

barking dog express

march/april **2019**



from our prez

Always like to give you a heads up "what's going on" when I start my monthly report. Can you believe it? It looks like January outside. It's just a snowing and blowing!!! It's a winter wonderland out there. You all know I love Winter, but enough is enough! It's time for dog training, growing flowers and babies.

Biggest news for the Yankee Chapter this month is our new website. It is amazing! Rob Mathieu, Melissa Knutson and Nancy Anisfield have been hard at work the past few months with this labor intensive project. Be sure to spend some time on its pages and thank those for their countless hours and dedication to the Yankee Chapter. There is now a ton of easily accessible info at your fingertips. Enjoy.

The State of Maine Sportsmans Show was a huge success. We, as usual, draw record crowds for an audience but this year we had a record number of chapter dogs participating. That's a lot of crackers! Thanks to all. Check out the Yankee Chapter Facebook page for some show highlights and enjoyment.

The Yankee Chapter's Training Committee, chaired by Tyler Bruce, has been hard at work prepping for our first outdoor clinic of the training season, April 20th. Looking forward to some sunshine, Yankee friends and dogs. See you there.

The Test Prep Workshop is filling up. Please email me to reserve a slot at this educational event. The chapter each year gives back to its members with an educational event at no charge. Put May 19th on your calendar today. Don't miss it!

Congratulations to the Kenny King Bob Bisson Fund scholarship recipients for 2019. Fortunate campers are Wyatt Knutson, Jacob Haskell, Connor Haley, Tannar Gagnon and Bryce Watson. The chapter looks forward to your support at our upcoming clinics. Thanks to Yankee members for their continued generosity for our youth.

Huge chapter turnout this past weekend at Varneys Clay Sports. Brad and Alyss did a great job setting up shooting events for nearly 40 participants. Thanks Matt for organizing a great event. Thanks to so many for coming.

As most of you know, we have a huge test entry this Spring. Because of the importance of testing our Natural Ability dogs, we have added an extra day of testing on June 2nd. Please contact Rich Gay if you are available to help at any, or all, Spring tests.

Terry Wilson and Ugly Dog Hunting, has once again, generously donated a Mossberg Pro 935 12 gauge semi auto camo shotgun for our 2019 raffle. Tickets are \$10.00 and will be available at all our events till gone. Please contact me if you wish to sell tickets. Gun will be raffled off Saturday of our Spring Test.

Lastly, don't forget the Ruffed Grouse Society banquet being held in Augusta, April 21st, after our training clinic in Dresden. It'll be a long but fun day with friends. Don't miss it!

Well, that's about it from my desk at this moment. My two fingered keyboard work is pathetic. Whatever I have forgotten I will catch up on our website, Facebook or a Judie email. Enjoy Spring and this month's Barking Dog Express. See you all real soon.

- Patti

calendar

Training Clinic

April 20

Dresden, Maine

Vermont Training Clinic

May 4

Training Clinic

May 18

Dresden, Maine

Test Prep Workshop

May 19

Merrymeeting Kennels

visit us on facebook and at yankeenavhda.org

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chapter news

welcome new members!

Marion Eaton Goodsell-
Newburyport, MA
Jacob Haskell-Bowdoin, ME
Heather, John & Noah Place-
Fairfield, VT
Branden Roberts-Starkboro, VT
Mark Thomsen-Freeport, ME
Hank Volin-Falmouth, ME
Kathleen Weller-Brunswick, ME
Raymond Williams-Gorham, ME
Dan & Karen Woodman-
Wiscasset, ME

kenny king/bob bisson fund thank you donors!

Thomas & Casey Barks
Pat Bowles
Mark Cote
Marion Eaton Goodsell
Heather, John & Noah Place
Mark Thomsen
Brad & Alyss Varney
Hank Volin
Dan & Karen Woodman

yankee calendar



APRIL	20	Training Clinic - Dresden, ME
MAY	4	Vermont Training Clinic-Hosted by Ugly Dog Hunting
	18	Training Clinic - Dresden, ME
	19	Test Prep Workshop - Merrymeeting Kennels
JUNE	2	Pre-Test Training Clinic
	7-9	Spring Test - Dresden
JULY	13	Water Clinic - Sugarfoot Kennels, Burnham
	19-21	NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Program
AUGUST	24	Pre-Test Training Clinch - Bowdoinham, ME
SEPTEMBER	6-8	Fall Test - Bowdoinham, ME

treasurer's report

After the tenures of Cindy Tracy's and Ron Budesheim's I have been busy, and with great help and support, learning the roles and responsibilities of becoming Treasurer. Some major milestone thus far: our membership has grown as 25 New Yankee Chapter Members have joined our ranks, along with 114 renewals, and 3 Individual Youth Members bringing our membership total at 142 - and I keep receiving new applications almost daily. Our taxes are paid and we are in good standings thanks to the hard work Sandy Runyon, Cindy Tracy, Ron Budesheim, and Patti Carter. We have also been busy on-boarding QuickBooks accounting software to help keep our records in order. I can't thank Sandy Runyon enough for his time, wisdom, and sense of humor guiding me through this process - Thank you Sir. A product of QuickBooks is called a Profit and Loss Report showing our income and expenses for the year to date.

--Michael

	Testing - Spring	Testing - Fall	Training Clinics	Yankee General	Youth - KK/BB	Youth - NAHP	TOTAL
Income							
Kenny King/Bob Bisson Contrib's	0	0	0	0	1092	0	1092
NAHP Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	0	0	0	2.24	1.45	0	3.69
Merchandise Sales	0	0	0	105	0	0	105
Membership Dues	0	0	0	2734	0	0	2734
Program Income	0	0	0	2734	0	0	2734
Clinic Fees	0	0	360	0	0	0	360
Test Fees	3045	2395	0	0	0	0	5440
Total Income	3045	2395	360	2841.24	1093.45	15	9749.69
Expense							
Facilities and Equipment							
Equip Rental and Maintenance	92.5	0	92.5	-120	0	0	65
Use Permits and Fees	0	0	0	238	0	0	238
Supplies	0	0	0	852.01	0	0	852.01
Sales Tax	0	0	0	234.3	0	0	234.3
Interest and Penalties	0	0	0	402.82	0	0	402.82
Taxes and Licenses	0	0	0	787.33	0	0	787.33
Bird Purchases	722.56	485.98	1498.08	28	0	76.38	2811
Food Purchases	0	0	0	183.34	0	0	183.34
Youth Programs - KK/BB	0	0	0	0	2000	0	2000
Conference, Convention, Meeting	0	0	0	489.23	0	0	489.23
Net Income	2229.94	1909.02	-1230.58	-253.79	-906.55	-61.38	1686.66

chapter news

navhda apprentice hunter camp

We are now taking applications for our NAVHDA Apprentice Hunter Camp. Believe it or not we still struggle to find good candidates for our free program. We are looking for campers between the ages of 12-14 that have a love for dogs and the outdoors. We would prefer non hunters or those with limited hunting experiences though we encourage you to send in any youth interested. Our hope is to create new hunters and dog enthusiasts. If you know of anyone fitting this description please have them contact Patti Carter at mmkennels@myfairpoint.net.

Also, NAVHDA has two other programs to support our youth. First is the Kristin Rieser Fund that pays a 100% of the cost for youth members to go to a handlers clinic. If there is any youth members 18 and under who would like to go to a handlers clinic let us know, Second is the Youth Test Incentive program where NAVHDA will refund 75% of the cost of any youth 18 and under who would like to test a dog.



kenny king/bob bisson scholarship fund

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2019 Shotgun Raffle

Mossberg Pro 935, 12 gauge

Ugly Dog Hunting has generously donated a Mossberg Pro 935, 12 gauge, semi-automatic with a 28" barrel and camo stock. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available at all NAVHDA events. Only 200 tickets will be sold with the winner announced June 8, 2019.



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chapter news continued

camp sunshine

The Yankee Chapter recently joined the children and their families at camp Sunshine on Sebago Lake for an afternoon of dogsled rides. Thank you to all volunteers, two and four legged, who all worked hard to share their knowledge of dogsledding, giving the new mushers confidence and skills along with lots of fun! They made us all very proud!



wood duck box project

Each year, the Yankee Chapter volunteers their time to help the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife perform general maintenance and record the information for the state's biologist on wood duck boxes. The information provided helps set hunting limits for the upcoming year. We encourage volunteers of all ages to attend and help in this wonderful and vital cause. Thank you to all who volunteered their time, we'll see you next year!



chapter new continued



fun shoot at varney's clay sports

Lots of fun was had with Brad Varney at Varney's Clay Sports in Richmond!



maine sportsmans show

What an amazing turnout and time at the Maine Sportsmans Show! Dogs and handlers were informative and entertaining for the crowds with kids and adults enjoying themselves. Thank you to everyone who attended and we'll see you next year!

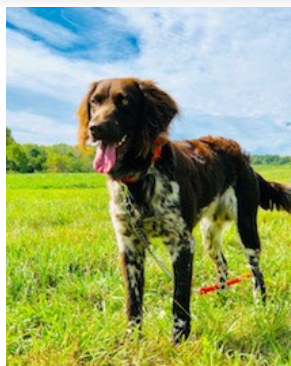


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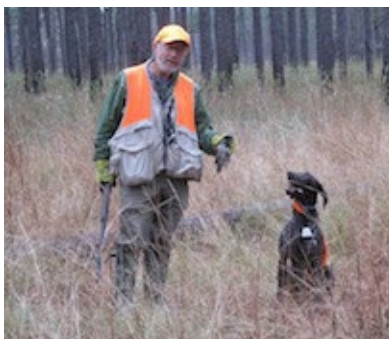
member news



Christine Schmidt shares some photos from the fall Natural Ability Test. Thanks!



Matt Norton's pup, Hudson, has his first duck retrieve. 10 degrees on the water didn't phase them!



Joe Kazar and Bella hunt at a plantation in North Carolina



Don and Judie Bayles' new pup, AK, at a training clinic in Florida.



Jeremy Johnson shows off his salmon catch. Nice job!



Betty Blackman's grandson, Gabriel, swimming the backstroke. Despite having cystic fibrosis he has impressed friends, family and physicians with his exceptional love for and skill in swimming. Way to go!



Jaxx and Sadie Budesheim excited about the first training clinic.



Q:How does the Easter Bunny stay healthy?

A: Eggs-ercise, specifically hare-obics.

Q:Why did the Easter egg hide?

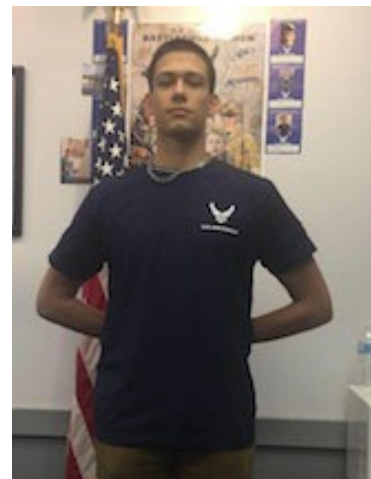
A: Because he was a little chicken.



Madi Gordon participated in and won 3rd place in the turkey calling contest at the Maine Sportsmans Show! Way to go Madi!



Bob and Debbie Brey sadly had to say goodbye to Emma recently. Our thoughts are will you both. Hugs from your Yankee Chapter friends.



Former Yankee Chapter Youth, Colby Braun, is now enlisted in the United States Air Force. Congrats Colby. Colby's proud grandparents are David and Gerry Braun.



Yankee Chapter welcomes our newest member, Jacob Haskell who recently got his first hunting dog from Russell Estes named Remington. Looking forward to seeing lots of them in the upcoming training season.

Hello Patti,

I wanted to shoot you a quick e-mail to thank you, Blaine and rest of the team (dogs too!) for an amazing day of dog sledding. The families had a blast! This activity made the week even more special for everyone.

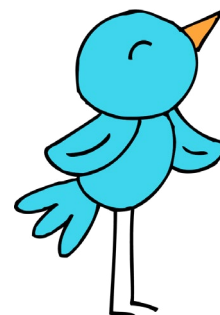
Thanks again and I look forward to hopefully working with you again next year.

Best,

Michael Katz
Executive Director
Camp Sunshine



Elise Wright and Sara Bodine's pup, Izzy, earned the title of Master Hunter. Congratulations!



april training clinic

green point wildlife management area - dresden, me -- april 20 - 9:00 a.m.

The first outdoor **YANKEE TRAINING CLINIC** of the 2019 season is just around the corner Whether you're testing a dog this year, introducing a puppy to the wonderful world of bird hunting, or just giving your hunting buddy a tune-up, come join us. We'll cover all kinds of field work for all levels -- steadiness, tracking, retrieving, heeling and lots of obedience drills. (No water work yet.)

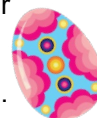
The clinic will start at 9 a.m. At noon, we'll fire up the grill for **LUNCH**. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

What to **BRING**: What the weather will be doing is anyone's guess, so be prepared for everything from mud to bugs. Boots and layers are recommended. Don't forget to bring water, leash, and a stake or crate for your dog. You might also want to bring a canopy in case it's rainy or hot sun.

When you get to the field, come to the tent to sign in and pay for your chukars and lunch (\$5). We'll also be holding a **RAFFLE** during our lunch break. Any and all donations are welcome. Funds raised at our clinic and test day raffles are used to offset costs such as shotgun shells and the port-a-potty. Thank you for your continued generosity and dedication to the Not Your Normal chapter.

DIRECTIONS: Take I-295 to Exit 43. Go east on Route 197 through Richmond. Turn right onto Route 128. Go 1 mile. Grounds are on the right side. Watch for signs. More information about our training sites is available on our website: www.yankeenavhda.org.

REMINDER: The Yankee clinics are designed to give everyone and their dogs a variety of training opportunities. When it is not your turn in the field (or at the water), it's easy to find something else for you and your dog to do: practice heeling and stay on the placeboards, find a partner and do retrieving drills, ask to walk along with other dogs in the field to pick up tips and strategies, offer to be a 'gallery' for dogs practicing tracks and retrieve by drag. And don't forget to chip in and help our terrific set-up and lunch crew!



PLEASE KEEP YOUR DOG ON A LEAD OR STAKED UNLESS YOU ARE WORKING YOUR DOG IN THE FIELD, DESIGNATED EXERCISE AREA, OR AT DRILLS. THANK YOU!

READ YOUR LABELS!

Peanut Butter Alert for your Pets

A new type of peanut butter (and other nut butters) is being sold with less sugar, but now includes xylitol as a sweetener. That is what is used in sugarless gum and it can be deadly to dogs. Many people use peanut butter as a dog treat, or to fill a Kong, or disguise medications. If they now use the type with xylitol, it could be very dangerous.



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from our director of training

Training your pups for testing and hunting

Eye Contact

In this lesson we are going to work on the young dog's ability to focus, look up you, give you eye contact. You should have already seen this developing in your previous lessons, but now we are going to actually train eye contact. Place pup on center of training table, facing you. Put a treat in your hand, hold by your nose and command "watch". The moment he looks at you, click or say "yes" and treat. Repeat, repeat.... Every command given from now on will be preceded by posturing, hands in front and "watch". Getting your dog's attention is a must for performance training.

Focus heeling your new pup

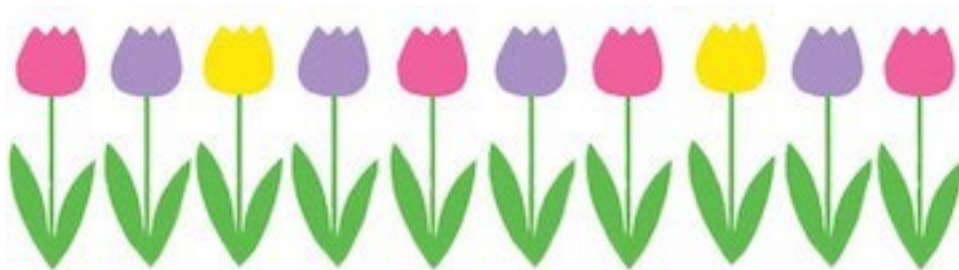
This exercise starts by putting food in your left hand, holding it close to your thigh and walking, encouraging your pup to join in the fun. I talk to the pup keeping things upbeat, praising and treating for attention and focus. Remember, no heel command yet. Try doing this with no leash if you are in a safe place as it prevents the dog's opposition reflex, which is to pull. Reward your pup whenever he approaches the correct heeling position. Reward your pup when he gives you eye contact too. If your pup is jumping, barking etc, ignore all negative behavior and continue to walk forward. You are teaching him how to get the treat, which is the correct heeling position, with eye contact. As the pup's understanding improves, introduce the heel command. Patience and practice are a must.

Stop to Whoa

When the dog is focused and following the food well you can now start the stop to whoa. Use plenty of body language, exaggerating movements. Your dog should react fairly quickly to your body language. What the dog sees and reacts to is a sudden change in your forward movement. Praise. Reward with treats and voice to encourage correct response. If the dog starts to sit just move forward and repeat. This will help keep the dog's focus. Remember, we are only teaching the dog how to learn during these early drills. A happy dog will speed learning. Watch that tail.

Hold

Pups and young dogs like to use their mouths and it is our job to encourage proper gripping of any object. I will start by teaching the dog to let me open its mouth. I like to use a gloved hand at this point, softly saying "hold". Most likely you will be met with resistance, be patient, calm, confident and don't give up. I prefer doing this with a young dog for many reasons as they will give to the training pressure and comply more quickly. If the pups bite down a little hard, startle that behavior with a quick "ouch" to stop which should stop that mouth action. Mom has already taught bite inhibition during the weaning process by doing just that. As soon as pups stops his mouth action, end the exercise with your release command and praise. Keep these early sessions short and sweet. You will see the pup doing less mouth action as you progress. You will see this lessons benefit later on with the retrieve.





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

Maine Public Access to Private Land (Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife)

We would like to take an opportunity and introduce the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife's [Landowner Relations](#) and Keep Maine Clean Programs, which is led by Corporate Rick LaFlamme and Dave Chabot.

The focus of the Landowner Relations Program is to assist private landowners with nuisance wildlife, illegal dumping and littering, misuse of their private property, property damage, and to educate user groups about landowner expectations. We work to prioritize the landowner's concerns and address their issues quickly with the assistance of MDIFW staff and other State agencies and volunteers.

The Keep Maine Clean program exist to help with the cleanup and disposal of litter that was illegally dumped. We provide this service by partnering with the Maine Forest Service and other agencies, municipalities, corporate sponsors like Kittery Trading Post, Waste Management, BDS Tire Disposal Company, and hundreds of volunteers through organized clubs. We have collectively cleaned up over a million pounds of illegally dumped trash from private and public property within the last five years.

These programs exist with the goal to secure Maine's outdoor recreation and use of private lands for future generations. We can preserve this longstanding tradition with continued enforcement, education and awareness.

Whether you're a landowner looking for information on your rights and liabilities, an outdoor user new to Maine and its unique landowner laws, or a Mainer who cares about preserving access to the wild outdoors, we're here to help.

Please contact us any time!

Sincerely,

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Dog Training Firearms Use

For those intending to shoot over their dogs or those who would like to purchase left over birds at our clinic, please purchase a \$12.00 two year dog training and firearms permit from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Propagation permits are no longer required. You can simply call in and purchase the permit over the phone or mail in the application which you can find [here](#):

Application

Once completed, mail the form and payment to :

41 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0041





Q: Why did the Easter Bunny cross the road?

A: Because the chicken had his eggs!

Q: Where does the Easter Bunny eat breakfast?

A: IHOP!.



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SEND US YOUR STORIES & PHOTOS!

Please send us your photos and stories -- we love to hear from you and are always looking for material. Send up to three photos and stories 250-400 words. Besides your hunting and training stories, please share recipes, tips, dog humor and anything else you think the Not Your Normal Chapter folks might enjoy. Send them to caseycase124@gmail.com by the 20th of the month. Thank you all!



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As most of you have heard, I recently said goodbye to Merrymeeting's Holy Asinec Tera, 17 and her daughter, Merrymeeting's Ravenswood, 13. I am blessed with so so many memories that bring a smile. Those two were never far from my side. So many Yankee friends and family got to share hunting seasons with us and shoot many a bird over their points. Please enjoy these wonderful moments. Indulge me, I couldn't pick just one.

- Patti

