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ETRC Newsletter

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR ETRC'S UPCOMING EVENTS!

1. October 17-18, 2026, Sat-Sun 8:30 a.m. — Fall Hunt Test, 2JH, 2SH, MH, Lucky 7, Sweetwater
2. February 20, 2027 Sat 6:30 p.m. — Annual awards banquet, meeting, elections

Photo of the Month



Gus the Ol' Goose Getter, owned by Brent Naveiro, at the Club Trial 9/7/26

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President's Message —

By Alan Bruhin

Greetings from the west coast! I have arrived in Oregon for the 2026 Master National Hunt Test. The event gets started on October 1 and will begin running dogs on October 2. The event is scheduled to run for 10 days.

We have 750 dogs entered which will run in 5 flights. If interested, you can follow along with the event on the Master National website: <https://masternational.org>

We had a great midweek master test at Brian Caldwell's property in mid-September. 63 dogs started the test which ran over 2 days. We had great help from our club members and I want to express my appreciation to everyone who helped out. Both days were extremely hot but judges were mindful of the temperatures and set up quick running test. Several of our members entered their dogs and received qualifying scores. It's really great to see the numbers of good dogs we currently have in our group. You can see a full report on this test later on in this newsletter.

Remember our October 17-18 test coming up in Sweetwater. It's a double Junior / double Senior and a single Master, to be held at the beautiful Lucky 7 Ranch. You can enter the event up to October 5th in Entry Express. I hope to see everyone there.

As always, if you have any questions regarding our club, please feel free to reach out to me or any of our Board of Directors.

Alan Bruhin
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Brags!!!

Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce of Fern Hill Golden Retrievers are proud to announce their newest Master Hunter — Fern Hill I Mint To Do That MH! Mint was handled to her Junior title by Jim, Jim and trainer Jody Ware split handling for her Senior title, and Jody handled her to her Master title. She earned that 5th leg at the super hot September Midweek Master test with an impressive and clean performance.

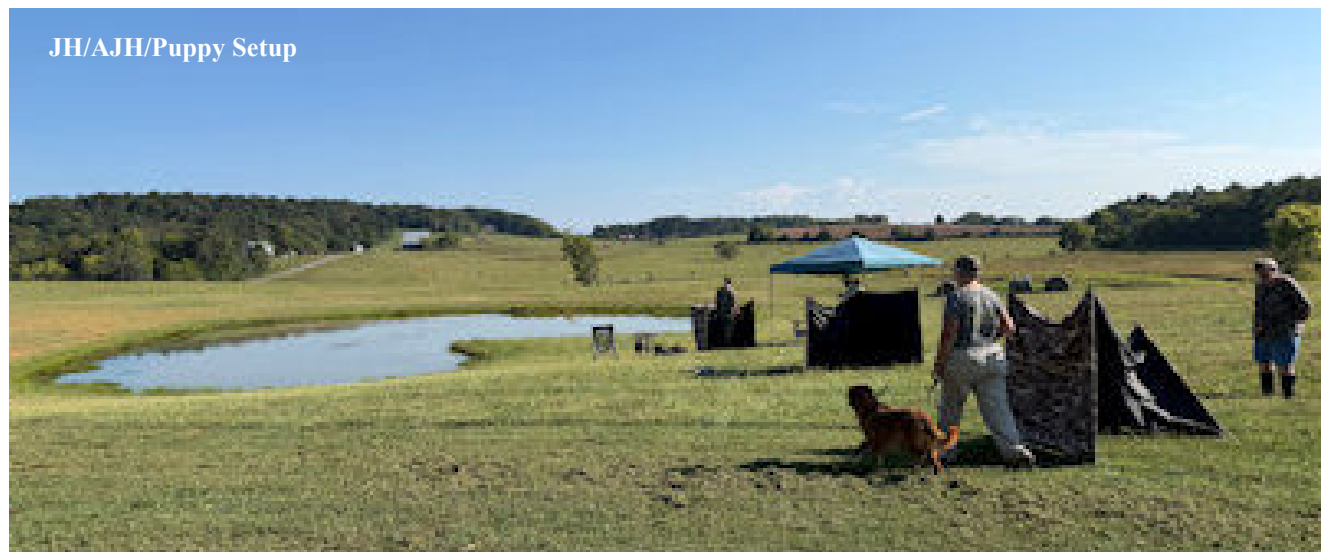
Mint is the daughter of Fern Hill Py In The Sky MH, who earned her Senior and Master titles in 10 straight passes, and a granddaughter of our amazing Fern Hill Pandemonium MH WCX OD, who is now 15 years and 4 months old. We sure do love us some Goldens!

Report: ETRC Summer Picnic, Business Meeting & Club Trial Sunday, September 6, 2026

Our annual summer extravaganza was held at Pet Resorts at the Farm in Loudon on Sunday, September 6, 2026.

Because of the high heat forecast, we moved the starting time of the Club Trial up from 9 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., decided to drop the Singles Classic for this particular trial, and divided the stakes into two setups so more dogs could run concurrently.

Lois Luthenauer and Kyle Griffin ran and judged the Junior, Advanced Junior and Junior/Senior stakes. Lois provided thawed ducks for both the land and water marks, although puppies were able to use their own retrieving objects instead. After the stakes were done, Lois helped people work on various aspects — introduction to ducks, line manners, and even some basic beginner blinds for some of the more advanced dogs. Many of our new members were in this setup and expressed appreciation for how helpful this was.



The Senior and Master stakes were held at a different pond a ways away from the junior group. Alan Bruhin and J. Michael Evans set up this test which was interesting and meaty. There was a fair amount of shade nearby which helped with parking to keep dogs cool, and seating where people could be in the shade.



Club Trial Results are given below. Note: dog breed is only indicated where the dog is NOT a Labrador.

Master Hunter: 17 dogs participated, 15 passed. Member dogs passing were:

- Cooper & Cotton, with Mike Smith handling
- Indy, with Donna Smith handling
- Mo, Tito, & Dutton, with June Turner handling
- Jack & Cin, with Alan Bruhin handling
- Jenny, with Troy Perry handling
- Ellie Mae, Golden Retriever, with Laura Dewald handling
- Drake, with Andy Buck handling
- Fee, Golden Retriever, with Jim Pearce handling
- Amber, Golden Retriever, with Michele Fletcher handling
- Gus, with Brent Naveiro handling
- Ivy, with Mike Evans handling.

Senior Hunter: 5 dogs came to the line, 2 passed. Dogs passing were:

- Whiskey, with Ronnie Cowan handling
- Apple, with June Turner handling

Advanced Junior Hunter: 3 dogs participated, and two passed. Dogs passing were:

- Whiskey, with Ronnie Cowan handling
- Deku, standard poodle, with guest participant J.J. Hurst handling.

Junior Hunter: 2 dogs participated, and both passed:

- Quincy, Golden Retriever, with Jo Ann Burk handling
- Deku, standard poodle, with guest J.J. Hurst handling

Senior Puppy: first place and blue ribbon to Dottie, owned and handled by Rob Chasse;
Junior Puppy: first place and blue ribbon to Click, owned and handled by Greg Grant.

The club trial ended at noon, before the temperatures got too extreme.

Laura Dewald with her lovely young dog Ellie Mae



Michele Fletcher's granddaughter Jade helps Brent Naveiro with his sunglasses

Picnic. Immediately following the Club Trial was a picnic lunch provided by the club. Jim Pearce brought a variety of pizzas from a nearby pizza parlor, and Lois Luthenauer made some delicious chocolate chip banana bread and a wonderful sheet cake that got rave reviews from everyone who tried it. Some delicious cookies were also available, along with water, Gatorade and a few beers that appeared out of nowhere....

General Business Meeting. After lunch, we had the meeting, one of two we are required by our By-laws to have each year. For information on the meeting, see the minutes farther on in this newsletter.

The lunch and meeting were held in an open shed, in the shade, and we were finished with everything by about 1:00 before the heat got too unbearable.

Club Trial / Picnic, Continued

Thanks again to the Osteens and Pet Resort for the use of your lovely facilities. Much appreciated!

Financial Information:

Income:

Entries: \$60 (each member was comped two free entries)

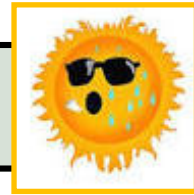
Tee Shirt/hat sales: \$175

Expenses:

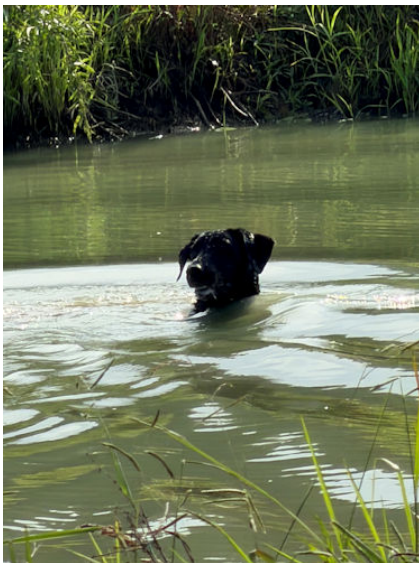
Pizza lunch: \$86.63



Report on our Fall Midweek Master September 15-16, 2026



Our first hunt test of the fall season was a Master-only hunt test on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 15-16, at Brian Caldwell's farm in Georgetown, TN. We had a full test, with 66 entries; 47 passed, 3 scratched, and 16 did not pass. The Judges were Michael and Barbara Reed; special thanks to them for setting up a meaty test while still keeping distances short enough for the safety of dogs and handlers during an extremely hot two days. Also thanks as always to Brian Caldwell for letting us use his grounds, and to the Cleveland State Wildlife Society for providing us excellent bird techs. They had it worse than any of us, out in the blazing sun all day without shade. The temperatures were up to 96 on Tuesday, and slightly better on Wednesday (the test was over by 2:00 p.m.), so they were pretty heroic! Happily, we didn't lose any dogs or people to heat sickness although one bird tech couldn't make it back the second day; we hope he is feeling OK and doesn't have any lingering effects.



Jack Bruhin: "You rang?"

The second series, Land/Water



We had lots of helpers during this test — thanks everyone! Workers included Alan Bruhin, Brent Naveiro, Rob Chasse, J. Michael Evans, Mike and Donna Smith, Michele Fletcher, Jim Pearce, Karen Edwards, Lois Luthenauer, Bob Houston, and probably others that I am not remembering at the moment.

Successful ETRC members and their dogs, listed in running order, were:

- ♦ Spitfire's Whiskey Teal MH, owned by Janet Summers and handled by Brian Caldwell;
- ♦ Blythe Ferry's Indy Dos MH, owned by Mike and Donna Smith & handled by Donna;
- ♦ Lick Creek Public Enemy Number One SH, owned & handled by Nicole Pizzo;
- ♦ JJ's Troublesome Lady Spitfire SH, owned by Robert White & handled by Brian Caldwell;
- ♦ Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH50 MAH4, bred, owned & handled by Alan Bruhin;
- ♦ Gus The Ol' Goose Getter, owned & handled by Brent Naveiro;
- ♦ McCoy's Precious Gem Of The South, owned by Luke McCoy & handled by Brian Caldwell;
- ♦ Moon Over The Coosawattee MH MNH, owned by Andy Buck & handled by Jody Ware;
- ♦ GRHRCH Hilltop's Fowl Mouth Delta Queen MH44, owned & handled by J. Michael Evans;
- ♦ Thistle Rocks Amber Waves SH, owned & handled by Michele Fletcher;
- ♦ Tennessee Gentleman Jack MH25, bred, owned & handled by Alan Bruhin;
- ♦ Razor's Coal Cotton, owned & handled by Mike Smith;
- ♦ Coosawattee Backwater Drake MH, owned & handled by Andy Buck;

Mid-Week MH Test, Continued

- ♦ Chosen Spot's Black Ice Warning MH45, owned & handled by Dennis Wilcox;
- ♦ Audabel's Mr. Music City, owned by Dennis Wilcox & handled by Jody Ware;
- ♦ Fired Up's Maximum Overdrive, owned & handled by Lois Luthenauer;
- ♦ Fern Hill I Mint To Do That SH, bred & owned by Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce, handled by Jody Ware;
- ♦ Chosen Spot's Irish Nobleman MH20, owned & handled by Dennis Wilcox.

Congratulations to the qualifiers, and best wishes for future success to those who didn't pass .



**Scenes from the
Midweek Master
Hunt Test ,
September
15-16,
2026
At
Brian Caldwell's
Farm**

Fall Hunt Test: Double JH & SH, 1 flight MH October 17-18, 2026, Lucky 7 Ranch

Our second and final hunt test of the fall season will be the weekend of October 17-18, 2026, at the beautiful Lucky 7 Ranch in Sweetwater, TN. WE STILL HAVE A FEW SPACES AVAILABLE IN MASTER, and of course Junior and Senior Stakes are still open for entry. We are anticipating great weather (not like September's test!) and hopefully we will get it.

Entries close on Monday, October 5, 1 second before midnight Central time. Entry cost: \$110 Master, \$100 Senior, \$90 Junior.

Judges will be:

Master: Robert Wolfe & Lisa Neel.
Senior Saturday: Lois Luthenauer & Dennis Wilcox
Senior Sunday: Lisa Vencille & Dennis Wilcox
Junior Saturday: Lisa Vencille & Michael Smith
Junior Sunday: Lois Luthenauer & Michael Smith

DIRECTIONS TO LUCKY 7 RANCH: The address is 6720 Erie Road, Sweetwater, TN. BE AWARE that some GPS services may take you to the wrong place, around the back of the property where there is no entrance. Alternatively, use the address 6979 Erie Road, which is right across the street from the L7 entrance.





MNRC News

The Master National test is underway, beginning October 1 and running through October 11 in beautiful Roseburg, Oregon. Alan Bruhin is there, representing us at the annual Master National Retriever Club meeting, and also serving as the Region 2 Director. And running his two dogs!

755 dogs are entered, making this one of the smaller tests in the last several years. There are five flights, with around 150 dogs in each flight.

Given how far a drive it is (2,600 miles from Alan's house to Roseburg), not many of ETRC's members are making the trip. However, there are some, and some others with ETRC connections. They are:

ETRC Member Dogs participating:

- ◆ #B96, Tennessee Cinnamon Fireball MH50 MAH4, bred, owned & handled by Alan Bruhin;
- ◆ #B135, Tennessee Gentleman Jack MH25, bred, owned & handled by Alan Bruhin;
- ◆ #E50, Southern Comfort's Run Your Tail Off, owned and handled by Melissa Dobson;
- ◆ #E60, Southern Comfort's Crack Shot, owned and handled by Melissa Dobson;
- ◆ #E82, Southern Comfort's Annie's Little Outlaw, owned by Terri Arthur & handled by Melissa Dobson;
- ◆ #E106 Southern Comfort's Painted With A Punch, owned by Callie Dobson & handled by Melissa.

Melissa is also handling 8 other non-member client dogs, for a very full and busy schedule.

Other ETRC Connections:

- ◆ #D111 Fern Hill Panda's Sunday Best MH50 HTHF, bred by Karen Edwards & Jim Pearce, owned and handled by Bruce Hayes of California;
- ◆ #D116 Fern Hill Panda's Sunday Player MH42, also bred by Karen & Jim and owned / handled by Bruce Hayes.

If you want to follow these dogs, callbacks are posted on the MNRC website:
<https://masternational.org/events/2026-master-national/>

Results are updated pretty much daily.

If I missed any club members or club member dogs participating, or any other ETRC connections, my apologies. Let me know and I'll be sure to mention them next month along with the results.

One of the Test Sites in Oregon



Minutes for General Club Meeting, Sunday, September 6 Pet Resorts at The Farm

Present from the Board: Alan Bruhin, Brent Naveiro, J. Michael Evans, Karen Edwards, Michele Fletcher, Jim Pearce, and Lois Luthenauer

Absent, Excused: Nathan Lamping, work; Luke McCoy, work; Kyle Griffin, other event (he came and helped with the club trial but left at 11:00); Bob Smith, family visit

Others Members Present: Pam & Andy Buck; Rob & Lori Chasse; Laura Dewald; Greg Grant; Troy & Kirsty Perry; Mike & Donna Smith, Bobby Stogner; Lisa Styles; Peter Torok, Ryan Troup; & June Turner

Guests: J.J. Hurst & wife

A quorum is 20% of the voting membership. 18 memberships were represented, and the current membership stands at 64 (20% would be 13). Therefore, a quorum was present.

Meeting called to order at 12:35 p.m. following our second club trial of the season, and a picnic pizza lunch provided by the Club. Extra thanks to Lois Luthenauer for the delicious cake and banana bread, and to the unknown person who provided the cookies!

Officers' and AKC Delegate's Reports

President's Report:

Alan Bruhin: Alan thanked people for coming, talked about planning for our schedule next year. His early thinking is having a mid-week Master in March, a double Master in April and a Quad JH/SH in May, and a fairly light schedule in the fall since all the area pros and some of the more advanced amateurs are likely to be at the Master National in Cheraw, plus hopefully three club trials during the year.

Secretary's Report. Karen Edwards.

Minutes: Last meeting was 8/25/26. Minutes were approved by a majority of Board members and published in the September newsletter. Lois moved that we dispense with reading the minutes out loud, and vote formal approval. Jim Pearce seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Membership: Membership at the end of December 2025 was 67. Membership today is 64, with 14 who didn't renew from last year, and 11 new members since the beginning of the year.

Correspondence: Various correspondence from the Master National concerning proposed by-laws changes – more on this later.

Treasurer's Report: Current balance is \$34,999.33. Upcoming expenses & receipts include today's picnic & club trial, our September 15-16 Hunt Test, and our Fall hunt test in October. We are still in excellent financial shape but are not making as much money on our hunt tests as in previous years; a year ago, at the same point in our events year, our balance was \$5,000 higher, and the year before it was \$10,000+ higher than today. We need to take care and carefully examine our costs to make sure that we don't spend down our reserves. We intend to have a meeting on this topic at the end of the year to plan for next year.

Old Business

1. **Election of New Members:** Eleven for final vote into membership:

- ♦ **Rob / Lori Chasse**, retired, 16 Northridge Terrace, Crossville, TN 38558, chassetn77@gmail.com, 612-401-5777, email chassetn77@gmail.com. Volunteers for whatever is needed. Joined 7/10. Has a 9 mo. Black lab puppy, interested in hunt tests, field trials, dog training and is an NRA member. Sponsors are Nate Lamping and Lois Luthenauer.
- ♦ **Denise Davis**, retired. Address: [1317 Loudon Hwy, Kingston, TN 37763](#), email kckcdenise@yahoo.com, cell phone 808-937-7831. New to sport although used to hunt ducks with her husband in Hawaii. Volunteers to help where she can. Has a Flatcoat retriever 14 months old. Belongs to Kona Coast Kennel Club (Hawaii) and Oak Ridge Kennel Club. Interested in AKC hunt tests, field trials, club trials. Requests John Broucek and Rick Post as sponsors.
- ♦ **Laura E. Dewald**, retired. Joined 3/16/26. Address: [108 Cherrywood Drive, Nicholasville, KY 40356](#), phone 828-226-2982, email laura.dewald58@gmail.com. Volunteers for whatever is needed, marshalling, food prep/supplies, and ribbons handler. Has a flat coat retriever (9 years) and a Golden Retriever (2). Belongs to the FCRSA, Midwest Waterways FCR Blub, Ohio River Hunting Retriever Club, GRCA, Greater Cincinnati GR Club. Says she may have been a member of ETRC before 2010 but club records don't go back that far. Interested in AKC hunt tests, dog training, club trials. Requests Lois Luthenauer and Michele Fletcher as sponsors.
- ♦ **Marsha & Bill Fuzia**, retired. 2115 Fulton Street, Bluefield, WV 24701. Goldengirlmarsha@gmail.com, 503-738-2380. Golden breeder, Belle Terre Goldens. Has 5 Goldens, volunteers for assisting HT secretary, food prep/supplies and ribbon helper, will help "wherever I can". Member of GRCA and a dog training club in Salem, VA. Interested in AKC hunt tests, dog training, club trials, and breeding. They have trained with the Vencilles which is how they know about our club. They requested Michele Fletcher and Mike Smith as sponsors.
- ♦ **Gregory Grant, produce broker**, 1260 Spencer Mill Rd., Burns, TN 37029. 615-943-5443, gscottgrant@gmail.com. Volunteers as a gunner. Has 2 black labs, one HRCH 9.5 years, one 4 mo puppy. Member of MTARC, interested in Hunt tests & dog training. Requests Bobby Stogner to be one of his sponsors; Lois agreed to be the second sponsor.
- ♦ **Laura Hamilton**, retired, PO Box 55, Loudon, TN 37774. Email: lkoAloha@gmail.com. Phone 360-790-9748. Willing to volunteer as assistant hunt test secretary, hunt test set-up, marshalling, food prep / Supplies. Has three Tollers, two of them are SH WCX. Belongs to HSDTRC-USA and the Buckeye Retriever Club. Requests Mike Osteen as a sponsor. Alan agreed to be the other sponsor.
- ♦ **Patty & Jay McClain**. Joined 3/1/26. Live at 302 Old Mill Cove, Woodstock, GA 30188, email is pattytampa@yahoo.com, cell phone is 941-224-1401. Volunteers for Training committee and hunt practice setup. Has two 3-year old Flatcoats. Belongs to Fall line, Atlanta Retriever Club, National FCRSA, SSFCRA, Mid Atlantic HT. Interested in AKC hunt tests, dog training, and club trials. Sponsors J. Michael Evans and Brent Naveiro.
- ♦ **Troy & Kirsty Perry**. He's a fireman. 11104 Hardin Valley Rd, Knoxville, TN 37932, tper-ry398@gmail.com, 423-503-9673. Volunteers for whatever is needed, has 4 labs (3 black 1 chocolate), the oldest one (10 years) with an MH title. Interested in AKC hunt tests, field trials, dog training, judging clinics, and breeding. Has signed up for our judges' seminar. Sponsors: Alan Bruhin and J. Michael Evans.

- ♦ **June Turner**, RN. Address: [171 Stansel Rd](#), Cleveland, GA 30528, email address JuneT428@me.com, phone 404-310-2320. Volunteers for 'whatever is needed.' Has 4 Labs, 2 yellow & 2 black, ranging from 18 months to 7 years, one is QAA, MNH, GRHRCH, UH RR, another one is HRCH. Belongs to Etowah HRC, interested in AKC hunt tests, dog training. J. Michael and Lois are sponsors.
- ♦ **Luke & Spencer Ann Wheat**. He is a teacher transitioning to sales, she is a pediatric physical therapist. Address: 1664 Louisville Rd., Alcoa, TN 37701, phone 606-434-9122, email LukeWheat96@gmail.com. Volunteer activities: "I am new to this but happy to help out with whatever is needed!" Has an 11 week old Boykin Spaniel puppy, is a member of AKC and the Boykin Spaniel Society, is interested in AKC Hunt tests, field trials, dog training, club trials, judging/judging clinics. Karen Edwards and Jim Pearce are sponsors.
- ♦ **Josh & Macy Wilcox**. He is a supervisor at CNS Y-12 plant. They live at 438 Miller Road, Clinton, TN 37716. Email is birdhunter2022@yahoo.com, phone is 865-661-6835. Will volunteer for hunt test set up, marshalling, training supplies, and ribbons handler. They own two young Labradors (6 months, 1 year) and are interested in AKC hunt tests, field trials, dog training, club trials, and are NRA members. They are friends of the Naveiros, and Brent and Lois agreed to be sponsors for them.

Jim moved that we accept all these people into full membership in ETRC. Lois seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

At this point in the meeting, Facility Managers Mike and Jon Osteen came by to say hello. Alan thanked them for letting us use their beautiful facilities, and asked Mike if he would describe a little of what they do here. Mike noted that Pet Resorts has two facilities – one in Knoxville that is a dog park, grooming and day care center, and also offers evening training classes, and this new facility at The Farm, which specializes in obedience and field work (flushing, retrieving, and pointing) and also deals with behavior modification issues. They have a program that specializes in training and conditioning dogs that are nervous and have anxiety, and using a holistic and trust-building approach they have been successful in being able to wean dogs off behavioral medication. The Farm also offers boarding. He invited us to call them and come out to train with them on occasion.

Many thanks again to the Osteens and Pet Resort!

New Business:

1. **Update on Master National Stuff:** Alan Bruhin explained to the new members that the Master National represents the pinnacle of our sport. To enter, a dog/handler pair must have 6 Master level passes in the qualifying year before the test. Over a thousand top-level dogs gather together for this national test. Alan reported that he would be leaving soon for the MN test in Roseburg, Oregon, and will be gone until mid-October. The test next year will be practically next door, in Cheraw, South Carolina. The year after that (2028) will be somewhere in our region, possibly Kentucky or Alabama. He encouraged anyone who has more questions about the Master National to contact him, and mentioned that with him as the Region 2 director and Michele Fletcher as the Master National Secretary, we have probably more representation than most clubs do in MN affairs.
2. **Ideas for schedule for next year:** Alan had mentioned earlier his ideas for a hunt test schedule in the spring, but opened it up for people to mention anything else they would like to see. Obviously more training would be good, and he is hoping to schedule 3 club trials next year. Possibly one in the spring and two in the fall, since hunt test dates in the fall next year will be hard to come by. Rob Chasse asked how he could source birds for practice; J. Michael mentioned he had a contact with a local guy who will be supplying our fall test, and also the

easiest way is to come help clean up after a hunt test and take some used birds home to freeze.

3. **Retriever filming inquiry:** Karen has been contacted by a photographer who is commissioned to do a shoot for Gun Dog Grind, a coffee company whose website is gundoggrind.com. He is looking for a retriever(s) of any retrieving breed to come on a dove hunt in the Sweetwater area so he can "capture some photos and video of the dog working as well as them shooting and working with the dog". If you are interested, his name is Kaden Ward, phone is (865)-414-3176, email is kadenward@lower48mediaco.com. Alan said that anyone who is interested should contact him or Karen for the contact information. This would not be until the weather cooled down.
4. **Nominating Committee:** Alan. It's the time of year to appoint a nominating committee for next year's slate of officers and board members. This committee needs to have one board member and 2 regular members and needs to have a meeting (virtual, emails, phone or in person) before November 15, and must report to the Secretary (Karen) their nominations before November 24. If you agree to serve, Karen will send you the full details of what is involved and which positions are to be filled. Brent Naveiro was appointed to be chair of this committee, and Mike Smith and Peter Torok are the other members.

Any other new business? None.

Adjourn: There being no other new business, Jim moved that we adjourn. Peter Torok seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

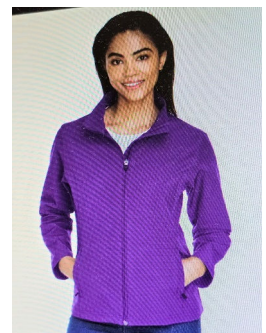


ETRC Shirts & Jackets for sale!

We have some new options for ETRC wear! We will still continue to have a wide variety of short sleeved and some long sleeve cotton and performance cloth tee shirts, but have added some cooler weather gear to our lineup.

One is a black half-zip heavy cotton shirt/jacket for \$35: The ETRC logo will be embroidered in color on the left front pocket area. It is available in all sizes from XS to 4XL. We have ordered a small number of these in Medium, Large, Extra Large, and 2XL. If you don't see your size, or if you want to make sure to get one of these, let Lois Luthenauer know and we'll see about doing a special order. Price is \$35 each for one of these cozy, warm shirts.

Also available, for special order only, is a lightweight full-zip soft shell waterproof jacket with a standup collar, available in several colors other than purple (see picture at left) The embroidered ETRC logo would be in the left pocket area. Price is \$65, and for an additional \$10 you can get your name embroidered as well. This might make an excellent gift for someone special or a treat for yourself!



In addition to the items shown on this page, we also have a number of short sleeve tees, and a few long sleeved ones, in regular cotton and in the ultra-comfortable performance fabric. These are available in several styles and a number of sizes including some children's sizes. Prices range from \$15 to \$25 depending on style and material.

Our hat lineup includes some in camo and different colors, with an embroidered ETRC Logo. Call Lois for more information on availability and current pricing.

We will have tees and hats on display at the Fall hunt test. If you are interested in getting a special order shirt, contact Lois, tell her what you are looking for and your size(s), and make arrangements for her to bring them to one of our events that you will be attending.

Lois's email is MountainLO717@gmail.com, and her phone number is 865-803-1187.

Youth Program



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 for a year is \$25 for a single person or a family (one vote). New member and renewal forms are available online at <https://www.etrclub.org/join.htm> — just cut & paste the link, print it off, & send it along with your check to:

Karen Edwards, ETRC 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. There are extra awards for volunteer workers at one of our events! 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 ongoing in 2026 with 4 AKC hunt tests, club trials, picnics, awards, 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. Join or renew now for 2026!

Newsletter / Facebook / Group Me 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 newsletter editor Karen Edwards (edwardskc@gmail.com). Newsletters are archived on the club Website, www.etrclub.org.

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

GroupMe: GroupMe is a free texting app for smartphones and media devices such as the Apple iPad. The app works on both Apple and Android devices and is similar to SMS texting. GroupMe allows members to be aware of both club-sponsored events as well as those run "privately" by individual members who choose to post an announcement on GroupMe. For more info, contact Jim Pearce, at jwp1002@gmail.com.

