



barking dog express

Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA

jul/aug/sep 2022

from our president...

The cool days of Spring have quickly turned into the steamy days of Summer this week.

Currently happening as I jot down my notes is the New England Seacoast's Natural Ability testing. This young chapter stepped up to the needs of surrounding chapters by providing more testing opportunities for our dogs. It's pushing 90 degrees, so it must be miserable for all involved. Shhh we're going fishing!

The first six months of 2022 have been nothing but brisk! Maine Sportsman's Show, endless list of test entries, Indoor Clinic, Wood Duck Project, absolutely huge April Clinic, wonderful Vermont Clinic, Ruffed Grouse Society banquet packed with Yankees and friends, Ugly Dog Yard Sale, more clinics and finally, our four days of packed Yankee tests. Those six months are always our busiest of each year.

Looking ahead...

I love our Water Event! With endless training opportunities available, Sugarfoot Kennels in Burnham, Maine, never disappoints. See details in this newsletter.

Yankee Chapter Semi-Annual Meeting 2022

All members are welcome to attend and participate during our lunch break meeting at the water clinic. Please let a board member know if there is a discussion topic you would like addressed. We will be drawing the winner of the Benelli Super Black Eagle II Shotgun raffle at the end of the meeting. There are currently about 20 tickets still available for purchase. Thank you Terry Wilson for your continued generous support of our chapter. Following the meeting will be the Super Senior Drag Race; don't miss it!

The Yankee Chapter's Apprentice Hunter Camp will be in full swing starting July 9th. We have eight campers ready to learn about survival, fire starting, gun safety, shooting, dog care and training, campfires and just plain fun. We are still looking for one mentor if you and your dog would like to give back to our next generation!

Please enjoy your Summer moments together with family and friend. Create some memories! We'll see you all back the end of August for more fun training and testing.

See you soon,
Patti

p.s. Thanks to all who signed Terry Wilson's paperwork to put him on NAVHDA's ballot this fall as a Vice Presidential candidate. Blaine and I are very excited to announce that Terry is in the running! Please share this info with your NAVHDA friends, near and far.

happy fourth of july!



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upcoming events

- July 15 Yankee NA Test**
Sugarfoot Kennels
Burnham, ME
- July 16 Water Clinic**
Burnham, ME
- Aug 27 Pre-Test Clinic**
Bowdoinham, ME
- Aug 28 Fall Test**
Bowdoinham, ME
- Sep 9-11 Fall Test**
Bowdoinham, ME

Pre-Test Clinic Lunchtime Raffle

On August 27th, at the Pre-Test Clinic, we will hold a lunchtime raffle as we've done in the past. Check your basement, garage, and attic for those forgotten treasures to donate to the raffle table. Hunting gear, dog stuff, and good quality used or unused items are welcome. (Skip the moth-eaten, three-legged popsicle stick trivet Uncle Bingo made in shop class when he was 12.) Raffle tickets will be on sale at the clinic. Proceeds offset clinic equipment and port-o-potty costs.

Pig Roast!

Once again, Brent and Kelley Grover have generously, graciously offered to host a Pig Roast at no cost to members following the reading of the scores on test day, Saturday, September 10th, at the test site in Bowdoinham. This will be a wonderful chance to share in the excitement of the day and have a delicious meal! In advance:

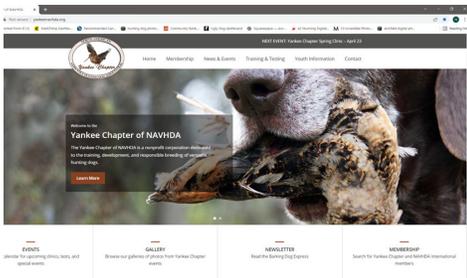
THANK YOU
BRENT & KELLEY!



yankee updates and info

Welcome New Yankee Chapter Members !

Adam Levesque
 Meghan Stasz
 Olga Moriarty
 Richard Fairfield Jr.
 Lenore & Joel Parsons



www.yankeenavhda.org

The chapter website is a wealth of info and support materials from first aid to Yankee training sites to our photo gallery. Any questions? Contact our Webmaster, Brian Pike: bpike@maine.rr.com

barking dog schedule

The Barking Dog Express will be published five times a year:
 Oct/Nov/Dec
 Jan/Feb
 Mar/Apr
 May/June
 July/Aug/Sept

Ask the Trainer questions, classified ads, and other materials should be submitted to the BDE at least two weeks before each issue. Issues will be published the first week of the first month for each issue.

YANKEE SPRING TEST RESULTS

6/5/2022 - Sunday	
Handler	Score
Drew Wing	100 NP
Nicole Monroe	82 Pz2
Branden M. Roberts	204 Pz1
Kevin Colwell	185 Pz2
Jason Hawes	193 Pz1
William T. Thomas	193 Pz3
6/10/2022 - Friday	
Handler	Score
Steven R. Buck	204 Pz1
Danielle Murphy	186 Pz2
Justin Dodge	202 Pz1
Terry J. Wilson	190 Pz1
David Schlegel	105 Pz2
Bernard Moody	112 Pz1
6/11/2022 - Saturday	
Handler	Score
PJ Rose	183 Pz3
Courtney Hagenaaers	162 Pz2
Danielle Murphy	189 Pz2
Randall Schon	96 NP
Blaine Carter	112 Pz1
Matthew W. Tinker	112 Pz1
Jeff Miller	101 Pz2
6/12/2022 - Sunday	
Handler	Score
William H. Collins	148 NP
Natalie Peaslee	168 NP
Jim Greenleaf	192 Pz2
Troy Crane	79 NP
Dominic Marco	101 Pz1
Michael Lagasse	95 Pz3
Darcy St John	106 Pz1



We'd like to wish a super **GOOD LUCK!**

to Yankee members Kathleen Weller, John Korte, and Adrian Yanofsky who are running in this year's NAVHDA Invitational in New Mexico!

yankee classifieds

Got something to sell? Looking for something hard-to-find? Send us your ad and we'll get it in the next newsletter. Be sure to include your contact info and pricing. Email: anisfield@gmavt.net

ask the trainers

Send in your training questions and one or more of the chapter training experts will respond. Questions can be on any level of NAVHDA training or testing, or on general life with a dog. Email our Director of Training at mmkennels@myfairpoint.net.

help!

The Barking Dog Express needs you! Aspiring journalists or digital content creators -- if you're interested in gathering or writing hunting or bird dog news, let us know! Also, if someone out there might be interested in putting together the newsletter, let's talk! Various formats or programs can be used, with as much or as little creative input as you'd like. -- Nancy Anisfield anisfield@gmavt.net.

correspondence & donations



Thank you, Mike Healy! Mike donated the proceeds from the auction of this Revolutionary War musket with bayonet -- \$1350 -- to the Yankee Chapter's NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Program. Thank you, Mike, for your generosity!



Benelli Super Black Eagle II Raffle

12 gauge shotgun & chokes
donated by Terry Wilson

Since we didn't sell all the tickets by the June date, we extended the raffle to July. There are 200 tickets at \$10.00 each, and a few are still left. The winner will be drawn on at the water clinic on July 16th.

Terry has requested the proceeds of \$2000.00 be divided in half, 50% to support chapter testing expenses and 50% to our new **Yankee Apprentice Judge Scholarship Fund**. Contact Patti Carter if you'd like to buy one of the remaining tickets.

barking dog advertising

Litter Ads - 1/4 page max size
free for members
\$15 / month non-members

Business Card Ads -
\$25 /year members
\$35 / year non-members

Thanks to John Petros

John donated a case and a half of blanks to the chapter. Given the high cost and lack of inventory in most places, we really appreciate John's donation!



Steven Morse sent in this cool pic of Gocki Andrews' Tilde zooming in on her clinic duck drag. Look closely at those rear legs sprung up to clear the fallen limb.



A Special Thank You to Russell Estes!

One of those behind-the-scenes super volunteers, Russell takes care of both the Yankee equipment trailer and bird trailer. Both trailers show up at our clinics and tests in fine working order for which we are genuinely appreciative. Thank you, Russell!



CLASSIFIEDS

Large G3 Dakota 283 G3 kennel, gray, in great shape, for possible swap or sale. Looking for a Medium Dakota 283 G3. Call or text Jeremy Hatch at 207-491-5266.



Old Town 16.9 Discovery Camo Canoe. Bought 2021 and never been in the water. Value new: \$1299. Selling now with paddles for \$1000. Contact Nick Racioppi (207) 751-3133 or email at feathersfins@comcast.net



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yankee training clinics

Water Clinic

Sunday, July 16
9 a.m. until waterlogged

Dave Mosher, owner of Sugarfoot Kennels designed his training site to offer a variety of water entry and working areas. Whether you have a little puppy who's not swimming yet, a Utility Dog developing or practicing a duck search, or an Invitational dog doing double marks and blinds, we'll have a place for you. Heeling, steadiness, drags and other drills, too. There's plenty of parking along the treeline, but it's a good idea to bring a shade tent for when the sun swings overhead. Order your ducks with the online form sent the week before, but still be sure to check in when you arrive. Bring your own lunch and beverages.

At lunchtime we will gather for our Semi-Annual Meeting while you enjoy your picnic. Please contact Patti Carter if you have items you'd like discussed. We are always looking for new ideas and willing to listen to your concerns.

After lunch we will be holding the first ever Super Seniors Drag Race, another in our series of Olympic quality events for the veteran bird dogs in our ranks. More info on page 6.

Pretest Clinic

Saturday, Aug 27
9 a.m.

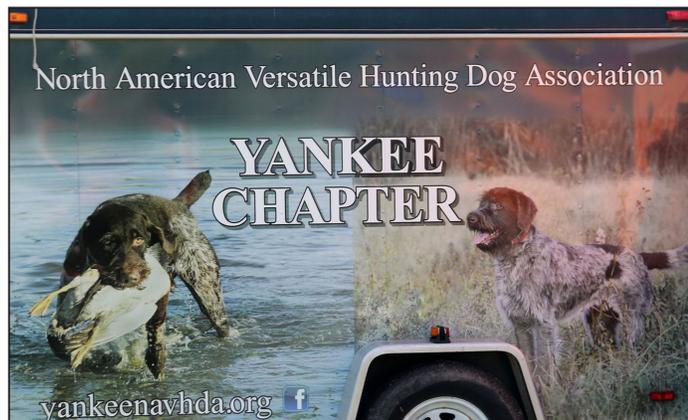
Last training clinic of the year!

Even though testing dogs will have priority in the field running order and water sites, there will be plenty of opportunities for all dogs to train on field work, obedience, and water retrieves. We will be sending out a bird/duck order form before the clinic as usual. Please contact Blaine Carter, Dir. of Training, with any questions: mmkennels@myfairpoint.net.

The Yankee Chapter's famous grill will be tossing burgers and dogs, (not the 4-legged ones) at lunchtime. Please bring a favorite side or dessert to share.

CLINIC CHECKLIST

WATER
BUG SPRAY
SHADE TARP
WATER
CHAIR
LUNCH
WATER
LEASH
STAKE OR CRATE
WATER
SUNSCREEN
WATER
RAIN GEAR
WATER
DOG



UPCOMING TESTS! July 15, August 28, September 9-11

Five more testing days for Yankee!! Help is needed to make everything run smoothly, and working a test is one of the best ways to learn about the excitement of NAVHDA testing. If you'd like to volunteer to plant birds, set up the tent, be a go-fer, help with lunch, etc., please contact our Director of Testing, Rich Gay: rich0807@hotmail.com.

Test days will begin at 7 a.m. sharp Handlers should be at the test grounds no later than 6:30 to have enough time to park, check in with the Field Marshal, "air" their dogs, and be ready to meet the judging team. Don't forget to bring lots of water for both you and your dog(s). Even though both the Burnham and Bowdoinham sites have some shade along the edges, you can't be sure where you'll be able to park, so bringing a tarp or tent is a good idea if it's hot or raining, or both!

For the first Sunday and Friday, bring your own lunch. Saturday and Sunday -- the 10th and 11th -- our grill will be up and sizzling with chicken, burgers and dogs and whatever else we can come up with. But even with the dedicated Yankee Chapter volunteers at the grill, there are lots of hungry handlers, field volunteers, judges and friends to feed. *Please please please:* Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to contribute to the lunch table!

Watch for chapter emails with more details about the test days. Everyone -- Come watch the excitement and support the testing handlers.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL TESTING HANDLERS AND THEIR DOGS!

Managing Birds for Testing and Training

by Blaine Carter

To make any bird flightless for a track, remove the 8 primary flight feathers on only one wing by pulling not snipping. These are the feathers that begin at the tip of the wing.

NA Test Pheasant: First and most important, ask the senior judge when he or she would like the bird's flight feathers pulled! Do NOT bag the pheasants too early as it overly stresses them. They need that energy and strength to run properly for their track.

NA Track Training: Being Yankee members, watching \$25.00 run off into the woods is a big deal. I always use a 2 foot piece of flagging tape attached to the pheasant's leg to help with recovery. Also, try using a fishing rod with twenty pound test line. Walk on the downwind side of the bird, off to the side, so you can manage the bird without losing it and without your scent around it. Do this on long lead to help the dog to stay focused on the track. If the dog decides to lift its head and leave the track, stop and let the dog find the track again. Calmly and quietly command him to track. Your dog's understanding and your confidence will improve with repetitions. Finding game at the end of a track gives the dog a reason to want to follow the scent for the end's reward.

Planting chukar for training: When planting birds, I like to tire them by holding them by their legs, a few circles to dizzy and drop them into a thick patch of cover I've prepped. I don't like to tuck their heads or bury them in grass. An overly stressed bird can cause creeping in your training. Your dog can sense the bird's stress.

Testing: The more strength the bird has on the flush, the better your field work will go. A weak flying bird is never a good situation. Hold by the legs, let them flutter if they wish, spin them and drop into a lightly prepped grassy enclosure. A NAVHDA TEST is never a good place to practice "bird planting."



Holding the bird by the legs, you can make a few gentle circles to dizzy them before dropping in the prepared enclosure.



Using your boot toe, make an indentation in the brush, forming an enclosure to plant the bird.



The outer primary flight feathers are the ones to pull so the bird can't fly.



To toss a bird into the air so it will fly well, place the wings together up over the bird's back and hold them by the upper arch of the wings. Throw forward at an angle so it goes to the front of the dog, not straight up.



Planting birds with a bunch of high-jumping dogs around... uh... not a good idea.

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SUPER SENIORS DRAG RACE!

JULY 16, 2022 1:00 p.m.

At the Yankee Water Clinic, Burnham, ME

- > All Yankee Chapter Dogs age 11 and older are eligible.
- > Retrieve by drag -- dead chukars will be used.
- > Two dogs per heat. Elimination until a winner is declared.
- > Each dog will receive a sponsored racing bib. First and second place winners will receive Olympic style medals.
- > Time limit: 5 minutes per heat.
- > Two referees will officiate and settle disputes and ties.
- > Retrieve does not have to be to hand, but dog must cross finish line; no assistance from handler permitted.

If your Super Senior speedy tracker would like to participate in this world class racing event, please contact Yankee Race Coordinator Nancy Anisfield by July 5th. anisfield@gmavt.net.



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photo showcase:
Yankee Dogs with Attitude



*clockwise from upper left...
Kalla, Dok, Wren, Cash, Keepah, Millie*



yankee YOUTH!

from director of youth development philip laperriere

NAVHDA International Youth Programs

NAVHDA encourages family participation in our organization. To that end, three educational and testing opportunities for youths under 19 years old are offered. Go to <https://www.navhda.org/youth-program-info/> for links to each program.

Kristin Rieser Youth Aims & Rules Clinic Program

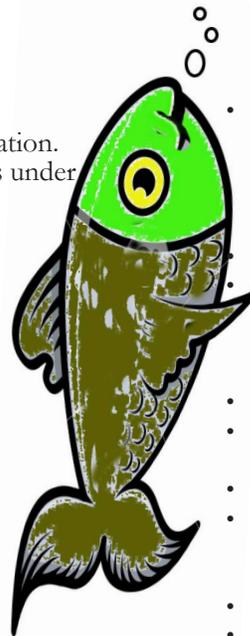
The Kristin Rieser Youth Aims & Rules Clinic Program is a great opportunity for NAVHDA youth members to expand their knowledge of dog training and learn about the NAVHDA testing system.

NAVHDA Youth Testing Incentive Program

The purpose of the NAVHDA Youth Testing Incentive Program is to encourage young NAVHDA members to participate in NAVHDA testing through partial reimbursement of their test entry fees.

NAVHDA Youth Events Program

The purpose of the Youth Events Program is to financially support the efforts of NAVHDA members, chapters, Youth Development Committee or Executive Council in developing the next generation of dog enthusiasts, outdoors persons/hunters, and NAVHDA members. The goal is to support novel programs that will enhance young members' opportunities to experience the outdoors, particularly hunting.



WEIRD FISH FACTS

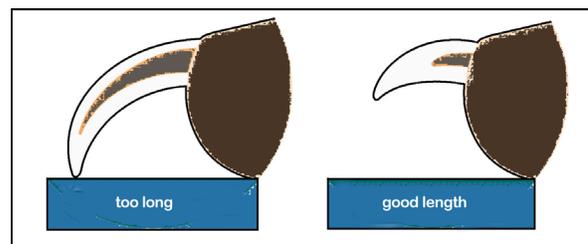
- The sawfish has 18-22 pairs of lateral teeth on the saw protruding from its front. The saw teeth are used for tracking or as a weapon, not for eating.
- The ocellated icefish has clear blood and a circulatory system that pumps it five times faster than that of other fish.
- Stimpson's goby can climb waterfalls 100 meters (30 stories) high.
- Hagfish, also known as slime eels, can fill a 2 gallon bucket full of slime mucus in just a few minutes.
- The four-eyed fish's eyes are split in half horizontally, each having two pupils and a retina that is divided into top and bottom sections. It swims with half of its eye out of the water, searching for insects, and the other half looking down into the water.
- Cusk eels are the world's deepest living family of fishes, found as deep as 27,500 feet where the pressure is approximately 12,000 pounds per square inch.

math critters number puzzle

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Can you tell ...if your dog's nails are too long?

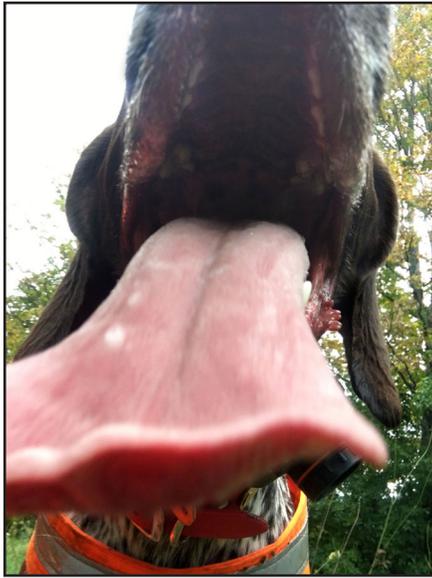
1. If you hear your dog's nails clicking on a hard wood or tile floor, they're too long.
2. If your dog's nails curve down and touch the floor, they're too long.
3. If the part of your dog's nails that you cut -- the part beyond the quick -- is clearly thinner than the rest of the nail, they're too long.
4. If your dog brings the clippers to you, sits in your lap, and shoves his toe in your face, chances are they're too long.



BROWNTAIL MOTH SPRAY

Battle the browntail moth itchies with this homebrew. Easy to make, just mix the ingredients in a plastic spray bottle and shake well. Apply twice a day.

1/4 cup Witch Hazel
1/2 tube Hydrocortisone cream
1/2 tube Diphenhydramine (Benadryl) cream
1/4 tube Aspercream OR Lidocaine cream



BEE STING PAIN RELIEF

Check to see if there is a stinger present and remove it if there is. Then take an aspirin tablet, moisten it, and tape it over the sting site. The pain will subside quickly. (Of course if you are allergic to bees, you'll need an antihistamine, adrenaline, etc. as in an EpiPen.)

Two other tips: Stay out of the way of bees flying in a straight line. They may be making a "beeline" to their nest and become aggressive if they think you're blocking their way. Be especially wary of bees on cloudy days. Many believe they are more irritable when the sky is gray or rain is threatening.

WATER AND YOU!

Water is the best all-around hydration, however water weighs in at about eight pounds a gallon. If your hunt or hike will take you the better part of a day away from camp, carry two half-liter water-filled bottles.

Remember, water acquired in the outdoors may need to be purified before drinking, so always carry a small bottle of water purification tablets. Getting Giardia is no fun, especially when there's no outhouse within running distance!

BOOT TIPS

If you are wearing your hunting or hiking boots several days in a row, relace them in different lacing patterns every other day to vary the pressure points on your feet.

Never dry boots by the fire – leather will crack and shrink; rubber will melt; nylon will break down.



ABOUT PANTING

Why dogs pant

Dogs pant for a variety of reasons. Most common are heat, excitement, and stress. Panting can be a sign the dog is in pain. Some medications, particularly steroids like prednisone, can amp the dog up and cause panting. Sometimes respiratory or cardiac issues can cause panting. Most of the time, though, panting is a perfectly healthy response to exertion and heat....

Air in, air out

One of the key ways dogs regulate temperature is through pant-

ing. Dogs pant to expel hot internal air in exchange for external cool air. That works great in cold weather, but in the summer, they expel hot air and take in hot air which contributes to the risk of overheating. It's important to monitor a dog's panting in warm weather to guard against heatstroke....

Types of panting

There are two types of panting. Controlled panting is a natural cooling mechanism. Uncontrolled panting is not. The way to determine the difference is to call, whistle, wave or do

something to distract your dog. If the panting is controlled, he will close his mouth and look to see what it is; he has to the ability to regulate that panting. Not responding – not pausing the panting or momentarily closing the mouth – can indicate distress. Then it's time to intervene and cool the dog down by rinsing thick saliva out of the mouth, immersing in cool water (never ice!), and applying rubbing alcohol soaked pads or cloths to the dog's armpits, legpits, underbelly, and under ear flaps.

Listen Up! Recommended Podcasts

Recommendations from Will Beck

Orvis Hunting and Shooting Podcast

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-orvis-hunting-and-shooting-podcast/id349344193>

The Orvis Hunting and Shooting Podcast (formerly the Double Barrel Podcast) with host, outdoor writer Reid Bryant brings you hunting and shooting tips for more success and fun in the field.

Her Upland

<https://projectupland.com/category/project-upland-listen/her-upland-podcast/>

Her Upland explores bird hunting topics with straight to the point information. We bring on experts in the field, listeners share their input on the subject, and we hold roundtable discussions that we fondly refer to as “bitch sessions”. So join us for hunting conversations like you’ve never heard before!

The Gun Room Podcast

<https://projectupland.com/category/project-upland-listen/the-gun-room-podcast/>

The Gun Room Podcast explores the world of sporting firearms; the shotguns and rifles we use for target and sport. Each episode will highlight an individual in the firearms sphere, their history, and background, as well as touch on a specific gun or guns of interest that they are familiar with, were involved with the development, or have worked on

Birds, Booze, and Buds

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/birds-booze-and-buds-podcast/id1263259044>

Tyler Webster hosts this show to give advice and tell stories about bird hunting and other things.

Recommendations from Nancy Anisfield

On the Wing – Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/on-the-wing-podcast/id1435790034>

On the Wing podcasts cover upland bird hunting, wildlife habitat, public lands, bird dogs, wild game cooking and epic adventures in search of pheasants, quail and grouse. Hosted by Bob St. Pierre, these are the stories of PF/QF’s 145,000 members, volunteers, professional wildlife biologists and experts in the field. The shows are recorded in person and often on the road from the end of tailgates, backs of horse trailers and after a day in the field chasing birds.

The Flush Podcast – Stories from the Field

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-flush-podcast-stories-from-the-field/id1497704723>

The Flush Podcast hunts down the greatest upland bird hunting stories ever told. Award-winning television host & producer, Travis Frank, goes behind the camera lens of the bird hunting TV show, The Flush, to share stories from inspiring characters, incredible hunting adventures, and lovable bird dogs. This is an open mic experience to talk about life through the eyes of a bird hunter.

The Bird Dog Babe

<https://thebirddogbabe.com/podcast-2/>

NAVHDA’s own Courtney Bastian highlights women who hunt, train, and compete with their bird dogs. She also discusses tips and advice on canine health, breeding, training and nutrition, as well as gear for women and dogs, and conservation efforts for public land hunting.



Answer to the Math Critters

This was sort of a trick puzzle! Depending on order of operations, you could come up with 1 or 9 for the bird:

$$5 + 5 = 10$$

$$5 \times 2 + 2 = 12$$

$$(5 \times 2) - (1 \times 5) = 5 \text{ OR } ((5 \times 2) - 9) \times 5 = 5$$

A little history... the Barking Dog Express, 18 years ago!



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North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association

From the President

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Special Points of Interest

*** We need volunteers for our spring test. Please call our Director of Training, Tom Barks if you can help out on any of the 3 days of our test coming up June 18-20. His phone number is 207 839-4815; email address: tbarks@maine.rr.com.**

Remember back in February I told you of the "interesting" places I write my President's Reports? I think then it was in Belfast, Maine while waiting for Dr. Margo to do 3 PennHIP x-rays.

Well, because there is rarely a dull moment in my life, this report was jotted down at my parent's camp in Porter while opening it up for 2004. I brought Aspen and Tera along for company. Halfway through the morning, I got a call from our neighbor saying one of our dogs had "fallen into their septic tank"! Huh? I headed right over, questioning what she could possibly mean. I heard the echoed barking and knew right away it was Aspen. Sure enough, there she was looking up from their tank, standing chest deep in...#!@!! While waiting for

the septic company, the neighbors had left off the cover and covered the opening with a green tarp! I told our neighbor, Barbara to hold my legs as I reached down to grab Aspen's collar and said, "Don't let go, Barbara, PLEASE!!" Aspen quickly did a half dozen retrieves in the lake. We now refer to her as the "Latrine Queen"!

The handler clinic was a huge success for the chapter. Everyone left with tons of new knowledge and spirit to train their dogs. Thanks to Chip Amergian and Cindy Tracy for their "above and beyond" work on the event. Thanks to our clinic leader, Frank Spaeth, Lena Amirian and Blaine Carter for their NAVHDA expertise and guidance. Keep an eye out for a similar training event in



2005. Plans are already in the works!

Our spring test is just a few weeks away. Volunteers are always welcome and encouraged. Bring food and/or raffle stuff!

The 2005 Annual Meeting plans have begun and it promises to be an awesome time. Call David Trahan, 603-666-5746 or myself 207-725-8229 if you can offer support, help, etc.

See you all soon!

Patti

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Members in the N

New member **Jamie Bassett** and his wife, **Terri** are the proud owners of a new Pudelpointer pup. **Maddie** was flown from Chicago on April 16th. It didn't take long for her natural instincts to show up. At the Thurston training clinic the very next day, 9 week old **Maddie** was pointing birds! That's awesome, Jamie. She's off to a great start!



Lena and Ash Amirian, who own **Rufus**, the only Spinone to earn a VC title, were recently highlighted in Purina's Today's Breeder magazine. **Rufus** earned "Best of Breed" at the 2004 Westminster Dog Show. Lena, Ash and **Rufus** were featured on the cover, as well as in a splendid four-page article with beautiful pictures. The publication is free to people who belong to the Purina Breeder's Plan. Check it out!

Congratulations... got her turkey at 6 am on May 29th. Three members of the **Women-Guns-**



In Memory of Someone Else

We were saddened to learn this week of the passing of one of our members, Someone Else. Someone Else's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill.

Someone Else has been with our chapter for many years and did far more than a normal person's share of work. Whenever

there was a job to do or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list: Someone Else.

It was common knowledge that Someone Else was among the largest givers in our chapter. Whenever there was a need, everyone just assumed that Someone Else would do it. Someone else was a wonderful

person, sometimes appearing superhuman, but a person can do only so much.

Now Someone Else is gone. Who is going to do the things that Someone Else did?

When you are asked to help, please remember, we cannot depend on Someone Else any longer.

Letter of Appreciation

Yankee Chapter has become an awesome and wonderful part of Sage and my training and life. The club continues to offer events, training, and insight and leadership for all of us "stupid dog trainers with smart dogs." I can't express my appreciation enough to you, Blaine and the club for all I have learned and the investment of time and energy you have made in just Sage and I, not to mention all the others. I do want to offer anything I can to do to help out the club. It must be overwhelming to manage and coordinate all of the events, so whatever I can do...not that it's much (can't shoot, can't train!)...I'd be more than willing to help. So as the spring test approaches, keep me in mind for whatever you need.

Thank you for your dedication, Jeremy Hatch

TERRY WILSON



I have been a very active NAVHDA member for 16 years, training and testing dogs with numerous NA and UT prizes. I have had two Versatile Champions (working on the third). I am a NAVHDA judge, an Invitational volunteer, and a gunner and bird planter for the Yankee Chapter.

Over the years I have helped a number of chapters with fundraising. I co-founded the NAVHDA Youth Endowment Fund and my company, Ugly Dog Hunting, has been a corporate sponsor for over a decade.

My involvement in so many aspects of NAVHDA, my work credentials, and experience with other volunteer organizations would make me an effective part of the NAVHDA leadership team. I am running independently and am not aligned with anyone else running for a NAVHDA office.

The "platform" I am running on has several components. Call or email me -- I welcome questions and conversations about these ideas.

Apprentice Judges

- NAVHDA's membership has topped 10,000, bringing increased testing pressure which in turn calls for more judges. Also, as our judging cadre gets older, we need new judges. We should establish a scholarship program at the International level offering financial help to apprentices. This may bring more people to the program who might not be able to afford the travel expenses of apprenticing.

Corporate Sponsors

- We have four corporate sponsors. There is no reason why we cannot add three or four more. An organization with 10,000 members offers significant impact to potential sponsors in terms of exposure and reach. As VP, I would help in any way I can to bring in more corporate sponsors.

Conservation Partners

- Many of our members hunt ducks and support Ducks Unlimited. I would work hard to partner with DU. As with our current conservation partners, sharing support and chapter connections would be a win-win situation for both NAVHDA and DU.

Anti-Hunting, Anti-Hunting Dog Legislation

- A number of states have proposed bills that would inhibit or outright ban hunting with dogs. These bills usually address the "low-hanging fruit" such as bear or coyote dogs, acknowledging that rabbit and bird dogs would be next. Losing the right to hunt with our dogs would dramatically impact NAVHDA.
- We must reach out to other dog clubs, organizations, and conservation partners to share awareness of pending legislation and collaborate in the fight for our right to breed, own, train, and hunt with our dogs.

The NAVHDA Executive Council

- NAVHDA is a member-volunteer driven organization. If I've learned one thing on the RGS/AWS Board, it is that the volunteers are the backbone of an organization like ours. With our membership growth and the addition of a dynamic Managing Director, the EC can and should evolve its leadership style into one of governance with greater trust in the perspectives and skills of both our Managing Director and chapter leaders.

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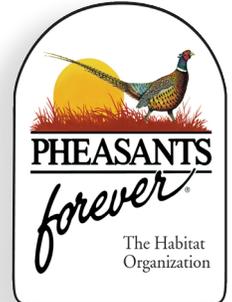
- Life member of NAVHDA
- Founder and owner of the Ugly Dog Hunting Company (20+ years)
- Former chair, current member of the Board of Directors of the Ruffed Grouse Society / America Woodcock Society
- Chair of the Green Mountain Chapter of RGS / AWS
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