



MERRIMACK VALLEY NAVHDA NEWS



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August 2015

Bring your own bird bag to the clinics

Hi all,

At our last training clinic, out of necessity, we gave everyone their birds at the start of the day. The handlers kept their birds and handed them over to the planters when it was their turn to train. At the end of the clinic the trainers and volunteer helpers were in agreement that having the handlers responsible for their own birds worked out well.

So starting with our August clinic, we will be handing out the birds at the beginning of the day. Once you have signed in and paid you will be able to go to the trailer and get your birds. Please do not take birds out of the trailer. Someone will be assigned to hand out the birds. Everyone who ordered birds will need to have a bird bag or container to hold their birds for the day. **The chapter does have a few bird bags, but not enough for everyone, so I recommend having your own bag.**



Chris Doherty (and Frit)
Director of Training

It is **NOT** mandatory that members take possession of their birds, however we will not be responsible for them. If you choose not to take your birds you will need to communicate to the trainer that your birds are being held in the trailer.

Chris Doherty

Director of training

(Recycled) ANNOUNCEMENT:

REGARDING “MEALS” IN 2015

The Board is looking for someone to help coordinate meals. In 2015, Jim Titus will continue to coordinate the *Spring and Fall Test meals ONLY*. However, in the absence of someone else who can help with meals, the chapter decided to go “BYOL” — “bring your own lunch” — for training clinics, water day, etc. If someone steps up to fill the gap, the Board will review this decision.

For the foreseeable future, ***the only meals that will be “provided” will be at the Spring and Fall tests.*** Chapter Members are urged to plan accordingly and “BYOL”.

Remember to bring plenty of water for your dog.!



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One-day Youth Upland Hunt



Sponsored by the
Merrimack Valley Chapter of NAVHDA

(North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association)

September 19th, 2015

This event will begin with a demo on “How to train an upland dog for hunting” along with a demonstration of “correct dog handling” and the “proper positioning of hunters in the field”.

Following the demonstrations with upland hunting dogs, New Hampshire Fish and Game personnel will give a short presentation about hunting game birds.

With adult supervision, each youth participant will hunt over a trained dog in the upland field.

The goals of the day will be (1) to introduce the youth to hunting over a trained “bird dog” and (2) to introduce them to the instruction and assistance that they can get from NAVHDA.

The event is limited to ten (10) youth--age 13 years and older.

There is no charge. Lunch is provided Start time 8:00 am Goes until ‘done’

Location is to be determined.

Written, parental permission is required.

Entries must be received by August 1, 2015 and will be handled on a “*first come, first served*” basis.

Contact person/ Applicant name: _____ Date of birth: _____

Send application to:

David A Trahan Applicant address: _____

101 Coffeetown Rd

Deerfield NH 0303 Applicant phone number: _____ Emergency phone number: _____

603-494-3802

davidt@onpointkennel.com

Parental Authorization: *I understand that my son/daughter will be interacting with dogs in an outdoors hunting environment. I also understand that he/she will be handling firearms under adult supervision. Below is my written permission for my son/daughter to participate in this event.*

Parent's name (Printed)

Parent's signature

Date of signature

Parent's phone number

TO THE POINT: The Predator in us

Last year, my dog had surgery and everything was put on hold until the end of October. This year, it's my turn. Things are on hold again. I've noticed that the "predator" that used to be in me when I was younger has disappeared in my later years. I'm wondering if a renewed "pump" will allow the predator to reappear.

When I was acting like a predator, I had an aggressive edge, missed less, and worked better with the dog. (Miss those days!) How are *you* set for the fall? Do you have the predator's attitude or are you strolling the countryside and just taking in the view? Finding it harder to "mentally" catch up with the target? I know I am!

Things will be "dormant" for a while at the newsletter while I work on getting "repaired". Please all, take as many pictures as you can, write what stories and items that inspire you and send them in anyhow. When I get back to the desk, getting a newsletter out will be one of my priorities. Since I won't be able to get out and hike around for a while, I'll be depending very much on the membership.

Best regards to all,

Den

Editor

Members may contact Den at
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FIELD NOTES:

TRAINING DAY— June 13

There was clear blue above when everyone arrived for the June training day. A fickle breeze danced over the field, while the sun took full advantage of the cloudless sky.

The day's activities began with a little excitement at the bird trailer as a few singles made good each escape.

Impious exclamations were heard by all.

Most of the dogs went to the dam site to work on their water skills and a few remained at the pavilion. There was fun and learning all around. When it comes to "playing with dogs", every day is a good day.

TRAINING DAY July 25

The annual MV Chapter's "gathering" at the water's edge. Bring your own lunch, sunscreen, insect repellent, and get ready to have a good time!

August 15th PRE-TEST CLINIC

This will be a clinic especially for dogs and handlers who are running in the fall test, scheduled for August 29th -30th. There may be opportunity for other dogs to run, but typically, this is a day for the "fall-testers". It's usually a great time for both handlers, dogs and helpers. This will be a "bring your own lunch" clinic.

FALL TEST: August 29th-30th

This will be MVNAVHDA's fall test. As usual, we will need volunteer help, and as always, participation is greatly appreciated. Good news! If things go according to plan, a lunch will be provided at a nominal fee. Look forward to interesting scenarios and lots of "dog" fun!

MOCK INVITATIONAL

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NEW ENGLAND SEACOAST

NAVHDA CHAPTER

Date: Sunday August 16, 2015

Time: 7 am 'til we're done

Place: 200 Thompson Rd, Kennebunk, ME (sign will show turn off to Truman's Field Rd which leads to field)

Invitees: Dogs and handlers running in the 2015 NAVHDA Invitational

Format: We will offer all portions of the Invitational Test: Field, Double-Mark, Blind, Steady by the Blind. There will be a maximum of 20 dogs accepted (first come – first served), that is up to 10 braces will be run. There will be 5 chukar per dog. Per handler's option only 4 will be planted and 1 can be "carry-with".

Cost: \$125. This includes ground fees, 5 chukar, 2 ducks and a light lunch.

Contact: Anders L. Nilsson @ anders.n@verizon.net, 617-539-1912

Volunteers: Anybody who would like to help, learn or otherwise participate in this event please contact Anders as well.

Buying a pup from Canada?

Are you thinking of bringing a pup from Canada to the US? It is important for you to know that the CDC rules on importation of dogs is being enforced. Any dog being imported to the US must have its rabies vaccination 30 days prior to being allowed into the US. As a pup can't be vaccinated until it is 12 weeks old, this means your breeder will have to keep the pup until it is 4 months old. I know of one puppy buyer who was denied entry to the US with his new pup. He had to return to the breeder. I have heard that you can get an exception from the CDC. Here is a link to the CDC website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/animalimportation/lawsregulations/frequently-asked-questions.html>

So, do your homework to avoid problems at the border!

Rob Marcotte

Questions about importing unvaccinated dogs may be directed to CDC at CDCAAnimalImports@cdc.gov

Speaking of puppies, you may like a recent series of videos produced by our sponsor, Bird Dogs Afield. The series features Jason Carter of Merrymeeting Kennels in Maine. An overview of what training it takes to develop a versatile hunting dog is the purpose and it's nicely done. Several of our friends from Yankee Chapter and their dogs are in the series. I don't know about you, but I like to watch videos such as this to get new ideas and correct some of my bad ones! Here is the link to the first of the series of five videos. Enjoy. **Den**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OMk2XRjzXoc&feature=em-uploademail>





Bird on the run. Sounds like a song title doesn't it?

Editor's note: I was only able to get out a "little bit" so the photos are only of the June clinic. Hope you enjoy them! Den



"Time out"



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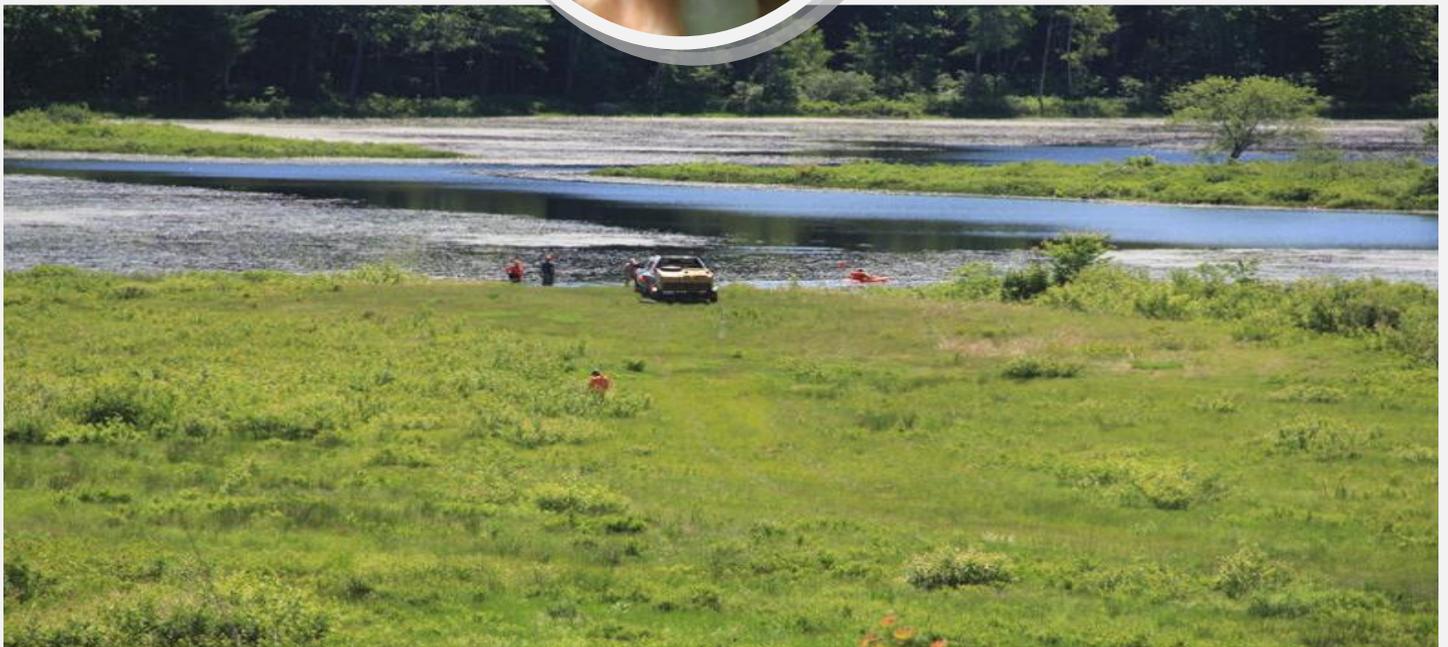
Bird planters: our unsung heroes.....



Wirehaired Vizsla



Wirehaired Griffons





Editor's Note:

Thanks to Bob Marcotte for his collage.

It reminded me of the repairs and patches that I need to make before fall. In a way, I'm sorry to see others have dents and "dings" on their guns too. (I fall a lot.)

Then again, aren't those rips, scuffs, dings and "such" really trophies" and memories in their own right? Nice Bob. Den

Collage by Rob Marcotte:
"Bird hunting is hard on equipment"



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