

2005 Proposed Training Dates

Please note these dates are **not final yet**, Ron Granai needs to confirm with the state. Please look for an email or check the website as the season gets closer.

3/20 – Annual Meeting - Assunpink-
Training to follow

4/17 – Colliers Mills

5/7&8 – Vetter Clinic

5/21– - Saturday - Colliers Mills

6/5 – Colliers Mills

6/11&12 – Spring Test – Colliers Mills

6/26 - Colliers Mills

7/9 – Saturday – Colliers Mills

7/24 – Colliers Mills

8/14 – Mock Test (for members only in
our fall test) – Colliers Mills 2 groups

8/28 - Colliers Mills

9/10&9/11 – Fall test – Colliers Mills

Chapter Membership

Chapter Membership renewals form are enclosed in this newsletter and expected to be returned by January. Please remember to participate in any chapter events both your chapter and NAVHDA International memberships must be current.

2005 Chapter Hunt

The chapter hunts will be Sunday afternoon January 16th, and Sunday afternoon March 6th at Bent Creek Shooting Preserve. The cost will be \$85 per person for 5 Pheasant, we can mix and match according to weather. There are 20 spots available, so get your information in ASAP for the January hunt. Send your information and check to Carl Mertens, directions can be found on the Bent Creek Web page.

Revised By-Laws

Revised By-Laws were mailed out recently for membership review. We request that ballots be returned to Barb Kissenger no later than January 4, 2005. If you did not receive a copy please contact Barb.

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Chapter Contact

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2004 Youth Hunt

On Saturday 11/6/04 the N.J. Division of Fish & Wildlife with the assistance of The N.J. State Federation of Sportsman's Clubs held it's annual "Take a Kid Pheasant Hunting" day with great success. From the reports so far all WMA's had record numbers of youth hunters all areas ran smoothly and enjoyed great weather (this year even the temperature felt like hunting season) aside from the great weather the success of this day was made possible the fantastic volunteers who donated their time and talent to provide a quality outdoor experience for the future of our sport.

This year at Colliers Mills myself and Mike Giansani from the Del-Val Chapter of NAVHDA had the pleasure of having with us Marty McHugh the Director of The Division of Fish and Wildlife and Cathy Blumig a writer for The N.J. Federated Sportsman. We had Director McHugh planting pheasants and mentoring the kids and Cathy took a lot of photos look for an upcoming article in the Federation newspaper.

In the few years I've been involved I've seen this program grow into an event that's becoming more and more popular every year. The credit for much of this as far as the quality of the hunt in no small way goes to members of the Del-Val Chapter of NAVHDA who have been stepping up regularly for the last few years with knowledge, experience and GREAT dogs and have been providing the kids with what amounts to a professional quality guided hunt. I'd really like to thank everyone who came out and helped, from the N.J. State Federation of Sportsmans Clubs, the kids and especially from me, your efforts are appreciated more than you know. thank you all!!

Rick Moore
V.P. Central Region
N.J. State Federation of Sportsmans Clubs



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

DEL VAL CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES 10/29/04

The meeting opened at 7:00 PM with 17 members present

Old Business - The Officers and Directors expressed their thanks for the help provided by the membership at the Chapter's September Test. It appeared everything ran smoothly on both days.

Secretary's Report – Barbara Kissinger - A request was made for any additions, deletions, or corrections to the June 22, 2004 Meeting Minutes as published in the Chapter's Newsletter and posted on its web page. None were voiced.

Treasurer's Report - Carl Mertens - Carl reports a starting balance of \$8,362.69 – After paying for some training equipment, the September Test, the Chapter's insurance bill from the International, and miscellaneous bills the closing balance of \$6,707.92. Carl has suggested the Chapter maintain a surplus of \$3,000.00 to insure adequate funds for a one-year period. The Membership seemed to agree with that amount given present yearly spending.

Directors Reports:

Training: (Ron Granai) – Proposed Training Dates

3/20	Annual Meeting – Assunpink – TRAINING CLINIC - NO BIRDS
4/17	Colliers Mills
5/7 & 5/8	Clyde Vetter Clinic – Colliers Mills
5/22	Colliers Mills
6/11 & 12	Spring Test – Colliers Mills
6/26	Colliers Mills
7/9	Saturday – Colliers Mills
7/24	Colliers Mills
8/14	Mock Test for (for members only in our fall test) – Colliers Mills (2) Groups
8/28	Colliers Mills
9/10 & 11	Fall Test – Colliers Mills

DATES ARE PENDING APPROVAL BY THE STATE

Testing: (Mark Dreyfus) – Mark was not able to attend this meeting due to a schedule conflict. Mark submitted a Financial Report for the Spring & Fall Tests. A breakout of detailed costs are available upon request.

SPRING TEST		FALL TEST	
REVENUE	\$1,491.00	REVENUE	\$1,218.00
COSTS	\$1,568.00	COST	\$1,890.50

LOSS:	(77.07)		(672.50)

Judging: (Glenn Basko) – Due to the Invitational this year, the travel expenses were costly, we had 2 air fairs to cover. We had one judge that did not leave on Sunday, but wanted to depart on Monday. It cost an additional travel expense of \$95 to obtain a limousine to get him to the airport. The membership thanked Glenn for doing a great job of housing everybody for the weekend and saves the club a lot of \$\$\$ Thanks!

Welcome New Member Fred Gardiner – 44 Willow Road – Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS

BYLAWS – The Committee: Andy Heyl, Tim Otto, Ron Granai, and Glen Basko presented the final draft of the BYLAWS. The document was reviewed by the 17 members in attendance and accepted.

The proposed ByLaws will be posted on the Chapter's website. If there are no comments received from the membership with regard to the latest draft of the proposed ByLaws, the proposed ByLaws can be sent to the Chapter members to vote. BYLAWS may be amended or repealed only by affirmative vote of a simple majority of the voting members of the Corporation who submit ballots with such 30-day period.

YOUTH HUNT AT COLLIERS MILLS

The Youth Hunt held at Colliers Mills was a great success. There were enough Pointing Dogs and Mentors to help out, as everyone had a great time.

NEW BUSINESS

Storage Trailer: - **Glenn Basko** - Glenn presented a comprehensive report on information regarding the purchase of a trailer.

New Trailer Cost: 7 x 12 – 7 x 18 -**\$4,200 - \$5,000 (Dual Axels)**

Reasons for obtaining a Trailer: The increase in training equipment:

(4) Training Tables – (4) Canopies– (2) Umbrella Blinds – (2) Kayaks

(2) Tables (serving lunches at test). This is just some of the items.

Storage of Trailer – Approximately \$50 per month – There may be a possibility of storage at Steve Morgan's location.

Insurance – Extra - \$500 per year

A vote was taken to approve the need of a trailer – 15 YES – 2 NO

A vote was taken to approve an amount of money to be spent - \$3,000 – 15 YES – 2 NO

A committee consisting of Glenn Basko, Rob Warner, Mike Giansanti to look into the purchase of a used 7 x 14 Used Trailer not to exceed \$3,000.

INCREASE IN TEST FEES & TESTING CONVERSATIONS

Tim Otto has done some excellent work on comparing our test entry fees to other regional clubs. Our fees are quite low. I agree with Tim that we should re-examine our cost and look at raising the prices. Most chapters do not even included lunch.

- Mark Dreyfus

Requested fees: Natural Ability \$80 – UPT \$100 – UT \$100

A vote taken by approve the increased amount – 17 YES – 0-NO

Ron had a great idea with the 50/50 and I suggest we do this all the time

Membership agreed and all approved.

Conversation came up regarding dual test and 3-day testing situations. Membership agreed that a 3-day testing situation could not be done at this time. However a dual test, if it is proven that we would have enough support to run this and not “drop the ball”.

Mark would like to see a written plan developed and submitted. It could be an option.

Tim Otto requested and was granted a two-week test cut-off date prior to the test.

Carl Mertens – Request that we make sure to get a receipt for Birds. The state requires it and we should have a bill. Please make an effort to obtain a receipt as much as possible

Leslie Clark – Leslie stated that young dogs need help with water work. People with puppies all stay together. We should have a second place to do the duck searches

The Membership agreed with all of Leslie's suggestions.

NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Charlie Kissinger

To purchase two small crates – for quail & chucker

To purchase two large crates - for Duck & PH

To look into purchasing a set of Walkie Talkies

Approx. cost \$90

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

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

December 2004

Dear Chapter Members,

This year the Chapter has scheduled two (2) half-day hunts. The dates be Sunday afternoon January 16th, and Sunday afternoon March 6th at Bent Creek Shooting Preserve. 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 Bent Creek 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 16th hunt by January 7th, 2005 and the reservation and payment for the March 6th hunt by February 28th, 2005.
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 2005 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 5 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 club hunts.

Sincerely,
Carl Mertens

January 16th, 2005 Hunt

Location: Bent Creek Upland Hunting Preserve 786 Route 524 Allentown, NJ 08501
Office Phone # 609-259-9501

Lunch: 12:00 PM

Hunt: Commences at 1:00 PM

Hunt Reservations and Payment received no later than January 7, 2005

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 = _____

March 6th, 2005 Hunt

Location: Bent Creek Upland Hunting Preserve 786 Route 524 Allentown, NJ 08501
Office Phone # 609-259-9501

Lunch: 12:00 PM

Hunt: Commences at 1:00 PM

Hunt Reservations and Payment received no later than February 28, 2005

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 = _____



**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"/>	\$45.00	New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.00	Spousal Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00	Renewal Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20.00	Youth Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$800.00	Paying Life Member			

Make check payable to: NAVHDA
*All dues are tax deductible in the USA
Tax Exempt No. 95-3402-489

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