

MIDDLE TENNESSEE AMATEUR RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

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WINTER 2008

Happy New Year to everyone! Hope you're having a successful hunting season and that your dogs are getting lots of ducks and geese. January is here and that means that annual membership dues are due, and that the annual meeting and banquet are around the corner.

The proposed slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee (Chairman: Marty Kress, and Committee: Clint Catledge and Charlotte Kaiser) is as follows::

President: Erik Gawthorpe
Vice President: Dave Kress
Secretary: Sherie Catledge
Treasurer: Henry Ragle

Board of Directors:
Tommy Fairchild Dick Kaiser Donna Smith
Scot Marcin Kim Smith

The floor is now open to the club membership for any and all nominations you wish to make and will remain open until Jan. 31, 2008. Board election will be by closed ballot. **NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

Our **Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet** will be held Saturday evening, February 9th, at **The Hancock House** of 2144 Nashville Pike, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-8431. Social Hour from 5:30 to 6:30 pm with cash bar. Dinner is served at 6:30 pm. Election to take place about 7:30 or 8:00pm, awards to follow, election results announced, adjourn at 9:30pm. Click on <http://www.bbonline.com/tn/hancock/> to see map and directions. The cost will be **\$15 per person.**

Regular member dues total \$20 per year; Household dues total \$25 per year. Dues are due and payable on or before the annual meeting. No member may vote whose dues are not paid for the current year.

In conjunction with the Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, MTARC is proud to host a **Training Seminar instructed by Paul Sletten**. Paul is the owner of Pine Edge Retrievers and has trained retrievers for every type of retriever competition. He has trained and helped many amateur competitors who have qualified and won Nationals.

The instruction will focus on line behaviors by both the handlers and their dogs. How can we avoid being dropped or penciled out by what occurs on the line, where the judge sits. How do the handler's actions or lack of actions affect the performance of the dog. This seminar will benefit both the hunt test and field trial handler.

The Seminar will begin at 8:30 am on Feb 9th and continue until 1:00 pm on Sunday. Lunch will be provided by the Club on Saturday. The location will be in Gallatin, TN with a map to follow.

Cost:

For active members of MTARC the seminar will be offered at no cost. Active members are defined as members who have paid their annual dues and who have helped in a significant way at any of our events.

For non-members or non active members the charge will be \$75 for weekend. For non-members who sign up, the seminar fee will include MTARC club membership (if they live in our geographic area).

Yes, we will have both observers and handlers. You can tell us which you want to be.

Sherie will be sending out Application Forms for the Seminar under separate cover.



Please cut and send the following attachment to Sherie Catledge, 420 Paul Thompson Road, Bethpage, TN 37022. For more information, please call 615.888.3647 or email Catledges@aol.com.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____
Past Member? What year? _____

Enclosed please find:

\$ ____ Membership Dues (single or family)

\$ ____ for Banquet ____ number of guests