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Holiday Edition

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Mystery Dog Finishes With a Pair of Aces!!!

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(...after opening the day drawing a dozen and a half Hens...)

West-Central MN was a good place to find numbers of birds the weekend before Thanksgiving! The Mystery Dog shown above worked very hard early, but was rewarded only in the very last moments of the day, working these two Roosters with but 12 minutes of daylight remaining.

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Upcoming Events:

January 1

Chapter

Membership Dues

Deadline!!!

Jan 15-16

Barb Jensen

Obedience

Classes

Start

Jan 18-20

Pheasants

Forever

Pheasant Fest

Chapter Alerts!!!

Pheasant Fest

Coming in

January!!!

Volunteers

Needed To Help

In

NAVHDA Booth

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Fable Fest

Is

Coming!!!!



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Message from the Desk of The Director of Training

Barb Jensen Pointing Dog Obedience Class

The holiday season is upon us and it is also time to start thinking about signing up for the **"Barb Jensen Pointing Dog Obedience Class"!!!**

Last year at about this time, I came home from work to find our Christmas tree leaning precariously to one side, held upright only by a string tied from the tree top to a hook stuck into the ceiling above it. The lights and decorations had mysteriously migrated to one side, and the tree-topping angel looked like she had been hitting the eggnog. Apparently, the family cat had been chased up into the tree by "Faith", my nine-month-old Wirehair pup, and both had come crashing to the ground with the tree in tow.

Needless to say, even though the Christmas season is pretty much all consuming, a check was written that day for the **"Barb Jensen Pointing Dog Obedience Class"** that coming January! This year, our tree has again been secured to the ceiling, and "Faith" is still chasing the cat and will again be going to obedience class.

Starting in mid January, the obedience classes will be held at the **Bethel Community Building** in **Bethel** on **Wednesday** evenings (**Bill Jensen, instructor**) and at the **Washington County Fairgrounds** in **Lake Elmo** on **Thursday** evenings (**Wayne Darvell, instructor**). The **cost is \$80** and **classes will run for ten weeks** on their respective nights from **7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** The classes are broken into separate sessions with puppies and older dogs, and covers socialization skills, whoa and many other aspects of dog training.

*Dogs and handlers of any age may be enrolled, but pups under six months of age and handlers under 16 must be pre-approved by the instructor. Proof of current vaccination status must be presented with the application.

Even though **Jim Strilich will be taking this year off** to spend more time with family, we want to take this opportunity to thank him for his help in the past!

The Hamel training class is still "in the works" and more information will be posted on the web site as it becomes available.

Remember to sign up early, as class size is limited!

The **entry form and location directions** can be found in this **Newsletter**, or at the **MNNAVHDA web site**, or, if you have any questions or need more information, contact **Brian McClaskie** at **651-206-2426** or **651-674-8768** or e-mail at bmclaskie@MFRA.com.

Happy Holidays!

Brian McClaskie- Director of Training



Barb Jensen Pointing Dog Obedience Class

- Where:** 1) Hamel (TBD)
 2) Bethel- Bethel Comm. Bldg., corner of Cooper & Main, Bethel, MN
 3) Wash. Co.- Wash. Co. Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo, MN
- When:** Hamel (TBD)
 Bethel group starts Wednesdays, mid January, 2008
 Wash. Co. group starts Thursday, mid January, 2008
- Time:** 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
- Cost:** 10 weeks for \$80.00 (members and non members)

This is a weekly class and covers **socializing, whoa, force breaking to retrieve** and many other aspects of dog training. Focus is on turning your dog into a good citizen, you into a better handler and preparing both of you for serious fieldwork in the spring. This class is also a GREAT tune up for a bit older dogs over the winter, and a wonderful way to brush up on the basics that your dog may need a little work on. These classes will NOT prepare you for the AKC Obedience ring.

Dogs of any age may be entered, but pups under 6 months of age and handlers under 16 years of age must be pre-approved by the Instructor.

All dogs must have proof of current vaccinations, to be presented with your application.

For more information: **Brian McClaskie** at **651-206-2426** or **651-674-8768** or e-mail bmcclaskie@MFRA.com

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Pointing Dog Obedience Class Entry Form

NAME: _____ DOG'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ AGE: _____ SEX: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ BREED: _____

PHONE (HOME): _____ (WORK): _____

EMAIL: _____
(Work phone and email address are places at which you can get a message late afternoons in case of class cancellation)

Training/Other problems? _____

Check the location you are interested in:

_____ **Hamel** -TBD _____ **Bethel**-Wednesday evenings _____ **Wash. Co.**-Thursday evenings

Make checks out to **Minnesota NAVHDA** and mail with this form and verification of dog's vaccinations to:
Brian McClaskie
 13412 River Road
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 651-206-2426 / 651-674-8768



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Fable Fest is Fable Fest is Almost Here!

New Earlier Date
Saturday, **February 9, 2008**
6:00 pm

Chomonix Golf Club
646 Sandpiper Drive
Circle Pines, MN 55014

Spend the evening dining on barbeque, salads, hot dishes, desserts, and enjoying conversation with your fellow NAVHDA friends. Here's the plan:

- **Dinner - *Chef Tony Bezenar is returning!***
We are very fortunate to have Tony back! He will be grilling his, now famous, **barbeque turkey and pork**. Please bring a side dish (salad, hot dish, dessert, etc) to share. Beer and soft drinks will be provided.
- **Silent auction** - Please donate a wrapped item for the silent auction. Anything from ridiculous to serious. Include a creative hint to entice (or mislead) your fellow bidders. (Watch out for the Norwegian Briefs - you never know where they'll show up).
- **Great conversation** - Compare notes on your fall hunting trips and, oh ya, there might be a little talk about dogs.
- **Annual meeting** - A brief report from each Board member on what's happening in the chapter.

Directions to Chomonix Golf Course:

From 694/35W Intersection: take Interstate 35W North to County Rd. 23 (exit #36); turn right on 23 and follow 1.1 miles to Aqua Lane; turn left on Aqua Lane and follow signs.

From Blaine, Coon Rapids, Ham Lake, Anoka area: take Highway 242 (Main Street) East to Lake Drive and turn right; Follow Lake Drive five miles to Aqua Lane and turn left; follow entrance road signs.

Don't miss this fun evening!!!!

Please call **Dick Noble** at (651) 905-6000 or email him at dick.noble@summitir.com to coordinate the side dishes.



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Chapter Notebook

Call for Volunteers!!!

NAVHDA will have a large presence at the **25th Anniversary Pheasants Forever Pheasant Fest** in St Paul this January, in the form of a double booth along Bird Dog Alley. I have been asked to manage the booth, and I would like to share the wealth with the Chapter Members and other NAVHDA Members in the area.

I am looking for interested NAVHDA Members to help me man the booth for one or more four-hour shifts. They don't have to be NAVHDA long-term 'veterans', only Members interested in working the booth, answering questions, passing out information and taking down names and information of potential new Members. I will get volunteers passes for entry to the Pheasant Fest for the day that they work.

The dates of the **Pheasant Fest** are **January 18, 19 & 20th**,
and it will be held at the **Saint Paul River Center**.

I would appreciate it if anyone interested in helping contact me at the e-mail address below,
or give me a call on my cell phone at **612-618-3533**.

Thanks for your help, and give me a call if you have any questions!

Terrance Petro

Terry.Petro@boschpackaging.com

I Hate Good-byes...

This is my last Issue as Newsletter Editor, and I would prefer that I fade quietly into the proverbial sunset. In fact, don't be surprised if you hear in the future that I've become a hermit, but that is another story for another time.

My problem here is that I have so many to thank for this opportunity to report on the Chapter activities and at the same time share a few pieces of me with you all, and I know listing them all by name is...well...just too much darn work.

I will say that working with your Chapter Board of Directors over the past two years has been a pleasure! Despite being a 'small' organization in numbers, your Board has provided you, and continues to provide you with 'BIG' leadership in terms of talent and effort, and all of that Board talent and effort went into making my meager contributions a whole lot easier to accomplish.

The things I will take away most from being your Newsletter Editor are the wonderful times I spent talking and working with all of you Members. As Newsletter Editor, I had a 'calling card' that allowed me to spend some up-close-and-personal time, statewide, with MN NAVHDA Members at all levels of experience and seniority. What I found was a collection of dedicated and genuine people of all walks of life. I feel was given a 'fast track', with respect to being able to make friends and get the help I need with my 'Hounds', and I'm very proud to be able to point to all of you and say "Yeah, I know these people...they're ALL good friends of mine"!

With that, I'll bid you all adieu... hopefully my future paths will cross yours with good stories and good laughs all the way around!

wolfie smith- Newsletter Editor (one last time)



Calendar of Events

December '07

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| Dec. 7 | MN Canada Goose Closes | Remainder of State | MN DNR |
| Dec. 8 | MN Late Canada Goose Opens | Non-Zoned | MN DNR |
| Dec. 14 | MN Late Canada Goose Opens | Southeast Zone | MN DNR |
| Dec. 17 | MN Late Canada Goose Closes | Non-Zoned | MN DNR |
| Dec. 23 | MN Snow, Blue, Ross', White-fronted, and Brant Goose Closes | Statewide | MN DNR |
| Dec. 23 | MN Late Canada Goose Closes | Southeast Zone | MN DNR |

January '08

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| Jan. 1 | MN NAVHDA Member Renewal DUE!!! | Statewide | Bryce Adams (763) 754-3403 |
| Jan. 1 | MN Pheasant Season Closes | Statewide | MN DNR |
| Jan. 1 | MN Ruffed and Spruce Grouse Season Close | Statewide | MN DNR |
| Jan. 1 | MN H. Partridge Season Closes | Statewide | MN DNR |
| Mid Jan. | Barb Jensen Obedience Classes Start (TBD) | Hamel, MN | Brian McClaskie (651) 674-8768 |
| Mid Jan. | Barb Jensen Obedience Classes Start (10 wks) | Bethel, MN | Brian McClaskie (651) 674-8768 |
| Mid Jan. | Barb Jensen Obedience Classes Start (10 wks) | Lake Elmo, MN | Brian McClaskie (651) 674-8768 |
| Jan. 18-20 | Pheasants Forever Pheasant Fest | St. Paul, MN | Terry Petro (612) 618-3533 |

February '08

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| Feb. 9 | Chapter Annual Meeting at Fable Fest!!!! | Chomonix Golf Club-Circle Pines, MN | Dick Noble (952) 920-8039 |
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March '08

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| Mar. 15 | NAVHDA Handler's Clinic | Cabela's- Rogers. MN | Brian McClaskie (651) 674-8768 |
| Mid Mar. | Barb Jensen Obedience Classes Ends | All | Brian McClaskie (651) 674-8768 |

April '08

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| Apr. 12-13 | Spring Training Kickoff!!! | Four Brooks WMA, Milaca, MN | Brian McClaskie (651) 674-8768 |
| Apr. 19 | Spring Training Day | Kelley Farms, Hugo, MN | Brian McClaskie (651) 674-8768 |
| Apr. 26 | Mock NA Test | Jensen Farm, Milaca, MN | Brian McClaskie (651) 674-8768 |

May '08

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| May 17-18 | Spring NA Test | Four Brooks WMA, Milaca, MN | Vince Steffans (763) 494-9105 |
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June '08

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| June 7-8 | June Full Test | Kelley Farms, Hugo, MN | Vince Steffans (763) 494-9105 |
| June 21-22 | June Training Weekend | Four Brooks WMA, Milaca, MN | Brian McClaskie (651) 674-8768 |

Monthly Chapter Meetings!!! All Chapter Members Invited!!!

Meetings start at 7:00 PM **sharp**, and held at the **American Legion Rosetown Memorial Post 542**, in Roseville, MN, 651-483-3535. Food is available at a cost of \$5 to \$7. Please notify **Wayne Darvell** if you will be attending/dining with us!

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| Tuesday, Dec. 18, '07 | Tuesday, April 15, '08 | Tuesday, Aug. 19, '08 |
| Tuesday, Jan. 15, '08 | Tuesday, May 20, '08 | Tuesday, Sept. 16, '08 |
| Tuesday, Feb. 19, '08 | Tuesday, June 17, '08 | Tuesday, Oct. 20, '08 |
| Tuesday, Mar. 18, '08 | Tuesday, July 15, '08 | Tuesday, Nov. 18, '08 |