



barking dog express

Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA

january/february 2023

from our president...

I know everyone is very busy this time of year. As President of your Yankee Chapter, I am so proud of our dedicated members, your Yankee Chapter elves, that are busily working behind the scenes prepping for another great year. Your officers, directors and dedicated members are working on their job details, test dates, permits, bird and duck orders, judges for our events, testing/training sites arranged, and much much more. Your amazing Yankee Chapter communications crew is busy keeping you up to date on 2023. Please read thoroughly through this first Barking Dog Express of 2023 for many important dates and details. Huge thanks to all, and YES, we are always welcoming more volunteers.

Annual Meeting; January 8, Phippsburg Sportsmans Association, 9:00 a.m. sharp!

Doors open at 8:00 and coffee will be ready soon after to accompany your favorite hunting stories or two. Don't forget to put your favorite hunting partner's name in the box at the door to win a Yeti cooler! Thanks to Merrymeeting's Scratched Gunstock (aka "Scratch") for this very generous donation.

Following our Officer and Director Reports we will discuss new business, old business, International motions, dates for 2023, and election of officers. There's lots going on!

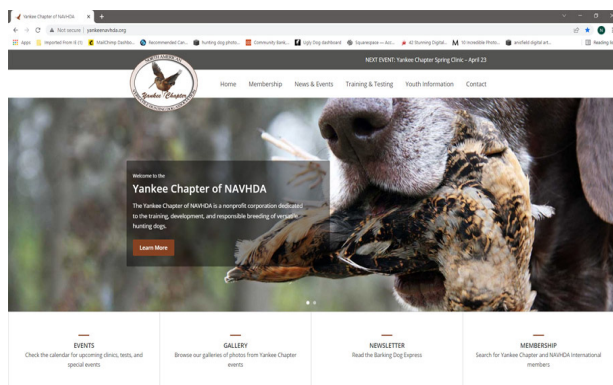
What's new in 2023? We always welcome new ideas, comments and concerns from our membership.

Pot Luck Lunch will follow meeting. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Time for more stories!

I want to wish a huge congrats to Terry Wilson, NAVHDA International's new Vice President. Thanks to so many Yankee members that spread the word in support of Terry's campaign.

As 2022 closes and we look forward to our days in the field, woods and water in 2023, stay safe and well. Please keep in touch. You are a member of an amazing organization dedicated to our versatile hunting dogs. The friendships made in NAVHDA are amazing too.

See you in a few,
Patti



www.yankeenavhda.org

The chapter website is a wealth of info and support materials from first aid to Yankee training sites to our photo gallery. Any questions? Contact our Webmaster, Brian Pike: bpikem@maine.rr.com



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Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your Yankee Chapter and your NAVHDA International membership each year. Chapter membership is for the calendar year.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE ON JANUARY 1st EACH YEAR.

Please note, you have the option to mail in your membership dues or pay through PayPal.

Any questions? Contact Sarah Franklin:
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upcoming events

January 8, 2023
Yankee Annual Meeting

January 27-28
NAVHDA International
Annual Meeting

February 11
Indoor Training Clinic

Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA Proposed Calendar 2023



January 8	Annual Meeting, Phippsburg
January 27-29	International Meeting, Sioux Falls, SD
February 11	Indoor Training Clinic, Phippsburg
February 25	Winter Kids Day, Phippsburg
Mar31- Apr 2	State of Maine Sportsmans Show, Augusta
April 22	Training Clinic, Dresden
May13-14	Aims and Rules Clinic, Dresden
May 20	Training Clinic, Dresden
June 3	Pre-Test Training Clinic, Dresden
June 9-11	Spring Test, Dresden
July 15	Water Clinic, Sugarfoot Kennels, Burnham
Jul 21-23	NAHP Camp, Brunswick
August 26	Pre-Test Training Clinic, Bowdoinham
Sep 8-10	FallTest, Bowdoinham

treasurer's update

As of 11/30/22, we had \$25,944.43 in our checking account. We had \$18,344.93 in the money market. We have \$6,355 set aside for the KK/BB Fund and \$1,450 for the NAHP Camp. Next year will need to upgrade our quickbooks program.

-Shawn Mowers

from our social media guru...

Send us your photos!
We're looking for late season hunting pictures and winter fun pics to update our Facebook and Instagram pages

Please send Dogs, Kids and Family photos to ycNAVHDA@gmail.org
-- Misi Knutson

Yankee's New Test Entry Process

Entries for the Spring and Fall tests will be accepted starting January 9, 2023.

In 2023 the Yankee Chapter will be changing the test entry process from a first-come-first-serve to a lottery drawing. This will eliminate questions on why a handler did or did not get in a test and will eliminate the need to rush to the PO to get your application to the Test Secretary.

Test entry applications/fees can be submitted starting on January 9, 2023. Your name will be placed in the test entry database and a number will be assigned that will be entered into the lottery. Test entries for the lottery will end on February 10, 2023 and a lottery drawing will be held with several board members in attendance on February 15, 2023. Entries received after the lottery will be placed on the waiting list if all test spots are filled by lottery entries. The lottery results will be sorted and organized in the database into running orders based on the NAVHDA sanctioned test capacity chart. The goal is to notify the handlers of the results of the drawing by February 28, 2023. This will give those on the waiting list a chance to find other testing opportunities before they fill up.

The Test Entry Rules 2023 are uploaded to the Yankee Chapter website and this process will also be discussed at the Yankee Chapter annual meeting on January 8, 2023.

For questions regarding this process, please contact our Test Secretary, Nick Racioppi, at (207) 751-3133 or email at feathersfins@comcast.net.

from our director of training...



What's Next?

by Blaine Carter

How do you continue training with your young dog after hunting season? Start by answering these questions: Where did things fall apart? Pointing, steadiness, retrieving? I bet it's all of the above. You'll need to make a plan, and you'll eventually need your training table. Better grab it before it freezes to the ground.

Focus first on how you use your voice. This depends on your dog -- does he get excited if you use a high, fast, loud voice? If so, you need to adjust your voice to be firm but soothing, quieter, more even. If your dog needs to be more energized to work, amp up your volume and pitch. Knowing if your dog needs an excited voice

or a calming voice sets the tone for your work.

Start with attention getting drills, using the most understood commands: heel, come, and whoa! Use your voice and your body language as a stimulus and have some fun. These drills should encourage your dog to work because they are fun and engage his brain. Training can be on and off the table and in and outside the house. Reward any move towards your goal and continue your positive attitude. Remember, this drill is to create the desire to be with you and have fun. Nothing negative at all, just try to create the correct attitude before moving forward.

Lastly, of course winter is the perfect time to start, continue, or complete your force trained retrieve. Always feel welcome to call me with questions.

Aims & Rules Clinic May 13-14, 2023

\$50 for Yankee members; \$100 for non-members
Space is limited. Sign up now!



The Aims & Rules Clinic is an educational tool developed by NAVHDA to help dog owners and handlers understand the testing system. These clinics are conducted by designated NAVHDA Senior Judges and Clinic Leaders. The clinics cover a variety of topics over two days, including informal classroom style instruction on the NAVHDA philosophy, test mechanics, and the scoring system for each test.

Participants will take to the field and water to judge and score dogs being run in a mock test setting. After each section the participants and the

Clinic Leader will discuss the dog's performance, where the performance would fall in the NAVHDA scoring system, and any strengths of weaknesses in training and handling. Many clinic leaders also include helpful tips and tricks on handling dogs in NAVHDA tests.

Who Should Attend and Why?
People with their first dog will see how other dogs work and gain insight into what their dog is doing and why. This will help to develop their pup's talents and improve performance. Novice handlers will learn how NAVHDA evaluates versatile dogs, and thus will be

better prepared to handle their dogs in a test. Experienced handlers will gain a deeper, more technical knowledge of how the team of dog and handler are judged. Breeders will learn what to look for in their breeding stock and their progeny, and how to use NAVHDA records obtained through our Search Test Records service for selective breeding. In addition, aspiring NAVHDA Judges are required to attend an Aims & Rules Clinic as one of the first steps in the Apprentice Judge Program.

To sign up, contact Kathleen Weller: katred07@gmail.com.

barking dog schedule

The Barking Dog Express will be published five times a year:

Oct/Nov/Dec

Jan/Feb

Mar/Apr

May/June

July/Aug/Sept

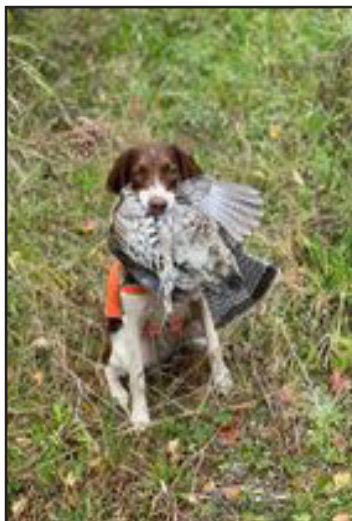
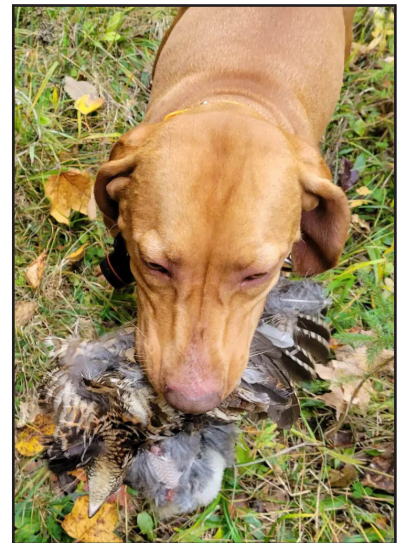
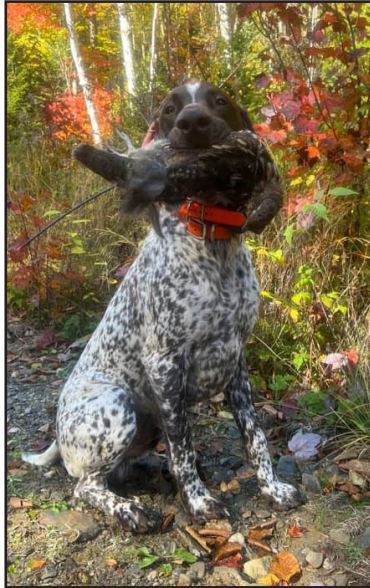
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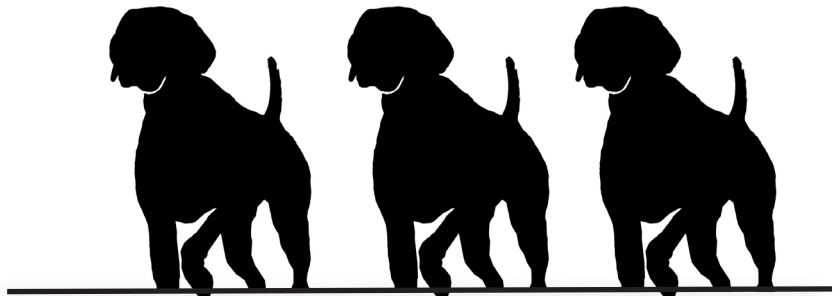
from director of youth development philip laperriere

ALL ABOUT VERSATILE DOGS!

Did you know the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association recognizes 31 different versatile dog breeds! Unscramble the following words to fill in the blanks from the sentence that defines what a versatile dog is.

“that is bred and ____1____ to dependably ____2____ and ____3____ game, to ____4____ on both land and water, and to ____5____ wounded game on both land and water.

1. DRTIAEN 
2. TUHN 
3. ITONP 
4. EERVRIET 
5. CRKTA 



To learn more about the versatile breeds recognized by NAHVDA check out the following link: <https://www.nahvda.org/recognized-breeds/>

Now unscramble the circled letters to form the acronym of the name of an organization that is “a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to foster, promote, and improve the versatile hunting dog breeds in North America; to conserve game by using well trained reliable hunting dogs before and after the shot; and to aid in the prevention of cruelty to animals by discouraging nonselective and uncontrolled breeding, which produces unwanted and uncared for dogs.”

BONUS: ! *Answers on page 8.*

We'd love to hear from you about your favorite Versatile breed!

What is your favorite breed of Versatile Hunting Dog?

What is special about that Versatile Breed for you?

Do you have a favorite story you would like to share about your favorite Versatile Dog?

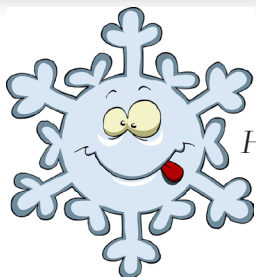
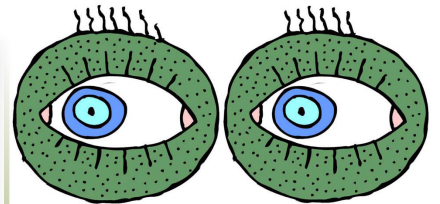
Send your responses to plaperriere@gmail.com. You may see your response in a future Barking Dog Express, or even Versatile Hunting Dog Magazine.

HEY PARENTS! HERE'S A PHOTO CHALLENGE:

What's the youngest photo you have of your son or daughter training or hunting with your dog?

The next Barking Dog Express will Showcase young Yankee kiddos and their earliest adventures with versatile dogs.

Email your pics to the BDE editor: anisfield@gmavt.net.



How does a North Pole carpenter fix something broken? ...Igloos it together.

“ not your normal chapter “
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NAVHDA International Annual Meeting Motions

Motion Submitted by the Potomac Chapter

MOTION:

Honoring at the Blind. The Aims book currently reads " The handler of the honoring dog (the dog being tested) will be instructed to POSITION their dog approximately 10 feet from the retrieving dog, at a designated spot near the shore facing the water and then will be instructed to stand to one side and behind their dog during the sequence."

In the Test Instructions for the Invitational Honor by Blind it states "You will POSITION (sit or stand) your dog by the marker..."

The Potomac Chapter would like the Invitational Test Instructions to read POSITION (down, sit or stand) your dog by the marker...

LIST OF THE REASONS OR RATIONALE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE MOTION:

1. Consistency

- a. Aims Book UT Remaining by Blind. Upon arrival at the blind, the handler is allowed to POSITION the dog in or at either side.
- b. Judges Handbook Utility Test: Remaining by the Blind states: "the dog that merely changes POSITION from sitting, standing or lying down

We feel dogs that are taught "down" for The Utility Test should be allowed to use this POSITION at the Invitational Honor at the Blind.

Motion Submitted by the St. Croix Chapter

MOTION:

This motion is for the Judging and Testing committee under the Direction of the Executive Council to:

Develop a defined and published process for reporting and investigating reports of incidents concerning judges, including appropriate disciplinary actions, and an appeals process.

LIST OF THE REASONS OR RATIONALE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE MOTION:

-Provide a clear process for reporting judges that will allow judges and members a defined path for holding our judges to the appropriate standard.

-Provides judges with a clear understanding of what will happen when they are reported, and both their right to appeal and the process to do so.

-This will help with consistent and equal application of the "law", and application of disciplinary action.

Motions, continued

Motion Submitted by the St. Croix Chapter

MOTION:

This motion is for the Executive Council to consider the formation of a separate Invitational Grounds and Setup Committee that would be responsible for:

1. Assessing new grounds to be used for an Invitational;
2. Overseeing and liaising with the host Chapter with respect to preparations of the grounds to be used for Invitational events so that the grounds are adequately prepared prior to the relevant Invitational and consistent with the Aims and Rules and any requirements established by the Executive Council for the relevant Invitational; and
3. Coordinating setup of Invitational events so as to be ready prior to the Judges' meeting and handler walk through on the day before the opening day of an Invitational.

This committee to be staffed by a majority of previously qualified Invitational Judges as well as non-judges as selected by the Executive Council with input from the Judging and Testing Committee.

LIST OF THE REASONS OR RATIONALE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE MOTION:

To have a clearly defined group of Judges and non-judges that has the responsibility for grounds preparation and event setup so that the grounds and events are prepared and setup consistent with the event descriptions that have been previously communicated to the Invitational handlers.

To lessen the chance of surprise elements being introduced into the Invitational test and to present a fair testing opportunity to the dogs and handlers given that training is not allowed on Invitational grounds after May 1st.

To give the host committee clear and consistent guidance and to improve an open line of communication with the host committee and the international organization.

Motion Submitted by the St. Croix Chapter

MOTION:

This motion is for the NAVHDA Executive Council to:

-Publish on the navhda.org website their meeting agenda a minimum of 5 days prior to each meeting.

-Publish on the navhda.org website the meeting minutes including committee reports and roll call votes within 30 days after each meeting.

LIST OF THE REASONS OR RATIONALE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE MOTION:

Provide additional transparency within the organization.

Publishing meeting agendas provides transparency and allows the membership to see what the board is working on, additionally providing the membership with the opportunity to provide input.

Publishing meeting minutes provides transparency on how elected and appointed members of the EC are conducting business.

Seeing how our elected members, and those directors appointed by our elected members, provides valuable information to the membership in regards to future elections.

Motion Submitted by the St. Croix Chapter

MOTION:

St. Croix NAVHDA appreciates the work of the Judging and Testing Committee and Executive Council in the efforts to establish realistic and consistent criteria for judges to become and maintain their judgeship. We respectfully suggest the Judging and Testing Committee and Executive Committee require all Invitational Judges to have run in and pass the Invitational in its current format at least once in their lifetime and that they run in the Invitational at least once every twelve years; subsequent passing would not be required. The implementation of this standard should be fully effective in five years after its passage to allow for judges who are out of compliance enough time to come into compliance.

LIST OF THE REASONS OR RATIONALE SUPPORTING THE ABOVE MOTION:

Over the years the criteria to maintain judging status has been strengthened to ensure all judges stay active as a handler to keep their instincts sharp; which likely attributes to an often stated comment that NAVHDA has some of the best judges in the versatile dog arena. Currently, "all Judges are required to handle and pass a dog they have trained in a sanctioned NAVHDA Natural Ability, Utility Preparatory, Utility or Invitational Test within a four-year period beginning in the year of your appointment as a NAVHDA Judge. Additionally, every NAVHDA Judge must handle and pass a dog he or she has trained in a sanctioned NAVHDA Utility Preparatory, Utility or Invitational Test within an eight-year period beginning in the year of your original appointment as a NAVHDA Judge," which is taken directly from the NAVHDA website.

Firstly, NAVHDA judges are required to pass a dog in Natural Ability and Utility before they can become a judge. It would be in keeping with that standard, that passing the Invitational would be required to be considered to judge the event as the venues are substantially different than other NAVHDA tests.

Second, unlike other NAVHDA tests, the Invitational test is held only once a year and henceforth, it's more difficult for judges to keep this test front of mind. Furthermore, some judges only judge the Invitational every other year, making it even more difficult to stay on the top of their game. Handling a dog every twelve years keeps those instincts sharp, reminds judges of how critical setup and changing conditions are to hold a quality test and helps them anticipate issues, just as when they run NA or UT. Adding this provision to Invitational judges would be consistent with the current requirement to run at least NA every four years and UPT, UT or the INV every eight years.

Mushrooms Stuffed with Venison Sausage

Serves: 6-8

Whether you shot it yourself or enjoy your friend's or family's harvest, there are always more packages of venison sausage hiding in your freezer under the two frozen mallards saved for next spring's training and the forever too dry home-made coffee cake from Auntie Myrna.

Easy to make and delicious as an appetizer or side dish, stuffed mushrooms will renew your faith in the versatility of venison. *This recipe works with ground venison, too; you just need to add more seasoning.*

Ingredients:

- 6-8 very large portabella mushroom caps
- 1 pound ground venison sausage
- 1 (8oz.) package of cream cheese (low fat cream cheese works fine, too.)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Clean mushrooms. Using a melon ball scooper or a spoon, remove the papery gills from the underside, and if it's a thick mushroom, carve out a little more of the cap. Place caps round side down on a baking sheet.
3. Brown the sausage in a pan or small pot, then remove from heat. Season to taste. If the sausage is already flavorful, none needed. If it's bland or if you use plain ground venison, use Italian seasoning or a combo of garlic salt, oregano, onion powder and pepper. Add cream cheese to cooked venison meat and let it melt; stir until evenly mixed.
4. Spoon venison sausage and cream cheese mixture into mushroom caps.
5. Bake for 20 minutes or until mushrooms are browned. Remove from oven and serve.



Send us your hunt photos!
We'll share with the
Yankee Chapter on social media.
ycnavhda@gmail.com

Answers:

1. TRAINED
 2. HUNT
 3. POINT
 4. RETRIEVE
 5. TRACK
- Bonus: NAVHDA

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brain training

1. What nested here?



2. Which way is north?



3. jet trails

4. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?



5. Under Maine law, is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?



6. There are 2 ducks in front of 2 ducks. There are 2 ducks behind 2 other ducks. There are 2 ducks beside 2 other ducks. How many ducks are there?



Answers: 1. xxx 2. Moss and lichens prefer North-facing side of a tree because it's darker and more humid. 3. xxx 4. A river. 5. No, because he's dead. 6. Four ducks in a square formation.

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