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June Full Test – by Len Kindem



The June full test was a great example of what NAVHDA is all about, the young and the not so young, testing their dogs. Despite the stormy weather conditions everyone enjoyed friends, family, and good food. Life could not be better.

The NA test on Saturday started at the water with a nervous young handler. But the test quickly turned into a fly rod fishing demonstration as a more experienced handler, Tony Bezenar, displayed an even greater set of nervousness as he threw his dog lead into the water rather than the required training dummy. Obviously, this left his dog even more confused than the gallery. But Tony was able to salvage a certain amount of respect by skillfully retrieving his dog lead with his fly rod. And to think I went to this NAVHDA test thinking I had seen it all!

As always, there was not a shortage of volunteers at this test. While some were speeding out to plant birds, others were, gunning, setting up the head quarters, preparing lunch, or the many other duties at hand. The handlers took to the fields and water and showed some excellent team work.

While some handlers had a near downpour in the field which created some difficult situations for the birds, it did nonetheless create some excellent tracking conditions as well.

By the end of the day the judges were still relatively dry. Yes, there were a few hitches in the day, but all in all the handlers would say it was a good day.

PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP

DO NOT FORGET -- JULY 16th at Major Avenue Hunt Club will be the 33rd annual Pheasant Championship.

Are you going to be there? This is a great chance to get out and have some friendly completion between owners and dogs.

The flyer is also available on page or on the website
<http://www.mnnavhda.com/>

Summer is Here! – So they tell us.

With the arrival of summer comes the need to make sure you keep your dog cool over the hot summer months

Heat Stroke in Dogs

SYMPTOMS:

Include grayish tongue, lips, gums, or rectum, excessive panting, staring or anxious expression, does not obey commands, warm and dry skin, rapid heartbeat, vomiting, high body temperature (anything over 103 degrees when taken rectally), staggering or loss of control over the hind quarters, or shock and collapse.

WHAT TO DO:

Take the dog to shade, and soak him with cool water. Do **NOT** use extremely cold or iced water. This will cause blood vessels to constrict and will stop the heat from escaping.

You can apply ice packs to the areas underneath his front legs, and to the groin area for rapid blood cooling. Give your dog enough water to wet his mouth and throat, but do **NOT** allow your dog to drink copious amounts!

You may also spray the paw pads with rubbing alcohol. This causes immediate evaporation to help cool them off. Note: do not apply alcohol to other parts of the body as this may cause other problems.

Do **NOT** cover your dog, even with a cold towel. This will prevent the heat from escaping.

Handler Clinic - June 4-5, 2011

This year's Handler's Clinic was a great success. Not only did the 15 participants learn a lot, they had a great time doing it. As is the trend with hunting, more and more women are taking up dog training as part of the sport. Seven of this year's participants were women and five of them made the trek down from northern Minnesota. Two of our northern contingent have volunteered to share their experience.

Deneise Swanson

The Northern Minnesota NAVHDA Chapter has been very active in the last few years. Wednesday nights have been filled by many breeds of dogs and more women in our area have also undertaken the task of training, testing and owning their own versatile dogs. In February a dedicated group of women from Northern Minnesota decided to attend a handler's clinic. The common goal between all of us was to get a better understanding of what goes into getting the score we received. We also wanted to have a better understanding on what the judges are really looking for when our dogs are under examination in a test.

The clinic was great - Dave Trahan did a tremendous job, both in the classroom and in the field. He was very patient and answered all our questions, those pertinent to judging, and those not. He also kept his mouth shut while riding in the van with the 5 women from up north - we were kind enough to let him ride up front!!! I learned a lot, and realize I have much more to learn, such as when we were asked how many of us saw the bird fall, several of us raised our hands - wrong answer - keep watching the dog!! I feel the entire experience will make me a better handler of my own dog, as I know more of what the judges are looking for, and what these dogs are supposed to be doing. As usual, the people are what make it all go. It was nice to see some familiar faces, and as usual, to meet new ones. What is really neat, everyone wants everyone else to succeed. There were 7 gals there - yea!!!! I think that shows that people do not need to be "big, macho men" to be able to train and handle a dog.

Jan Paavola

The first weekend in June the Minnesota Chapter held a handlers clinic at 'Major Avenue Hunt Club. The five of us from Northern Minnesota left the clinic with a better understanding of the scoring system. We truly appreciate the great deal of time and knowledge it takes to become a NAVHDA judge. Dave Trahan was the clinic Leader and he kept everyone interested and entertained throughout the weekend. I only wish I would have attended one of these clinics before I ran my first Utility test.

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny weekend at Major Avenue that first weekend in June. There were a lot of stories told, old friends to see, and new friends were made. There was even time for a little shopping along the way. The general consensus was that a good time was had by all because of one common interest...our dogs.



Tim Ahrndt's "Strider" shakes off, while participants mark their scores.
Photo by Carol Sunquist

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2011

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EVENT DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
July 16 th	Pheasant Championship	Major Avenue Hunt Club Glencoe, MN	Joe Dolejsi
August 6 th & 7 th	Virginia Training Weekend FULL	MN Iron Range Retriever Club Virginia, MN	Joe Dolejsi
August 20 th , 21 st	NA, UPT, UP – Wait List only	MN Iron Range Retriever Club Virginia, MN	Jan Paavola
Sept 3 rd , 4 th	NA– Openings	Four Brooks	Bob Brearey
Sept 3 rd , 4 th	NA, UPT, UP – Openings	Kelly Farms, Hugo MN	Ross Mortenson

NAVHDA ON FACEBOOK:

Did you know that NAVHDA INTERNATIONAL now has a Facebook page? If you are on Facebook check out their page!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Navhda-International/222638561083514>

The link too hard to copy over? Just do a search on Facebook for **NAVHDA International**



Workers at the June 18th Natural Ability test – photos courtesy of Len Kindem

**THIRTY THIRD ANNUAL
MINNESOTA NAVHDA PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP
SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2011**

Dear Pheasant Hunters,

The Minnesota Chapter of NAVHDA invites you to participate in the thirty third, annual Minnesota Pheasant Championship. Some of the best pheasant hunters in the Midwest will be competing for the title of "Minnesota State Pheasant Champion". In addition to prize money, the top finishing teams will be able to choose from a quality array of prizes.

This year's Championship will be held at Major Avenue Hunt Club, near Glenco, Minnesota, on Saturday July 16, 2011. A good source of quality pheasants should insure an exciting hunt for all contestants. It is open to all hunting breeds. Each team will consist of two hunters and one dog. These teams will be putting their best hunting and shooting skills against other teams. Prize money will consist of thirty percent of the entry fees paid by those teams running. Teams will receive the following awards:

FIRST PLACE:	70% OF PRIZE MONEY
SECOND PLACE:	30% OF PRIZE MONEY
THIRD PLACE:	FIRST TWO PICKS FROM PRIZE TABLE
FOURTH PLACE:	NEXT TWO PICKS FROM PRIZE TABLE
SUBSEQUENT PLACES:	TWO PICKS UNTIL PRIZES ARE EXHAUSTED

Give it a try; see how you, your partner and your dog, stack up against other hunters competing to be "Best in State". The first twenty-four team entries received by July 9, 2011 will be accepted. Entries received after this event has been filled will be put on a waiting list should a cancellation occur. The random drawing for run times will be held on or before July 11, 2010. Your running time and a map will be sent to you on July 11, 2011. Lunch and beverages will be available on the grounds for those interested.

The Minnesota Pheasant Championship entry fee is \$165.00 per team. Withdrawals at least three weeks prior to this event will be refunded 75% of the entry fee. Withdrawals with less than three weeks notice will be refunded 50% of the entry fee. No-shows will not receive any refund. "In season" females will not be permitted to participate and refunds will be issued as stated above.

Please complete the entry form, include a check made payable to: MN NAVHDA, and mail to:

JOE DOLEJSI
18917 PLEASANTVIEW ROAD
EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55346

Any questions regarding this event should be directed to Joe Dolejsi at 952-934-2430 or email dolcotool@aol.com

2011 PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM

DOG HANDLER: _____	PARTNER _____
ADDRESS: _____	ADDRESS: _____
PHONE: _____	PHONE: _____
EMAIL: _____	EMAIL: _____
DOG'S NAME _____	BREED: _____
	AGE: _____
	SEX: _____

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 July 19th!



Saturday NA Judging Team 6-18-2011: Duane Stahl, Terry Petro, Angie Hass, and apprentice Steve Buck.

NEW MEMBERS

Frank Zazula – Mahtomedi, MN
Paul and Lynda Fossing – Forrest Lake, MN
Delbert and Gwen Parkinson – Phillips, WI
Yong Moua - St. Paul, MN

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