

## Letter from the President

At the conclusion of the April clinic, we lost one of our most valued members of this chapter "Bob Budin" his decision to leave will effect all of us. This person did more for the Chapter than anyone will ever know even me. His reason for leaving was not of a pleasant nature, and this consisted of a problem that has **festered** within the chapter over the past five years. I too might be giving up my office at the end of the year because of the same problem, unless it is resolved, but I will still remain active in the chapter as a member only. This is also one of the reasons the MAY clinic is being canceled plus the fact that none of the key people will be there (Charlie Kissinger, Andy Heyl, Carl Mertens).

At this point we need volunteers to step up to help your chapter out, we have someone to do newsletters but need a Secretary, which will be in charge of the nominating committee this year, also and we need someone to take bird orders (Glen Basko said he would do June and July) There will be a board and general meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at the Assunpink Club House, **board meeting at 7:00 PM and general meeting at 7:30 PM.** The reason for this meeting will be for the members to give us there input and suggestions and for us to let you know what we need from you the members.

### Topics of Discussion

\* *membership*

(*to close or keep open*)

\* *amount of birds per dog*

\* *amount of time spent in field per dog*

\* *starting times*

\* *having March and April's clinics at some other location other than Colliers Mills (maybe Assunpink) due to lack of cover,*

\* *plus anything you as members can think of.*

Thank You,  
**Charles Kissinger (President)**

# NAVHDA Del Val Chapter Newsletter Spring 2003

## May Training Clinic is CANCELLED!

Please be aware that the May training clinic has been cancelled.

Our next clinic is July 13th.

## Member email addresses needed

The chapter has begun an initiative to communicate more thru email. We feel that we can supply chapter news in a more efficient manner than using postal mail.

Please take the time to send your email address to Mark Dreyfus at [markd@netlabs.net](mailto:markd@netlabs.net)

Even if you think we already have it, please take the time to contact us, We may have an old address for you, thanks!

**Check out the NAVHDA website at:**  
<http://www.navhda.org/>

The North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to foster, promote, and improve the versatile hunting dog breeds in North America; to conserve game by using well trained reliable hunting dogs before and after the shot; and to aid in the prevention of cruelty to animals by discouraging nonselective and uncontrolled breeding, which produces unwanted and uncared for dogs.

## Chapter Contact

Questions or feedback can be directed to:

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(215) 752-9580  
[BarChar@aol.com](mailto:BarChar@aol.com)

## 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 will need volunteers to help with bird planting, site setup, etc. Please get involved, we need the help. Contact Barbara if you would like to volunteer. For new handlers this is a great way to see what a NAVHDA Natural Ability test is all about. Come on out, it is a lot of fun!

If you would like to enter your dog the test fee will be \$75.00 for Natural Ability, Please make checks payable to the Del-Val NAVHDA Chapter.

Barbara Kissinger will be the Test Secretary. Please send all entries to:

Barbara Kissinger  
547 Bellevue Avenue,  
Penndel, PA, 19047

<http://www.netlabs.net/hp/navhda>

Check out the Chapter website for the latest information and to place your bird order online for training clinics. This is the preferred way to order birds for a clinic and will help during our transition time.

**Del Val  
Chapter Meeting  
May 13th 7:30 P.M.  
Assunpink Club House**