

ETRC Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. November 12-13, Tuesday—Wednesday: Midweek Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's, with Tailgate Potluck Party Tuesday Afternoon
2. February 22, 2025 — Saturday: Annual Awards Banquet & Business Meeting / elections, Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville, Tn



Photo of the Month



Lisa Vencille & Friend inside the blind, 10/20/24

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President's Message — By J. Michael Evans

Welcome to Fall in East Tennessee!! Warm days and cool nights make it the perfect recipe for training and testing. It also begins hunting season in this part of the country. For those of you that Turkey hunt, Dove hunt, Deer hunt, Duck hunt, Goose hunt, Bear hunt or any other game animal; best of luck in your endeavors! As most of you know we held our Fall Hunt Test at Lucky 7 Ranch this month and it was PERFECT weather! We had ducks in the air around 8am and the Junior and Senior tests were mostly complete by lunch. The Master test was a different animal altogether though but, even with the hiccups on Saturday morning, it moved along impressively. Thank you to all of the Judges who gave up their time to assist us. A huge Thank You to Ken Campbell and Brandon Camps for allowing us to use such amazing grounds and taking time out of their busy days to bush hog and prepare them for us.

Thank You to all of the members who showed up on Friday to help with set up and the ones who were there Saturday and Sunday to help things run smoothly. I would be remiss without mentioning a few who, due to circumstances beyond our control, stepped up and threw birds both days! Mike Smith, Richard Lamping, Mike and Lisa Vencille, Lois Luthenaeur and a couple of professional trainers sprinkled in as well. These folks were Superstars and we would have been in a pickle without them. We also had two newer members who also helped in big ways the entire weekend; Brent Naveiro and Matt Neil. These two guys were everywhere! We had members who were recovering from surgery and some out of town but these two gentlemen stepped in and picked up the slack. Thank you both!

Our next test is a Master only on November 12 & 13. Even if you aren't competing please come out and enjoy some time outside with club members. The test is being held at Pro Trainer Brian Caldwell's farm, which is located at 1810 State Highway 58 South, Georgetown, TN, near Cleveland and Decatur and not far from Dayton, TN. If you need more directions, look at the article on the next page about this test. There will be an end of season Tailgate Party on Tuesday afternoon as the test is starting to wind down. Again, more information is on the following page but we encourage you to come!

If we don't get to see you, best of luck during hunting season and I hope to see you in the field!

Message from Alan Bruhin, MNRC Regional Representative

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, our very own Past President Alan Bruhin was on the ballot for serving as Region 2 representative to the Master National Board. He was elected! Below is a copy of an email that he sent to the MNRC president, which is of interest to us as a club:

"Good morning, I would like to introduce myself as the new region 2 representative for the Master National Club. I would like to start by thanking the regional clubs for electing me to represent you on the board. I am looking forward to working on your behalf this coming year.

The first order of business I am working on is to come up with a list of potential judges for the event in Giddings Tx. If your club has suggestions for someone to be added to this list please contact me and let me know ASAP. I know there are lots of great judges in our area who are more than qualified to judge this event. I am looking forward to hearing back from you.

Alan Bruhin, 865-850-8712 , wbruhin1@retiree.utk.edu"

SOON!

East Tennessee Retriever Club November Midweek Master Test

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024 - Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 8:00 a.m. start

Location: Brian Caldwell's Farm, Georgetown, TN (See directions below)

Entries: Entries opened Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 7:00:00 PM CT on [EntryExpress.net](https://www.entryexpress.net)
Workers/Amateur Set Aside (35%) opened on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 7:00:00 PM CT
Entries Close: Monday, November 4, 2024 11:59:59 PM CT. Limited to 66 dogs; currently, the test is full and 15 dogs are on the waiting list.

Judges: James E Floyd III, and Mike Greer

This test will not have live flyers as the property is a 'no live ammunition' site.

We are looking for volunteers to help set up / tear down stakes, run errands, and marshal. Contact J. Michael Evans (text to 865-824-8638 or email to fowlmouthk9@gmail.com to volunteer. All volunteers will be provided with a bagged lunch and drinks.

End-Of-Season Tailgate Party: As the test winds down on **Tuesday afternoon**, Janet Summers is coordinating a tailgate party free to everyone who attends. Come help us celebrate the end of our long and very busy Hunt Test season! NOTE THIS IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE TEST.

We are asking everyone who is interested to please bring a dish to share, either an entrée, appetizer, or dessert. For people coming from away who are staying at a motel for the duration, something simple like store-bought chips, crackers, cheese / meat / fruit / vegetable trays, baked goods, or canned sodas are just fine. The club will supply bottled water, paper plates, napkins and plastic cutlery.

Brian has a refrigerator we can use to store items during the day, and will let us use his stove to heat up items as necessary. Text Janet at 214-470-6265 to coordinate what you are bringing, if you can, so we make sure to cover all the bases.

How to get to Brian's Farm:

The address is 1810 State Highway 58 South, Georgetown, TN, near Cleveland and Decatur and not far from Dayton, TN. If you don't have a GPS, here are some more detailed instructions:

- ◆ From Interstate 75, take exit 49 for TN-30 towards Decatur.
- ◆ Follow TN-30W for 9.3 miles into the stop light in Decatur
- ◆ Turn left onto TN-58S. Stay on this road for 15 miles and turn left into Brian's property. This is just after going up a hill, so be prepared to turn in a hurry as you approach the hill.

There will be "ETRC" signs at the entrance and the gate will be open.

Report: East Tennessee Retriever Club 2024 Fall Hunt Test

Our fall test is in the books.

On a beautiful fall weekend, (October 19-20, 2024) the club put on a double Junior, double Senior, and single flight of Master hunt test at the beautiful Lucky 7 Ranch in Sweetwater. Attendance was down a bit — the Master National just finished two weeks ago, and many people are diverted by other fall activities like Tennessee's Football team which was playing Alabama on Saturday afternoon.

We had 63 entries for the Master tests, of which 6 scratched (several were bitches going into season). Of this number, 36 passed (a 63% pass rate). In the Senior tests, we had 20 entered on Saturday (with 4 scratches) and 17 on Sunday (with 2 scratches). On Saturday, 12 dogs passed (75%). On Sunday, 7 passed (46.7%). Junior Entries on Saturday numbered 12 with no scratches, of which 10 passed (83%) and Sunday, 9 out of 10 passed (90%). The dog that didn't pass on Sunday managed to break even wearing a collar! Determined little bugger....



Thanks to

- ◆ Ken Campbell, for letting us use his wonderful property;
- ◆ Judges — it's a hard job for sure — Master: Steve Davis & Tracy Davis; Kathy Poole-Price & Paula Johnson (SH/JH) ; and Wesley Bowman & Larry Noland (JH/SH).
- ◆ Bird Technicians from the Cleveland State Community College Wildlife Society — you guys are great, just wish there were more of you!
- ◆ The Hunt Test Secretary; fill in bird techs from the club; lunch makers, marshals, set-up and tear-down crew; photographers, and general do-everythings: Michael Evans, Mike Smith, Alan Bruhin, Michele Fletcher, Brent Naveiro, Dick Lamping, Donna Smith, Lois Luthenauer, Janet Summers, Mike & Allyson Osteen, Matt Neil and Peter Torok. There may have been others that I don't know about who were there working as hard as the dogs all weekend. We really appreciate everyone who showed up — had to have way more members helping out in the field than normal, because of a shortage of paid bird techs. Also, some people who ordinarily work were otherwise occupied (including me and my husband Jim Pearce; we were in Michigan breeding a dog who, as always, picked the most inconvenient time to need attention). It is hard work putting on a multi-stake test like this, and even harder when we are short on workers. HUGE kudos to those who showed up!
- ◆ Mike Smith for working on repairing several of our broken wingers and thunder launchers.

ETRC Member Results:

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

Master:

- ◆ Lick Creek On the Money MH, owned by Lisa and Mike Vencille and handled by Lisa;
- ◆ Spitfire's Whiskey Teal MH, owned by Janet Summers and handled by Brian Caldwell;
- ◆ HRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen MH, owned and handled by J. Michael Evans;
- ◆ Cane Creek's Special Spice, owned by Jon and Taylor Osteen and handled by Michael Osteen;
- ◆ L7T Troublesome What About Bob MH, owned by Bob Smith and handled by Brian Caldwell;
- ◆ Tennessee Gentleman Jack MH, owned and handled by Alan Bruhin;
- ◆ Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH, owned and handled by Alan Bruhin.

Senior:

- ◆ Cadron Ridge's Hunting Birds In The Snow and Rayne JH, owned and handled by Janet Summers;
- ◆ Dick's High Flying Lazer Teal, owned and handled by Dick Lamping;
- ◆ SHR HR Waylon's Harley Under the Shade, owned and handled by Zach Pry (both days);
- ◆ Gus The Ol' Goose Getter, owned and handled by Brent Naveiro.

Junior:

- ◆ Coast To Coast Tex, owned and handled by Jon Osteen (both days);
- ◆ Fern Hill Duck Call CGC TKN, owned and handled by Jo Ann Burk

Congratulations to everyone who participated!

Dog Stats:

For those who are interested in this sort of thing, there were a total of 122 dogs entered. Of these, 7 were Chessies, 9 Golden Retrievers, 1 Springer Spaniel, 1 Toller, 2 Flatcoats, and the rest (102) were various flavors of Labradors. 41 were female, and 81 were male. The oldest was born in September 2014 (10 years old!) and the youngest was born November 2023, so less than a year old.



ETRC Members at the Master National 2024

The Master National is over for another year, and the final results are in. Dates were September 21 to October 2, at the West Kentucky Wildlife Management Areas near Paducah, Kentucky. It is tough to run a test this large, so all sympathies and kudos to the Master National committee and the many volunteers for pulling this off. There were a total of 1,131 dogs entered, divided into 9 flights of 140-147 dogs each.

Although this is billed as a National test, it is run basically as 9 individual tests all running on the same grounds. The flights rotated through six test setups at the different areas; however, there were only five series this year (Hurricane Helene) so not every flight ended up at the same areas as every other flight. Also, each flight has the same judges throughout all series, with no swapping around of judges, and dogs are assigned to the individual flights on a mostly regional basis.

All of our members were in Flight G except for Melissa Dobson, who lives in Georgia, and she was in Flight H.

RESULTS:

Flight G: 31% of the dogs entered passed all five series. ETRC members and member dogs who passed all five series and earned a plate are:

- ◆ **Rader's Charlie Belle MH**, owned by Jeff Rader and handled by Jody Ware;
- ◆ **Troublesome Fowl Addiction MH**, owned by John Broucek and handled by Jody Ware;
- ◆ **L7Troublesomewhataboutbob MH**, owned by Bob Smith and handled by Brian Caldwell;
- ◆ **Chosen Spot's Splash of Tequila MH**, owned and handled by Dennis Wilcox;.

Jody also passed another client dog, as did Brian.

Flight H: 49% of the dogs entered in this flight passed all five series. Congratulations to ETRC member Melissa Dobson, who qualified all 7 of the dogs she handled, including one of her own dogs, and one of her daughter's dogs:

- ◆ **Southern Comfort's Run Your Tail Off MH;** and
- ◆ **Southern Comfort's Painted With A Punch MH**

There was quite a difference in pass rates between the eight flights. They ranged from a low of 31% in Flight G to 51% in Flight E.

Looking through the lists of dogs who qualified and who didn't, in all 8 flights, it's amazing the number of dogs with QA2 and dozens of MA passes (MH101 in one case) and GRHRCH titles who didn't make the grade. There were even a couple of FCs and AFCs who didn't qualify.

Every dog has its off day, but looks like there were a lot of those at this test, or some very picky callback decisions. Even bigger congratulations are due to those who did pass!



Charley and Jeff from last year's Master Amateur.

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 have another great year planned in 2024 with 6 AKC hunt tests, 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).