



# MN NAVHDA CHAPTER NEWS

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## New Board of Director Alignment by Len Kindem

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As always, our October Board of Director meeting is the most important meeting of the year. It is the meeting where we have a chance to say once more, thanks for all of your hard work to our departing members Ross Mortensen and Mindy Brown.

But also, it is when we welcome and seat our newest members, Val Anderson and Deb Letcher as the first objective of the meeting. For Val and Deb, this first meeting must have seemed like they had been thrown into the fire with a “Welcome to the Board”, now get to work!

The second objective is always a realignment of the Board of Director positions. I was pleased to hear that Val had accepted the Director of Testing position and Deb the Director of Promotions. Here is the alignment for this year:

**Board of Directors:**

Bryce Adams – Secretary

Chad Simmer – Treasurer

Val Anderson – Director of Testing

Deb Letcher – Director of Promotions

Ryan Krause – Director of Judging

Bob Brearey – Director of Training

Vince Steffens – Vice President & Newsletter editor

Len Kindem – President

**Appointments:**

Faith Shariff – Webmaster

Joel Kelly – Web Administrator

Joe Dolejsi & Bill Jensen – Bird Buyers

Third, the BOD reviewed our year ending financial summary, initiated discussions on bird contracts for next year, set the calendar of events for next year, assigned a delegate to the annual meeting, and completed a full review of fees for all events next year. Given the fact that we lost \$3,750 on all tests last year (approximately \$43 per dog) and expect to see higher bird costs next year, the BOD decided it was appropriate to implement a small increase to a majority of the test & training fees next year.

Val, Deb, and the others are now working to make the 2012 Calendar of events a reality. Please do not hesitate to offer your help as the BOD prepares for next years events. Also, pass on your thanks to the past and present BOD members for their work the next time you see them.

Have an enjoyable Thanks Giving with your family and loved ones.

Len Kindem

## Up-Coming EVENTS

The Barb Jensen Pointing Dog Obedience Class will begin the week of January 9th, 2012 at three locations around the metro area. This is a great opportunity to get dogs 6 month, or older, started on skills needed for the field such as, heeling, whoa, etc. This also works as a great refresher for older dogs. Cost for the class will be \$100 and will be held 7:00 - 9:00 PM for 10 consecutive weeks. Look for the sign up sheet on website early in December.

### **The Barb Jensen Pointing Dog Obedience Class**

#### **Locations and start dates are as follows:**

- North Side (Bethel area) - Tuesday Jan 10. Location – To be confirmed.
- West Side (Hamel VFW) - Wednesday Jan 11.
- East Side (Washington Co. Fair Grounds) - Thursday Jan 12.

### **Fable Fest**

Fable Fest will again be held at Chomonix golf course on February 4<sup>th</sup>. This is our annual chapter meeting and social event. Please make plans to come and enjoy some great food and conversation.

### **Test Prep**

Our test prep seminar will be at Cabelas in Rogers hosted by Joe Dolejsi and Bill Jensen. This is great for first time handlers running their dogs in NAVHDA tests. Cabelas is one of NAVHDAs Corporate Sponsors. They allow us to use their facility to conduct this half day seminar which usually occurs on the third Saturday of March. This seminar will be very helpful if you have never run a dog in a NAVHDA test. The seminar will be led by two of our most experienced NAVHDA judges. They will give you an overview of each of the NAVHDA test, a general understanding of how the judging system works, what the judges are looking to see in your dog, and how you can better prepare yourself for the test. A good portion of the time will be devoted to understanding the Natural Ability (NA) test. As much time as needed will be devoted to a discussion of the other tests and a question and answer session at the end.

### **More Events**

Look for event flyers for each of these events in an upcoming newsletter. It's also never to late to start planning for spring training and testing, see the dates of our Chapter training and testing events below and mark your calendars. Details also to follow in a future newsletter for each event.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>Event Date</b>                 | <b>Event</b>              | <b>Location</b>            | <b>Contacts</b> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| January 10, 2012                  | Bethel Obedience Class    | Bethel                     | Bob Brearey     |
| January 11, 2012                  | Hamel Obedience Class     | Hamel                      | Bob Brearey     |
| January 12, 2012                  | Lake Elmo Obedience Class | Washington Cty Fairgrounds | Bob Brearey     |
| February 4, 2012                  | Fable Fest                | Chomonix Golf Course       | Deb Letcher     |
| March 10, 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 –<br>July 19, 2012 | West Training Nights      | Major Avenue               | Joe Dolejsi     |
| April 26, 2012 –<br>July 19, 2012 | East Training Nights      | Kelley Farms               | Chad Simmer     |
| May 5, 2012                       | Mock NA Test              | Jensen's Farm              | TBD             |
| May 19, 20, 2012                  | Spring NA Test            | Four Brooks                | TBD             |
| June 9, 10, 2012                  | June Full Test            | Kelley Farms               | TBD             |
| July 14, 2012                     | Pheasant Championship     | Major Avenue               | Joe Dolejsi     |
| August 4, 5, 2012                 | Virginia Training Weekend | IRRC                       | Joe Dolejsi     |
| August 18, 19, 2012               | Northern Full Test        | IRRC                       | TBD             |
| September 1, 2, 2012              | Fall Full Test            | Kelley Farms               | TBD             |
| September 8, 9, 2012              | Fall NA Test              | Four Brooks                | TBD             |

# FOR SALE

**FOR SALE:** Tri-Tronics, Upland Special G3 EXP, new in box, never used. MSRP--\$599.00, sale price \$399.00, Contact Joe Dolejsi 952-934-2430, dolcotool@aol.com.

Marc Jacobs grouse hunting October 2011



## **NAVHDA ON FACEBOOK:**

Did you know that NAVHDA INTERNATIONAL now has a Facebook page? If you are on Facebook 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**

**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 December 20th!**



Hailey (Bryce Adams' shorthair) with a grouse retrieve

**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!**