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The Del Val Chapter Newsletter

Cover Dog...

CH Equinox Sassafras CGC, TDI, CD, NA, MH, "Sassy" a Vizsla female owned by Tom and Cindy Pescod of Green Valley, AZ. Tom, Cindy and Sassy relocated to Arizona in November of 1997, after Tom handled Sassy to a 195 point Prize II score at the Delaware Valley Chapter Fall 1997 Test. Since moving to Arizona, Sassy has been busy completing her show titles



and competing in NSTRA events and AKC Field Trials. Tom and Cindy wrote that "water here is at a premium and there is not a lot of it. We hope to return to NAVHDA work in the fall with Sassy and perhaps one or two other dogs." Good luck and best wishes to Tom, Cindy and Sassy.

From the Treasurer Carl Mertens...

As of 10/16/98 the chapter treasury had a balance of approximately \$1661.51 after insurance and plaques were paid for. The chapter remains in good financial shape.

Carl Mertens

Chapter News...

Congratulations

To the following chapter members who successfully ran their NAVHDA tests this fall:

Handler	Dog	Location	Test	Score	Prize
Rob Warner	VC Nitroproof Tyler	Minnesota	Invitationa I	200	Pass
August Oppel	Side by Sides Bicardi	Del Val	UPT	153	II

	& Coke				
Mike Bamrick	Huntress Holly von Risebrough	Del Val	UT	193	I
Carlton Neel	Shooting Starr's Just Cause	Del Val	UT	185	II
Charles Kissinger	Hellbenders Jake	Del Val	UT	168	II
Mike Globetti	Risky Business La Puccina Al	Del Val	UT	155	III
Ray Budin	Buck vom Kirschenpfad	Del Val	NA	101	II
Bob Gelder	Nobelle's Commander Cody	Del Val	NA	91	III
Bob Corsaro	Nobelle's Double Trouble Dotty	Del Val	NA	72	III
Carl Mertens	Side by Sides Barbaresco	Del Val	UT	204	I
Tim Clark	Wag-Ae Monte Tref	Finger Lakes	UT	200	II
Tim Clark	Wag-Ae Monte Tref	Penn. Charter	UT	200	II
Carlton Neel	Shooting Starr's Just Cause	Penn. Charter	UT	153	III
Glenn Basko	Shooting Starr's Towser	Keystone	UT	201	I
Dennis Dec	Hellbender's Jesse James	Keystone	UT	140	III
Mike Globetti	Risky Business La Puccina Al	Keystone	UPT	136	III

Congratulations are also in order for Glenn Basko and Bob Budin for being approved as NAVHDA judges for 1999.

In addition, Tim Clark has been appointed to the NAVHDA International Executive Council as Director of Promotions. Tim's appointment is an indication of the fact that his dedication to NAVHDA has been recognized throughout the country.

Test Update

The Delaware Valley Chapter will be holding both a fall and spring test this year. Rob Warner will be serving as Test Secretary for both Tests. Entry fees for these tests will be \$70.00 for Natural Ability, \$75.00 for UPT and \$80.00 for Utility. All tests will be held at Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area. The test dates will be June 5 and 6, 1999 for the spring test and September 18 and 19, 1999 for the fall test. Entries should be sent to Rob Warner, 8 Gregory Drive, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690, telephone (609)-890-7392. Keep in mind that a complete test entry package includes a completed legible test entry form, a photocopy of your dog's pedigree and a check made out to Del Val NAVHDA for the appropriate fee. Keep in mind that no dog will be permitted to run in the test unless

from the test will be May 17, 1999 for the spring test and August 23, 1999 for the fall test. Again no refunds will be issued after these dates.

Given our ambitious test schedule for 1999, we are asking that all chapter members try and keep these test weekends open so that they can help out at the tests. As we saw last year, we can not have too much help at these tests.

Training Dates

We have a full training slate planned for 1999. A list of the scheduled dates can be found at the back of this newsletter. Bird orders for these clinics can be placed by calling Bob Budin at (201)-440-1625 (evenings no later than 10:00 PM) or (973)-235-1800 ext. 271 (anytime to leave a voice mail message). Orders must be placed by 10:00 PM on the Wednesday before the clinic. No orders will be accepted after this time. You will be required to pay for your birds even if you do not show up at the clinic. NO EXCEPTIONS! We will solicit volunteers to serve as clinic leaders at our first clinic in March.

Handler's Clinic

The Rock Tavern Chapter will be holding a Handler's Clinic on June 19 and 20, 1999. Bob Corsaro will be the contact for this event. Bob can be reached at (201)-447-3321. For those of you who were not able to attend our Handler's Clinic two years ago, should plan on attending this event. There is a wealth of knowledge about the NAVHDA Testing Program that you will gain by attending a Handler's Clinic.

Chapter Gear

Rob Warner will be taking orders for chapter shirts, jackets and T-Shirts this year. See Rob at one of the clinics for details about ordering.

Membership Renewals

Keep in mind that chapter and International dues are to be paid prior to your attending any chapter functions. Please make sure that your dues are up to date.

In Memory of ...

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Rob Warner's dog VC Nitroproof Tyler. It was a terrible accident that claimed Tyler's life. Those of us who had the privilege of watching Tyler develop from a lanky Natural Ability pup into to Versatile Champion, will carry a lasting memory of a great hunting dog. Our sincerest sympathies to Rob on his loss.

Newsletter Contributions

Articles, cover dog photographs, advertisements and other information of interest to the chapter membership is greatly appreciated. Even if you do not want to write something for the newsletter, please feel free to contribute a suggestion or idea for something you would like to see covered in an article. Please send all materials to Bob Budin.

Chapter Elections

Mike Bamrick has accepted the nomination for the office of chapter President. Elections for chapter officers will be held at our first clinic in March.

SCHEDULE OF CHAPTER EVENTS

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	DETAILS
2/21/99	Springfield Hunt	Chapter Hunt	Call Carl Mertens
3/7/99	Springfield Hunt	Chapter Hunt	Call Carl Mertens
3/21/99	Colliers Mills WMA	Training Clinic	FCL - BCL -
4/25/99	Colliers Mills WMA	Training Clinic	FCL - BCL -
5/16/99	Colliers Mills WMA	Training Clinic	FCL - BCL -
6/5 - 6/6/99	Colliers Mills WMA	NAVHDA Test	Not Applicable
6/27/99	Colliers Mills WMA	Training Clinic	FCL - BCL -
7/11/99	Colliers Mills WMA	Training Clinic	FCL - BCL -
7/25/99	Colliers Mills WMA	Training Clinic	FCL - BCL -
8/8/99	Colliers Mills WMA	Training Clinic	FCL - BCL -
8/22/99	Colliers Mills WMA	Training Clinic	FCL - BCL -
9/12/99	Colliers Mills WMA	Training Clinic	FCL - BCL -
9/18 - 9/19/99	Colliers Mills WMA	NAVHDA Test	Not Applicable

* - There may be a conflict with the retriever group on this clinic which may limit our access to the water sites. ** - This clinic may be pushed up one week due to a conflict with the retriever group.

Notes: FCL - Front Clinic Leader

BCL - Back Clinic Leader

Clinic Leader responsibilities include separating the birds, collecting the money, maintaining the running order, tagging the birds, making sure the equipment is available and returning the equipment when done. The Clinic Leader is also responsible for finding a replacement if they can not attend their scheduled clinic.