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PRE-TEST CLINIC THIS SATURDAY, MAY 21 9:00 a.m.

Our last clinic before the Spring test will be held this Saturday at the chapter's training sites in Rome and Smithfield. Plan to meet at Malcolm Charles's farm in Rome by 8:45 a.m. to purchase your birds and get ready for the day. Water work will be conducted at Malcolm's pond. Field work will be staged at the practice fields in Smithfield, just a few miles from Malcolm's farm. (See directions to Malcolm's and to the fields at the end of this newsletter).

Dog and handler teams who will be testing in June will be given priority in the running order on Saturday. Both the field and water work will be staged as a mock test and Saturday's trainers will "score" each pre-test team and discuss how NAVHDA judges would evaluate each performance.

A few things to remember for this week's clinic. As always, be sure to pack for any type of weather. Bring plenty of water for yourself and your dog. Pack a lunch for yourself; fresh lunches are also available at the Smithfield Market close by the training fields. Remember to bring all the usual canine gear: crate or stakeout, water bowl, leash, and long line. Be prepared to invest the time it will take to participate fully in the pre-test activities. Test day will be a very full day so it's good for you and your canine buddy to practice patience and staying fresh over a long day.

One last thing to remember. Don't panic if you or your dog aren't exactly stellar performers come Saturday. That's why there's a pre-test: to show you where you need to focus your efforts over the next few weeks. Remember, practice makes perfect. And, have faith in yourself and your canine partner.



One Reason to Practice in a Pre-Test Clinic: to Prepare Your Dog for Sights Like These.

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TESTING IN JUNE???

A Few Things to Remember (in no particular order)

◆ Arrive on Time

Handlers should arrive at Malcolm Charles's farm by 6:30 a.m. Catch your breath, check in with the test secretary, acquaint yourself with the volunteers who are there to help you and your dog. The judges start the test promptly at 7:00 a.m.

◆ Listen Carefully to the Judges

You will be given general directions at the opening day of each test and at each step along the way. If you have questions, ask right then. Don't regret that you didn't clarify what you were supposed to do.

◆ Hydrate Your Dog and Your Self

Keep your brains and your bods alert with frequent water breaks. It's also a great way for you and your dog to take a pause point and regroup.

◆ Pack for All Contingencies

Weather can start in the 40's and end in the 90's, start with sun and end in a downpour. So dress in layers and pack for a range of weather conditions. Be sure to bring all the gear your dog will need during the day: crate and/or stakeout, bowls, water, shade, and leash.

◆ Food Will Be Available

We will have doughnuts, fruit and coffee available for the morning. Lunches will also be available for a nominal contribution. Break bread with your fellow club members and relax a moment.

◆ Chapter Volunteers Are There to Support and Help You

Need someone to hold your dog while you use the loo? Need directions to the pond or fields? We've been in your shoes. We're here to help.

◆ Bring Your Bug Spray

◆ Bring Your Sunscreen

◆ Don't Forget to Wear Some Orange

You will be around live fire. Our insurance requires anyone working around live fire situations to wear blaze orange.

◆ And Above All — Try to Have Fun!!

Events 2011

Feb 5—Indoor Clinic
Mercer Comm. Ctr.
9:00 a.m.

Feb 26-27
Cabin Fever Reliever
Brewer Auditorium

March 11-13
Eastern ME Sportsmen's Show
UMaine-Orono, Orono, ME

April 9 – Indoor Clinic
Location TBD
9:00 a.m.

April 23—Training Clinic
Rome, ME
9:00 a.m.

May 7—Training Clinic
Rome, ME
9:00 a.m.

May 21—Pre-Test Clinic
Rome, ME
9:00 a.m.

June 4-5 Spring Test
Rome, ME
6:30 a.m.

June 25—Training Clinic/
Semi-annual Meeting
Rome, ME 9:00 a.m.

July 30—Training Clinic
Rome, ME
9:00 a.m.

August 13—Training Clinic
Rome, ME
9:00 a.m.

September 3—Pre-Test Clinic
Rome, ME
9:00 a.m.

September 15-18
2011 NAVHDA Invitational
Bloomington, OH

September 23-25—Fall Test
Rome, ME
6:30 a.m.

**OCTOBER 1 —
ANOTHER GREAT
HUNTING SEASON
BEGINS!!!**

President's Column . . . "THE BEST LITTLE CHAPTER IN MAINE!!!"

Spring Workout

If you are like most of the people that I know, you have spent the winter and early spring months hanging out inside and not doing much with your dog or with yourself. Well, since November 23rd, I have been on a weight loss and exercise challenge. I have set a personal goal to lose 40 pounds by the 1st of July. I have lost 30 pounds so far and working hard to get rid of those last 10.

As spring temps begin to climb and promise warmer and sunnier days ahead, we need to look at our dogs as well as ourselves. We keep feeding our dogs the same as we always do year round and they haven't had to do too much except eat and sleep. I know that we don't think about the change in our dogs throughout the year.

In our house, the dogs don't get much of a chance to get fat or lose their aerobic capacity, thanks to my wife, Marie. She is my dogs' personal trainer. We run our dogs all winter either with a dog sled, skijoring, or just running them while snowshoeing on a snowmobile trail or in a field.

If the run isn't an option, then a walk is always good. I know that some will say I can't get out and do this type of stuff for some reason or another. If you can get out with your dog(s) for a run for 30-45 minutes several times a week, you will be amazed at what they – and you – will get out of it.

Someone once said, "a tired dog is a good dog." So, now that warmer weather is on its way, start getting yourself and your dog ready for those long hot summer days. They will be here before you know it. If you start now, by the time those hot days get here, your dog will be in great shape and the heat will not be as much of a concern. I cannot emphasize enough, the need to have our dogs in tip top shape for training and hunting season. So get up, get out and shape up yourself and your hunting companion. See you at the clinics!

**HAVE A FEW BIRD TICKETS AROUND THE HOUSE????**

It happens to all of us. Get your bird tickets at the clinic. Tuck them in your pocket for safe keeping. Run your dog. Go home. Uh-oh. Forgot to turn in the bird tickets.

Please scoop up your growing collection of tickets and bring them with you to the next clinic. No rewards—just the eternal gratitude of the field marshal.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SPRING TEST

If it takes a village to raise a child, imagine how many volunteers are needed to run a successful NAVHDA test!! No matter your skill sets, you can make a valuable contribution to the smooth running of the June test—and meet nice people, see great dogs, and have a good time in the process.

We need help with a myriad of tasks:

- tent set up and take down,
- bird planting,
- serving as field marshal at the field and at the water,
- being a runner for the judging team,
- helping with food set up and clean up,
- unpacking and repacking the equipment trailer, and
- cheering on the dog and handler teams.

Contact **Andy Doak**, our Director of Testing, to find out how you can help: (207) 620-6724 or at andydoak@hotmail.com

AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH

A longstanding tradition at our Spring and Fall tests is the luncheon feast. Our Food Committee prepares two or three main dishes and we ask the volunteers and testers to each bring a side dish or dessert. As with any great pot luck—the more you bring, the more fun we all have. Cost per person is just \$5.00, with beverages included.

Please contact **Dana Blair**, Food Committee Chair, to let him know what you plan to bring. That will help him to coordinate some great main dishes to complement the spread.

Cell: (207) 416-7463
Home: (207) 368-2167
Work: (207) 778-3701
Or at dana.e.blair@gmail.com

P.S. We also offer coffee, doughnuts, and fruit to fuel volunteers and handlers in the A.M.

SIGN UP NOW FOR SPRING & FALL TESTS

It doesn't seem possible, but our Spring Test weekend — **June 4-5, 2011** — is now less than a month away. A few openings are still available but you need to act fast.

Marie Wade, chapter Test Secretary, will help you through the necessary paperwork. Give Marie a call or send her an e-mail to begin your enrollment:

Home line: (207) 778-4868

Cell: (207) 491-5797

E-mail: uplandhuntress@myfairpoint.net

Test entry forms are available at the NAVHDA International Web site:

<http://www.navhda.org/forms.html>

Mail your completed forms and payment to: **Marie Wade**

Sebasticook Chapter Test Secretary
115 Elm Street
Farmington, ME 04938

Test fees this year are:

Natural Ability - \$90

UPT - \$100

UT- \$110

Checks should be made payable to:
Sebasticook NAVHDA

Reminder: Puppies need to be 16 months old or YOUNGER as of the day of the test to be eligible for Natural Ability. Also all dogs testing need to be NAVHDA registered.

**You and Your Hunting Partner
Not Quite Ready Yet??**

**Sign up now for the Fall Test:
September 23-25, 2011**

2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

___New ___Renewal

Please Mail To:

Mark Cote 58 Harrison Ave Gardiner, Me 04345
(207) 242 3228 Cote30ish@aol.com

Make Checks payable in us funds to Sebasticook Chapter of NAVHDA

Choose the Membership that best fits your needs
All memberships include our newsletter

___\$20.00 Individual Member

___\$30.00 Family Membership
For two adults living at the same address

___\$10.00 Junior Member
Up to 18 years old

___\$300.00 For Life Membership

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

How did you hear about us ? _____

NAVHDA International Membership # _____

(I understand that I must be a member of NAVHDA international for my Sebasticook membership to be valid)

Directions to Rome & Smithfield Sites

You may want to keep this page handy and refer to it throughout the year of club events

Directions to Rome (Charles Farm)

Use **GPS**: "Charles Farm Trail, Rome, ME (Oakland On Google)"

Use **Google Map** at: <http://maps.google.com/> Go to

"Get Directions" Your door (A) to his (B).

From Northern Maine: Take I-95 S to Exit 127 (Waterville/Oakland) **Turn right** onto Kennedy Memorial Drive (Rt. 137) thru Oakland to intersection of Rt. 137/8. **(Go 8.7 mi)** **Turn right** onto Rt. 8 then an **immediate left** onto Rt. 225 **(Go 3.3 mi)** to Rome.

Turn right onto Wooster Hill Road at the Rome Baptist Church
(Go 1.8 mi)

Turn right onto the **Charles Farm Trail** on right. (YES!)

From Southern Maine: Take I-95 N to Exit 112B (Augusta/Belgrade)

Turn right onto Rt. 27 N then proceed **17.7 miles** to Rome.

Turn right onto Rt. 225 then proceed **0.4 miles**.

Turn left onto Mercer Road then proceed **1.7 miles**.

Turn right onto Wooster Hill Road then proceed **0.5 miles**.

Turn left onto Charles Farm Trail go (475 ft.) You are there!

Smithfield Training Grounds From Rome - From Rt. 8

From intersection of 137/8 from Oakland/Rome (Turn **left from Rome**) or (Turn **right from Oakland**) onto Rt. 8 and proceed 3 miles to **Smithfield Village** and continue 0.9 miles past the **Smithfield Village Store** and the **Ice Cream Place** to the test/clinic field on Rt. 8 on **Right**.

From Charles Farm Trail: **Left** Onto Wooster hill Road to Rt. 225 turn **Left** then to Junction of Rt. 225 & 137/8 turn **Left** onto Rt. 137/8 as abv.

LOST? CALL Malcolm's Cell: 1-207-441-2939

Use GPS: 1014 Village Rd. Smithfield, ME

"NOTICE"

The test/clinic field site in Smithfield is used by permission only.

PLEASE honor the landowners request of NOT using this land without permission outside the day of the tests or clinics !!!!!

ADS WITHIN YOUR NEWSLETTER

Business card size advertisement for litters to be placed in the newsletter for a fee of \$25.00 for the life of the litter (until pups are sold).

All other ads are also to be business card size for a fee of \$25.00 per calendar year.


Therefore, please help the chapter by advertising in the Newsletter by sending the fee to the Treasurer and your ad copy to the Director of Promotion/Publications ASAP.

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Junction Rt. 32/105

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