

barking dog express

august/september 2019



from our prez

Happy Heat Wave,
Guess the line is, "be careful what you wish for!" I do believe the puddles have finally dried. Muck Boots are now an option. Welcome to Summer.

Water Clinic 2019, huge success. It was absolutely incredible to watch the line of vehicles pulling into Sugarfoot Kennels. The weather was perfect. The owner, David Mosher, was in awe of the Yankee Chapters's dedicated members. I looked around and said, "this is like a huge family picnic". The vast training venues at Sugarfoot kept everyone happy and training. We have already reserved 2020.

We held our Semi Annual meeting at lunch during the Water Event. It was nice to have so many members in attendance. Please check out the minutes in this newsletter.

Chapter business...
Drew and Lauren Burdick welcomed their daughter Ruby into their family. Congrats!

Bob Brey and company have begun their summer mowing schedule Huge thanks for all those volunteer hours.

We ordered gravel that was delivered to Green Point to fill in the small "mud run" we had at the spring events. Andy Baker offered his time and expertise to put the road back in order.

NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Camp was a huge success. We had a record number of campers, mentors and supporters. Incredible memories were created, despite the near triple digit temps. Camille Noldan offered to capture the camp in her photos. They were incredible. Do not miss them.

Condolences to Brian and Karen Pike who sadly had to say goodbye to their sweet dog, Tessie.

Condolences to Casey and Shawn Mowers who said goodbye to their special family friend, Rusty.

Yankee Chapter's tradition is to leave the month of August to family. I am sure we will meet in the fields or waters. Please be safe and have fun, laugh a lot.

See you in late August,
-Patti

calendar

Pre-Test Clinic
August 24
Bowdoinham, Maine

Yankee Chapter Fall Test
September 6-8
Bowdoinham, Maine

Newsletter Redesign!

The Barking Dog Express will now be published five times a year with more training and hunting articles, a photo showcase, and a Yankee youth page. Be sure to keep an eye on Facebook for member news, the Yankee website galleries for event photos, and chapter emails for announcements. The look will also mirror our wonderful new website!

Oct/Nov/Dec-Fall Test Recap & Upcoming Hunting Season
Mar/Apr-Annual Meetings Reports & Winter Recap
July/Aug/Sept-Spring Test Recap & Summer Issue

Jan/Feb-Hunting Recap & Upcoming Winter Events
May/June-Mega Training Issue

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chapter news

welcome new members!

Johnson's Guide Service LLC-
Hartford, ME
Cory Stearns-West Gardiner, ME

yankee calendar

AUGUST	24	Pre-Test Training Clinic - Bowdoinham, ME
SEPTEMBER	6-8	Fall Test - Bowdoinham, ME

kenny king/bob bisson fund thank you donors!

Cory Stearns

treasurer's report

We currently have \$17,777.25 in Savings, \$23,210.43 in Operational funds, \$8833.00 in the KK/BB Fund, \$1745.00 in the NAHP fund.

-Michael

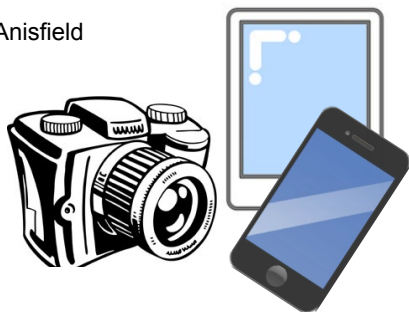
yankee website photo gallery

We're always looking for fun photos from Yankee Chapter events that we can post on our website. Grab that camera, ipad or cell phone and snap some pics!

Email the photos as jpegs to me (anisfield@gmavt.net) within a week after an event, and, if possible send high quality images (resolution around 300 pixels per inch). Send your best or favorite photos. Please don't send *all* your photos - a half dozen per event would be great.

One hundred thank-you's in advance for your help making the Yankee web gallery a fun place to visit!

- Nancy Anisfield

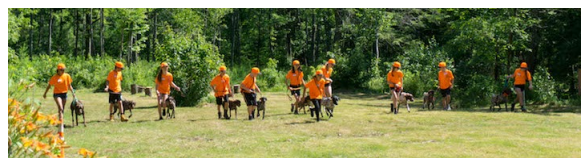


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yankeenavhda.org
for our training info and videos, newsletters,
forms, calendar of events, photo gallery,
contact info and much more!

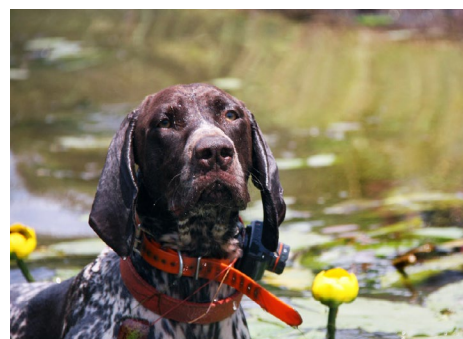
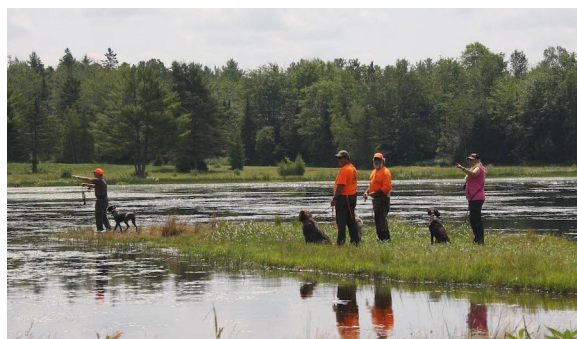


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navhda apprentice hunter camp



water clinic

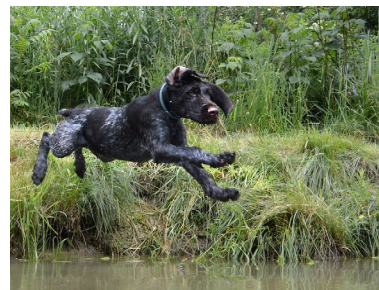
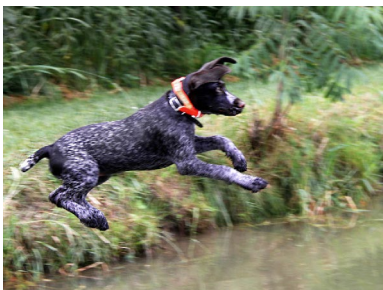


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member news



Tanner and Ellie enjoying the 4th of July at Indian Pond.



Littermates Odin and River (owners Heather Place and Terry Wilson) are practicing for their NA test this fall.



Paul and Joan with Duke.



A huge thank you to Bob Brey for all of his hard work ensuring the testing grounds are in tip top shape!



The Yankee Chapter sends its condolences to Casey and Shawn Mowers on their loss of their beloved Jasper.

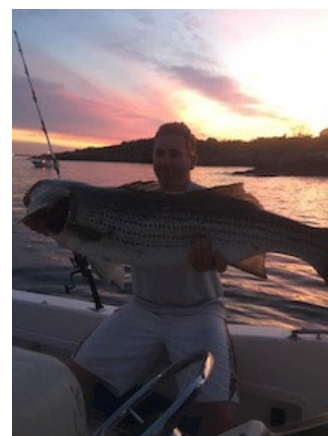


Gnarly, Willa, Tiza and Fergi enjoying summer at the pond.

The Yankee Chapter sends its condolences to Brian Pike and family on the loss of their sweet dog, Tessie.



Drew, Lauren and Hunter Burdick welcome their daughter Ruby. Congratulations!



Tom Doyle shows off his incredible catch. Way to go!

from our director of training

Mouth Problems

To help prevent mouth problems, you should become aware of your dogs' natural tendencies before you begin training "Hold". In general, excitable dogs are more prone to bite down hard and chew. Sensitive dogs are likely to pick things up by the end and frequently drop them. Many partially trained dogs tend to "claim the prey" and are reluctant to complete the retrieve because they want to keep it rather than delivering to you.

For the excitable dog, use hard, large-diameter objects. For the sensitive dog, use retrieving objects that have ends which are uncomfortable so that the dog will hold them in the center. (You can do this by removing the rope from a bumper and wrapping the ends with wire.)

For the dog that doesn't deliver to hand, spend time reinforcing the "Here" command. For those dogs that are reluctant to give up the bird, reinforce "Drop" with your collar. It shouldn't take but a session or two to convince the dog to deliver to hand properly.

You can also help avoid mouth problems if you don't put the dog in a situation that is too challenging before it's ready. The tendency to crush birds is often caused by allowing the dog to retrieve a wounded pheasant before it has been taught to hold properly. A dog that is unaccustomed to holding a struggling bird may discover that crushing it stops the flapping and scratching. Once started, such hard mouth problems are difficult to eliminate, so take the time to prevent them in the first place.

Blaine

becoming a yankee chapter gunner

Gunning at NAVHDA clinics and tests entails more than just shooting well. Gunners must be paramount in their attention to safety; have a knowledge of positioning, timing, and field behavior; and understand how to best support the needs of both handlers and judges. On top of that, Yankee Chapter gunners are often called on to help with the training at clinics.

Gunning is not only a ton of fun but also a wonderful opportunity to watch all sorts of dogs and handlers in the field. Most gunners will agree that they've learned a lot to apply to their own training and handling by observing field work close-up.

All our gunners go through an apprentice program under the supervision of the Director of Gunning (Matt Lorello). Matt determines the number of apprentices each year and when apprentices are ready to gun independently at clinics and then, eventually, at tests. As per our bylaws, the Yankee Chapter maintains a maximum of 12 gunners/apprentices (combined) at all times. There are several prerequisites for becoming a Yankee Chapter Gunner. You must...

1. Be an active Yankee Chapter and International member in good standing.
2. Have done other volunteer work at Yankee Chapter tests and clinics.
3. Have strong knowledge of the NAVHDA training and testing system.
4. Have handled a dog in a NAVHDA Utility Test.
5. Be able to work in a team environment.
6. Be safe and proficient with firearms, with a minimum of five years' experience shooting, either shooting sports or hunting.
7. Continue to practice and maintain shooting skills.
8. Be physically fit to handle walking long distances no matter the weather conditions.
9. Have a valid Maine hunting license.
10. Be familiar with the Safety rules published in the NAVHDA Aims, Programs, Test Rules book.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Yankee Chapter gunning apprentice, please contact Matt Lorello at: wglbutt@yahoo.com.

remember when you're shooting: get a clue before you see blue!



This column offers advice by Nick Racioppi and Jason Carter about Maine's hunting laws and regulations. Is there a hunting regulation you don't understand? A situation in the field you weren't sure how to handle? Send the Cranky Yankees and email and let them look into it for you:
Jason: jcarter@rsu1.org / Nick: feathersfins@comcast.net

As we enter the dog days of summer, many of us retreat to the Maine coast for cooler recreation to escape the incredible mosquito populations we, unfortunately, hatched this year. I know all the buzzing and biting has made you madder than those mosquitos in a mannequin factory, so sit down as this may upset you more than a two-legged dog burying a turd on an icy lake. For those of you that hold a lifetime fishing license, you are not covered for saltwater fishing. You are required to register which includes a whopping \$1.00 registration fee. Understandably this makes you saltier than mule-chew bumblebees; however, it's cheaper than the alternative.

Who Needs to Register?

Requirements

A person is required to register with the state of Maine annually in order to engage in recreational saltwater fishing unless that person meets one of the following exemptions. Proof of being Registered or documentation of exemption from the Registry requirement must be carried at all times while recreational saltwater fishing or transporting caught fish.

You are exempt from Registering if:

- You are under 16 years of age.
- You hold a valid Maine freshwater fishing license (not a Lifetime License*) and you indicated on your license whether or not you engaged in saltwater recreational fishing during the prior year.
- You hold a valid ME Commercial fishing license and you have indicated on that license whether or not you engaged in saltwater recreational fishing during the prior year.
- You are a Maine resident and are recreational saltwater fishing only on Memorial Day weekend, July 4th or Labor Day weekend.
- You are a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs.
- You are fishing as a passenger on a for-hire vessel (charter or head/party boat) captained by an individual who possesses a valid recreational saltwater fishing Operator's License.
- You are fishing from a dock, pier or wharf that is owned by someone who possesses a valid recreational saltwater fishing Operator's License.
- You are renting a smelt fishing camp from someone who possesses a valid recreational saltwater fishing Operator's License.
- You are registered/licensed to engage in saltwater recreational fishing in another state, or with the National Registry.

*If your Maine freshwater fishing license is a Lifetime License, then you are not covered by that license for saltwater recreational fishing in Maine. You will need to check to see if you qualify for any of the other exemptions, above, and if you do not, then you are required to annually register to recreationally fish saltwater.

extended season - upland hunting - nick raccio

Extended Season for Upland Hunters! This year the 129 th Maine Legislature passed bill number LD265 to increase opportunities for Hunters, Anglers and Sporting Camps by extending the season on Upland Game.

This bill was enacted to provide the Hunting Camps the opportunity to offer a Cast and Blast weekend to their clients. What a great opportunity for Hunting Camps and fortunately for us, great for the Upland Hunters and our 4 -egged children.

The bill amends the general hunting season provisions to direct the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to extend the open seasons on upland game by one additional day, the last Saturday of September, annually. It defines the term "upland" as snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, ring-necked pheasant, ruffed grouse and bobwhite quail. Notice that Woodcock is not included for the early start as it is managed by the Waterfowl regulations season dates.

Of course, as with the majority of bills that are passed, sometimes they are not as clear as they could be. Note the statement of "...one additional day, the last Saturday of September". So, does that mean for 2019 we can hunt on Saturday September 28 th and not Monday September 30 th ? The Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife was contacted and asked "...understand that LD265 was passed and the bill states it will extend the open season on upland game by one additional day. It states the last Saturday of September. Question - Wouldn't this be 2 additional days in 2019 as October 1st is on a Tuesday this year? This will give the Upland Hunter September 28th and the 30th. Is this correct?" The response received was "Yes that is correct, the season will start September 28 and go until December 31".

YAY for us and go enjoy a couple of extra days in the woods this year!!!

NAVHDA yankee chapter - semi annual meeting - july

Date: July 13 th , 2019

Location: Water Clinic Burnham, ME

Meeting called to order by Patti Carter at 12:25 pm with 32 members in attendance

Patti Carter, Nancy Anisfield, Dani Friend, Blaine Carter, Jason Carter, Matt Lorello, Mike Rinaldi, Bill Tracy, Misi Knutson



Topics Discussed:

Training Event Recap-

February Indoor Clinic- was a huge success with record numbers.

Sportsman's show-had excellent representation by chapter members and their dogs.

April Clinic-again huge success and ran very smoothly with the number of dogs!

Vermont Clinic-unbelievably fantastic! Just a fun event all around!

May Clinic-WE ran out of birds! So many dogs and trainers present!

June Pre-test and Test-this year we ran a 4 day test to accommodate several litters of puppies. Overall things ran smoothly! 36 dogs participated in test.

Treasury Update-

Mike Rinaldi reports that we are now caught up on book keeping and all of our taxes paid. Sandy Runyon has been working hard to get the 501C3 tax exempt status for the chapter. We are officially a public charity. Mike has been keeping track of our memberships and has brought an issue to light regarding International memberships. We currently have 201 members in the Yankee Chapter but only 179 are NAVHDA International members. This should be 100%. We have 4 junior members and 35 new members for 2019 so far. We have sent 6 youth to Bryant Pond on scholarships! We currently have \$17,777.25 in Savings, \$23,210.43 in Operational funds, \$8833.00 in the KK/BB Fund, \$1745.00 in the NAHP fund.

Training Update-

The training committee has really helped organize the clinics and allowed us to get through many participants. We like to publish a list of members who are on the training committee and the requirements needed to join.

Judge/Bird Update-

Laurie Olmstead would like to come to a meeting to put on a presentation to educate us on the bird raising process. We are working to get a real time idea on how many birds will be needed for upcoming clinics.

Youth Update-

RGS held a youth camp at the Phippsburg Sportsman Club. It was an excellent group of kids!

Joe Kazar- organized the bear collaring and goose round up youth event

Gunning Update-

Matt reports that some of our gunning staff is healing up from surgeries and knee replacements! The chapter's gunner-training program and requirements will be available for those interested in reading them to see what it takes to be a gunner. These requirements include running a UT level dog in a test, showing your dedication through volunteer work, being a NAVHDA member and Yankee Chapter member, being a strong team player, safety mindset, 5 years experience shooting, Practice (wall work, skeet, clays), physically able to walk through the fields for 30 minutes at a time, valid maine hunting license.

New Business-

- Website- is looking very nice! Misi has the applications tied to the site via link, please alert her should those links not work. This is possible due to NAVHDA making changes and updates on their end.

- August 24 is the pretest clinic

- September 7-9- Fall Test

- September 14-15- LL Bean expo need dogs and handlers

election statements

**From Ric Kildow – Seeking the Board Position of President of NAVHDA International
(910) 358-2492 – Rhino_dc@yahoo.com**

*It is my goal to bring a renewed and invigorated, service-based leadership to the NAVHDA Board.
I believe the Board's purpose is to serve our members and that our local chapters are the heart of NAVHDA.
I will focus on member initiatives, transparency in decision-making, and diversity in Board-appointed positions.*

Leadership Vision:

I will focus on member initiatives and I will actively connect with chapter presidents to provide the board with a precise understanding of how NAVHDA members are doing. I will listen to members, be an agent of change using technology to improve communication and collaboration. I will strive for fairness through inclusion and intellectual diversity.

GOALS

Strengthen NAVHDA by supporting our chapters: NAVHDA has proven its ability to test versatile dogs. Fifty years later, our board must now place more emphasis on serving our chapters and members. Connecting with Chapter presidents is key.

- I WILL personally connect with chapter presidents for a better understanding of our Chapter and member needs.
- I WILL make plans leading to an annual "Chapter Presidents" meeting.
- I WILL institute and direct a research/resources committee who will highlight best practices, methods and trends.
- I WILL pursue a better use of technology for communication, collaboration and a deeper cultural understanding.

Transparency ensures accountability and equality. We must ensure that information regarding issues that affect the membership is provided to the membership in a timely and effective manner. You elect Board members to represent you and you have the right to know their position on all matters. Partnership between leaders and members must be achieved.

Eliminate the perception of conflicts of interest. I am an owner-handler. I am not a professional trainer, an equipment supplier, or breeder. In other words, I have no conflicts of interest. Currently, there is a perception that the EC shares far too many personal and professional interests. This results in stagnant leadership and group-think mentality that has led to the choosing of favored members, over qualifications for board positions and closed-door meetings. These perceptions were highlighted at the annual meeting when essentially the same motion was submitted by multiple chapters, only to be dismissed by the EC "without discussion." The multi-chapter motion may have been initiated because of a lack of trust.

We must demand regional and international inclusion through real representation. The Board is made-up of 4 elected members and 8 appointed members which make-up the EC. Of those 12 members, only one (very recently) is from the Far West and absolutely no-one represents Canada. This lack of representation of the entire NAVHDA membership allows a very small number of people to make important decisions and to establish policies for the rest of NAVHDA International.

Future Sponsorship and Partners. I am committed to long/short-term strategic planning to set priorities. I will focus energy and resources to strengthen operations, and I will ensure that we all are working toward membership common goals. I will actively pursue new sponsors with industry leaders who share our deeply held values and are a good fit with our sponsors.

MY QUALIFICATIONS

I recently retired from the U.S. Navy, having served on both active and reserve duty for 40 over years. I was initially with Special Operations and then the Information Dominance Corps. I have been a NAVHDA member for 22 years, a senior judge for the last 11 years, and a charter member of the Carolinas Chapter. I have held multiple positions with several NAVHDA chapters and am currently Secretary of the Carolinas Chapter. I train and handle my dogs at all testing levels. I also test in the German system, which provides me with an additional perspective. **I am well qualified to serve and lead NAVHDA.**

*Our NAVHDA family is made-up of members who are intelligent, motivated, and hardworking volunteers.
Members really do matter and the goal of the NAVHDA Board must be to serve our members.*

election statements (cont.)

Dear Yankee chapter members,

The Yankee chapter was the first chapter I joined when I heard about NAVHDA being very active for many years. I served in a few positions at the local chapter level including President.

I've been involved in NAVHDA for over 25 years and I am now serving as your International President. With the establishment of the Merrimack chapter my wife and I are very active there.

In a future edition of the VHD magazine I will give you a complete and detailed outline of what has happened during my time as NAVHDA's President.

To give you some highlights, the membership has increased 46 percent during my time as President, a youth fund was established, and a strategic plan has started with items now in motion. Along with support from the Executive Council, our office staff and the membership, we have moved forward in greater numbers. With our current plans in place we have great opportunity for future growth.

I urge you to vote for me to continue to efforts forward.

Thanks

David A Trahan

The Yankee Chapter Board of Directors and the Barking Dog Express do not endorse any particular candidates for NAVHDA International elections.



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