

Letter from the President

Thanks to the members of this chapter that came to our first meeting in a long time and for all the input that was radiated from this meeting. It proved to me and others that these meetings are of value and important.

I also want to extend a special thanks to those who stepped up to help out especially Ron Granai, Mark Dreyfus and Glen Basko for taking these challenges on.

To my officers Andy Heyl-Vice President and Carl Mertens-Treasure for standing with me to get this off the ground, I also owe them a special thanks. Thank you to those who volunteered their services for various jobs.

Thanks to all of you.

Charles Kissinger (President)

June Natural Ability Test

The Del-Val Chapter will hold a Spring Test on June 7 and 8, 2003. The Spring Test will be a Natural Ability Test only. We currently have 10 dogs scheduled for Saturday and 8 for Sunday.

We will need volunteers to help with bird planting, site setup, etc. Please call Mark Dreyfus to volunteer or markd@netlabs.net

Clinic Dates

Our next clinic is June 1st. Please contact Ron Granai to order birds. Call Ron at work (212) 856-7677, if he is not there leave your bird order on his voice mail. You can also order birds off the chapter website at:

http://www.netlabs.net/hp/navhda/for_m.html

YOU MUST CALL before 9:00 p.m. on Monday before the clinic date.

Future Clinic Dates:

July 13, 2003
July 27, 2003
August 10, 2003
August 24, 2003
September 7, 2003

Del Val will have Green Books and the NAVHDA Aims, Programs, Test Rules for sale at the next clinic. Please see Tim Clark

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Suggestions Needed!

The Del Val chapter is currently accepting ideas of equipment purchases needed to enhance our training clinics. Please send all suggestions to Rob and Collette Brogan at: dbrog6@aol.com

Chapter Contact

Questions or feedback can be directed to:
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DEL-VAL CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2003

Listed below are the members of the Del-Val Board:

President - Charles Kissinger
Vice President - Andrew Heyl
Acting Secretary - Barbara Kissinger
Treasurer - Carl Mertens
Director of Judges - Glenn Basko
Director of Testing - Mark Dreyfus
Director of Training - Ronald Granai

Topics of Discussion

Starting Time. - The membership agreed to change the starting time from the current 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. The earlier time of 7:30 a.m. will be beneficial during the months of July and August when the field work gets very hot. Please try to get to the meeting site prior to 7:30 a.m. so that fees and birds can be distributed. Since there will be no meetings before the clinics, and only special announcements will be made, the clinics should start promptly.

Additional Clinic - Charlie will go to the Assunpink office and see if June 1st date is available. If not, what other dates in June is available.

Change of Location for March & April Clinics - Due to the lack of cover, a vote was taken to change the location of the March and April clinics from Colliers Mills to the Assunpink (dog training area). The vote was passed to change locations.

Natural Ability Test- Mark Dreyfus and Glenn Basko will work together as contacts for Birds needed at the Test. Mark Dreyfus will be looking for volunteers to help on both days.

Amount of Birds and Time in The Field Per Dog. - The question was posed whether or not to place a limit on the amount of birds ordered and the amount of time spent in the field per dog at the clinic. The Team Leaders requested that this decision be made by them, based on the needs of the dog and handler at the clinic.

Placing Clinic Bird Order - Ronald Granai with take over the bird immediately call Ron at (work) (212) 856-7677, if he is not there leave your bird order on his voice mail. **YOU MUST CALL** before on 9:00 p.m. on Monday before the clinic date. Any **CALLS OR EMAILS** received after the 9:00 p.m. cutoff will **NOT BE ACCEPTED**. Please call even if you are not ordering any birds for the clinic but plan on attending. If you order birds and do not show up, you will be charged for the birds. All Clinics will start promptly at 7:30 a.m. Please try to get to the meeting site prior to 7:30 a.m. so that fees and birds can be distributed.

Equipment - Remember to bring a bird carrier to hold you birds. It is advisable to bring other equipment that you might need during the course of the clinic.

Closing Dates Test - The Test Secretary requested to set a closing date for NAVHDA Test membership voted yes.

Expenditures of Club Funds - Membership approved the expenditure of club funds to construct a sample training table. If the sample is approved, two additional tables will be made so that each clinic leader will have a training table for the group. Dan Parisi to build tables.

Andy to talk to the State with regard to Environmental help with seed and fertilizer for the back field area.

Next newsletter will contain a blurb about possible ideas for equipment purchase by the club. Dan and Collette Brogan will be the contacts.

Bylaws - Club Bylaws were asked to be reviewed. Charlie Kissinger agreed they need to be reviewed and update.

Website - Website needs to be reviewed and updated. Mark Dreyfus will handle task.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Barbara Kissinger – Acting Secretary