

# ETRC Upcoming Events

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# ETRC Newsletter

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

1. February 22, 2025, Saturday: Awards Banquet, Elections, General Meeting: Bearden Banquet Hall, 6:00 p.m.
2. March 9, 2025, Sunday: Club Trial #1, Cory Smith Farm, Niota, with frozen ducks
3. March 29-30, Saturday—Sunday: Weekend Master only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's Farm
4. April 6, Sunday: Club Trial #2, Brian Caldwell's Farm, Sweetwater, with frozen ducks
5. April 26-27, Saturday—Sunday: Spring Hunt Test, MH, JH Saturday, SH Sunday, Lucky 7 Ranch
6. May 13-14, Tuesday—Wednesday: Midweek Master Only Hunt Test, Brian Caldwell's Farm
7. May 31-June 1, Saturday—Sunday, Double JH / Double SH Hunt Test, Hiwassee WMA
8. September 9-10, Tuesday—Wednesday: Midweek Master Only, Lucky 7 Ranch
9. September 21, Sunday: Club trial #3, picnic, summer business meeting, Lucky 7 Ranch
10. October 18-19, Saturday—Sunday: Fall Test, Lucky 7 Ranch, 2 JH, 2 SH, Master, Lucky 7 Ranch

## Photo of the Month



**First Duck Hunt 12/20/24: Brent Naveiro's dog Gus and son Ben (4), Nate Lamping's son Brody (5) and dog Gaia.**

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## President's Message — By J. Michael Evans

I hope everyone had A Very Merry Christmas and the New Year holds health and happiness for you all!

I'm writing this from a duck blind on a warm East Tennessee morning, and since there has been no movement, I guess I'm just sitting in a pile of sticks looking out over calm water....common for East Tennessee. However, I'm reminded of how lucky I am when I look over at my best hunting buddy Ivy and my ability to get out and enjoy everything the outdoors has to offer.

Whether you hunt or camp or hike or fish, take some time for yourself! Get your dog out and let them just be a dog! No training, no working, no retrieving, no demands; just enjoy your time together. We often forget, until it's too late, how much our four-legged family members mean to us. We all get so wrapped up in that next retrieve or that next test that we forget to simply enjoy the journey. Our dogs wake up every day wanting to please us and be a loved member of their pack, give them, and yourself, that time. Cherish every moment because it's gone before you know it.

The New Year is not only a time to be excited about the future but also to look back at our achievements, losses and sometimes failures. We've had trying times in the past and we will have them in the future but take heart in knowing how precious our families and friends are during these holidays. I'm so thankful to be a small part of the ETRC and I feel extremely lucky to have the friends I do in this club. I wish you ALL the best, I look forward to seeing you at the banquet in February and enjoying our time together. If there is anything I can ever do for you please don't hesitate to call.

**Happy New Year my friends!**



Miss Ivy in the blind  
On a misty morning

