

# Del-Val NAVHDA Chapter Newsletter

## December 2001

### Test Update

The Del-Val Chapter will hold its Fall Test on September 14, 2002 and September 15, 2002. The Fall Test will be a Natural Ability, UPT and Utility Test. The test fee will be \$75.00 for Natural Ability, \$80.00 for UPT, and \$85.00 for Utility. Please make checks payable to the Del-Val NAVHDA Chapter. Again Barbara Kissinger will be the Test Secretary. Please send all entries to:

Barbara Kissinger, 547 Bellevue Avenue, Penndel, PA, 19047

Keep in mind that a completed Test Entry is required prior to your being admitted to the test. If your entry is not complete, you will not be allowed to test and you may forfeit your test entry fee. A complete test entry includes a check for the appropriate test fee, a complete Test Entry Form and a photocopy of your dog's pedigree. If your dog's hips have been x-rayed, a photocopy of the hip evaluation should be included.

Please keep in mind that you should use an Official 2002 Test Entry form. A copy of this form is attached for your convenience. You may also download a copy off of the web page ([www.navhda.org](http://www.navhda.org)). Check out Forms Express.

It will be the chapter's policy to cash all test entry fee checks as soon as they are received. If you decide to withdraw from the test, your test entry fee will be refunded if your test slot can be filled. If your test slot cannot be filled, your entry fee will not be refunded. In the event the test is filled, you will be placed on a first come first served waiting list. If you decide to withdraw from the waiting list, your entry fee will be refunded. Once you agree to test, your entry fee will only be refunded if your slot can be filled.

**Important - Please note that each dog entered in a NAVHDA test must have either a NAVHDA Registration number or a NR number. If your dog is not NAVHDA registered, but has run in a NAVHDA test before, the dog's NR number is listed on the score sheet you received from NAVHDA. If your dog is not NAVHDA registered, and has *not* run in a NAVHDA test before, you must submit the following: 1) a copy of your dog's pedigree showing sire, dam, whelp date, breeder, owner and dog's official name. 2) An additional \$5.00 fee. Please see the NR# Application section on the NAVHDA 2002 Official Test Entry for details.**

### Last Year's Test

Our 2001 Fall Test was one of the Del-Val Chapter's best. The Chapter support that we had at test was great. The Chapter would like to thank the following members for donating their time to help make our test a success:

Art Vanderlily	Russ Taddei	Charlie Zito	Rob Warner
Dave Barnhart	Glenn & Patty Basko	Dan Bittner	Jim Bottino
Pat Bottino	Ray Budin	Leslie Clark	Tim & Shawn Clark
Mark Dreyfus	Ron Granai	Paul Groeber	Andy Heyl
Kevin Jester	Joe Kasmado	Charlie & Barbara Kissinger	Dave Kruzick
Carl Mertens	Rick Moore	Joe Ponticello	Pete Sanfilippo

If you helped at the test, but were omitted from this list, please accept our apologies.

### Training Clinic Update

The tentative dates for the Del-Val Training Clinics are:

March 24, 2002*	June 9, 2002	August 11, 2002
April 14, 2002	July 14, 2002	August 25, 2002
May 5, 2002	July 28, 2002	September 8, 2002

\* - A meeting will be held prior to the start of the clinic. Due to the meeting and limited cover, bird orders will be restricted for this clinic.

Note: All clinics will be held at the Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area. Please keep this list of dates. It is your responsibility to know when these clinics will be held.

The procedure for attending the clinics is the same as last year. You must call Bob Budin at (201)-440-1625 (home) by 10:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date. You may also E-Mail bird orders to Bob Budin at [rbudin@nj.rr.com](mailto:rbudin@nj.rr.com). You can also order birds off of the chapter website <http://www.netlabs.net/hp/navhda/>. Any calls or E-Mail received after the 10:00 PM cutoff will not be accepted. Please call even if you are not ordering any birds for the clinic. We need to know who is coming so that we can plan the clinic. The practice of breaking up into smaller training groups worked very well last year. We plan on doing the same this year.

Also, please note that if you order birds and do not show up at the clinic, you will be charged for the birds. All clinics will start promptly at 8:00 AM. Please try to get to the meeting site by 7:30 AM so that fees can be collected and birds distributed. Remember to bring a bird carrier to hold your birds. It is also advisable to bring other equipment that you might need during the course of the clinic. Please note the clinic dates on your calendar. Both your International and Chapter memberships must be current for you to attend a training clinic.

In order to run productive and safe training clinics, and number of rules have been established. A copy of these rules is attached for your reference.

### **Chapter Membership**

It is time for Chapter Membership renewals to be submitted. A renewal form has been included as part of this newsletter. Please keep in mind that your membership must be current prior to your participating in any Chapter Activities. Please neatly print all information on the renewal form, particularly e-mail addresses, so that we can update our membership roster.

### **Club Hunts**

The Chapter will be holding two hunts this year at Springfield Hunt. The scheduled dates for the hunts are January 20, 2002 and February 17, 2002. Cost for the hunts are \$85.00 per hunt. Details are enclosed in this newsletter. Please remember that your Chapter dues need to be paid prior to your participating in the hunt.

### **E-Mail List**

Periodically, members have changed their e-mail addresses. The Chapter e-mail list needs to be updated. If you wish to receive your copy of the chapter newsletter via e-mail, please send your current e-mail address to Bob Budin at [rbudin@nj.rr.com](mailto:rbudin@nj.rr.com).



**NORTH AMERICAN  
VERSATILE HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION  
(NAVHDA)  
DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Breed of Dog(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	Renewal Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30.00	Family Member	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**Make check payable to:** Del-Val NAVHDA Chapter      **Mail to** Carl Mertens  
538 Lakewood- Farmingdale Rd  
Howell, NJ 07731

The above membership dues are for the Delaware Valley Chapter only. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Family members have voting privileges but will not receive a separate newsletter.

A person may join the National organization only (application below), but must have a National membership to join the Delaware Valley Chapter.

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/ Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Breed of Dog(s) \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$35.00	New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	Spousal Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30.00	Renewal Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	Youth Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$600.00	Paying Life Member	(\$50.00 Down Payment and 11 Quarterly Installments of \$50.00)		

**Make check payable to:** NAVHDA      **Mail to** NAVHDA  
\*All dues are tax deductible in the USA      PO Box 520  
Tax Exempt No. 95-3402-489      Arlington Heights, IL 60006-0520

## **Delaware Valley Training Clinic Rules**

1. All participants must call the designated contact person by 10:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date. All bird orders are to be placed at this time. Our best effort will be made to fill your order. Failure to call the designated person by 10:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date means that you are not eligible to participate in the clinic. No Exceptions!
2. Individuals who are not doing bird work or individuals that are bringing their own birds must call the designated contact person by 10:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date. Failure to call the designated person by 10:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date means that you are not eligible to participate in the clinic. No Exceptions!
3. All guests and visitors, who will be working a dog, must call by 10:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date. Failure to call the designated person by 10:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date means that you are not eligible to participate in the clinic. No Exceptions!
4. The chapter reserves the right to limit or modify bird orders. The chapter will not accept orders for more birds than can be used at a single training session.
5. You will be charged a \$5.00 fee for each clinic you attend. Birds will be available at cost plus a small handling fee. Please note, the clinic and handling fees go to the chapter to help defer other costs associated with the clinics.
6. All bird orders and clinic fees must be paid in full before the start of the clinic. No checks will be accepted. No Exceptions!
7. If you are not able to attend the clinic, you will still be responsible for the cost of the birds. The chapter will make no effort to hold your birds until the next clinic.
8. You should bring a carrier for any field birds that you may have ordered. Birds will be divided up at the start of the clinic.
9. Pigeons may not be shot at Del-Val training clinics.
10. All dead game must be removed from the grounds at the end of the clinics.
11. All trash and debris must be removed from the grounds at the end of the clinic.

- 12.No Alcoholic Beverages are permitted on the training grounds.
- 13.Guests and visitors will be allowed one free clinic. After this complimentary clinic, the guest or visitor must join both the Del-Val Chapter and NAVHDA International. No Exceptions!
- 14.All participants and spectators at the clinics must wear Hunter orange hats or clothing.
- 15.Keep in mind that we do share these grounds with others (hikers, fishermen, bird watchers, etc.). Be aware of their presence and respect their rights to access the property. Safety First!
- 16.Shooting at a Del-Val clinic is an honor reserved for chapter members in good standing who: (a) posses a current valid NJ Firearms Hunting License (b) have demonstrated safe gun handling skills at a prior Del-Val event (c) have been active in the NAVHDA system and have an understanding of dog training that will allow them to know when a bird needs to be shot.
- 17.Under no circumstances may a guest or visitor shoot at a Del-Val event.
- 18.If you are not eligible to shoot at a training clinic, bring a box of 20 gauge field loads #8 shot. Someone will shoot for you, and you can supply the shells.
- 19.Del-Val clinics are not an extension of your hunting season. No extended field or duck searches are permitted. Keep your field and water sessions short and productive.
- 20.All chapter members will be limited to two dogs per clinic. All guests and visitors will be limited to one dog.
- 21.All copies of the permit must be returned to the designated Chapter Official at the end of each clinic.

**NORTH AMERICAN VERSATILE HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION (NAVHDA)  
DELAWARE VALLEY CHAPTER**

December 2001

Dear Chapter Members,

This year the Chapter has scheduled two (2) half-day hunts at Springfield Hunt. The dates are January 20 and February 17, 2002. A cost breakdown and rules for the hunt are listed below. Please keep this letter for future reference, as this will be the only notice issued to the membership.

***HUNT COSTS***

1. The cost is \$85.00. This includes lunch, coffee, soda, and the stocking of the birds. Please note that lunch will be served at 12:00 PM, as the hunt will commence at 1:00 PM. Please wear your hunting clothes as Springfield does not have a large clubhouse and a locker/changing area is not available.
2. All hunt reservations must be paid in full prior to the day of the hunt. Therefore, I must receive your reservation and payment for the January 20 hunt by January 13, 2002 and the reservation and payment for the February 17 hunt by February 10, 2002.
3. The hunts will be limited to 20 members/guests.
4. **Chapter and National dues must be paid prior to attending a Chapter function.** In previous years, I have been forced to handle hunt fees and Chapter dues on the day of the hunt. This has occasionally led to the problem where I inadvertently did not credit someone for paying their Chapter dues. Therefore, your 2002 Chapter dues must be sent to me and your National Membership must be current prior to participation in the Chapter's hunts or training clinics! There will be no exceptions due to the requirements of the National's insurance policy.

***HUNT RULES***

1. It is the Preserve's policy that hunting parties must contain a minimum of 2 hunters and a maximum of 4 hunters. In addition, it is the Preserve's policy that only 2 dogs be used at any given time per hunting party.
2. We will be allowed to take any pheasants, quail, or chukars on the farm from previous stockings as part of our bag limit. The taking of rabbits and/or migratory game is illegal as our hunts are on Sunday. Please abide by State and Federal Game Laws.
3. The bag limit is 7 birds in any combination per hunter. Once your party bags its limit, you must leave the field for the day. No re-entry is permitted in order to allow your fellow Chapter members a fair chance at bagging their birds.

I hope you are having a safe and successful season and will be able to attend the January and February hunts.

Sincerely,  
Carl Mertens

**January 20, 2002 Hunt**

Location: Springfield Hunt, 350 Arney's Mount Road, Jobstown, NJ 08041  
Farm Phone: 609-723-0032, Office Phone: 609-267-3380, Home Phone: 609-723-6990

Lunch: 12:00 PM

Hunt: Commences at 1:00 PM

Hunt Reservations and Payment received no later than January 13, 2002

Make Checks Payable to Del Val Chapter of NAVHDA

Send Reservation and Payment to: Carl Mertens  
538 Lakewood Farmingdale Road  
Howell, NJ 07731

Name of Chapter Member: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Members _____	x	\$85.00/Members	= _____
No. of Nonmembers _____	x	\$85.00/NonMembers	= _____
		Total	= _____

**February 17, 2002 Hunt**

Location: Springfield Hunt, 350 Arney's Mount Road, Jobstown, NJ 08041  
Farm Phone: 609-723-0032, Office Phone: 609-267-3380, Home Phone: 609-723-6990

Lunch: 12:00 PM

Hunt: Commences at 1:00 PM

Hunt Reservations and Payment received no later than February 10, 2002.

Make Checks Payable to Del Val Chapter of NAVHDA

Send Reservation and Payment to: Carl Mertens  
538 Lakewood Farmingdale Road  
Howell, NJ 07731

Name of Chapter Member: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Members _____	x	\$85.00/Member	= _____
No. of Nonmembers _____	x	\$85.00/NonMember	= _____
		Total:	= _____

If handler is a NAVHDA Judge, please circle: Yes Judge Number \_\_\_\_\_

[Redacted area]

*It is recommended that dogs over 24 months of age have their hips X-Rayed.*

Age of Dog on Test Day: (Natural Ability) Months \_\_\_\_\_ (UPT / UT / INVIT) Years \_\_\_\_\_ Months \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT!** Dogs are eligible for a Natural Ability Test up until, and including, the day they reach 16 months of age. Dogs over 16 months may be tested for evaluation. No Prize Classifications are awarded dogs tested for evaluation. Dogs over 16 months may be tested if space is available.

**To Make Your Entry Complete, Include The Following Items:**

- **Copy of registration certificate** (not necessary for NAVHDA registered dog or dog with existing NR#).
- Entry fee in the form of check or money order.
- Copy of hip dysplasia X-Ray evaluation (If applicable.)