

# MIDDLE TENNESSEE AMATEUR RETRIEVER CLUB, INC.

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## WINTER 2007

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 is as follows:*

**President:** Eric Gawthorpe  
**Vice President:** Henry Ragle  
**Secretary:** Sherie Catledge  
**Treasurer:** Marty Kress

**Board of Directors:**  
Tommy Fairchild Dick Kaiser Matt Griffiths  
Scot Marcin Kim Smith

Remember, nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the Annual Meeting and members must be in good standing (dues and other club obligations paid) in order to be officers/board members and/or vote.

Please mark down the following dates for future reference:

April 13 - 15	Spring Field Trial	Dick Kaiser, Chairman	Charlotte Kaiser, Secretary
April 21 - 22	Open Dates for Seminar (announcement will be forthcoming at a later date)		
May 18 - 20	Spring Hunt Tests	Matt Griffiths, Chairman	Sherie Catledge, Secretary

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Our **Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet** will be held Saturday evening, February 10th, at Darfon's Restaurant in Donelson (I-40 to Donelson Pike north away from airport and turn right on Elm Hill Pike).

A cash bar will be available from 5:30 - 6:00 and dinner will start promptly at 6:30. The Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation will follow dinner. The cost will be **\$15 per person**. We will have several menu items to choose from including prime rib, chicken, fish, and pasta.

Besides the Annual Election of Officers, the one other order of business will be voting on the proposed amendments to the Constitution (sent out to all club members back in December). If you do not have a copy of this draft, please contact either Matt Griffiths or Dave Kress.



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](mailto:Catledges@aol.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Past Member? What year? \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed please find:

\$25 2007 Membership Dues (single or family)       \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ number of guests

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 3rd SO I CAN GIVE HEAD COUNT TO DARFONS**

## TROPHIES/AWARDS

- If you have not done so already, contact Dennis Wilcox at drwlab4ever@yahoo.com or 615-822-5402 regarding club awards and trophies so that they may be presented at the dinner. Dennis is NOT responsible for correct spelling of dog's names; YOU ARE.
  - We would like to again present an award for the Amateur Handler/Dog Team of the Year. Please give Dennis your nominations for this award as well. The recipient will be announced at the banquet and then the plate for the trophy will be made.
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## MISCELLANEOUS

- ✦ Spring Hunt Test will include double master (Friday and Saturday), double senior (Friday and Sunday) and double junior (Saturday and Sunday). Entry fees will be \$65.00 (master) and \$60.00 for junior and senior.
- ✦ Condolences to Tommy Fairchild at the passing of his brother-in-law, Richard. Richard passed away this week after complications and a history of diabetes.
- ✦ Condolences were sent to the East TN Retriever Club on the passing of one of their club members, Dennis Webb. Dennis had judged for us several times (including last spring), as well as around the southeast.
- ✦ Click on this link for a great article from Gundogs Online for cold weather care of dogs.  
<http://www.gundogsonline.com/Article/cold-weather-care-of-dogs-Page1.htm>
- ✦ Click on this link for another good article on Cold Water Tail:  
<http://www.thelabradorclub.com/library/coldwatertail.html>
- ✦ Click on this link for a great article on Exercise Induced Collapse in Labrador Retrievers. As we head towards spring, it is good to recognize the importance of education and awareness. There have been several articles out there in the subject, but this is one of the better ones:  
<http://www.thelabradorclub.com/library/eicstudy.html>

### HOW TO PREPARE FOR A NEW PUPPY

- ❖ Pour cold apple juice on the carpet in several places and walk around barefoot in the dark.
- ❖ Wear a sock to work that has had the toes shredded by a blender.
- ❖ Immediately upon waking, stand outside in the rain and dark saying, "Be a good puppy, go potty now - hurry up - come on, lets go!"
- ❖ Cover all your best suits with dog hair. Dark suits must use white hair and light suits must use dark hair. Also float some hair in your first cup of coffee in the morning.
- ❖ Play "catch" with a wet tennis ball.
- ❖ Run out in the snow in your bare feet to close the gate.
- ❖ Tip over a basket of clean laundry; scatter clothing all over the floor.
- ❖ Leave your underwear on the living room floor because that's where the dog will drag it anyway ... especially when you have company.
- ❖ Jump out of your chair shortly before the end of your favorite TV program and run to the door shouting "No, no! Do that OUTSIDE!" Miss the end of the program.
- ❖ Put chocolate pudding on the carpet in the morning and don't try to clean it up until you return from work that evening.