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Well a lot has happened since the last newsletter.

On May 21st and 22nd we held our Handler Clinic. We had a good turnout of new and old members. Though I'm always surprised that more members don't attend these events. These clinics are a great opportunity for you to get an understanding of the NAVHDA test rules. The clinic leaders are NAVHDA senior judges, the very type of judges we have at our test events. To recap, on Saturday morning we went over rules – the why, what, how come of it all. In the afternoon we ran and scored 2 NA dogs. Sunday we ran 1 UPT and 2 UT dogs with all of us scoring the dogs and handler and much discussion on it. This was my 3rd Handler Clinic and once again, I feel I've come away with a better understanding of the NAVHDA rules and feel it was money and time well spent. Hopefully you can attend a Handler Clinic in the future and you'll come to understand the scoring system better yourself.

For the Memorial Day weekend training day I had thought that maybe not many members would show up. Well I was surprised to see we had close to 70 people/ members on the grounds and we must have had over 90 dogs running that day. We had a full day and ended about 6:00pm. We do need to keep in mind that with the small grounds and large interest of our members to train that we all have to be efficient in the use of the area. I know it's great to work on areas ex-

tra long, but on training days we just can't, as it's not fair for 1 person and his dog to tie up a field or water site for 45 minutes to an hour. Also before you use the fields or water on training day, you need to find out what's going on there first. Who's doing what, where are they doing it and when you can get in line for that area/event. Sometimes there will be a long wait so maybe try a different area while you're waiting or a different event. Again stay flexible. Remember you're there on training days to learn, not train your dog. You should be doing the real dog training on your personal time. You should watch other members, walk along in the field, and watch other events and training setups. Learn from each other, so on other days you can put that knowledge to training your own dog to work for you.

This past weekend June 4th & 5th we held our spring test. We had very summery weather and all went well even with a little rain. Our chukars unfortunately were not very cooperative flyers when wet, which was during most of everyone's fieldwork. All of our dogs testing for Utility did pass their test with 3 Prize 1's, 2 Prize 2's and 3 Prize 3's. Good job everyone. All but 2 of our NA dogs passed their test.

Remember the old saying – try, try again and never ever give up. You will get the dog you want. I want to thank all of the workers for helping out at the test, without you we couldn't do it. Thanks everyone.

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Tick Article from Tim Clark - NAVHDA

Ticks are the most common carriers of infectious disease in the US. and are close to 2nd worldwide. Tick borne disease can result from bacteria, viruses, parasites and from toxins in the tick bite itself. Lyme is the most common tick-borne ailment. More than 7,000 cases have been reported in Wisconsin since 1980. However, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, is the most common fatal tick-borne disease in the US today. RMSF is most prevalent in the south Atlantic coastal and south-central states.

Deer ticks can live for more than 2 years and have 3 blood meals. It is through the 2nd and 3rd blood meal that Lymes can be transmitted to us. If a deer tick is infected, it must be attached for 24 to 48 hours before it transmits the Lyme disease, and at least 24 hours to transmit other tick diseases. Ticks get on us via Questing, meaning they will crawl up on long blades of grass or low bushes and wave their front legs waiting for a warm blooded host to walk by. Their nose is actually a sensor located on the tip of the 1st foreleg - (front leg). Ticks are attracted to the emission of CO2. From Wisconsin Outdoor Journal - May 2005 vol. 19- No 4 pg. 10, author Jacob Edson.

To prevent Ticks on us:

- Wear light colored clothing in tick infested areas. makes it much easier to detect and see the tick.
- Wear long sleeved light colored shirts.
- Make sure your socks are pulled over your pants legs.
- Prevents ticks from coming in contact with your skin.
- Treatment with Permanone to clothing before an outing will prevent ticks from crawling on your clothing. Do NOT use it on your skin.
- Body Treatment with Repellents such as OFF! can prevent ticks. Read the Product label before application.
- Wearing knee high green smooth rubber boots will prevent ticks from attaching to your clothes.

If bitten:

- Remove the tick promptly with a forceps by grabbing as close to the point of contact (bite area) as you can.
- Wash area with soap and water and apply an antiseptic treatment.
- paste the tick with scotch tape to a file card
- mark the date, the location of bite, the location you think you got this tick and save.
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Tick infested clothing inserted into a dryer at a high temperature for 30 minutes will kill any tick. Another option is to bag and spray with any house and Garden spray then seal the bag for 24 hours, this will kill ticks that are hidden. Never place tick infested clothes over bedding - keep in a separate area.

Our Dogs

Regular checks before crating your dog can help prevent tick attachments. Use a fine toothed flea comb and groom the dog, paying special attention to the head, neck, ear areas. For any attached tick - treat and remove as you would for yourself. Simple pyrethrum sprays are very effective for our dogs in tick infested areas and can be applied right to the coat of the dog. One thing I do after the last cover of the day is to inspect and treat my dogs. I use Pre-Cor found in Lion Supply. For longer protection and use one of the advertised pills such as Frontline, etc. Seek Veterinary assistance. Kennels can be treated with any good residual spray. check your lawn and garden department and ask. Then apply per label directions.

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NAVHDA Updates

Invitational Workers Needed

The workers list for the Invitational is now up on the NAVHDA web site at the bottom of Frequently asked Questions. Go all the way to the bottom for the workers list. Wayne Darvel, Vounteer Coordinator indicates he is short of workers and only 4 workers out of their chapter. They are counting on the many chapters from the surrounding areas.

Whether you are handling a dog, or coming to be a spectator, working at the Invitational is not only a fun and productive way to see great dog work, it is an outstanding way to learn more about the test. The Invitational is an International event, which means each of us plays a part in its success. At the least, if everyone who handles a dog, volunteers to work at least one day, there would a sufficient number of workers.

To volunteer your services contact:

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The preferred point of contact is through email so Wayne can adequately track the volunteers. Please give Wayne your name, email address, home address, phone number, days you can work, list at least two different jobs you would be willing to do and give him a little background as to whether you've worked at NAVHDA tests in the past and in what capacity. We'll do our best to accommodate everyone.

Training Articles for VHD

We are looking for hints, articles or anything written by a member on

training beyond the NA level. We need informational articles. Do you have something that has worked? Do you have a system that works for any phase of training? What mistakes have you made that turned out to be learning experience you might share? Fax, e-mail, snail mail your articles. We need your contributions. We will make you look good. We even know how to read Roland Drew's handwriting so we have a great deal of expertise on the publication staff.

Youth Stories for VHD

NAVHDA is looking for youth stories and pictures for youth in NAVHDA. Do you see any young handlers at the spring tests? Talk to them and ask them to submit a picture or have someone in the chapter submit a story. August is our youth issue. We hope to fill it with youth stories.

Test Entry Form

From Tim Clark; Director of Promotions:

"It was brought to our attention that the age of dog at time of test was omitted on the 2005 official entry form and the secretaries had to calculate this number. It has the now been added. If you still need entry forms, download the revised form."

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THE TASKMASTER By Bob Britten

I have decided to take the time to write about the Taskmaster because I don't care to have new handlers in the chapter believe this is the way to successfully train a versatile. For those of you who haven't read Evan Graham's Smart Fetch, the taskmaster is the person that thinks of himself as a trainer but he is a taskmaster. He/she does many of the same drills, uses the same equipment but he is just pushing his dog around. Forcing his will on him, while SELDOM, remembering to let the dog know that he has done the right thing with sincere and appropriate praise.

The taskmaster is quick to burn a dog at high levels to enforce compliance, without taking the time to really teach the dog what he would like him do, expecting way too much from a dog that has not been properly introduced to the command he just enforced. I saw one dog totally out of control this year run up to two dogs that were under control and healing. Owner from a distance kept yelling for the dog to come. Well folks, after one command the best thing to do is make a beeline for your dog and get him under control. Spot gave his handler the bwana and his handler lost control burning his dog into vocalizing to try and force compliance. What in fact the handler

did was make his runaway dog think that one of the other dogs was causing his discomfort almost causing a dog fight!

I could go on about other taskmaster issues but I hope you are getting my point. The days of burning dogs into submission and/ or compliance is old school - left only for the taskmaster or the alpha dog. A lot of people believe a strong willed and driven dog is an alpha, wrong. The alphas are independent, not easy to develop, and like Evan says "really don't care what you think." He also says it is a constant battle of wills to train one of these dogs. Now I ask you, how many alphas have you really seen in this chapter?

Here is what I look for in a quality trainer/handler, traits I respect the utmost. This person trains with his head, not his hands. He trains with intimacy, not intimidation. He positions dogs to self-train. The solid trainer never places a dog in position where he has to say no, or never places a dog in a position where he can disobey. He trains with sensitivity, influence handling or bonding. The dog in all circumstances is given the benefit of the doubt. Think about this "Dominance in gundog training is Dead" Here is another gem "If you

train for compliance, your program will fail" "If you train your dog for self-drive and independence, your program will succeed."

The happiness of a dog is more important than anything else, if the dog makes you mad you have just been defeated. Therefore it is really important that the trainer keeps himself under control than the dog. Here is another saying, which I stand by. "To train with pain is not training at all, but senseless brutality. You can find more in Bill Tarrant's Gun Dog Training, New Strategies from Today's Top Trainers.

How many trainers/handlers have you seen stroke their dogs on a retrieve or when on point, to let them know how much you appreciate what they just did for them? The ones that really care about their dog take the time.

Sure there is the dog that loses style when you touch him or come near him, but why is that? Could it be from a taskmaster type attitude and or training? Beware of the taskmaster & his training methods! It is old school.

Calendar of Events

- June 26th Training Day (Last day to order birds is June 17th)**
 - July 24th Training Day (Last day to order birds is July 15th)**
 - Aug. 6th Chicken Fun Day**
 - Aug. 21st Training Day (Last day to order birds is Aug. 12th)**
 - Aug. 27-28 Fall Test**
 - Sept. 2-4 Invitational Test - Hosted by the Minnesota Chapter**
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Spring Test Results

We will fill in all the test scores from Saturday, June 4th at the Mead Dog Training Grounds. If you know the points and prizes for the dogs without scores please let me know. Thanks.

Saturday, June 4th, 2005 – Site: Dave & Julie Carlstrom's

Judges: Mike Melotik, John MacNeal, Julie Carlstrom

Natural Ability Test	Breed	Age (Yr-Mo.)	Points	Prize	Handler
Ruger's rowdy Raleigh	GWP		98	II	Paul Kramer
Medo Points Art	WPG		103	II	Gregory McCrossin
Caden's High Climber	GSP		110	I	Robert Datka
Drumlin Edge's Alba	WPG		78	III	Doug Huntrods
Stonepoints Erinite	WPG		65	None	Sheila Beyer
Drumlin Edge's Aim Me	WPG		112	I	Steve Frame
North Star's Atta Girl	WPG		87	None	Carol Johnson
Timberland's George	LM		112	I	Richard Sutherland
Hunt Mountain's Cut 'N Shoot	LM		99	II	James Carlson
Garbonita's Sonny Hills Caliber	GS		105	II	Dean Lee

Saturday, June 4th, 2005 – Site: Mead Dog Training Grounds

Natural Ability Test	Breed	Age (Yr-Mo.)	Points	Prize	Handler
Wrigley's Hallelujah	BS				Keith Olson
Soco's Mystic Lady	BS		101	I	John McKenzie
Utility Test					
Vom Britt Enges Justa Callie	GWP		201	I	Gary Engebretson
Peerless Prairie Wind	GSP			II	Scott Daenicke
Nelson II	BS				Keith Olson
Huskar Vom Wiredhaus	GWP		204	I	Joe Aumann

Judges: David Norquist, David Carlstrom, Michael Jansen

Sunday, June 5th, 2005 – Site: Mead Dog Training Grounds

Natural Ability Test	Breed	Age (Yr-Mo.)	Points	Prize	Handler
De Jac's I Get Around	WPG		86	III	Julie Carlstrom
Biene von der Seejagd	LM		92	III	Mike Melotik
Utility Test					
Peerless Northwoods Jam	GSP		192	I	Timothy Peeters
Autumn Legends Chukar Can Do	BS		182	III	John McKenzie
Tolka Belle J Emma	BS		184	II	Brent Catura
Black River Dana	WPG		193	III	Robert Van Meter

Judges: David Norquist, John MacNeal, Michael Jansen

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From The Training Table of Brent Catura (cont'd)

Remember our next test is August 27th & 28th. Which is our last event of the year as a club. It's also a double test, which requires lots of helpers. Lets see more people show up to help and also remember you can learn by watching. So if you can't help at the test, then come and watch and cheer on the handlers and dogs. Be part of the club; help the other members and their dogs. Keep this club strong.

Training for me will get even more hectic this summer, if that's at all possible. I have to get Duke ready for

the invitational test Labor Day weekend. I also have to rerun Emma for her UT test as I want to get her from Prize 2 to that Prize 1. So I will try again with her as I believe she has it in her. Then I still have Daisy to test for UT also.

I still have a few chukars available that are left from the last test day. These can be purchased for \$6.25 ea. If I don't have to take care of them that will free up some of my time so I can do more dog training.

If you're serious about training your dog and want to train with me, then call me. I will be at the Mead Grounds, every Tues. evening, starting at about 3:30 p.m. Along with several Fri., Sat. & Sun. training days.

Well 'til our next training day, June 26th, keep those dogs pointing steady.

Brent Catura
President

Litter Announcements and Ads

Wirehaired Pointing Griffon Puppies

Uplands JC & Alibi's Montana Gold
To be whelped approx June 1st

See web site for pictures and details

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HANNAH'S LITTER

Vom Britt Bird Dawgs is pleased to announce a GWP breeding between Hannah & Warren II Wissower Klinken. Hannah comes from a long line of proven and tested NAVHDA dogs. Her father is VC Kettle Creek's Moe MH & mother Kettle Creek's Tina (Joula) who is a three time Utility One and AKC Master Hunter (MH). Hannah is a UT One and needs just one pass leg for her MH title. She scored a very respectable 180 points but no pass at the VC last year. She is a proven bird finder with a superb

hunters coat, intense point, natural retrieve and back.

Warren is a black German import who is also a UT One dog, presently in training for the VC. His father Birko II Vom Richthof I have seen on three VDD pedigrees and have found out he is one well known and tested stud in Germany & the VDD system. He is also a driven bird finder with natural point and retrieve. His disposition, I have been around him twice, is normal with no signs of aggression.

This breeding is a line breeding going back to the two dogs I believe are responsible for much of the success of Kettle Creek dogs in NAVHDA. VC Rico Wissower Klinken X Quecke Wissower Klinken UT1 are on both the top and bottom of Hannah's pedigree.

This breeding I feel should produce high desire but cooperate bird dawgs, which will hunt for the gun, and have all the true natural abilities that a well bred NAVHDA dog should possess. Please contact Bob Britten at (715) 238-7691 or mbritten@tds.net if you