

ETRC Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. December 11, 2024—Wednesday: 6:30 p.m., Board Meeting, 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN
Members welcome to attend
2. February 22, 2025 — Saturday: Annual Awards Banquet & Business Meeting / elections,
Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville, Tn, 6 p.m.

We'll be having a full slate of events next year! More info in next month's newsletter!



Photo of the Month



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President's Message — By J. Michael Evans

Happy Thanksgiving!! As I write this I know exactly how a stuffed Turkey feels! OOF!!

November ushered in our last hunt test of the season and congratulations to all of our qualifying dog/handler teams. The Board will be meeting next week (December 11) to begin work on the upcoming 2025 year and if you have ANY suggestions for anything we should add, take away or change this year, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any Board member with your ideas.

We are also going to be looking at club trials as well as club training days and any input is welcomed. We will also finalize plans for our members' banquet in February so please make plans to attend! It's an amazing evening with food, drink, friendship, awards, and a whole bunch of lying about how good our hunting season went! It's free for members and their families but it is imperative that you RSVP so we know how many to expect and how much food to pre-order.

As deer season moves forward and duck season ramps up I'm asking everyone to be safe. As much as we all love the great outdoors and hunting, it's still a dangerous endeavor for you and your canine hunting buddy as well. We all want our hunts to end with excitement and hopes for tomorrow. Be safe!!

December is also the time to nominate your dog for some Club Awards — if your dog won a title, please let me know so we can get you a plaque honoring this accomplishment. Likewise, if your dog had a successful year you can nominate him or her for the Gun Dog of the Year award, or the Puppy Of the Year award. Don't forget our newest perpetual dog award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, which recognizes dogs who have a history of accomplishments in the field, in competition, and in the breeding shed.

Also, I am looking for nominations of people as well — every year we award the AKC Sportsman of the Year award, and the Member Of The Year Award. These awards are open for nominations from the entire membership, and if there are ties, the final selection will be made by Board vote.

Please see the article later in this issue for more information on these awards and get the nominations in to me before the January deadline!

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope to see all of you at the banquet in February!!



November Midweek Master Test Report

Our last hunt test of the year is done and dusted!

Once again, we were super lucky with the weather for our last test of the season. Sunshine and temps rising to the mid-60s made for a very pleasant couple of days on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 11 and 12. This was a master-only test that was filled with a 13-dog waiting list. Good thing, because on Monday we heard that a dog at the scheduled test location (Brian Caldwell's place) had tested positive for Parvo and we had to scramble to find another location! Luckily, Ken Campbell let us use his beautiful Lucky 7 Ranch in Sweetwater at the last minute — although it was too late for porta-potties so we were a bit limited in areas to air ourselves. Also, I am happy to report that the sick dog at Brian's had a very mild case, no other dogs came down sick, and he is now recovered.

The long waiting list came in handy to cover the scratches from Brian's kennel. We started with 63 dogs, so not quite full but considering the circumstances, it was great. **NOTE:** the club is offering refunds of entry fees for member dogs who had to scratch because of this situation at Brian's, without needing a vet certificate. Contact Karen Edwards, edwardskc@gmail.com, with the name of the dog you had to scratch, and I'll get a check right out to you. **MEMBERS ONLY.**

The Tailgate Party scheduled for the end of the day on Tuesday had to be canceled because of the situation at Brian's. We'll try to have another one early in the year next year!

Of the 63 starters, 41 passed (a 65% pass rate).



Thanks to

- ◆ Ken Campbell, for letting us use his wonderful property again on such short notice;
- ◆ Judges — it's a hard job for sure — Mike Greer and Jay Floyd;
- ◆ Bird Technicians from the Cleveland State Community College Wildlife Society — you guys are great, just wish there were more of you!
- ◆ Our club member workers — The Hunt Test Secretary; fill in bird techs from the club; lunch

makers, marshals, set-up and tear-down crew; and general do-everythings: Michael Evans, Mike Smith, Alan Bruhin, Jim Pearce, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Dick Lamping, Donna Smith, Janet Summers, and Peter Torok. If I missed a few extra people, very sorry — it's unintentional and your work is much appreciated!

ETRC Member Results:

Congratulations to the following ETRC members and their dogs who participated and qualified:

- ◆ Southern Comfort's Crack Shot MH, and Southern Comfort's Run Your Tail Off, both owned and handled by pro member Melissa Dobson. Coosawatte Backwater Drake MH MN and Moon Over The Coosawatee — both dogs are owned by Pam and Andy Buck and handled by Jody Ware;
- ◆ Tennessee Gentleman Jack MH and his half-sister Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball, both dogs are bred, owned, trained and handled by Alan Bruhin.
- ◆ Troublesome Fowl Addiction MH, owned by John Broucek and Jeff Coffey and handled by Jeff;
- ◆ HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen MH, owned and handled by J. Michael Evans;
- ◆ RanMar's North Bound Train MH, owned by new members Dianne & Randy Clark and handled by Dianne (This dog also wins the Pogo Stick award for her bouncing!);
- ◆ Blythe Ferry's Indy Dos MH, owned by Mike and Donna Smith & handled by Donna; and
- ◆ Lucy Bella Grace MH, owned by JoLynn & Dick Lamping and handled by Dick.

Both Jody Ware and Melissa Dobson handled other client dogs to qualifications as well.



Left: Alan Bruhin & Jack;

Below: At the Line



Above: View from the Gallery

Below: Melissa Dobson

Congratulations to everyone who par-



Nominating Committee Slate for Election & Call for Additional Nominees From the Membership

The nominating committee for 2025 elections, as appointed by President J. Michael Evans at the Summer Business Meeting, Picnic and Club Trial on September 15, 2024, consisted of Mike Smith as Chairman, along with non-Board members Nathan Lamping and Brent Naveiro. The committee has completed their work, and present the following slate of officers and board members for fiscal year 2024 (beginning March 1). All of the people on the list below have agreed to serve:

- President: J. Michael Evans
- Vice President: Alan Bruhin
- Past President: Mike Smith
- Secretary / Treasurer: Karen Edwards
- Hunt Test Secretary: Michele Fletcher
- Board Members for 2024 -February 2027:
 - Luke McCoy
 - Nathan Lamping
- AKC Representative: Michele Fletcher
- Chief Marshal (non-Board position): Donna Smith

Continuing on the Board without being re-elected this year are: Jim Pearce & Jeff Rader (2023-2026), and Bob Smith & Kyle Griffin (2024-2027).

Board terms expiring are Lois Luthenauer & Luke McCoy . Many thanks to both of them for their expertise, advice and hard work over the past several years.

FLOOR NOMINATIONS: In accordance with the Bylaws, additional nominations may be made by any member prior to December 31, 2024, in writing to the Secretary, provided that the proposer shall present to the Secretary a written statement from the proposed candidate signifying willingness to be a candidate. No person may be a candidate for more than one elective position (except for the position of AKC Delegate which may be combined with any other board / officer position, and Secretary and Treasurer which may be combined).

We welcome additional nominations and encourage all members to become involved in the running of the ETRC -- without many volunteers helping, we would be unable to do all the events we put on each year. In the meantime, thanks to the nominating committee for your work, and to all the nominees for your willingness to serve.

To make a nomination, send it to Secretary Karen Edwards at edwardskc@gmail.com or by mail to 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Please specify the nominee's full name and the position for which you are nominating him or her, and send along the written agreement (forwarded email or scanned letter, for email nominations) from the nominee stating his/her willingness to stand for election. If there are any additional nominations from the membership, they will be announced in the January newsletter.

Voting for officers/directors and the AKC Delegate will be done at the annual Awards Banquet and general membership meeting. This is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, February 22, 2024 at the Bearden Banquet Hall in west Knoxville; more details will be in the January and February newsletters.

End of the Year Awards — Call for Nominations

It's the end of another busy and productive year for our Club. One of the highlights of the February end-of-year banquet is to celebrate all the many accomplishments achieved during the year, and giving out awards to people and dogs who have had milestone accomplishments during the year. Club awards, nomination procedures, and due dates are listed below. All nominations and other information required for each award are due to J. Michael Evans (FowlMouthK9@gmail.com) by **JANUARY 5, 2025**.

PEOPLE AWARDS: calling for nominations from everyone in the club for the following two awards. Final selection will be made by secret ballot of the Board of Directors. See below for past winners of this award:

- ◆ **ETRC Member of the Year:** Any ETRC Member may nominate any other member for this award. The criterion is, who has done the most to help out the club during the past year? Please send your nominations along with a brief justification why you think the person is deserving of the award. The award consists of an engraved plaque.
- ◆ **AKC Sportsman of the Year:** This award recognizes the member who best exemplifies the qualities you want to see in dog sports, and who has best furthered the aims of the AKC in promoting our sport. The award is an engraved plaque mounted with an AKC-provided medallion.

People Awardees from Last Ten Years:

Year	Member of the Year	AKC Sportsman of the Year
2023	Donna Smith	Mike Smith
2022	Michele Fletcher	Cory Smith
2021	Alan Bruhin	J. Michael Evans
2020	Cory & Elena Smith	Alan Bruhin
2019	Karen Edwards	Michele Fletcher
2018	Mike Smith	Jody Ware
2017	Roberta Williams	Brian Caldwell
2016	J. Michael Evans	Carol Stone
2015	Derek Dieterich	J. Michael Evans
2014	Jim Pearce	David Knott

DOG AWARDS: You must nominate your own dog or puppy for these awards. Please check the next several pages of this newsletter for award rules and information on how to submit nominations and / or count points . You may provide the information in an email or letter.

- ◆ **Gun Dog and Puppy of the year Awards** -- These awards are based on points earned in hunt test competition and club trials during the year. Information must be provided for each dog nominated. Winning dog and puppy will receive an engraved plaque to keep and a silver perpetual trophy to display for a year.
- ◆ **Lifetime Achievement Award:** This new award was instituted last year, and is intended to honor each year one member-owned dog (alive or deceased) whose lifetime achievements in the field and in other areas such as the breeding shed and other dog sports are worthy of this recognition. This achievement will be honored with an engraved plaque for the owner to keep, and a per-

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petual trophy to display for a year. See information below on nomination submission requirements. This is a one-time award; the winning dog last year was David Knott's great dog Luther's High Grade Black Coal MH MN.

- ◆ **Title awards:** If your dog has earned **any AKC field titles** (JH, SH, MH, AFC, FC, QA2, etc.) during 2020, please send your name, your dog's registered name, title earned, and the date and place where you titled. ETRC recognizes these achievements with an engraved plaque.
- ◆ **Master National/ Master Amateur Dogs:** If your dog was a **finalist** at the 2022 Master National or the 2022 Master Amateur, email the info to Michael along with a picture of you/your dog/your silverware. The award is an engraved plaque with the picture mounted on it. If your dog was **qualified to enter** the 2022 Master National or Master Amateur and received an invitation from the MNRC/MARC to participate, but either did not run or did not pass all series, please send along that information too. No hardware, but we want to announce this achievement! Make sure you are clear which category your dog falls into.

When you send Michael an email about awards, please use a separate email for each different subject -- i.e., if you are entering for Dog of the Year and also earned a title, please put those in two separate emails so he can keep the categories straight. **AND,** please put the category into the subject line -- 'AKC Sportsman nomination', etc. Dates outlined above for response to Michael have very little flexibility -- the engraver that we use is in the midst of basketball season awards at the same time, so we need the info by the dates specified in order to get the plaques back in time for the banquet. Once the order is in to the engraver, it can't be changed. **ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THE MORE DETAILED INFORMATION REQUIRED TO NOMINATE YOUR DOG FOR A LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD — full info is on page 10 below.**

Last Year's Dog Award Winners:

Puppy Of The Year: Fern Hill I Mint To Do That JH, bred and owned by Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce;

Gun Dog of the Year: Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH, Owner Alan Bruhin (for the 3rd year in a row!)

Lifetime Achievement Award: Luther's High Grade Black Coal MH MN, owned by David Knott & handled by David and Brian Caldwell to his many wins.



ETRC HOLCOMB GUN DOG OF THE YEAR AWARD RULES

(November 1, 2017)

1. The dog which accumulates the most points in AKC-Licensed Retriever Hunting Tests and ETRC club trials throughout the calendar year will be the winner of the annual Holcomb Gun Dog award and trophy. The annual award and trophy will be presented at the February ETRC annual awards banquet. The recipient of the Holcomb Gun Dog of the Year award will keep the trophy for one year and is responsible for its care. An engraved personal plaque is awarded to the retriever and the owner.
2. Points may be earned only in AKC Licensed Retriever Hunting Tests and ETRC Club Trials.
3. Points earned for "Puppy" Stakes at AKC Hunt Tests or ETRC Club Trials, plus points earned by puppies under 12 months of age at the time of the AKC Hunt Tests or ETRC Club Trials will not be included in computation of Gun Dog of the Year point totals.
4. Dogs are eligible to earn points at their current AKC title level and higher stakes at ETRC Club Trials. For example, a dog who has already earned his Senior Hunter title may continue to earn points at either the Senior level or the Master level. However, once a dog has passed two consecutive club trial stakes at a higher level than their current AKC title, or has a single pass at the higher level at an AKC test, he or she may no longer run lower level stakes for points at ETRC Club Trials.
5. Dogs are eligible to earn points at their current title level or above in AKC Hunt Tests. Once a dog earns a pass in a higher stake than its current AKC title level at an AKC hunt test, that dog cannot run a lesser hunt test stake for points. For example, a dog with an AKC Master pass cannot run in an AKC Senior Hunt Test stake for points, but may earn points for a run in an AKC Master stake.
6. All hunt tests stakes will be run for completion points only (points are only awarded per test successfully passed).
7. Calculation of Points:
 - a. A dog will receive 1 point for Junior, 2 points for Senior, and 3 points for Master at each AKC Licensed Retriever Hunting Test passed. Points earned at a Specialty where only one breed is allowed to compete may be included in the points calculations, but only up to a maximum of two completions (i.e. up to 2 points for Junior, 4 points for Senior, or 6 points for Master tests passed).
 - b. A dog will receive 1 point for Junior, 2 points for Senior, and 3 points for Master at each Club Trial stake passed. However, only the highest level passed for which the dog is eligible to receive points will count towards the Gun Dog awards. Singles Classic and Advanced Junior Hunter stakes will not count towards the Gun Dog Awards.
 - c. Points for Master National or Master Amateur Hunt Tests:
 - i. A dog will receive 1 point for qualifying for the Master National and/or Master Amateur Hunt Test
 - ii. A dog will receive 6 points for passing at the Master National and/or Master Amateur Hunt Test
8. Only dogs owned by ETRC members in good standing are eligible to compete for the Gun Dog of the Year award. However, points gained while the dog is being handled by someone other than the owner will count towards the award, whether or not the handler is an ETRC member.
9. In the event of a tie, the tied dog who competed in the most ETRC Club Trials during the awards year will be declared the winner. If this tie breaker still results in a tie, all tied dogs will receive recognition.
10. The eligibility year for the Gun Dog of the Year Award begins January 1 and runs through December 31 of the award year. It will be the responsibility of the owner to provide information on ETRC club and AKC passes to the ETRC club member who is responsible for tabulating points, by the date specified in the December newsletter. If there is a discrepancy in the points submitted for ETRC events and ETRC's records, the records of the ETRC are final. Any discrepancies in AKC points submitted will be compared to AKC's Performance records with AKC tabulations being final. These rules and regulations are to be published in the club newsletter preceding the club's annual February meeting. A copy will be posted on the ETRC website. Any changes to the rules will be published in the club newsletter and posted on the website. Winners will be announced in the March Newsletter and posted on the ETRC Website.

ETRC AUSTIN-WILLIAMS PUPPY OF THE YEAR RULES **(November 1, 2017)**

1. The puppy which accumulates the most points per the rules below in ETRC club trials, puppy stakes at ETRC's AKC Hunt Tests, or AKC licensed Hunt tests throughout the year will be the winner of the annual Austin-Williams Puppy of the Year award and trophy. Puppies between 10 weeks and one year of age are eligible to compete. The annual award and trophy will be presented at the February ETRC annual awards banquet. The recipient of the Austin-Williams Puppy of the Year award will keep the trophy for one year and is responsible for its care. An engraved personal plaque is awarded to the puppy and the owner.
2. Age Classifications: Junior Puppy: ten weeks through six months (27 weeks of age); Senior Puppy - seven months to one year (28 weeks to first birthday).
3. Points.
 - a. Points will be earned only in ETRC Club Trials, puppy stakes at ETRC's AKC Hunt Tests, or regular hunt test stakes at any AKC licensed hunt tests. Points for any level hunt test stakes at AKC hunt tests or any stakes at ETRC Club Trials will only count if the puppy was less than 1 year of age at the time the points were earned.
 - b. Puppies are eligible to run in their current age classification. A Senior puppy may not compete in the Junior Puppy class. Junior puppies may compete in the higher stake Senior Puppy class for a JAM ribbon only, no placement or points will be awarded.
4. Calculation of Points:
 - a. Points will be awarded for placements in ETRC club Trial and ETRC Hunt Test puppy stakes as follows:
 - i. If 5 or more puppies are entered, 3 points will be awarded for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place, and 1 point for puppies placing 3rd or 4th or receiving JAM ribbons.
 - ii. If 4 puppies are entered, 2 points will be awarded for 1st place, 1 point for puppies placing 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or receiving JAM ribbons.
 - iii. If 3 or fewer puppies are entered, all placements and JAMS will receive 1 point each.
 - b. Additional Points: A puppy will receive 1 point for any Junior Hunter stake, 2 points for a Senior Hunter stake, or 3 points for a Master Hunter stake passed at an ETRC Club Trial before the puppy's first birthday. No points will be awarded for Singles Classic or Advanced Junior stakes.
 - c. A puppy will receive 1 point for any AKC-licensed Hunt Test Junior Hunter Stake (2 points for Senior, 3 points for Master) passed before the puppy's first birthday. Points earned at a Specialty AKC Hunt Test where only one breed is allowed to compete may be included in the points calculations, but only up to a maximum of two completions.
5. Only puppies owned by ETRC members in good standing are eligible to compete for the Puppy of the Year award. However, points gained while the puppy is handled by someone other than the owner will count towards the award.
6. In the event of a tie, the tied dog who competed in the most ETRC Club Trials during the awards year will be declared the winner. If this tie breaker still results in a tie, all tied dogs will receive recognition.
7. The eligibility year for the Puppy of the Year Award begins January 1 and runs through December 31 of the award year.
8. It will be the responsibility of the owner to provide information on ETRC club and AKC passes to the ETRC club member who is responsible for tabulating points, by the date specified in the December newsletter. If in the event there is a discrepancy in the points submitted for ETRC events and ETRC records, the records of the ETRC are final. Any discrepancies in AKC points submitted will be compared to AKC's Performance records with AKC tabulations being final.
9. These rules and regulations are to be published in the club newsletter preceding the club's annual February meeting. A copy will be posted on the ETRC website. Any changes to the rules will be published in the club newsletter and posted on the website. Winners will be announced in the March Newsletter and posted on the ETRC Website.
10. Judges are strongly encouraged to set up different marking tests for the Junior and Senior puppy tests. A wa-

ETRC CHUCK ATCHLEY LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RULES (Finalized 10/16/23)

1. Every year, ETRC will award the Chuck Atchley Lifetime Achievement award to the nominated ETRC-owned dog that most clearly represents the highest levels of achievement as detailed below. Any member is welcome to nominate any dog for this award during the December awards nomination period; if more than one dog is nominated, selection will be made by a vote of the Board. For this award, the usual prohibition against the President voting is waived; if there is a tie, a second vote will be taken and if there is still a tie, both dogs will be honored for that year
2. Dogs nominated must be owned /have been owned by a current ETRC member at the time the award nomination is made. Deceased dogs are eligible for this award. A dog may be nominated multiple times, however once the dog has won the award, he / she will no longer be eligible for further consideration.
3. Nominations will be called for in the December issue of the ETRC Newsletter, and details will be provided in that newsletter of where to send your nominations. In order to nominate a dog, the owner (or other member nominating another member's dog) must provide a detailed written explanation of why the dog is worthy of this award. Two or three sentences will not suffice! This justification should include statistics and details concerning one or all of the following areas for consideration:
 - **Field performance.** Please enumerate titles earned in hunt tests or field trials (including AKC and HRCH events), number of passes achieved, and any other comments that pertain to the dog's excellence (number of tests passed out of tests taken, ETRC awards such as Gun Dog of the Year, age at the time titles were earned, comments about style, etc.).
 - **Breeding performance.** Please enumerate the total number of puppies sired / whelped by the nominated dog and the number of titled puppies. Titles can be earned by those puppies in any recognized AKC or HRCH dog sport. Also include any breed recognition such as Outstanding Sire or Dam awards achieved by the nominated dog. You may also include any other notable achievements by the nominated dog's progeny for which titles aren't awarded, such as Seeing Eye, etc.
 - **Success of the nominated dog in any other non-field related endeavor.** Please include any information on the nominated dog's titles / achievements in other AKC or HRCH events, such as Agility, Obedience, Scent Work, etc. You may also include service awards, therapy work, and anything else that you feel makes the dog worthy of a lifetime achievement award.
5. Nominations will be rated subjectively, without points assigned for various categories of achievement. However, evaluators voting on dogs must take into consideration the hierarchy of achievements outlined above by placing more value on individual field achievements first, by breeding achievements second, and by other considerations third. Since the ETRC is a retriever club, it is entirely possible for a dog to win this award who was outstanding in the field but never had offspring or earned a non-field title. It should not be possible for a dog to achieve this title without having reasonable accomplishments in the field.
6. The Board of Directors may decide not to award this title during any particular year if no dogs are nominated, or if none of the nominated dogs seem to possess a record worthy of a Lifetime Achievement Award. Decisions by the Board of Directors are final.
7. Winners will be announced at the annual Awards Banquet in February. Names and pictures, along with information on the dog's achievements, will be published in the March Newsletter and posted on the ETRC Website and Facebook page. The winning dog's name and owner will be engraved on a perpetual trophy and the owner will also be provided with a small trophy/plaque to keep.

Lifetime Achievement Award, Continued

8. These rules and regulations are to be posted permanently on the ETRC Website. A copy of them will be published in the December 2023 Club newsletter, and annually thereafter. However, publication of a link to the rules on the club website will be considered sufficient after the first year, at the newsletter editor's discretion. Any changes to the rules will be published in the club newsletter and posted on the website.
9. Chuck Atchley, to whom this award is dedicated, is a Charter Member of the ETRC which was formed in 1986. He actively trained and ran several Labrador Retrievers to titles over a number of years. He served as Treasurer from 1996 - 2015 and continues to be a faithful member. During some of our leaner periods, he personally bailed us out so we could continue operating until our financial situation improved. We have benefited from using his beautiful farm countless times for training and Club Trials. On his retirement as Treasurer in February 2015, ETRC awarded Chuck a Special Platinum Award for Outstanding Service. His lifetime achievements for our club make his name a worthy one for recognizing some of the Club's superior dogs.

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Youth Program

2022 Award Recipient, Bella Martin



The Luthenauer Young Handler program was established as a memorial to ETRC member Kevin Luthenauer. The program is supported by generous contributions from family and friends to encourage youth participation in retriever sports. Kids who are interested in applying 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. 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 awards for everyone in the program.

ETRC Membership Information

Membership in ETRC is a bargain! 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 cut and paste the link, print it off, and send it along with your check to:

Karen Edwards, Secretary /Treasurer, 254 Babbs Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771.

Membership 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 friends with like-minded dog people and learn more about our favorite sport. We are one of the most active Retriever clubs in the country — and we had another great year in 2024 with 6 AKC hunt tests, 2 club trials, seminars, training days, and more.

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 / Facebook / Website Info

NEWSLETTER: The ETRC newsletter is published monthly, usually on the 1st of the month. Send us your test results, new titles, litter info, new dogs, dog-related jobs, items 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).

Numbering System: beginning with the January 2020 issue, the volume number is the last two digits of the year, in Roman numeral format — so this is Volume XXIV (for 2024). Newsletters are archived on the club Website, www.etrclub.org.

FACEBOOK: we now have a Facebook page! Either post on it yourself, or send pics and info to our moderator, Alan Bruhin, at wbruhin1@retiree.utk.edu.

WEBSITE: Updated recently to add a security certificate so no more pesky 'danger/warning!' notices. A repository of current & past information. Send material for the website to webmaster Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com).