



# MN NAVHDA CHAPTER NEWS

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## Testing Season Gears Up – WET!

Testing season is in full swing! The first test of the year took place on the weekend of May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a small field so we only had one day of testing. Yes, the ONE day was the day it rained nearly the entire day, go figure. The dogs and handlers all took the weather in stride!

All in all, the test ran smoothly despite the rain. Let's hope for nicer weather for the handler's clinic coming up next weekend (June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>), that way we won't need a boat for planting birds.



Planting birds was a bit more challenging at the NA test.

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME:

We want to welcome the following new members.  
Eric Curran-Bakken and Mark Flakne

**MINNESOTA CHAPTER OF NAVHDA**  
**Natural Ability Test**  
**Saturday, May 21, 2011**

Run Order	Dog	Owner	Breed	Sex	Age on TD (months)	Total	Prize
1	Hans v.d. Westmark	Vaughn Snook	GW	M	16	101	2
2	White Oaks Lacy Rose	Greg White	GR	F	15	112	1
3	De Jac's Viva Las Vegas	Wolfie Smith	GR	F	16	90	3
4	My Fair Lady	Tammy Mauricio	GW	F	16	110	1
5	Sharp Shooters Rifle Man	Gary Simone	GS	M	16	98	NP
6	Thunderhill's Stella	Rick Bancroft	GW	F	16	96	3
7	Aspen Glo's Diamond	Deneise Swanson	GR	F	11	96	3
8	Treiber Dell	Greg Tupper	SM	M	14	102	3
9	0		0	0	0	0	0
10	0		0	0	0	0	0

### HANDLERS CLINIC

On June 4-5, we will be holding a two day Handler Clinic. This is your opportunity to learn the details of how dogs are judged in a hunt test. In addition to class time, we will run two NA, one UPT and one UT dog through a mock test. The participants in the clinic will follow and score the dogs as a judge would, a discussion of the scores will follow.

As of May 30, there are still 4 slots available. An information/sign up sheet is available on the MN NAVHDA website. Please contact Bob Brearey, if you're interested. [Bob.Brearey@gmail.com](mailto:Bob.Brearey@gmail.com) or 651-491-4583.



**North American Versatile  
Hunting Dog Association (NAVHDA) -  
Minnesota Chapter**



**Handler Clinic  
June 4 & 5, 2011**

*Who Should Attend:*

- New NAVHDA members.
- First time handlers.
- Handlers testing at a higher level for the first time.
- Anyone looking for a better understanding of the NAVHDA philosophy and judging system.
- Prospective NAVHDA judges.

*What You Will Learn:*

- How NAVHDA Testing is used to evaluate versatile hunting dogs.
- How the NAVHDA Judging and Scoring system are used to evaluate versatile dogs.
- Helpful training and testing tips.

*When:*

- **Saturday June 4 and Sunday June 5, 2011**
- **Rain or Shine**
- This is a two day event. 7:45 A.M. until approximately 4:00 P.M. both days.

*Where:*

- Major Avenue Hunt Club  
11721 Major Avenue  
Glencoe, MN 55336  
  
\*Super 8, Glencoe, 320-864-6191  
\*King Motel, Hutchinson, 320-587-4737  
\*Economy Inn, Hutchinson, 320-587-2129  
\*7-Hi Motel, Hutchinson, 320-587-2088

*What to do:*

- Sign-up using the form attached below.
- Clinic fee - \$100.00.
- Prepare by reading *NAVHDA Aims, Programs and Tests* rule book.
- Bring all-weather gear, an article of blaze orange clothing, comfortable walking boots/shoes, and water/soda.
- **The Clinic is limited to the first 20 participants that sign-up; NO DOGS.**
- Lunch will be available both days for a nominal fee.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (HOME): \_\_\_\_\_ (CELL): \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Entry Form and fee (payable to MN NAVHDA) to:  
Bob Brearey, 4943 Heather Ridge Rd N, Oakdale, MN 55128  
651-491-4583 or e-mail questions to Bob.Brearey@gmail.com

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 2011

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EVENT DATES	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT
Saturday & Sunday June 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>	Handler's Clinic	Major Avenue Hunt Club Glencoe, MN	Bob Brearey
June 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup>	NA , UPT, UP – OPENINGS	Kelly Farms, Hugo MN	Bill Jensen
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pheasant Championship	Major Avenue Hunt Club Glencoe, MN	Joe Dolejsi
August 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>	Virginia Training Weekend	MN Iron Range Retriever Club Virginia, MN	Joe Dolejsi
August 20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	NA, UPT, UP – Wait List only	MN Iron Range Retriever Club Virginia, MN	Jan Paavola
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>	NA– Openings	Four Brooks	Bob Brearey
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup>	NA, UPT, UP – Openings	Kelly Farms, Hugo MN	Ross Mortenson

## PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP

JULY 16<sup>th</sup> at Major Avenue Hunt Club will be the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 first few years this event it was called the Chucker Championship. Since then it's been know as the NAVHDA'S MINNESOTA PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP. The Championship is a fun and different way to raise funds for the chapter. Where else can you run your dog and shoot birds all while raising money.

We have the history for you to review below, see who's won, what types of dogs were used and then sign up with the form after the history and get your name added to the list of winners.

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

NAVHDA'S MINNESOTA PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FIRST PLACE TEAM</u>	<u>DOG</u>	<u>SECOND PLACE TEAM</u>	<u>DOG</u>
1979 WW	JEFF HINTZ BRIAN BEZANSON	HEIDI GW	JOHN BAILLIE BRUCE PETERSON	VEETA GS
1980 WW	STEVE TURCK JIM KLEVE	FRITZ GS	CARL STRANDJORD JOHN PETIC	DUSTY ESS
1981 WW	STEVE TURCK JIM KLEVE	FRITZ GS	STEVE TURCK JIM KLEVE	CHUCK GS
1982 WW	STEVE TURCK JIM KLEVE	CHUCK GS	JIM LAWRENCE DON LEWICKI	WHIZ GS
1983 WW	BOB HAMMER KEN BUBLITZ	BOONE ES	AL PENFOLD DWIGHT BEAVERS	CHUCK ED
1984 WW	DWIGHT BEAVERS BEAVERS	PEPPER GR	DAVE SALSMAN BILL KINSEL	SWINGER ESS
1985 WW	BILL KINSEL DAVE SALSMAN	BLUE ES	GARY JOHNSON DOUG HART	BRIAR ES
1986 WW	JOE DOLEJSI JIM DOLEJSI	FLECK GW	BILL JENSEN TERRY PETRO	ATTAGIRL GR
1987 WW	JOE DOLEJSI JIM DOLEJSI	BIRKO GW	BILL BROWN DAVE STEWARD	ZERO LAB
1988 WW	KURT SUNDQUIST DAVE SALSMAN	DEBA GR	JERRY THOMS JACK BACKER	GUS GS
1989 GLTG	BOB TINKER JARVIS	COLT ES	JOE DOLEJSI JIM DOLEJSI	BIRKO GW
1990 GLTG	MIKE DUFFEY WEATHERWAX	RUFF GW	MIKE DUFFEY WEATHERWAX	KORTH GW
1991 RRPC	JOE DOLEJSI JIM DOLEJSI	BIRKO GW	BREN DAVEY STEVENSON	ALEX LAB
1992 MAHC	RAY DEJONG STEVE FOERSTER	JO-JO SM	JOE DOLEJSI JIM DOLEJSI	BIRKO GW
1993 MAHC	RAY DEJONG STEVE FOERSTER	SM	JOE DOLEJSI JIM DOLEJSI	FLECK GW
1994 MAHC				
1995 MAHC				
1996				

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1997  
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1998 MAHC	TROY BERRYMAN TODD BERRYMAN	JACK GW	TODD BERRYMAN TROY BERRYMAN	BARE GW
1999 MAHC	TODD BERRYMAN TROY BERRYMAN	BARE GW	RAY DEJONG STEVE FOERSTER	CZECH SM
2000 MAHC	TOM BAUSCH GARY QUIST	IKE GR	MIKE BERNU JOHN KAPTENA	KARO LM
2001 MAHC	JEFF PAULUS DAVE BARKER	ZIGGY GW	JOE DOLEJSI JOE RAI A	BINGO PT
2002 MAHC	KURT SUNDQUIST DAVE BARKER	HAWK GSP	JOE DOLEJSI JOE RAI A	BINGO PT
2003 MAHC	JEFF PAULUS TROY BERRYMAN	ECHO GWP	KURT SUNDQUIST DAVE BARKER	HAWK GSP
2004 MAHC	TOM BAUSCH GARY QUIST	MAC WPG	DAVE BARKER TOM BARKER	MOLLY GSP
2005 MAHC	MIKE BUSSE VINCE STEFFENS	KAISER GSP	JOE DOLEJSI JOE RAI A	CRACKER PT
2006 MAHC	JOE DOLEJSI JOEY DOLEJSI	DEWEY PT	VINCE STEFFENS MIKE BUSSE	JACK GWP
2007 MAHC	JOE DOLEJSI JOE RAI A	CRACKER PT	DICK NOBLE MIKE BUSSE	KAI SM
2008 MAHC	BRIAN KARR MIKE BUSSE	BUSTER VIZ	JIM MANFRED DICK NOBLE	HEIDI GWP
2009 MAHC	ANDY LYALL GARY BJORKMAN	DRAKE GWP	MIKE BUSSE BRIAN KARR	COOPER GSP
2010 MACH	MIKE BUSSE BRIAN KARR	MAC GSP	WOLFIE SMITH MINDY BROWN	TOBIE WPG

NOTE: First 3 years were run as Chucker Championship. Locations designated WW- Wild Wings of Oneka; GLTG- Gifford Lake Trial Grounds; RRPC- Rum River Pheasant Club; MAHC- Major Ave. Hunt Club

**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:

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

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](mailto:dolcotool@aol.com)

**2011 PHEASANT CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FORM**

DOG HANDLER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DOG'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BREED: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

## Mock NA Test May 7, 2011

The first real nice day this spring...Sunny, 70 and a light breeze out of the northeast. A dozen new pups working their way towards a NA test showed up ready to try things out. Although a couple handlers had previous testing experience, for most it would be an opportunity to learn what NAVHDA testing is all about. Nick Mellby and his nine volunteers put on a smooth running event with two quail fields, a water station and a pheasant track. For each phase, there was someone to explain what was going to happen, what would be considered important in that phase of the test and often some helpful suggestions to let you dog show how good they really are.

Most of the dogs had some exposure to birds, but let's face it; it hasn't been a great training spring. As would be expected with a bunch of young dogs, a little bit of everything happened that day. Some pups pointed for the first time, others decided to cut to the (bird) chase. A few dogs took to the chilly water right off; others thought they'd rather wait for a nice day at the beach. The pheasant track was often a pup figuring out, for the first time, that if you follow that smell on the ground long enough, you just might find a bird. Everyone left with a much better idea of what to expect in the upcoming NA tests.

Many thanks to Nick Mellby for organizing and running the event, and the volunteers who made it a success. A special thanks to Bill Jensen for allowing us to use his wonderful puppy playground for the day.

**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 June 21<sup>st</sup>!**



**Fall 2010 UT Test workers @ Kelley Farms – thanks to Bryce Adams for the Photo!**

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