



MN NAVHDA CHAPTER NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Back in October, 2011, the board started working on the events for 2012; setting the testing and training dates, lining-up test secretaries, calling judges, and members to lead chapter activities. It's a busy time for the Directors of Testing, Judging, and Training, as they are working on planning and coordinating training and testing events for Spring and Summer 2012.

Our goal in sending these news letters and e-mail blasts is that everyone has the chance to participate in all that our chapter has to offer its members.

Obedience classes start this month, and Fable Fest, (our chapter's annual meeting), will be held in February. Our chapter delegate for NAVHDA's annual meeting is our president, Len Kindem, he will present his report at Fable Fest. If you are new to testing a dog, the test prep seminar at Cabelas in Rogers, is a great way to get started training your dog and gain an understanding of the NAVHDA Test program to help you better prepare for a test. All the information on the chapter events can be found on the calendar page of our web-site. Included in the information is the person to contact. Test flyers will be posted on the chapter web site with this year's contact information (in the Testing section of the site).

Yes it is January, but now is the time to get your training and testing plans done for spring and summer!

FABLE FEST

Mark your calendars! It's that time again, to get together and share great hunting stories as well as good food and fun.

Brisket and Pulled Pork are the main dish.

We will provide coleslaw and buns too!

For our new members:

It is a potluck, no pressure to bring anything fancy-just something to share
There is also a silent auction, it's a fun fundraiser. Wrap up something fun or something useful - don't forget a brief description to lure your fellow club members into bidding on your item.

Watch the fun while you see who gets what as the bidding starts, but be careful, you don't want to get the "Norwegian Briefs".



Bid with caution – or this could be you.

Details:

February 4, 2012

Social Hour. 6-7pm

7 pm Dinner starts

Chomonix Golf Course

700 Aqua Lane

Lino Lakes, MN 55014

651-482-8484

<http://chomonixgolf.com/directions.htm>

Questions? Contact Deb Letcher

952-994-1459

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2012

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Event Date	Event	Location	Contacts
January 9, 2012	Bethel Obedience Class	Isanti	Bill Jensen
January 11, 2012	Hamel Obedience Class	Hamel	Ned Sorley
January 12, 2012	Lake Elmo Obedience Class	Washington Cty Fairgrounds	Wayne Darvell
February 4, 2012	Fable Fest	Chomonix Golf Course	Deb Letcher
March 24, 2012	Test Prep Seminar	Cabela's	Bob Brearey
April 7, 2012	Training Day	Four Brooks	Bob Brearey
April 21, 22, 2012	Training Weekend	Four Brooks	Bob Brearey
April 26, 2012 – July 19, 2012	West Training Nights	Major Avenue	Joe Dolejsi
April 26, 2012 – July 19, 2012	East Training Nights	Kelley Farms	Chad Simmer
May 5, 2012	Mock NA Test	Jensen's Farm	Bob Brearey
May 19, 20, 2012	Spring NA Test	Four Brooks	Mark Jacobs
June 9, 10, 2012	June Full Test	Kelley Farms	Faith Shariff
July 21, 2012	Pheasant Championship	Major Avenue	Bryce Adams
August 4, 5, 2012	Virginia Training Weekend	IRRC	Joe Dolejsi
August 18, 19, 2012	Northern Full Test	IRRC	Jan Paavola
September 1, 2, 2012	Fall Full Test	Kelley Farms	Lynda Bany
September 8, 9, 2012	Fall NA Test	Four Brooks	Ted Wentink

Please welcome the following new Members to our Chapter.

Stuart Waters

Brian Hudoba

Jay Jukich

Brian Mustonen

Brad Blazek

Gary Robertson

Christopher Baker

Craig Ramsey

Jim Kleve



FABLE FEST ATTENDEES 2011



NAVHDA
North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association
Minnesota Chapter - 2012 Training Seminar

PREPARING FOR NAVHDA TESTING

DATE: Saturday, March 24th, 2012
TIME: 10:00 AM-2:00 PM
LOCATION: Cabela's, Rogers, MN (Upper Level conference room)
COST: **\$45.00**

This seminar will be run by two very experienced NAVHDA members:
Bill Jensen: Breeder, NAVHDA Clinic Leader and Senior Judge.
Joe Dolejsi: NAVHDA Clinic Leader and Senior Judge.

This half-day seminar will help new or inexperienced handlers prepare for a NAVHDA test. If you are thinking about entering a level of testing you have never run before, or would just like information to help you feel more comfortable with NAVHDA testing, this will be of great benefit to you. The seminar will cover each test briefly, how to prepare for the test, handling tips, and some common handler errors. Participant's questions will be welcomed.

PREPARING FOR NAVHDA TESTING

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (HOME): _____ (CELL): _____

EMAIL: _____

Make checks payable to **MN NAVHDA** and mail to:
Bob Brearey
4943 Heather Ridge Rd N
Oakdale, MN 55128
651-491-4583
Bob.Brearey@gmail.com



NAVHDA

North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association

Minnesota Chapter – 2012 Testing Information

Eligibility

All dogs entered in NAVHDA tests must be NAVHDA registered. Partial registration is available for dogs that cannot provide a recognized three-generation pedigree in time for a test. If your dog is not currently registered with NAVHDA, please contact the International office at (847) 253-6488 or www.navhda.org to register. Dogs are eligible for Natural Ability testing up to and including the day they reach 16 months of age. Dogs over 16 months may be run for evaluation and only if space is available. No prize classification can be awarded a dog run for evaluation regardless of the score attained.

Entries

Test entries are limited and will be taken on a first come, first served basis, subject to the rules of eligibility stated above. A test entry is a completed Official 2012 Test Entry Form accompanied by the correct test entry fee. Non-NAVHDA members will be sent a copy of the test rules upon receipt of a completed test entry.

A handler may enter and run a maximum of two dogs per testing day. This policy is in effect up to 10 days prior to the test date. At that time the handler may enter and run any number of dogs subject to availability of test openings.

Test entry fees will only be refunded for medical reasons. Seventy five percent of the test entry fee will be refunded if a request is submitted, in writing, to the Test Secretary, accompanied by a verifying letter from a physician or veterinarian stating that the handler or dog should not participate in the test for medical reasons. **Under no other circumstances will any refunds be made.**

Entry Fees

	<u>NAVHDA Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
Natural Ability (NA)	\$110.00	\$130.00
Utility Preparatory (UPT)	\$130.00	\$150.00
Utility (UT)	\$140.00	\$160.00

Send entries to the Test Secretary. Make checks payable to Minnesota NAVHDA. No entry is in until the Secretary receives your complete entry form and check.

Spring NA Test	May 19 th & 20 th	NA	Four Brooks WMA – Milaca, MN
Test Secretary:	Mark Jacobs 6015 Oneka Lake Blvd Hugo, MN 55038	651-426-5734 bowstringbwana@hotmail.com	
June Full Test	June 9 th & 10 th	NA/UPT/UT	Kelley Farms – Hugo, MN
Test Secretary:	Paul and Faith Shariff 11116 Louisiana Ct East Champlin, MN 55316	612-363-1317 Paul 612-267-1987 Faith fshraiff@comcast.net	
Northern Full Test	August 18 th & 19 th	NA/UPT/UT	Iron Range Retriever Club - Virginia, MN
Test Secretary:	Jan Paavola 302 Wyandotte Road Hoyt Lakes, MN 55750	218- 225-2284 2gspz@mchsi.com	
Fall Full Test	September 1 st & 2 nd	NA	Kelley Farms – Hugo, MN
Test Secretary:	Lynda Bany 1590 Duluth Street St Paul, MN 55106	651-771-7940 lsbany@comcast.net	
Fall NA Test	September 8 th & 9 th	NA	Four Brooks WMA – Milaca, MN
Test Secretary:	Ted Wentink 4804 10 th Avenue S Minneapolis, MN 55417	612-823-2072 info@felddayphoto.com	

Questions? Contact the Test Secretary



NAVHDA - *Minnesota Chapter* **Barb Jensen Obedience Classes 2012**

- Where:** Isanti - Suite A3, 2 Enterprise Ave NE, Isanti, Mn
Hamel - Hamel VFW, 19020 Hamel Road, Hamel, MN
Lake Elmo - Hooley Hall, Washington Co. Fairgrounds, Lake Elmo, MN
- When:** Isanti - Mondays, starting January 9
Hamel - Wednesdays, starting January 11
Lake Elmo - Thursdays, starting January 12
- Time:** 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
- Cost:** 10 weeks for \$100.00 (members and non-members)

This is a weekly class that covers socializing, heel, whoa, down 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 field work in the spring. This class is also a GREAT tune up for 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 six months of age and handlers under sixteen years of age must be pre-approved by the instructor.

For more information, contact: [Bob Brearey at 651-491-4583](tel:651-491-4583) or Bob.Brearey@gmail.com

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

Pointing Dog Obedience Class Entry Form

NAME: _____ DOG'S NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____ DOG AGE: _____ DOG SEX: _____
CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ BREED: _____
PHONE (HOME/CELL): _____ EMAIL: _____

Training or other problems? _____

Check the location you are interested in:

_____ **Isanti - Tuesday** _____ **Hamel - Wednesday** _____ **Lake Elmo - Thursday**

Make checks out to **MN NAVHDA**, and mail with this form and verification of dog's rabies vaccination to:

Bob Brearey
4943 Heather Ridge Rd N
Oakdale, MN 55128

Isanti - Bill Jensen wmejensen@gmail.com 320-983-6429	Hamel - Ned Sorley nedsorley@frontiernet.net 763-479-6760	Lake Elmo - Wayne Darvell wkdarvell@mmm.com 651-777-4972
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MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS – ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

Meetings are typically held at 7pm on the *third Tuesday of every month.*

Come join us at the **American Legion Rosetown Memorial Post 542 in Roseville, MN (651-483-3535)**

The next meeting is January 17th!



2011 Fable Fest Attendees

Do you have photos to share? Email your photo and story to Vince Steffens at vmsteff@gmail.com to share your photo or stories in the newsletter!