chairs, tables, costs to cover the heater, etc. Several people suggested that we had outgrown Calhoun's, and did not want to be crammed back into that tiny room again. Michael Evans mentioned Buddy's Banquet Hall, which is in West Knoxville and holds large numbers of people. Jim Pearce also recommended this venue. Rothschild's is another possibility. Someone suggested that we maybe look at having a mid-day fancy lunch instead of dinner, to avoid people having to drive at night. Cory moved that we look into Buddy's first and see what the costs would be to have it there, and discuss this more at the next meeting. Peter seconded, it passed unanimously. Alan said he would call Buddy's to see what they have to say and whether they have February 19 free. He will report back at the next meeting.
- ◆ **Live Flyers:** Lisa Styles stated that she did not like not having live flyers at our hunt tests, that this made it much less like a real hunting scenario. This is inarguably true, although not hav-

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ing flyers does make it easier to manage the test – can have stakes closer together, need fewer volunteers and fewer ducks, etc. But, the main reason we didn't have live flyers at the tests at Caldwell's farm is because he asked that we not use live ammo with his small children and cow herd roaming around his farm, and that was approved by AKC. We can still have live flyers at Hiwassee as long as they continue to let us use the land, which is getting iffier. The landowner gets to make the call on whether or not they will allow live ammo.

**Adjourn:** There being no other new business, Jim Pearce, Cory Smith and about 5 others moved that we adjourn / seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. Again, big thanks to Cory and Elena for hosting us!

## Member News, Brags, & Announcements

**Looking for a Stud.** ETRC Member Jim Langa (jlanga1@hotmail.com, 607-738-7852 cell) is in search of a high performance Labrador Retriever stud for potential breeding December 2021 / January 2022, whose owner will enthusiastically adopt, train and title one of the resulting puppies. The bitch is Jim's 4 yr. old Yellow MH female. He prefers AFC/FC but will consider QA2/QAA and MH/MHR/HRCH. Coat genotype required is EeBB (black carrying yellow) or eeBB (yellow carrying black). Not interested in fox red yellow dogs or chocolate. No dilutes! Must be EIC, CNM and PRA clear, no carriers, and hips good or excellent. Athletic build 75 – 85 lbs. is ideal. Should be duck/pheasant hunter. Jim is located in SE Tennessee but also have a home in NW Pennsylvania. He prefers a natural breeding but can make a fresh chilled semen breeding work if necessary. Serious owners, please send me your location and link to huntinglabpedigree.

**Field Trial Success!** John Broucek and Jake Greenwell had a successful weekend at the River King Retriever Club's Fall Field Trial in Grahamville, KY, the last weekend in September. John won the Derby with Troublesome Dr. Quinn (Quinn), winning over 25 other dogs. John is the breeder, owner, and handler of this fine young dog who now has 25 Derby points! At the same trial, Jake Greenwell's dog Troublesome Canadian Huntress QA2 (Eva) won the Open with her pro trainer (a total of 58 entries), and, with Jake Handling, placed 4th in the 51-entry Amateur Stake. Eva is also bred by John. Congratulations to all for the fine showing!



*Above, Quinn and Eva. Below left, John with Quinn and the winner's hardware; on the right, Eva with her ribbons.*

## Member News, Brags, & Announcements

### Puppies!

David Knott still has a few Labrador Retriever puppies available from the following litter:

**Sire:** Cooper Chance of Glenn Farm MH QAA SR98977801 (FC-AFC Tucked Away At River's Edge, "Tucker" x Rev's Country Girl MH)

**Dam:** Coal's Amazing Grace SR88057309 (Luther's High Grade Black Coal MH MNH4 x Bailiwicks Riversmeet Dandy Andy JH)

All black puppies, ready to go home October 29. Puppies will come with a 26-month health guarantee on the hips, elbows and eyes along with a base puppy contract. The puppies will be dewormed three times and have their first vaccine by the time they are seven weeks old.

#### Cooper's Clearances:

DOB May 2017

Elbow – Normal - LR-EL90756M25-VPI (NORMAL)

Hips – Good - LR-241407G25M-VPI (GOOD)

Eye – LR-EYE16230/41F-NOPI

Heart—OFA LR-ACA980/16M-PI ADVANCED CARDIAC (Normal)

CNM (Centronuclear Myopathy) – Normal (clear)

DM (Degenerative Myelopathy – Normal (clear)

EIC (Exercise-Induced Collapse) – Clear

Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Progressive Rod-Cone Degeneration -- Normal (clear)



#### Grace's Clearances:

DOB June 2015

Elbow – Normal - LR-EL84817F36-NOPI

Hips – Good - LR234695G36F-NOPI

Eye – LR-EYE16230/41F-NOPI

CNM (Centronuclear Myopathy) – Normal (clear)

DM (Degenerative Myelopathy – Normal (clear)

EIC (Exercise-Induced Collapse) – Carrier

Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Progressive Rod-Cone Degeneration Normal (clear)

Hereditary Nasal Parakeratosis - Normal (clear)

Retinal Dysplasia/Oculoskeletal Dysplasia 1 - Normal (clear)

Skeletal Dysplasia 2 - Normal (clear)



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### News from the Retriever Retreat



Upcoming events at the Retreat include regular scheduled training groups, and a Mitch White workshop in early December. More details in the November newsletter. Happy training! See you in the field.

**If you have any questions, or want to sign up for the workshop or training time, please contact Lois at email: [retrieverbednbicuits@gmail.com](mailto:retrieverbednbicuits@gmail.com), phone 865-803-1187.**

**First Senior Pass!** Picture left is Lois Luthenauer with Fired Up's Maximum Overdrive JH "Max", who earned his 1st Senior Pass 9/26/2021 at the Ohio Valley Retriever Club's Fall Test in Coshocton Ohio! Good boy, Max!

### More pictures of ETRC Master National Contenders



*Brian Caldwell and Luke McCoy's Echo, left;  
J. Michael Evans' Ivy, right*

## AKC Field Report for the 2021 Annual MNRC Meeting

Russ Reavis, Field Director—Retrievers

With the decision of the MNRC Board not to hold the normal meeting due to COVID I submit the following:

2020 & 2021 have been trying years for all of us and to the Retriever Hunting Test Program. In 2020 there were over 130 Hunting Tests and over 115 Field Trials cancelled due to COVID. Thankfully so far in 2021 all events have been held as planned with no reports of a COVID case. We should still follow all local and State guidelines at all events. AKC has published the "Best Practices for the Well-Being of Dog Sport Participants" revised on July 16, 2020 and "Recommendations for Handling a Positive COVID Case During or After an Event" on January 7, 2021 for use by all clubs and individuals.

Several new Regulations were incorporated during 2020 & 2021. I want to thank the members of the RHTAC for their review and input on these changes. All four mentioned are having a very positive effect on the Program.

1. In November 2020 the mileage between corresponding events was lowered from 200 miles to 150 miles which became effective January 1, 2021.
2. In September 2020 it was decided to allow the judges to determine how the birds are delivered to them due to COVID. Either they could take them, or the handlers could place them in a container (not light in color) or on a rack, but the judges still must watch the delivery from the dog. This will become permanently effective January 1, 2022.
3. As of April 1, 2021, clubs were able to set aside either 25% or 35% of a limited Master Test for Amateurs only.
4. Most recently effective September 1, 2021 clubs may use the wait list for a Limited Master Test up until the start of the event. The wait list will remain visible on Entry Express for a club's use.

I believe these changes will greatly enhance the future of this program.

There is one area that has become more apparent in the last year that is troubling. On many occasions the Rep's and myself have seen Judges score sheets improperly filled out or not filled out at all. The most common is the use of a single score for Marking only and not drawing diagrams of the dogs' work. This does not benefit a dog that may have a poor marking series but a high score in the other abilities.

I am pleased to announce that one of our Hunting Test participants received two AKC Youth/Junior Handler Scholarship Awards one in 2020 and one in 2021, Ms. Haleigh McKeithan from NC. She is entered in this year's event. Congratulations!

For 2021 another one of our own has won a Youth Scholarship Award as well, Ms. Lanie York from UT. If you see Lanie please congratulate her.

In 2021 Mr. Joe Reinhardt decided to retire from being an AKC Executive Field Rep. Everyone knows Joe and what a really good job he did and does for this sport. We thank him for his years of commitment to this program. We wish him and Carolyn only the best.

With Joe's retirement we have brought on board Mr. Dave Christianson from TX. Dave has been and still is very active in this program and brings a wealth of experience. We welcome Dave.

## AKC Field Rep Report.

I am pleased to announce the Retriever Hunting Test Program is growing in most areas of the country. Several Senior tests had to be split, meaning they exceeded 50 a few have been over 70. Several Junior Tests have been over 70 as well. As you are well aware the Master Tests continue to grow, and the demand has created the use of Mid-week tests and has spurred the creation of many new clubs.

In closing on behalf of myself, the Field Reps' and Performance Events, I want to thank you for your commitment to this program and its future.

### Youth Program



2018 Award Recipients, Cade & Ivan Chambers

The Luthenauer Young Handler program is entering its fifth year. Kids who are interested in working in retriever sports are encouraged to join; check out the website for rules and an application form at [http://www.etrclub.org/etrclub\\_youth\\_program.htm](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. The program will reimburse AKC Hunt test fees and any fees for other ETRC events such as club trials.

Yearly awards include a perpetual trophy along with a plaque to keep, and participation award for everyone in the program.

### ETRC Membership

Membership for 2021: The cost is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). Both new member and 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. Don't miss out on the opportunity to make friendships with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. It's a bargain!

The membership year runs from March 1 to February 28/29th; people who join after November 1 are also paid up for the following year.

### 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, new titles, litter info, new dogs, dog-related jobs and services, death notices, 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: Karen Edwards ([edwardskc@gmail.com](mailto:edwardskc@gmail.com)).

Numbering System: When I first took over the newsletter, I just continued on with the volume # from the last issue, then upped it by one every year. But, it makes no sense, and doesn't reflect how many years of newsletters we have anyway. So beginning with the January 2020 issue, the volume number is the last two digits of the year, in Roman numeral format — so this is now Volume XXI (for 2021).