

ETRC Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. September 15, Sunday: club trial, picnic, summer business meeting, Lucky 7 Ranch
2. October 19-20, Saturday—Sunday: Fall Test, Lucky 7 Ranch, 2 JH, 2 SH, Master
3. November 12-13, Tuesday—Wednesday: Midweek Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's
4. February 22, 2025 — Saturday: Annual Awards Banquet & Business Meeting / elections, Bearden Banquet Hall, Knoxville, Tn



Photo of the Month

Happy Labor Day Weekend!



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President's Message

J. Michael Evans, ETRC President

Happy Labor Day!! I'm sure everyone has many other things on their mind than reading E-mail, it's an exciting month.

Dove season starts at noon on September 1st, early goose, wood duck and teal seasons are upon us, the Tennessee Vols (and every other college) has started the football season and we have a club trial coming up September 15th at Lucky 7 Ranch.

I'm sure it's going to be a hot day, so if you plan on attending, dress accordingly and bring plenty of water for you and your dog(s). We will have live flyers for members who want them and I am asking that anyone who can bring a shotgun and help us as a shooter please do. This should be one of the most fun club trials we've had but we will need some help gunning.

This trial will most likely kick off everyone's hunt test season and help knock off a few of the cobwebs that may have settled in over the summer. I look forward to seeing everyone and getting our season started. See you on the 15th!



Last Call for Ducks! Club Trial with Live Flyers Sunday, 9/15/24

Everyone is invited to our Club Trial which will feature live flyers. **Deadline extended: IN ORDER TO GET YOUR FLYERS, YOU MUST RSVP BEFORE SEPTEMBER 5 so we know how many to order.**



Live flyers will be available for Junior, Advanced Junior, Senior, and Master stakes. Dokkens will be used in the Singles Classic stake. Live flyers will also not be used for puppy stakes, but you may request use of dead ducks if you want.

Each club member will be able to order, **at no cost to them**, ONE OR TWO LIVE FLYERS, one for up to two dogs they plan to enter. Entries are free for the first two stakes entered. After that, additional entries will be \$10 each (puppy stakes \$5). If you want more than two live flyers, you may also request up to two more at a cost of \$10 each. You can bring as many dogs as you want, and can use dead ducks, dokkens or bumpers for the others. Considering that ducks now cost between \$18—\$20, this is a terrific opportunity for members to get some live flyer practice at an extraordinarily good price.

Non-members are welcome to come, but will only be allowed to use dead ducks/dokkens/bumpers. Entry fees for each stake will be \$10 per dog (\$5 per puppy in the puppy stakes)

People who do not RSVP before the September 5 deadline are still invited and encouraged to come, but will be limited to dead ducks, dokkens and automatic launcher bumpers.

IF YOU ARE A COMPETENT GUNNER, we encourage you to bring along your gun; ETRC will supply 12-ga ammo and we can swap out shooting the live flyers for each other.

Club Trial rules are included in this newsletter on the following pages.

This is not only a club trial, but is also our late summer Business Meeting and we will need a quorum to conduct business. To encourage people to stay for the business meeting, free lunch will be provided. We anticipate that the business meeting will start around 2 p.m. and will last for about an hour. We plan to be completed with everything by about 4:00 p.m.

DATE & TIME: Sunday, September 15, 2024. 9:00 a.m. (judges, gunners, and people to help set up should plan to be there at 8:00 a.m.) Please report to the sign up desk as soon as you get there.

LOCATION: Lucky 7 Ranch, 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.

RAIN DATE: Sunday, September 22, same time and place. A go-no-go weather decision will be sent out via email on Saturday, September 14 by 5:00 p.m.

TEE SHIRTS: Tee shirts and hats will be available for sale. Unusual sizes will be ON SALE.

**FOR LIVE FLYERS, RSVP BEFORE 9/5/24 TO KAREN EDWARDS,
EDWARDSKC@GMAIL.COM OR TEXT 865-300-7607**

**RSVP NOT REQUIRED IF YOU DON'T WANT A LIVE FLYER, BUT IS
REQUESTED BY FRIDAY, 9/13/24, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES!**

ETRC Club Trial Rules

These are quoted from Roberta Williams' email to Carol Stone March 12, 2009, as modified by changes made during the 2017 rules revisions for Gun Dog and Puppy of the Year. New information on Master, Senior, Junior, and Advanced Junior stakes were added for completeness in 2020.

In-Club Rules for SINGLES CLASSIC stake:

- Two (2) Single long marks. Marks are at least 100 to 200 yards subject to the judges' placement. The dog that runs the straightest line OUT to pick up the bird wins the stake. The line BACK to the judges is not scored. Judges should draw the line taken by the dog on the judge's score sheets and grade the retrieve on a 1 to 10 basis with 10 being the best.
- Judges should draw accurate diagrams of the retrieves because several dogs may be in competition for the placements and First Place.
- Entered dogs must be steady on the line and cannot break. Young dogs may be run and held by the buckle collar or lead but no ribbons are awarded. One judge should call "DOG" to release the dog at the line.
- All dogs must deliver to hand without touching the dog. The handler should then hand the duck to the judges.
- Dogs are placed First Place, Second Place, Third Place, Fourth Place, and JAMs. A JAM is a Judges Award of Merit where the dog completes the retrieve but does not place First, Second, Third, or Fourth. Green club ribbons are awarded for completions; colored placement ribbons are awarded for first through fourth place.
- No points are awarded for Singles Classic towards Gun Dog or Puppy of the Year Awards.

In-Club Rules for PUPPY STAKES:

- There are two separate classifications of the puppy stakes. Junior puppies are from ten weeks through six months (27 weeks of age). Senior Puppies are from seven months to one year (28 weeks to first birthday). Junior puppies should be run first so as not to confuse them with scents and other factors. Junior marks are two (2) singles thrown in the lowest cut grass available at 20 to 30 yards. Senior marks are extended out to 50 to 60 yards or more.
- Judges are strongly encouraged to set up different marking tests for the Junior and Senior puppy tests. A water mark should be included in the Senior puppy stake. Lack of suitable grounds, cold weather, and time may prohibit this suggestion but all efforts should be made to adhere to it.
- A running line is established by the judges using a stick or marker to start the dogs from. Handlers may hold Junior puppies any way they want until one of the judges says the word "DOG" to release the pup. Judges should release the pup to retrieve as soon as the bumper or bird hits the ground. The puppies are judged on the straightest line OUT and BACK because the hardest thing is to get the puppies back to the handler.
- Puppies must get the bumper or bird back across the line to earn placements or points. Junior or Senior puppies do not have to deliver to hand. Judges should draw diagrams on the judge's score sheet so as to grade the puppies' performance.
- Bird technicians should stand quietly and still after throwing. The judges may ask the bird tech to help the puppy find the bumper or bird after the puppy has gotten out of the area of the fall.
- Placements of First, Second, Third, Fourth Place and JAMs (Judges Award of Merit) ribbons are awarded for each division. Points for Puppy of the Year are as specified in the current rules for that award.

In-Club Rules for MASTER, SENIOR, JUNIOR and ADVANCED JUNIOR stakes:

- All stakes may be run on a single setup, or on separate setups. Factors in deciding how many and which setups to use will be made based on availability of land and water and number / qualifications of member judges.
- Master Stakes will include at least one series that involves both land and water if at all possible. Two series may be used, any combination of land and water, if space and time permit. At least one triple mark and master-level blinds will be included in the Master setup.
- Senior stakes will include at least one series that involves both land and water if at all possible. Two series may be used, with one land and one water, if space and time permit. At least one double mark and two blinds will be included in the Senior setup.
- Advanced Junior stakes will include at least one series that involves both land and water if at all possible. Two series may be used, with one land and one water, if space and time permit. Advanced Junior marks are doubles, but there are no blinds.
- Junior stakes will include at least one series that involves both land and water if at all possible. Two series may be used, with one land and one water, if space and time permit. At least two single marks will be included in the Junior setup, but no blinds.
- No points are awarded for Advanced Junior stakes towards Gun Dog or Puppy of the Year Awards.
- Green club ribbons are awarded for completions.

Use of Training Devices

No electronic collars or other training devices are permitted if the dog is being presented for completion ribbons or awards points. However, a handler may declare the dog is being presented for training only and will be allowed to run the stake and be judged for information and advice for improvement.



Member Announcements, News, & Brags

New Family Members



NEW PUPPY!

Introducing Big Creek's Backwater Quackers in the Oaks (Oakie) the newest member of the Luthenauer / Houston household. Oakie joined Lois and Bob in late June at 10 months old and although she's got some catching up to do, she's catching up quickly! Oakie's sire is a dog from the last litter out of Lois's dogs Susie and Woodie.

NEW Son-in-Law!

Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce are happy to announce the wedding of their daughter, McKenzie, to Barry Henthorn of Auburn, Georgia, on August 24, 2024. Our best wishes for many years of happiness! Barry is an electronics /computer networking guy, and McKenzie works in accounting.

Unfortunately, they are cat people — but their cats are lovely!



Shorts

Retriever First Aid Kit

One of the things we hope we never need is a first aid kit. The club has recently upgraded our kit that we have present at club events, which includes quite a bit of supplies that can be used on injured dogs as well. Board Member Kyle Griffin recently found a link to a first aid kit made especially for field retrievers, and I'm passing it along in case anyone wants to have one on hand for training. This First-Aid Kit, available from retrievertrainingsupply.com, contains over 80 wound/trauma care supplies, first-aid tools, and vet-approved medications. This kit covers everything from minor cuts to major medical emergencies and everything in between. It also contains a Retriever First-Aid Guide that will walk you through how to handle medical injuries in the field. The supplies and book are stored in a highly visible, waterproof, and virtually indestructible orange case with a quick-detach "essentials" pouch in the lid of the case.. The price is \$174.95, which is not cheap. Listed below are the contents included in case you decide to put together a

Wound/Trauma Care Supplies

- (3) Povidone-Iodine Swabs
- (6) 4"x4" Sterile Gauze Sponges
- (2) 5"x9" Abdominal Compress
- (1) 4" Bulk Gauze Roll
- (2) Hemostatic Gauze (Blood Stop)
- (2) Gel Burn Cream Packets
- (2) Antiseptic Wipes
- (1) 2" Self Adhesive Bandage Wrap
- (1) Roll of Medical Cloth Tape
- (1) Roll of Medical Clear Plastic Tape

Essential First-Aid Tools

- (2) Pairs of Diamond-Grip Gloves
- (1) Disposable Tourniquet
- (1) Pen Light
- (1) Credit Card Size Magnifying Glass
- (1) Metal Tweezer
- (1) Bandage Scissors
- (1) Kelly Forceps
- (1) Skin Stapler
- (1) Staple Remover
- (2) Syringes (6ml & 12ml)

Vet-Recommended Medication

- (8) Antihistamine Tablets
- (4) Anti-Diarrheal Tablets
- (2) Packets of Pure Natural Honey
- (36) Baby Aspirin Tablets
- (4oz) of Eye Wash (Saline)
- (8oz) Hydrogen Peroxide
- (4) Petroleum Jelly Packets
- (4) Triple-Antibiotic Cream Packets
- (4) Hydrocortisone Cream Packets

Master Amateur Information

The Master Amateur Retriever Club recently sent out an email concerning the situation with getting Mallards for the upcoming 2025 Master Amateur Invitational Hunt Test in Maine. Getting ducks for this and other big national events, especially early in the year, is increasingly difficult. They have contracted with one supplier for mature mallards and are trying to get contracts in place with a 2nd and 3rd supplier as a backup. If they are unable to get enough ducks, they may be forced to use pheasants instead for all or part of the series.

In the immortal words of the MAI president, "There are only two guarantees in this life and mallard ducks isn't one of them! So please take the opportunity to at least introduce your dog(s) to pheasants if you haven't already done so, it's cheap insurance."

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).