



# barking dog express

Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA

oct/nov/dec 2020

## from our president...

It's with great anticipation of hunting season 2020 I write this final President's report of a very unique training year. Your "not your normal" Yankee Chapter did an amazing job making events appear normal during the Covid 19 crisis.

The chapter's training committee just plain rocked! They gathered, brainstormed, and made it happen, event after event. Volunteers were the name of the game. Our treasurer, Mike Rinaldi, noted that the sign up at clinics was the fastest, most efficient ever. Our events were healthy for our minds as well as our dogs.

Charles Ellithorpe and Gocki Andrews recently expressed their appreciation to us on Yankee's "can do" approach to this past season. Zoom Meetings and our Bird Trailer started us down the road to a successful training season. So so many of our members stepped up to this challenge and all the extra work it entailed. Hats off to our wonderful Yankee family.

Fall test was a huge success and your hard work and dedication showed. Lots of Utility Prize 1 buckets of water were splashed on Yankee Chapter handlers. I can't tell you how many times this season I was asked, "What can I do to help?"

We welcomed many new members to our chapter this year. This summer, I took some time to call, welcome and answer a few questions. It was awesome getting to know a little more about each one of you. Again, welcome to our Yankee family.

With opening day of hunting season 2020 just a few short days away, please be safe, respect the woods, waters, and all its wildlife. Please share your moments on our FB page by

sending them to Camille or Jason. I am certain to see a familiar face or truck in my travels. Seeing a NAVHDA or Yankee Chapter sticker displayed makes me proud.

Have a great fall,  
Patti



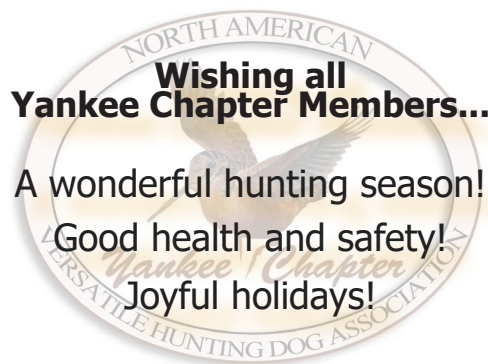
## Welcome New Yankee Chapter Members !

Peter Beauboef  
Justin Boothby  
Rick Davis  
Sam Day  
Stephen Green  
Brent and Kelley Grover  
Kevin Lesure  
Steve Morse  
Reginald Poussard  
TC Schofield  
Alan Vlach  
Dan & Karen Woodman  
Tim Moody  
Scott McLean  
Dustin & Stefanie Colson

## Stay in Touch!

We love to share members' photos with everyone via Facebook and Instagram. Please send your favorite pics to Camille Noldan at [NoldanPhoto@aol.com](mailto:NoldanPhoto@aol.com).

We are always also looking for fun articles and stories for the Yankee newsletter. Send short pieces on your adventures hunting and training, dog insights, or best game recipe to the Barking Dog Express at: [anisfield@gmavt.net](mailto:anisfield@gmavt.net).



**yankeenavhda.org**

Visit the Yankee Chapter website for training info and videos, newsletters, forms, photos, and more. Follow the Yankee Chapter on Facebook and Instagram, too!

## from our director of training...

I am sitting here today watching our fall test, seeing the efforts of the training committee materializing. All our planning with the Covid 19 safety procedures and social distancing allowed us to get outside and train our dogs. The Yankee Chapter's Zoom Meetings led by Jason Carter helped spark the training bug in us all. We got to share ideas and talk about our progress. I watched my Training Committee members do something during the test that made me very proud: they met the handlers as they came out of the field, listening to their stories. Our Bird Trailer vending machine made a huge difference to our members. At the same time we supported Foggy Ridge Gamebird Farm at a very difficult time. Jim and Laurie frequently expressed their gratitude. All this training was done with social distancing compliance.

Members of the chapter offering their support at our events has become contagious. I only can say I am so proud to be a Yankee Chapter member and thank you for all your hard work. It's finally time to go hunting and enjoy your well-trained dog. Let us know about your adventures this fall.

A proud member always,  
Blaine



## NAVHDA Annual Meeting

The pre-annual meeting letter was recently sent to chapter secretaries and presidents. Annual meeting information is available on the NAVHDA website under the News & Events tab. Go to: <https://www.navhda.org/news-events/annual-meeting>. The letter explained that due to COVID 19, the NAVHDA Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom without a hosting chapter. If the Yankee Chapter would like to submit a motion or item for discussion, we need to do that by November 1st. As the letter stated:

- 1) Discussion items for the Annual Meeting Open session are always welcome. The chapter delegate will use the Discussion Issue form on the web and submit it by Jan 1, 2021.
- 2) The Chapter Motion Form is used for conveying to the Executive Council ideas, recommendations and/or changes that your chapter wishes to add or change in NAVHDA policies and procedures. These must be filled out according to the instructions and sent to the Central Office postmarked no later than November 1st, 2020, in order to place the motion on the Annual Meeting agenda. Any Chapter Motion requests received after November 1st, 2020 will not be considered at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

If you have a suggestion for a motion or discussion item, contact Patti Carter at [mmkennels@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mmkennels@myfairpoint.net).

**2021 Annual Meeting – DUE TO COVID NO CHAPTER WILL HOST THE EVENT.**

**MEETING WILL BE THROUGH VIA ZOOM. January 22-24,2021**

## from our treasurer ...

Equity Report as of 9/22/20:  
KK/BB Fund 10,213.08  
NAHP 688.64  
Yankee General 27,055.93  
Net Income 4,157.21  
Total Equity 42,019.86

-- Mike Rinaldi, Treasurer



*Yankee members ... incognito.*



The Yankee Chapter wishes everyone a safe, fun-filled, successful hunting season!

## yankee fall test recap

The Yankee Chapter Fall Test weekend sparkled with spectacular weather, hard-working volunteers, handler-to-handler support, safe distancing, and great scores. NAVHDA allowed us to test the first two days with just two judges because with two other chapters also holding tests that weekend, and away judges facing COVID regulations challenges, judges were hard to find. Our senior and away judge, Tim Clark put in three long days, longer than usual since we secured permission to run an extra dog each day. Local judges Bob England, Blaine Carter, Jason Carter, and Ray Dyer filled the judging team along with apprentice Tyler Bruce who put in those triple miles with Tim.

Even though we couldn't do our bbq lunches and raffles, Yankee members who showed up to support the handlers managed to log in some pleasant hours socializing, spaced apart of course. The highlight Sunday afternoon while we waited for scores was the Carters' "What dog did...?" round of storytelling and a spontaneous new award game for special recognitions.

Thank you to the field marshalls, bird planters, gunners, UTV drivers, and all their helpers. The tides put a little pressure on the schedule, but everyone rallied to set up quickly and keep things moving.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the handlers and their dogs!



### FRIDAY

Nancy Anisfield - Prairie - UT 198, PZ1  
Terry Wilson - River - UT 187, PZ2  
John Petros owner, Patti Carter handler  
-- Angie - UT 194, PZ2  
Betty Blackman - Bentley - UT 170, PZ2  
Sarah DeVan - Comet - UT 201, PZ1  
Charles Ellithorpe - Leica - UT 191, PZ2  
Patti Carter - Etta - NA 107, PZ1

### SATURDAY

Gocki Andrews - Kalla - UT 186, PZ2  
Kathleen Weller - Rooster - UT 198, PZ2  
Ron Budesheim - Jaxx - UT 184, PZ2  
Bill Wheeler - Gus - UT 150, no prize  
Bill Thomas - Jake - UT 204, PZ1  
Steve Buck - Hamilton - UT 198, PZ1  
Justin Dodge - Tillie - UT 204, PZ1

### SUNDAY

Al Smith - Greta - NA 98, PZ3  
Ian Yanofsky - Yoshiko - NA 112, PZ1  
Kevin Buckmore owner, Dani Murphy handler - Asha - NA 110, PZ1  
Kevin Lesure - Bruin - NA 112, PZ1  
Dani Murphy - Ember - UT 180, PZ2  
Peter Bako - Lady - UT 173, PZ3  
Lenny Capello - Zach - UT 184, no prize  
Terry Wilson - River - UT 186, PZ1

## kenny king / bob bisson fund

The Kenny King/Bob Bisson Fund was established in memory of two beloved Yankee Chapter members. Proceeds cover the costs for selected chapter youth members to attend the University of Maine 4H Learning Center, receive a life-time hunting license, or participate in NAVHDA activities in other ways. The generosity of our chapter membership has meant a great deal to these kids and their parents. They are the next generation of hunters and bird dog lovers -- the future of our sport and lifestyle will be in their hands.

### THANK YOU to EVERYONE who contributed to the Kenny King / Bob Bisson Fund in 2020!

Kurt Adams  
Charles Andrews  
Gocki Andrews  
Nancy Anisfield  
Tom Barks III  
Don & Judie Bayles  
Peter Beauboeuf  
Will Beck  
Ryan Beck  
Chris Boelig  
Justin Boothby  
Gary Beaudreau  
Dave & Gerry Braun  
Bob & Deb Brey  
Kevin Buckmore

Craig Buzzell  
Lenny Capello  
Patti & Blaine Carter  
Jason Carter  
Robin Chamberlain  
Laurie Connell  
Mark Cote  
Ray & Jo Craemer  
Althea Croxford  
Jim Daniels  
Sam Day  
Ann & Dick Dille  
Charles Ellithorpe  
Linda Ewen  
Robert & Sarah Franklin

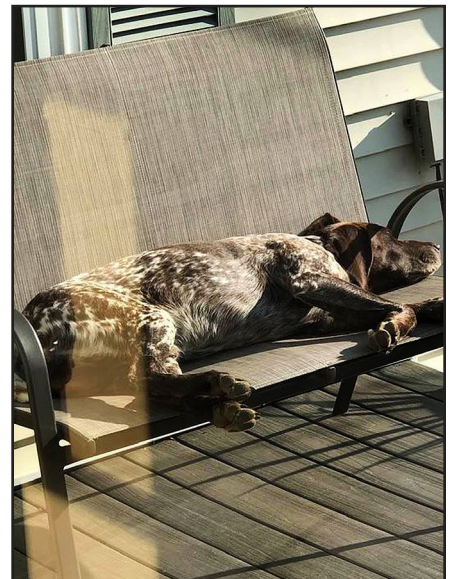
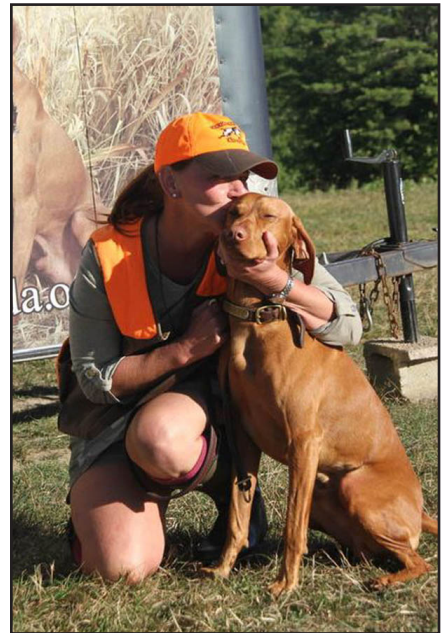
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Tim & Melissa Gagnon  
Jim & Holly Greenleaf  
Greg Hodgkins  
Matt Hodgkins  
Keven Hunt  
Dave & Jacquie Kuritzky  
Walter Longley  
Christine Longley  
Matt Lorello  
Greg & Stephanie McNeal  
Karen Moodie  
Tim Moodie  
Steve Morse  
Suzi Moore

Mark & Ann Morneau  
Sue Morton  
Dani Murphy  
Nick Racioppi  
Nick & Pat Ribaud  
Carl Romano  
Sandy Runyon  
Al Smith  
Darcy St. John  
Phil & Sheri Thayer Jr.  
Alan Vlash  
Ron Volk  
Joe Wadleigh  
Terry Wilson  
Dan & Karen Woodman

"not your normal chapter"



## yankee chapter showcase



Clockwise from top left:  
Sarah and Robert Franklin and Maverick  
-- photo by Stevie Youland, Captured  
Memories  
Blaine Carter, Willa and Gnarly  
-- photo by Patti Carter  
Peter Bako's Lady -  
-- photo by Nancy Anisfield  
Kathleen Weller and Rooster  
-- photo by Nancy Anisfield  
Bleu catching some rays  
-- photo by Lisa Rinaldi

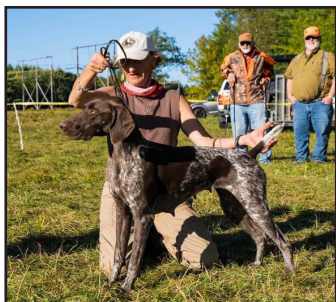


## NADKC fall test recap

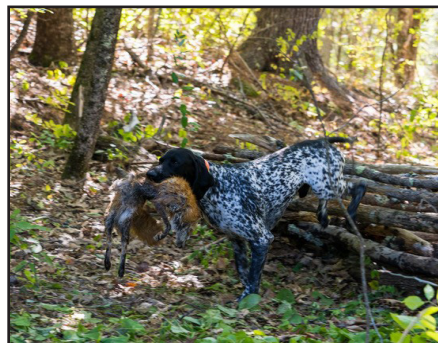


Congratulations to Yankee Chapter members and others who tested their dogs with the Northeast NADKC the weekend after our fall test.

- Ron Budeshiem received prize 1 in the Solms, full score
- John Noldan VGP Prize 1 full score with a 4h in blood tracking making Jäger the highest scored VGP dog in North America
- Suzi Moore VGP Prize 2
- Drew Burdick VGP Prize 3
- Mark Morneau - no prize
- Blaine Carter's Willa and Suzi Moore's Ivo received the top scores for V1 female and V1 male in the Zuchtschau



*photos by Camille Noldan*



## Upland Shooting Tips

### 1 FEEL YOUR CHEEK ON THE STOCK

Nestle your cheek down on the stock and really feel the coolness of the wood, composite or synthetic. This assures that you're looking down the shotgun's barrel.

### 2 KEEP SWINGING

When you slow down or outright stop gun movement, your follow-through fails and you shoot behind. Keep your head down and the barrel moving even after you pull the trigger.

### 3 DON'T PEEK

Lifting your head as you pull the trigger changes your sight plane and assures a miss. Keep your head down. You'll see the bird drop just fine with your head down.

### 4 THINK THE 4 B'S

Getting the right lead is easy when you think Butt-Bird-Beak-Bang, pulling the trigger as you pass the bird's beak and keep the shotgun moving.

### 5 PICK A MICRO TARGET

Don't shoot at an entire bird. That assures a shot behind it... Rather, pick out one element at the front of the bird -- neck ring, eye or beak -- and consider that your target.

### 6 WORK YOUR FEET

When a bird flushes, take a split second to square up and plant your feet as you mount the shotgun. A steady base solidifies and smooths your swing.

### 7 LEAN IN TO THE SHOT

Really lean in to the shotgun and toward the bird. This helps you achieve an aggressive stance and decisive swing. ...

### 8 EXPECT TO DROP THE BIRD

Attitude matters. Big time. Believe you're going to miss, and you will. Move with confidence and without panic, and a puff of feathers is yours.

### 9 MINIMIZE CLOTHING

Avoid thick clothes, excessive layers and heavy coats in your fieldwear choices. The bulk only catches buttstocks and interrupts your smooth mount and swing, causing shooting panic. My shooting percentage jumped big time this year when I switched from a heavy jacket to light layers below a hoody or pullover.

[Written by Pheasants Forever Editor Tom Carpenter, posted on 11/6/2017 as part of his blog "GOT ROOSTER FEVER? PICK AND CHOOSE FROM THESE SHOOTING TIPS, THEN SETTLE IN AND DROP THE BIRD."]

## Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever Hunter Mentor Challenge

Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever has partnered with ALPS OutdoorZ to challenge upland hunters to preserve the nation's outdoor lifestyle by taking a new or lapsed hunter afield in 2020-2021. The **Hunter Mentor Challenge** is aimed at restoring hunter numbers in the United States, a critical centerpiece for wildlife habitat conservation efforts nationwide.

The *Save The Lifestyle Mentor Pledge* encourages veteran outdoors men and women to take less-experienced or new hunters into the field, teach them how to hunt ethically and successfully, emphasize the importance of habitat conservation, and illustrate the value of our hunting culture and heritage through one-on-one mentorship. It is this type of personal interaction that will

help aspiring outdoors men and women to preserve America's hunting lifestyle for generations to come.

Participation in the mentor pledge is easy and instantly rewarding. This program is currently being offered just in time for fall hunting season and will run through June 30, 2021. Additionally, the Hunter Mentor Challenge covers any age of mentee, all species of wild game hunting, and each type of ethical/legal pursuit. To enter, mentor participants can visit the Pheasants Forever or Quail Forever Hunter Mentor Challenge webpage, read the application guidelines, and complete the online entry form. Upon conclusion of the program June 30th, three successful entrants will win one of several prize packages:

**GRAND PRIZE PACKAGE:** One pair of lucky winners will get to experience the Hunt of a Lifetime in the fall season of 2021, sponsored by Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever and ALPS OutdoorZ. The winning team will be announced in July 2021.

Additional prizes include ALPS OutdoorZ gear packages, ALPS OutdoorZ discounts, PF/QF memberships and Weatherby firearm giveaways. <https://www.pheasantsforever.org/mentor-pledge>

## Ruffed Grouse Society / American Woodcock Society Communications

As we strive to increase RGS/AWS' conservation impact, there has been a recurring theme: we need to communicate better among our entire network – members, chapter leaders, staff, and the national leadership team.

I hear you and whole-heartedly agree! As a result, our team just completed a national Communications and Marketing Director search. Despite financial challenges of the pandemic, this is a position we simply could not afford to leave vacant.

The caliber of candidates was incredible and we would have been fortunate to have any one of them join us. Following many great discussions, we are thrilled to announce that Ashley Peters will be leading our communications

programs beginning Monday, September 28. Her first order of business will be improving the connection with you all, the supporters and chapters who are the backbone of this organization.

Ashley comes to us from Audubon's Upper Mississippi Flyway Initiative where she managed communications, policy, and engagement for a regional office that oversaw 30,000 members, 25 chapters, and dozens of partners. Her experience keeping members of a nonprofit well-informed is among the many reasons she rose to the top as a candidate. Not to mention her passion as a hunter and a conservationist.

With Ashley on board, we will have greater capacity to push towards these key goals:

--Better communication among staff, leaders, members, and partners  
--Communication to mass audiences about forest management for wildlife

--Storytelling that invites all conservationists and hunters to the table  
Please join us in welcoming our new communications and marketing director Ashley Peters and, as always, thank you for your dedication to healthy forests, abundant wildlife and our conservation ethic. -- Ben Jones





# yankee YOUTH!

from director of youth development jason carter &  
youth page editor jacob haskell



*Ian receiving his handler's Purina bag as the fall test scores were read.*

## QUIZ

What term is used for an artificial bird used by hunters to attract ducks?  
(Answer on page 8.)



**BLUFF**  
**LURE**  
**DECOY**  
**BAIT**



## gesundheit !

**Why do dogs sneeze when they're playing?**

According to dog behaviorists, it's called "play sneezing" and it's normal and harmless. It just means that your dog is having loads of fun! Dogs sneeze when playing to signal that their behavior is only play, and that they're enjoying themselves. Sneezing when playing is particularly common in small breeds but many dogs do it.

## Looking Back & Looking Forward

Though we were unable to host our Apprentice Hunter Program this year, we were fortunate to have numerous youth in attendance at our clinics and tests. First, I'd like to thank all of our clinic leaders who provided our youth attendees guidance and support. You're smiling faces and positive instruction made our chapter events inviting and welcoming to all youth participants. We had one NA youth handler this year receiving the maximum score with his Brittany pup. Ian Yanofsky impressed all of us with his skill and knowledge during his run. This will be Ian's first hunting season with his pup and he is eagerly anticipating a great hunting season with loads of great memories. I can say from all of us at the Yankee chapter, we wish you a safe and exciting season. We are so proud of all you have accomplished and look forward to hearing about all the adventures you went on when we meet again.

I'd also want to thank Ashley Poussard and Natalie Peaslee for all of your help this season. These are two very knowledgeable young ladies who brought smiles and joy to every clinic. They were the first to grab a dog to train and became very stylish bird planters. If you happened to miss it, they came up with a bird planting dance to seed the fields that were absolutely hilarious. Lastly, I'd like to thank Blaine and Patti Carter for always making our chapter youth laugh and feel part of the chapter.

If you have yet to take out a youth hunter, I highly encourage you all to do so. The time you spend with them is as rewarding for you as it is for the youth. Please share with us any youth-related adventures as we would love to hear them. I hope everyone has a safe and memorable hunting season and we looking forward to seeing you soon.

-- Jason Carter

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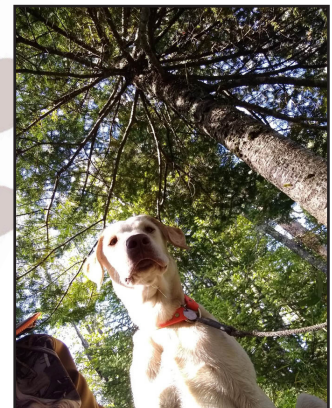
## A Training Story

by Jacob Haskell

One story I have from training my dog is back at puppy class, at Merrymeeting Kennels! I was very confident in Remington's "whoa" when he was very young and wanted to try it out with a bird on the loose, so I set up the bird so it was planted and when my dog got close it would fly off.

Now what I thought was going to happen was Rem would smell the bird, find it, and then when it flew off he'd sit in place. Little did I know he had an idea of his own and his idea was to find the bird, hope he could grab it, and if not he'd chase it all through the woods and not listen to his trainer!

I will always remember that day as a learning experience, and after that day I knew what I needed to do to be successful the next go around!



*Jacob's Lab, Remington*



*Natalie demonstrating the fancy footwork needed to do her chukar planting dance.*

# Share the Magic: Introductions to Hunting

By Jason Carter

Each season I make it a point to get new hunters out with me. I was fortunate to be raised within a hunting family, though many folks go it alone rookies that need our support. If we look back, we all made mistakes out there, though through those mistakes we became better hunters. However, with a good mentor, those rough patches in their hunting history can be minimized. The mentorship you provide may not only lead to you finding your future hunting replacement, but it may also lead to educating new future mentors exponentially pushing that hunter recruitment needle forward. On a self-serving note, there is no better feeling than seeing those light bulbs come on. Sharing in the success of youth or new hunter tends to make the highlight reel for me each season.

For years now the hunter recruitment meter has been dropping. Hunting is becoming more elite, the cost of partaking in hunting is becoming more and more prohibiting, and let's face it, the political atmosphere of today is not doing us any favors. The baby boomers are on their way out and the fact we lost two million hunters just last year should scare the pants off you. It's time to answer the call before our traditions are lost.

## Finding That New Hunter

Get the word out and make that conscious effort to let folks know you are looking to mentor. Between social media and friends and family, it has never been easier. Usually, once the word is out they'll find you pretty quick.

## Get Them Started

New hunters will need guidance on purchasing permits, clothing, footwear, and so on. Be available to help them through the daunting task of preparing for the hunt.

## Train Them Right

Showing them the ethics of hunting and enjoying the process is important. Alleviating the pressure to harvest game make their experiences so much more enjoyable. They may feel self-pressure to take game which distracts from the overall experience. Assure them that the kill isn't what constitutes a successful day hunting. Highlight the dogs, the vista, the love of the outdoors. If game is taken, stop and share the respect you have for that game. Take in that moment and revel in it with them. Educate them that we have taken from a resource that needs our support.

Show them our interests in seeing this resource is here for generations to come and share how we support ourselves.

## Make It About Them

Like our dogs, we all are driven differently when it comes to hunting. Keep in mind the needs and comforts of our mentees. Stop when they are done, prep them with the gear they need, and make them as comfortable as possible. Be sure to keep it fun so they are blowing up your phone to go again before you get home that night.

## Continued Support

Creating a hunter takes more than one outing. Try to be there for them as they need you. Try to be supportive until they are ready to get out there alone.

If you simply can't mentor please consider supporting some of the many organizations out there that do. If you know of a youth who would like to get out contact Jason Carter (207-720-0882). If we are going to make a difference it's going to take all of us.





# Nonlead Ammunition Effectiveness and Cost



from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Despite their health and environmental benefits, nonlead alternatives have not always been embraced by hunters. Early versions came with comparatively high prices and unknown efficiency, stalling widespread adoption.

Now, however, we know that non-lead alternatives are not just safer; they're just as effective as lead (or more so) at a very similar price.

## Effectiveness

While lead bullets can lose up to 40% of their mass into tiny fragments, potentially straying up to 18 inches from the wound channel, copper bullets retain between 95-100% of their mass. This produces a smaller wound cavity, minimal fragmentation, greater weight retention and more kinetic energy to drive the bullet, allowing for a greater impact and quicker, more ethical kill.

## Cost

Copper bullet prices continue to decline every year, even as performance improves. Given that a hunter will typically use two or less bullets per year on large game, and a few bullets to sight in the firearm, the purchase of a box of copper bullets can last multiple seasons. On average, a box of lead bullets runs \$20, where a box of copper bullets runs only a few dollars more. The cost difference goes away completely when using premium ammunition.

## Frequently Asked Questions

*Why should I switch to using non-lead ammunition?*

Non-lead ammunition is ballistically comparable and effective for hunting, producing quick and effective kills, less bullet fragmentation reducing damage to the meat, and mitigating collateral damage to wildlife. Hunters themselves are conservationists, maintaining species populations and protecting habitats. Switching to nonlead ammunition is yet another way you can support wildlife.

*How does lead ammunition affect wildlife?*

When an animal is killed using lead ammunition, the carcass and gut pile are often left behind on the land. This carcass provides an appealing meal for birds that scavenge such as bald eagles and vultures, also known collectively as "avian scavengers". Many mammals like coyotes consume carcasses, however eagles and vultures are severely affected by consuming microscopic lead fragments that are scattered throughout harvested game. Once consumed, a lead fragment in their highly acidic stomachs breaks down, enters into the bloodstream, and causes physiological impairments and eventually death.

*Where can I find non-lead ammunition to purchase?*

Availability and cost of nonlead ammunition varies depending on the retail store. L.L.Bean, Kittery Trading Post and Cabela's are larger participating retailers in Maine, however, most local retailers either carry non-lead ammunition or are willing to order it for you. Additionally, there are many online retailers offering an assortment of options, ranging from material, cost, and caliber. Be sure to check with [huntingwithnonlead.org](http://huntingwithnonlead.org) to find specific ammo.

## #Responsible Recreation

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, Pheasants Forever / Quail Forever, National Wild Turkey Federation, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and other conservation and outdoor organizations are partnering to spearhead #ResponsibleRecreation, a media campaign encouraging Americans to enjoy outdoor recreation while adhering to proper COVID-19 safety protocols.

#ResponsibleRecreation

Purchase licenses and tags online and in advance of going hunting or fishing. Avoid overcrowding of public lands and pack out trash to avoid the appearance of overuse of public access points.

#ResponsibleRecreation

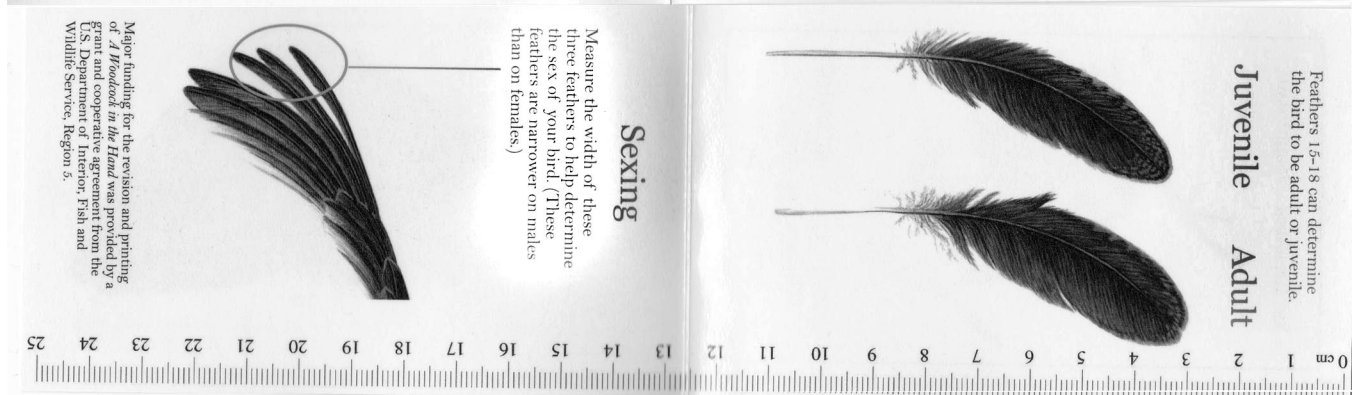
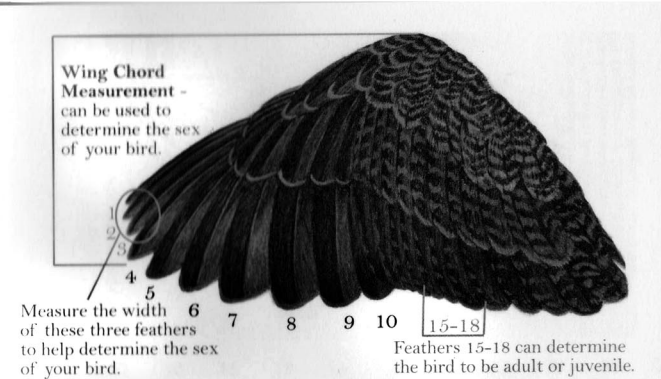
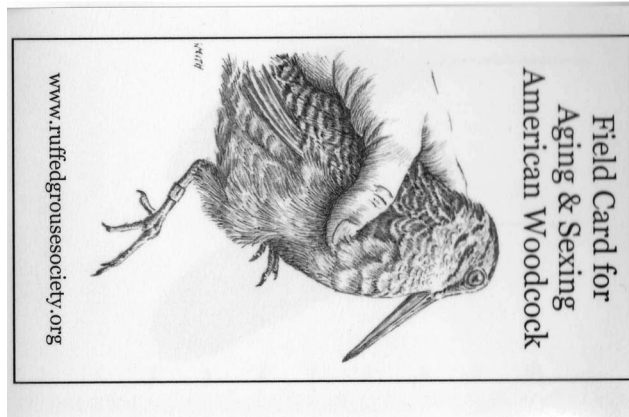
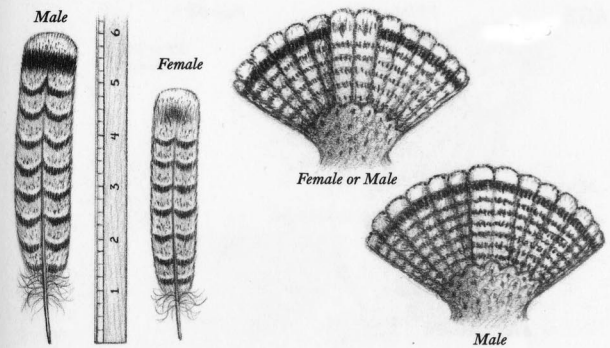
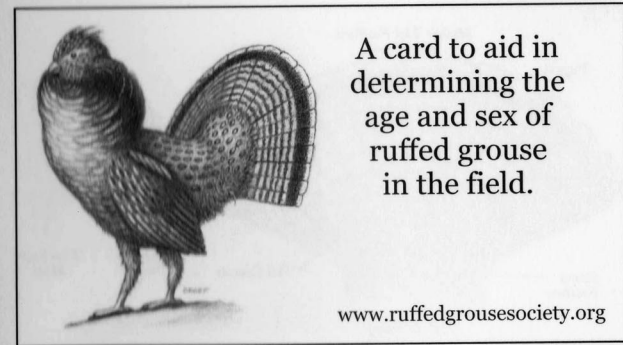
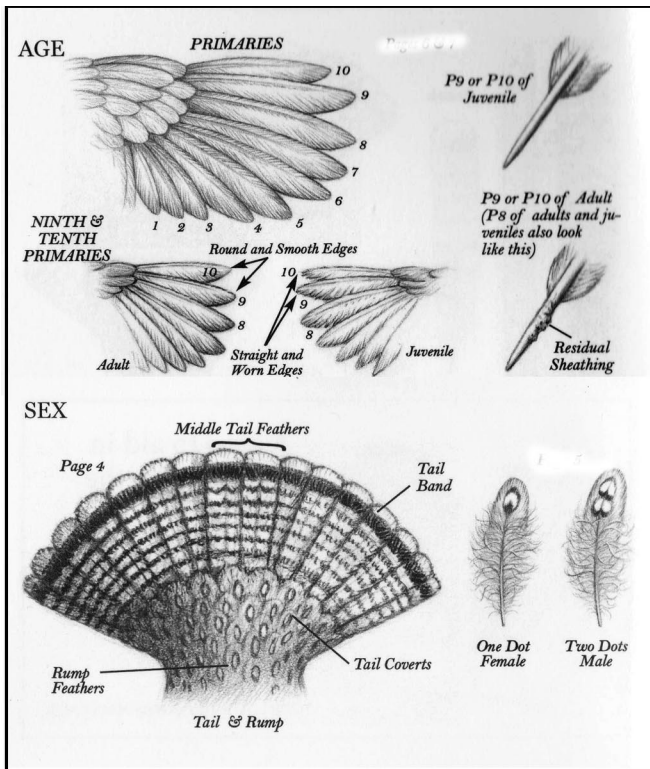
Be aware of all COVID-19 regulations in your state, and adhere to the best practices to avoid COVID-19 (even while in the woods).

#ResponsibleRecreation

Share your outdoor adventures in a light that respects the wildlife resources and social distancing restrictions using the hashtag #ResponsibleRecreation.

<https://www.responsible-recreation.org/>

# Field Study: Grouse & Woodcock



From the Ruffed Grouse Society and American Woodcock Society



## bulletin board

### Seeking woodcock...

If there are any woodcock hunters out there who don't savor the taste of timberdoodle, I'll trade your woodcock for some Vermont cheddar and maple syrup. I'm working on a field to table article on woodcock hunting and cooking that will present a few professional game chefs' woodcock recipes and preparation. But we need to gather some woodcock for them to prepare. If you'd like to trade, please give me a call or email: 802-233-9158 info@anisfieldphotography.com.

-- Nancy Anisfield



### 2021 Invitational Update

Several Yankee Chapter dogs qualified this summer for the 2021 NAVHDA Invitational. They join a few dogs that qualified in 2019 but were unable to run this year when the Invitational was cancelled due to the pandemic. Here's the current plan for accommodating two years' worth of Invitational dogs:

- Dogs receiving a Utility Prize I qualifying score in 2020 will be eligible to participate in the 2021 Invitational in Iowa or the 2022 Invitational hosted by the Zia Chapter in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Dogs already qualified for the 2020 Invitational will only have the option to participate in the 2021 Invitational in Iowa.

For more information, visit the NAVHDA website:

<https://www.navhda.org/invitational/>



The **Eastern Woodcock Migration Research Cooperative** is an international collaborative interested in understanding migratory ecology for the American Woodcock. The project is coordinated by the University of Maine, and involves partners from throughout the United States and Canada.

Woodcock have declined throughout eastern North America and we seek to understand how the conditions they experience during migration may influence these declines. By working with a broad set of partners, we use GPS and satellite technology to track woodcock as they migrate between their northern breeding areas and southern wintering grounds.

<http://www.woodcockmigration.org/>

### barking dog advertising

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

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### barking dog schedule

The Barking Dog Express will be published five times a year:

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Fall Test Recap & Upcoming Hunting Season  
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Be sure to keep an eye on Facebook for member news, on the Yankee website galleries for event photos, and on chapter emails for announcements.



### send us your stories!

We are always looking for fun articles and stories for the Yankee newsletter. Send us short pieces on your adventures hunting and training, dog insights, or best game recipe. Please send your stories or story ideas to the Barking Dog Express at: anisfield@

### send us your photos!

We love to share members' photos with everyone via Facebook and Instagram. Please send your favorite pics to Camille Noldan at Noldan-Photo@aol.com.

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