

# **Del-Val NAVHDA Chapter Newsletter**

## **January 2001**

### **Chapter Elections**

Elections for all Chapter Officers will be held prior to our first training clinic in March. Please plan on attending.

### **Test Update**

The Del-Val Chapter will hold its Fall Test on September 15, 2001 and September 16, 2001. 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 2001 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 can not 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 2001 Official Test Entry for details.**

### **Training Clinic Update**

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

March 25, 2001*	June 24, 2001	August 5, 2001
April 22, 2001	July 8, 2001	August 19, 2001
May 6, 2001	July 22, 2001	September 9, 2001

\* - A meeting will be held prior to the start of the clinic for the purpose of conducting chapter elections. 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) or (973)-235-1800 ext. 271 (work) by 10:00 PM on the Wednesday before the clinic date. You may also E-Mail bird orders to Bob Budin at mightyquinn2@worldnet.att.net. 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 are attached for your reference.

### **Handler's Clinic**

The Del-Val Chapter will be hosting a NAVHDA Handler's Clinic on June 2, 2001 and June 3, 2001 at the Assunpink WMA Conservation Center. As part of the Clinic, you will receive an intense two-day review of the NAVHDA AIMS Book, including hands on evaluation of dogs in the field. NAVHDA will select a Clinic Leader to run the event. Clinic Leaders are chosen from a group of select NAVHDA Senior Judges. Attending a NAVHDA Handler's Clinic will give you a great insight into what NAVHDA Judges are looking for when you test your dog.

A fee of \$85.00 will be charged for the Handler's Clinic. Attendance at the clinic will be limited to 20 participants. Lunch is included for both days. On Saturday evening, Glenn and Patti Basko will host a Pool Party. A reservation form and check must be sent to Barbara Kissinger. A copy of the form is attached for your convenience. This should be a great weekend!

### **Membership Notes**

A number of members have not renewed their memberships for 2001. Please be advised that you will not be allowed to participate in chapter events if both your chapter and national dues are not paid prior to the event. We will receive a current membership list from NAVHDA Central Office. If you have a question about your National Membership status, please contact Bob Budin at (201)-440-1625 (home) or (973)-235-1800 ext. 271 (work). A copy of a membership form is attached for your convenience.



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| <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) \_\_\_\_\_

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---|----------------|
| <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  
 \*All dues arre tax deductible in the USA  
 Tax Exempt No. 95-3402-489

**Mail to** NAVHDA  
 PO Box 520  
 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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday 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 Wednesday before the clinic date. Failure to call the designated person by 10:00 PM on the Wednesday 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 Wednesday before the clinic date. Failure to call the designated person by 10:00 PM on the Wednesday 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. Hunter orange hats or clothing must be worn by all participants and spectators at the clinics.
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) possess 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. Individuals training for the Invitational are exempt from this rule.
20. All chapter members will be limited to two dogs per clinic. All guests and visitors will be limited to one dog.

# NAVHDA Handler's Clinic

Date: June 2 and 3, 2001  
Chapter: Delaware Valley  
Location: Assunpink WMA Conservation Center  
Fee: \$85.00 (make checks payable to Del-Val NAVHDA)  
Food: Lunch and Refreshments Included.  
Pool Party: Saturday evening at the Basko's

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## Reservation Form

(Please print clearly)

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed reservation form and fee to:

Barbara Kissinger  
547 Bellevue Avenue  
Pennel, PA 19047