

# barking dog express

jan/feb



2025

yankee chapter  
north american versatile  
hunting dog association

## from our president...

Greetings my friends,

With the snow falling outside my window and the... fast forward and let me start again....

That was one of those "but first" moments and I never made it back to my report. With wind gusts up to 50 mph, heavy rain coming down, and power outages expected, I'll try to jot down my final thoughts on our Yankee Chapter year.

So many new faces at all our events this year. Even better, I got to know many of you, your families and your dogs. I got to listen to your stories and how you made your way to Yankee. I even got to help you train your dogs! Thank you for joining our Yankee Chapter family.

2024 was packed full of events and education. Annual Meeting, Indoor Clinic, Dr. Ellithorpe DVM's Q and A session, Sportsman's Show, Ruffed Grouse Society Banquet, Green Point Clinics, Water Clinic Extravaganza, Wildes Point Clinics, Apprentice Hunter Camp, Spring and Fall Tests, the Invitational and so much more! We're going to do it again in 2025. I'm already hearing and feeling the energy of our members ready to train their dog(s). Me too!

New this spring will be a NAVHDA Aims and Rules Clinic. It will be an amazing two days of NAVHDA testing education. This event is valuable for everyone planning to test their dog. Don't miss it! Event details to follow. See page 7 for info.

Our Director of Youth Development, Sarah Franklin, and the leadership of our Apprentice Hunter Camp have been discussing running this event every other year. As much as we love this camp and the emotions we feel year after year, we need to refuel. More details in Sarah's report. Sarah's also working another educational plan. See page 2.

In closing, as the Yankee Chapter celebrates its 40th Anniversary, thank you! Thank you for trusting me for the last 23 years as your President. I guess if you add my 2 year term in 1993 and 1994, this is my 25th year. Drum roll, in 2002 our chapter dues were \$20.00 and they are still! We are one of NAVHDA's oldest, largest, most successful and respected chapters. It's because we are a family, we support and respect each other. There's so much to celebrate!

Thank you! (Still have power and snow has gone.!)

-- Patti

## Yankee Chapter Annual Meeting

**When:** Sunday, January 5, 2025 .  
Coffee 8:00.

Meeting starts 9:00.

**Where:** Phippsburg Sportsman's Association

### What else:

--If you would like to renew your membership, Yankee Treasurer Shawn Mowers will be collecting dues in the morning.

--We will be discussing the motions to be voted on at the NAVHDA International Annual Meeting on Jan 30 - Feb 1. Please see page 6 for summaries. The complete motions were emailed to all members. If you need new copies or if you have comments or questions, please contact Yankee President Patti Carter [mmkennels@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mmkennels@myfairpoint.net)

--Pot Luck Lunch to follow meeting

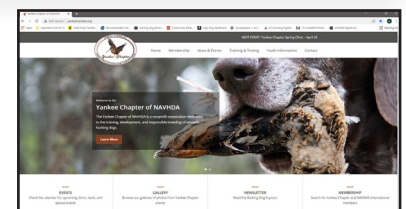
--Further details will be posted on our Facebook events page.



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"not your normal chapter"  
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**Membership Renewals are Due in January!**



**Happy 40th Yankee Chapter!**

I just spent the last few days going through the minutes of Yankee Board meetings from 1989 to 2002. The names and faces have changed, well, not all of them, but Yankee’s mission continues, to train, test and hunt our versatile hunting dogs. Since NAVHDA was born in 1969, we’ve gathered together to share knowledge and raise and train great dogs.

Blaine and I were fortunate to become friends with NAVHDA’s founder, Bodo Winterhelt, a true character. In 1975, we came upon an ad in the Brunswick newspaper advertising a hunting dog event close by in Bowdoinham.

The Northeast Chapter of NAVHDA based in Simsbury, CT, was holding the event. It was possibly NAVHDA’s first test ever held in the Northeast. We packed Misi, 2 and Jason,1 into the car, and headed to watch and figure out what those letters stood for. We got hooked!

I’ve asked Nancy to publish a page of the Northeast Chapter’s newsletter from our meeting in January 1984. (See page 3).

Several members from Maine and New Hampshire formed a training group basically because we were cheap and travel was expensive. You may recognize a name or two in the Minutes of the meeting.

One year later, in January of 1985, 10 individuals formed the Yankee Chapter of NAVHDA. Now, let’s fast forward to January 2025, and celebrate Yankee Chapter’s 40th Anniversary! -- Patti

**UPDATES TO THE NAVHDA INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE  
CHECK IT OUT!**



If you havent done so already, it’s time to set up your NAVHDA International Member Portal. International has done a nice job creating it. You will be able to see all your dogs registered (photos too!), submit your test entries, find other members and more. <https://portal.navhda.us/dashboard>

For those wanting to test their dogs in Yankee, you can submit your application on January 6th. 2025 Yankee Test Entry Rules can be found here:

<https://www.yankeenavhda.org/wp-content/uploads/Test-Entry-Rules-2025-Final.pdf>



**from our Treasurer -**

Yankee General Fund:  
\$32,431.24  
KKBB/NAHP/Apprentice Funds:  
\$18,226.17

**calendar**

**Yankee Chapter  
Annual Meeting**  
January 5, 2025  
Phippsburg Sportsmen’s  
Association

**NAVHDA International  
Annual Meeting**  
Jan 30 - Feb 1, 2025  
Bozeman, MT

**Indoor Training Clinic**  
February 15, 2025  
Hawkes Tree Service  
Phippsburg, ME

**Elections 2025**

The following chapter positions are up for election:

- Officers:** Vice President  
Treasurer
- Directors:** Test Secretary  
Gunning  
Testing

If anyone is interested in running for any of these positions, please contact Patti Carter asap: [mmkennels@myfairpoint.net](mailto:mmkennels@myfairpoint.net).

**Women’s NAHP**

It’s Official! Yankee will be holding their first ever women’s apprentice hunter program! Keep your eyes and ears open for more information to come... this program is still in its developmental stages, but we are so excited to put this camp together.

If chapter members know any women, over the age of 21, who would be interested in this opportunity, please reach out to Sarah Franklin. Much like youth camp, this camp will be geared towards women who are new, have little to no experience, or are seeking more knowledge on hunting. Topics and sessions will range from gun safety and handling, shooting, mock hunting, safety and survival, and so much more!

## January 1984 - Northeast Chapter Meeting Notes

Motion moved by Steve Babine for the President to contact National as the proper procedures for communication and membership.

Motion seconded and approved.

It was noted that the Secretary will now receive all membership applications and will forward all monies to the Treasurer.

Blaine Carter reported that the chapter had made no recommendations to National concerning apprentice judges. He stated that he had sent all the pertinent information directly to Bodo for his consideration.

The Director of Field Testing stated that he had set up dates and locations for 1984. They were to be May 26,27,28 in Simsbury, Conn. and Sept. 8,9 in Valley Falls, New York.

Discussion of changing the tests location.

Motion moved by Patti Carter that the Maine and New Hampshire people of the Northeast chapter organize and put on a test in Bowdoinham Maine on Memorial Day weekend or the weekend after.  
Motion withdrawn.

Discussion of a letter written and distributed by the Maine and New Hampshire Committee signed by the Chairperson Patti Carter. This letter states that a vote had been taken and approved to establish a Maine and New Hampshire Chapter effective January 1985.

Discussion of this letter with no action being taken.

Motion moved by Steve Babine that we accept the tests dates as given by the Director of Testing. Motion is seconded. No vote was taken.

The Secretary then read from the chapter constitution the position of Director of Field Testing.

Note "The Director of Field Testing in consultation with the Executive Council is responsible for assuring that local areas properly co-ordinate and conduct the Chapter test including proper and timely dissemination of test information both before and after the test."

President Paul Jensen called an Executive Council meeting to discuss the issue of tests dates for 1984 to take place at that time.

President Paul Jensen gave the decision of the Executive Council.

The Spring test will be held on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday in Connecticut on Monday in Maine. The same judge will be transported to the test sites. The fall test will be in New York.

The Director of Testing stated that he was not in favor of this decision.

Discussion of Training Clinic dates. Note: a separate schedule accompanies these minutes.

The Director of Training Steve Babine stated that he does not agree with the training clinic schedule because of the distances to be covered.

Motion moved by Steve Babine that the Maine Committee be dissolved given a reasonable period of time to do so. Motion is seconded and approved.

Motion moved by Steve Baine that the Income Expense sheet be amended to include other items pertinent to training clinics and that it be required that such sheets be present at all clinics. Motion is seconded and approved.

Motion moved by Steve Babine to amend a previous motion to set a date for the dissolving of the Maine Committee.

Note a date was set for January 31, 1984. Motion is seconded and approved.

Discussion on who was going to run the various training clinics.

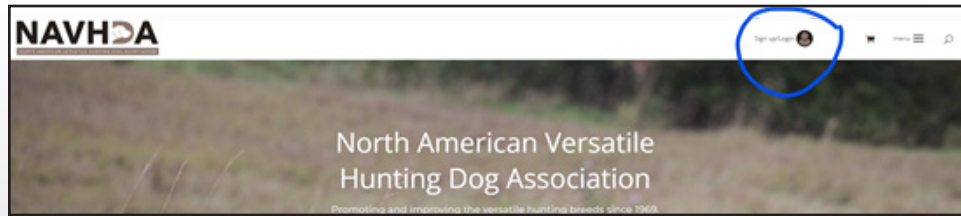
Note: Terry Weaver will handle those in Conn. and Blaine Carter those in Maine.

## From Test Secretary -- Nick Racioppi

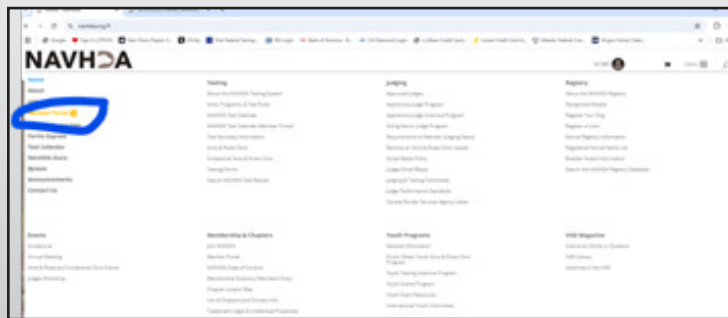
In 2025 we will have the option to submit Test Entry Forms either by USPS or through the NAVHDA Member Portal. For those members that will be using the Member Portal to submit their 2025 entry form, please follow the step-by-step process. You should also visit the Yankee Chapter website for additional information on our test entry rules. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (207) 751-3133 or email at feathersfins@comcast.net.

### New Test Entry Process Using the Member Portal

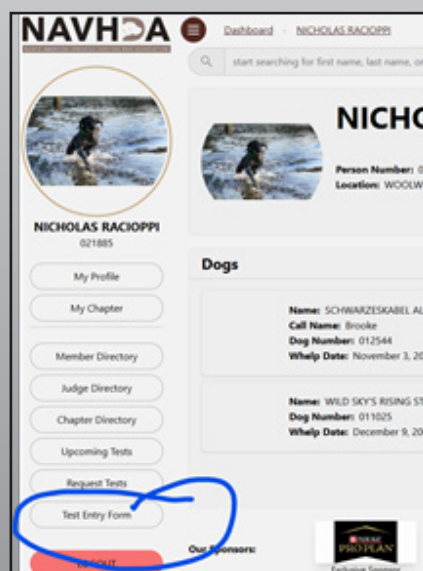
Step 1: Log-in to NAVHDA using your NAVHDA member number (6 digit number) and password.



Step 2: Go to menu button and select Member Portal:



Step 3: Select Test Entry Form on your profile.



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Step 4: Select your dog you wish to test, test date, preferred run date and Test Type. Hit Generate Application.

NAVHDA Dashboard - Test-Entry

Enter the information below to generate your test entry application

Use logged in member as owner

Select Dog: SCHWARZSKABEL ALDER BROOKE

Select Test: Jun 13 - 15, 2025 YANKEE NA/UPT/UT

Default handler to owner

Preferred Run Date: 06/dd/2025

**Test types available per day:**  
06/13/2025: NA UPT UT  
06/14/2025: NA UPT UT  
06/15/2025: NA UPT UT

Test Type:  
 Natural Ability  
 Utility Preparatory Test  
 Utility Test

Generate Application

Step 5: If you have a female that may be in season on test weekend, please provide answers to the questions on the Entry Form.

Breed of Dog: GS Whelp Date: Dec 9 2008

Sex of Dog: M Age on Test Day: 56 years 6 months

Has Diagnostic Tested: N/S

Is it possible that your female could be in season during this test?

If YES, would you consider running on the final day of the weekend?

**Owner Information:**

NAVHDA Member #: 021885 Full Name: NICHOLAS RACIOPPI

Membership Expiration Date: Apr 1 2025  Life Member  Paying Life

Street: 9 PASTURE RD City, State, Zip: WOOLWICH ME 04579-5154

Step 6: Ensure all information is filled out correctly. Once you complete the Test Entry information, hit Submit Application. You will receive an email confirmation for your submittal.

**Owner Information:**

NAVHDA Member #: 021885 Full Name: NICHOLAS RACIOPPI

Membership Expiration Date: Apr 1 2025  Life Member  Paying Life

Street: 9 PASTURE RD City, State, Zip: WOOLWICH ME 04579-5154

Cell Phone: 2077513133 Email: feathersfins@comcast.net

**Handler Information:**

NAVHDA Member #: 021885 Full Name: NICHOLAS RACIOPPI

Membership Expiration Date: Apr 1 2025  Life Member  Paying Life

Cell Phone: 2077513133 Email: feathersfins@comcast.net

Submit Application

## What I do once the snow flies and temps drop!

*Holiday greeting to all our Yankee Chapter friends! Blaine, Yankee's Director of Training, has a new hip, doing well and will be back in action this spring. In the meantime, he let me share a few of my puppy drills.*

-- Patti

### Controlling a pup's emotions at a young age.

I love puppy training and helping you avoid issues down the road. We currently have lots of puppies in our chapter that will be teenagers by spring. There's no better time than a cold winter day to work on obedience that you will need come spring training.

Waiting for a meal is where I introduce emotional control and the word "whoa." I always start by hand feeding. I put a few kibbles in my hand and place hand on the floor in front of pup. "Whoa"! It's very simple; if pup moves for food, my hand is closed and the food denied. Repeat, repeat.... Eventually pup will figure out how to get dinner. The key is that the pup figured it out! Patience is

required.

We had a chapter friend stop by recently and share some great hunting stories. He also shared what a difficult time he had putting his dog's hunting vest on. Pup wiggled and squirmed to the point our friend gave up!

It's VERY important to develop a trusting relationship during these early drills, while still maintaining your leadership role. Patience is required!

My suggestion to him and all of you is to plan ahead. With the vest, I would shape the behavior of waiting quietly. Even a pup can be taught to control emotions. Of course, you all know I am hugely in favor of using treats to shape a particular behavior. Start by teaching patience on the place board. Once wait is understood, place vest on back, treat. Repeat. Place the vest's strap around pup's neck, treat. Repeat. You will notice it's now all about food, and not about the vest. Patience is required. Try to do this with all drills.

### Winter drills for the older dog.

I'm sure you all had moments during your fall hunts that as Blaine says, "the wheels started falling off or just plain derailed!"

Here are a few drills Blaine recommends:

1. Wait patiently at door before being let out.
2. Wait patiently before exiting crate or car.
3. Wait patiently while putting dog bowl onto the floor.
4. Staircase heeling, up and down. Try backing up!
5. Off lead heeling in basement using objects to walk around.
6. Push pull exercises.
7. Line drills in the snow, blinds and marks.
8. Correct delivery positions with eye contact!

*We hope this will help you better prepare for spring and all our events. Please feel free to call us anytime. Blaine will NOT be dogsledding behind Keepah this winter, maybe Fergi though... See you all soon!*

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## NAVHDA International Annual Meeting - January 30 - February 1, 2025

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association will be hosted by the Montana Sharptail Chapter in Bozeman, Montana. This year, five motions have been proposed that will be discussed and voted on by the delegates. In summary, here are the motions to be considered at the Annual Meeting.

### MOTIONS

**Canadian Region's Presidents** -- Motion that a travel distance be added to the Out of Area judge definition. Judges would either have to be residing two (Western US/Canada) or three (Eastern US) states or provinces over or have a travel minimum of a specific distance.

**Canadian** -- Motion for NAVHDA to survey chapters to identify and compile best practices for retaining more members past the Natural Ability stage.

**KS NAVHDA** -- Motion to add a registered name check to the website to see if a prospective puppy's registered name will meet NAVHDA requirements.

**Pocono Mountain** -- Motion to have the Annual Meeting Delegates Meeting and Saturday morning Executive meeting available online to all chapters.

**Michigan Chapter** -- Motion that the Executive Council would consider someone who has been a member of NAVHDA for 30 consecutive years in good standing be granted a life membership.

## What's an Aims & Rules Clinic?

The Yankee Chapter will be hosting a NAVHDA Aims & Rules Clinic this spring. It's a wonderful opportunity to take a deep dive into the goals, scoring, and judging of NAVHDA tests. Here's the summary presented on the NAVHDA International website:

"The Aims & Rules Clinic is an educational tool developed by NAVHDA to help dog owners and handlers understand the testing system. The clinics are conducted by designated NAVHDA Senior Judges and Clinic Leaders. Aims & Rules 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 also 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 suggestions 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.
- Aspiring NAVHDA Judges are required to attend an Aims & Rules Clinic and is one of the first steps in our Apprentice Judge Program."

More information about dates, times, locations and sign-up will be available in the next month or so.

## MOST POPULAR HUNTING DOG BREEDS

According to Gabby Zaldumbide, Editor in Chief of Project Upland, the top five hunting breeds are the German shorthair /DK, Labrador retriever, English setter, Brittany, and German wirehair/DD.

The annual Project Upland survey also showed the least common (least owned) breeds: Picardy spaniel, Wirehaired vizsla, Braque d'Auvergne, Braque du Bourbonnais, and Blue Picardy spaniel.

Click on the link below for more details and the full article: <https://projectupland.com/hunting-dogs/most-popular-and-successful-bird-dog-breeds/>

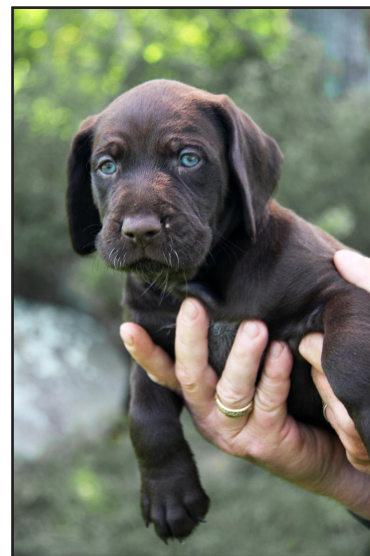
## Litter Ads in the Barking Dog Express

The Yankee newsletter can publish your planned or born litter ads. These quarter page ads are free for Yankee Chapter members. Non-members can also place ads for \$15 per issue.

If you would like to place an ad, please send it print ready as a high resolution JPEG file or a PDF. The Barking Dog Express will no longer be designing or preparing ads.

The ads should be 5" x 4" or proportionate to those dimensions, horizontal or vertical.

Please email your ads to BDE editor, Nancy Anisfield: [anisfield@gmavt.net](mailto:anisfield@gmavt.net).



# yankee youth!

by Sarah Franklin, Director of Youth Development

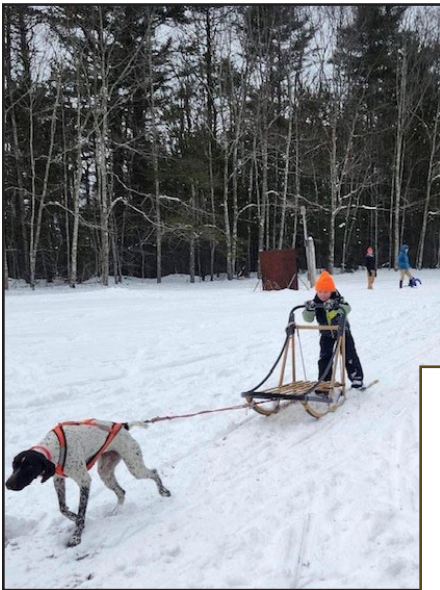
## Phippsburg Winter Kids Day

Come join the Yankee chapter on March 2nd at the Phippsburg Winter Kids Day! A day full of dog sledding, Nordic skiing, and snowshoeing. Family and kids of all ages are welcome. Equipment will be available for use on site.

The Yankee Chapter is looking for a few volunteers and their dogs to help with dog sledding. Harnesses and sleds will be provided by Yankee. Please reach out to Sarah Franklin if you are able to volunteer! We look forward to seeing you there!

Sarah Franklin  
Sarafrankling3@gmail.com  
207-240-4402

Phippsburg Sportsman's Club  
272 Main Rd Phippsburg, ME 04562



## Update on NAHP

The Yankee chapter has decided to alternate years for NAHP camp. There will be no kids camp this year, but there will be a camp in summer 2026. Please continue to send prospective kids information over to Sarah Franklin, a file is being kept of all potential candidates!

## Sled Dog Trivia & Facts

When is National Sled Dog Day?

Dog sledding is also called:

- A. Curling
- B. Dog skiing
- C. Mushing
- D. Dog tobogganing


Did you know?

Sled dogs will consume nearly 10,000 calories in a day? That's compared to the average 1,700 calories consumed by our pets! All that hard work and exercise requires a lot of food!

## Winter Fun!

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| hot chocolate | dog sledding | snowshoes | cold     |
| ice fishing   | frostbite    | longjohns | igloo    |
| hibernate     | holidays     | toboggan  | new year |
| December      | reindeer     | February  | winter   |
| mittens       | mushing      | flannel   | chilly   |
| skating       | snowmen      | January   | frozen   |
| gloves        |              |           |          |



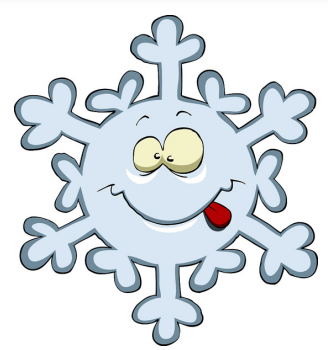
### LIFE TIME HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES

It's been quite a while since the Yankee Chapter awarded Lifetime Hunt Fish licenses to our chapter youth. In the upcoming year there will be six!

The Yankee Chapter's Kenny King / Bob Bisson Fund will contribute 100% of the Lifetime Hunt Fish license cost.

Thank you to our members and their generosity which allows us to support families of our next generation of hunters and anglers.

**Calen Laperriere**  
**Samuel Franklin**  
**Jackson Franklin**  
**Annie DeVan**  
**Cassin DeVan**  
**Ava Lamontagne**



Answers:  
National Sled Dog Day is February 2nd  
Dog Sledding is also called Mushing



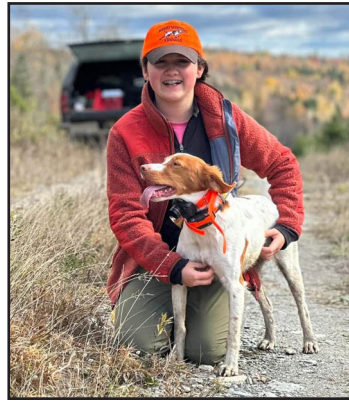
# showcase: Yankee Youths in the Wild!



Caden Lamontagne



Connor Haley



Ava Lamontagne



Sam Franklin



Jacob Haskell



Jared and Abby Johnson



Patti Carter & Wyatt Knutson



Ben Hatch



Tucker Blake



Joey Dauphin



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Lexi Kramer

# Opportunities for Youth at your Chapter's Aims and Rules Clinic

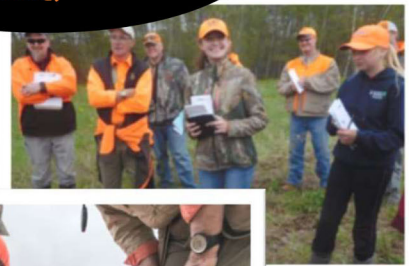


Kristin was a passionate enthusiast for all things NAVHDA, AKC and NSTRA. She successfully ran dogs in all levels of NAVHDA's testing program and was an accomplished breeder of German shorthaired pointers receiving many Breeders Awards. Kristin was an active volunteer for her local chapter, a cheerleader for all other NAVHDA members, and an aspiring veterinarian. Jim and Donna Rieser of Shooting Starr Kennels, created this fund in memory of their daughter.

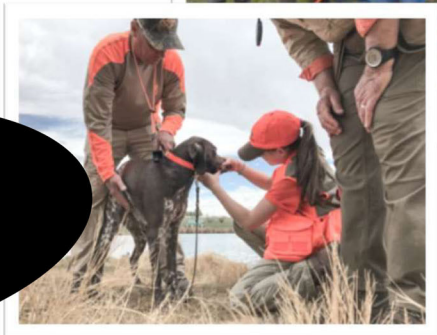
**The Kristin Rieser Youth Aims & Rules Clinic Program reimburses the ENTIRE fee for young members' participation in an Aims & Rules clinic!**

## The Application Process:

1. The Youth fills out the application with their information and the clinic details.
2. The Youth writes a short story about themselves, their experiences with dogs and hunting, and why they want to attend the clinic.
3. Provide a photo of themselves and their dog.
4. Ask a NAVHDA member to write a note of recommendation.



NAVHDA International sends a check straight to the chapter for the clinic fee so there is no money out of their pocket for the event.



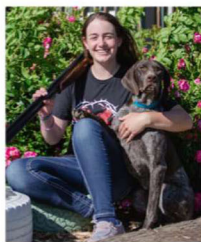
**Story!? What do I write? Classroom!? Is this going to be like school? Judging Dogs!? But I'm just a kid!**



New experiences can really grow and stretch youth, but they can be scary and intimidating. The NAVHDA Youth Mentors have been in your shoes and are available to share their experiences about how they completed their applications, what the weekend was like and how much fun they had!

Please encourage your youth to reach out to NAVHDA Youth Committee Member Sara Heesacker at [surefirekennels@gmail.com](mailto:surefirekennels@gmail.com) to connect with them.

## 2024 NAVHDA Youth Mentors:



Makenzie Heesacker  
Rocky Mountain, Black Hills, Frontier and West Slope NAVHDA Chapters  
Received scholarships for

- NA/UT Aims clinic at age 10
- Invitational Aims clinic at age 13

Tested Dogs at NA & UT level  
Current Goals: Running Invitational 2024



Alison Mathis  
Missouri Uplands, Missouri South, Illowa and Spoon River Chapters  
Received scholarships for

- NA/UT Aims clinic at age 11

Tested Dogs at NA level  
Current Goals: Running Utility 2025

## Member Spotlight

Learn a little more about some of us Yankees! Join the fun -- send in your photo and answers to these questions, and we'll put you in the next newsletter.

1. Name? Do you have a nick name?
2. Current Job? Dream Job?
3. How many dogs and what breeds?
4. What is something we don't know about you?
5. What made you join Yankee?
6. If you could do one thing differently in your training what would that be; why?
7. What is the oldest thing in your fridge?



### Charles Ellithorpe

1. Nickname: Yes, but it's a family secret. Nate you better keep your mouth shut.
2. Current Job: Veterinarian  
Dream Job: Game warden
3. Dogs: Three Deutsch drahthaars
4. Something you don't know: I've been in prison 3 times
5. Joining Yankee: Yankee chapter is an incredible resource for trainers experienced or newbie.
6. Do one thing differently with training: I wish I could get the same results without the use of an E-collar but don't have the time for that approach.
7. In the freezer there's a gallon of blood that's 6 years old.



### Lisa Rinaldi

1. Nick name? Momma/Gigi
2. Current Job? Receptionist  
Dream Job? Mom/Gigi
3. How many dogs and what breeds?  
Three - GSP's
4. What is something we don't know about you? I'm secretly a Tom Brady and New England Patriot fan.
5. What made you join Yankee?  
Hilary Pelletier
6. If you could do one thing differently in your training what would that be; why? Knowledge-I wish that I had read and watched more training articles/videos. I have learned so much that would have made our lives so much easier and more stress free. (More hair and less gray on our heads too!)
7. Oldest thing in your fridge? Bunch of dead chukkar in the freezer

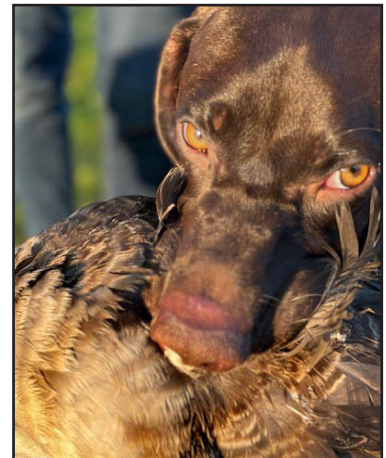
### Savvy

1. Name? My birth name is Merry-meeting's Sauvignon Point though most call me Savvy. Some refer to me as The Crazy Eye Killa, not sure why, might have something to do with my love for dispatching most anything that wiggles.

2. What's your favorite thing to do?  
I enjoy long walks in the North Maine Woods, drinking from toilets, chewing on something rancid, but most of all catching birds while my dad tells lies to his buddies.

3. Are you single?  
I'm currently not interested in starting a serious relationship. If the right stud came along I wouldn't turn my nose up to a little wrestling or at most some heavy petting. I'm simply too busy getting ready for my utility test to get distracted chasing tail.

4. What is something most don't know about you?  
I'm a dirty girl who can't control her licker. I'm not afraid to get my paws muddy however, and I hate baths or having my nails done. I will admit I'm a bit nosey at times and like to get into other people's business.



5. What is your dream job?  
My dream job would be a taste tester at an expensive restaurant. I've been refining my palette for months now, reviewing my father's culinary concoctions when he's distracted. Outside of crackers, eggs and cheese puffs, he doesn't seem to want to support my dream however.
6. What is your greatest accomplishment?  
Up to this point my greatest accomplishment was earning a prize one in my natural ability test and finding all those birds for my dad this fall.

Send us your photo and answers to the Member Spotlight questions:  
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# Update on the CDC Dog Import Rulings

In August, the Sportsmen's Alliance filed a lawsuit against the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on behalf of NAVHDA and several other groups. The SA case focuses on the CDC's acting in excess of its statutory authority when it issued new regulations requiring extensive paperwork, microchipping, and a minimum age of 6 months for all dogs entering the U.S. Subsequently, the CDC reduced the amount of required paperwork but has stood behind the rest of the new rulings.

The SA also filed a motion for preliminary injunction, seeking to have the CDC remove the new rulings until the court case is heard. The CDC filed an opposition to that injunction a month later.

On December 19, the Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation presented oral arguments to the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan supporting their request

for an injunction on the restrictions. If the injunction is approved, that means the new regulations will be suspended -- with the old regs back in place -- until the lawsuit itself is heard in court.

The judge's ruling on that injunction is expected in January. Despite the CDC claiming they might revisit the rulings, they have offered no details and no timeline for doing so. It may take many months for the SA case to be heard, and the CDC's revisiting may never happen or may not change the regulations. Thus the injunction is extremely important to breeders, hunters, travelers, dog owners attending trials and shows out of the country, and dog owners who seek veterinary care abroad as well.

### To follow this issue:

<https://sportsmensalliance.org/news/saf-argues-lawfulness-of-cdc-puppy-ban-in-federal-district-court/>



### Highlights from the Purina Timeline

1894 - Robinson-Danforth was founded, the first to produce balanced food for animals.

1926-1950s - Purina Dog Chow is sold exclusively through Purina dealers to farmers, hunters, breeders and kennels. Later in the 50's it appeared in grocery stores.

1972 - Ralston Purina introduces Purina High Protein food developed for working dogs like herders, hunting dogs, and sporting dogs.

1981 - Purina High Protein is restaged as Hi Pro, the prototype for Pro Plan Performance formulas.

1986 - Pro Plan Performance dog food formula is introduced and becomes a flagship brand.

Late 80's - Pro Plan expands partnerships with Pheasants Forever and Ruffed Grouse Society.

2012 - Purina introduces Purina Pro Plan Sport, designed to promote endurance and strength.

Late 2010's - Pro Plan expands its partnership with Ducks Unlimited.

2021 - present  
Pro Plan Sport formulas expanded to include formulas with novel proteins -- Beef & Bison, Salmon & Cod, and Turkey, Duck & Quail.

2022 - Pro Plan Sport debuts lifestage formulas for puppies, large breed puppies, and adults 7+, providing fine-tuned age-appropriate nutrition.



*Lisa Rinaldi sent in this wonderful photo of Bogie, Bleu, and Capo. Oh those eyes!*





Send us your favorite game recipes and game cooking tips. Original recipes are welcome along with favorites created by others. If you send a recipe from another cookbook or chef, please tell us who created the recipe or where you found it. Bonus points are yours for a photo of the dish prepared.

## Venison Tenderloin with Mustard Sauce by Nick Racioppi

### Tenderloin:

- Marinate the tenderloin in a mixture of kosher salt, ginger, olive oil, and soy sauce for a few hours.
- Grill the loins on high until seared on all sides. Lower heat and cook until desired temp.
- Once cooked, remove from heat and let stand for 15 minutes before slicing.
- Slice into 1" thick pieces and cut pieces in half.
- Serve with the mustard sauce for an excellent appetizer.

### Mustard Sauce:

- 1 cup mayo
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 tsp. white vinegar
- 3 tbl. Dry mustard
- 3 tbl. Scallions

Make a paste out of the vinegar and mustard. Add the rest of the ingredients. Place in refrigerator and chill overnight.



## What is the HIP Program?

The Harvest Information Program is managed by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and state fish and wildlife agencies. Woodcock and other migratory bird hunters are must get HIP certification by answering a few questions about past harvest patterns. HIP certification is typically obtained when purchasing an annual hunting license, but even hunters with a lifetime license are required to complete the certification.

The information collected through HIP certification is later used

to create a sampling framework for the USFWS Migratory Bird Harvest Survey (diary survey) and Parts Collection Survey (wing survey). These surveys, along with band recoveries and population studies, give biologists the data they need to make informed decisions on hunting regulations and migratory bird management.

HIP certification is not only a legal requirement for woodcock hunters but also a critical component of migratory bird management. Data

collected through HIP help biologists estimate migratory bird populations and assess the impact of hunting.

Accurate harvest estimates are vital for:

- Ensuring the health and sustainability of woodcock and other migratory bird populations
- Setting appropriate hunting regulations
- Maintaining future hunting opportunities

*This excerpt is from the Ruffed Grouse Society's Bellwether "The Importance of the Harvest Information Program," by Nathan Ratchford, September 6, 2024. For the full article:*

[https://ruffedgrousesociety.org/the-importance-of-the-harvest-information-program/?utm\\_source=RGS+Master+List&utm\\_campaign=9733ee2c5b-EMAIL\\_Bellwether+October+2024\\_DNO&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_-19576a3a1c-%5BLIST\\_EMAIL\\_ID%5D&mc\\_cid=9733ee2c5b&mc\\_eid=g32fd41d6d](https://ruffedgrousesociety.org/the-importance-of-the-harvest-information-program/?utm_source=RGS+Master+List&utm_campaign=9733ee2c5b-EMAIL_Bellwether+October+2024_DNO&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-19576a3a1c-%5BLIST_EMAIL_ID%5D&mc_cid=9733ee2c5b&mc_eid=g32fd41d6d)



## Volunteers needed: Phippsburg Sportsmen's Club Winter Youth Day

When Yankee arranged to hold our Annual Meeting at the Phippsburg Sportsmen's Club, they asked in exchange that we support Winter Youth Day on March 2nd. Let's show them some great Yankee support! Adults, kids, and NAHP campers -- come help out! For more information contact Sarah Franklin: Sarafrankling3@gmail.com or 207-240-4402.

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Along with five shotguns, former Yankee member Jim Hynson left this Thomas and Thomas rod and reel to the chapter. We will discuss how best to handle these generous donations at the Yankee Chapter Annual Meeting.

### The Barking Dog Express Needs You!

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