

The Villager

News for Finger Lakes

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Call or Text Al Burkhart [585-704-4394](tel:585-704-4394)
be sure to leave your **NAME** and the
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- Please order two days prior to training day
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Words of Wisdom

From President Dave Diem

I'm sure everyone is ready to brave the elements and finally start training this year!

This year is shaping up to be a great year for our chapter. There has been a lot going on behind the scenes. April 20-21 we will be Hosting a Retrieve and Force Fetch Clinic lead by Charles Coulter.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration committee has been hard at work getting everything prepared for the event. If you have any pictures or memorabilia please get it to Jack Hague his email is navhda@gmail.com. Tickets for the Celebration will be available soon. Mark the date July 6th.

Ashley has been hard at work organizing the Aims and Rules Clinic with Clinic Leader Steve Greger. There are still openings to attend, to register contact Ashley; ashleyromanowski@gmail.com.

The NAVHDA Annual Meeting committee had a meeting and is currently working on the formal bid to host the national meeting.

Randy Adkins has been working with Tom Miller for our June 15th Sporting Clays Fundraiser at Batavia Rod and Gun. If you have a sponsor, basket raffle item, or need tickets please get in touch with Randy; radkins08@gmail.com.

Please remember that when we are training we are guests and park responsibly and stay on the designated path to drive on. Please leave the grounds better that we found it, pick up any hulls or garbage that is found. Only break open shot guns are allowed to be used for training and tests. Please see Charlene to fill out the Federation insurance waivers. This needs to be done even if you are a member of NAVHDA.

Recently there have been some good articles that have been posted on social media. Jack had posted a good one from *Gun Dog it Yourself – A Well Planned Field setup*. The one that hit close to home was one posted by Hudson Valley. Members have said “We are training for UT”, great but what are your goals for today? “We are training for UT” is not something that can be achieved in one training day. The goals that need to be communicated are “We need to work on steadiness, retrieve, backing, etc.” That is where communication is so important; let the other members know what you are expecting out of that session. Training days are for other members to help you achieve that goal in the long run thus becoming a better team. A lot of times we don’t know where you are at in achieving your ultimate goal.

See everyone soon!

Dave

Upcoming Events

Event dates are subject to change due to weather, cover and permits.

April 20-21 **FORCE FETCH CLINIC** - with Charles Coulter Burkhart Kennels 6597 Fairground Road Byron, New York 14012 - Registration Required see advertisement in newsletter

April 28 Sunday **TRAINING** - Darien East Gate off of Route 77 (weather & cover dependant)

May 5 Sunday **TRAINING** - Elma Land Conservancy 8778 Town Line Road Barker, New York 14012

May 11 – Saturday **TRAINING** - Burkhart Kennels 6597 Fairground Road Byron, New York 14422

May 18-19 **TEST WEEKEND** Burkhart Kennels 6597 Fairground Road Byron, New York 14422

May 25-26 **AKC Hunt Test** Barker NY

June 2- Sunday **WATER TRAINING** - Tom Millers -Water Day- 1472 Welch Road North Java, New York 14113

June 8-9 **Western NY Walking Bird Dog Trial** - Darien

June 9 Sunday **TRAINING** - Elma Land Conservancy 8778 Town Line Road Barker, New York 14012

June 15 Saturday **SPORTING CLAYS** Sporting Clay Shoot

Batavia Rod & Gun 10509 W Bethany Rd East Bethany NY 14054

June 23 Sunday **TRAINING** - Elma Land Conservancy 8778 Town Line Road Barker, New York 14012

June 29 -30 **CLINIC** – NAVHDA Aims & Rules Clinic Oakfield R&G and Darien

July 6 – Saturday **50 YEAR REUNION** – Water training Oakfield R&G & Field Darien (Pending approval)

July 7 – Sunday **WATER TRAINING** –Oakfield R&G and Field Darien (Pending approval)

July 17 – Wednesday **TRAINING** - Darien East Gate off of Route 77 (Pending approval)

July 21 – Sunday **TRAINING** - Darien East Gate off of Route 77 (Pending approval)

July 24 – Wednesday **TRAINING** - Darien East Gate off of Route 77 (Pending approval)

July 28 – Sunday **TRAINING** - Darien East Gate off of Route 77 (Pending approval)

Aug 8 – Wednesday **TRAINING** - Darien East Gate off of Route 77 (Pending approval)

Aug 3 – Saturday **WATER TRAINING** –Oakfield R&G** and Field -Darien (Pending approval)

Aug 4 – Sunday **WATER TRAINING** –Oakfield R&G** and Field Darien (Pending approval)

Aug 7 – Wednesday **TRAINING** - Darien East Gate off of Route 77 (Pending approval)

Aug 11- Sunday **TRAINING** - Darien East Gate off of Route 77 (Pending approval)

Aug 14 -Wednesday **TRAINING** - Darien East Gate off of Route 77 (Pending approval)

Aug 18 –Sunday **TRAINING** - Darien East Gate off of Route 77 (Pending approval)

Aug 23-24-25 **TEST WEEKEND** - Oakfield R&G 3199 Maltby Road Oakfield, New York 14125 Fields Darien East Gate off of Route 77

Sept 7 – Saturday **YOUTH HUNT** - FL NAVHDA Joe Wolak Memorial Youth Hunt Burkhart Kennels 6597 Fairground Road Byron, New York 14422

Sept 12-15 **NAVHDA Invitational** Iowa

Note –Training dates are arranged through work of the Western New York Sporting Dog Federation with the State of New York

Water training days at Oakfield Gun Club will have a \$25 fee to cover rental of property

Trained Retrieve Clinic



Finger Lakes NAVHDA will be hosting a hands-on Force Fetch & Retrieve clinic with Charles Coulter.

Charles Coulter is a NAVHDA Senior Judge, Pro Trainer at Standing Stone Kennel, Guide at El Tesoro Ranch in Texas, GSP Breeder under Honor Points Kennel, and avid hunter. You might remember him from our 2023 Fall Test where he judged for us

Saturday April 20th & Sunday April 21st at 8am

This is a hands-on two-day clinic and will be capped with 20 dogs.

Location: Burkhart Kennels 6597 Fairground Road Byron, NY 14422

Cost \$200 to participate Handler & Dog (maximum 20)
\$50 to Audit

Light breakfast, lunch, coffee & water will be included.

Register with Dave Diem: ddiem24@gmail.com (716)-510-8508

Checks payable to: Finger Lakes NAVHDA

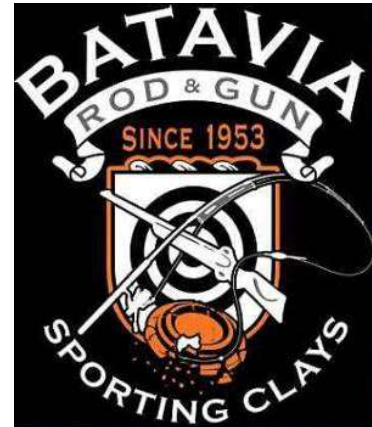
Mail to: Kim Burkhart 6597 Fairground Road Byron, NY 14422

Things to bring with you:

- For your Dog: Flat Collar, Leash, E-Collar, Various Bumpers and Dokkens, Water.
- For you: Camp Chair, Pen & Paper, and bug spray.

3rd Annual Sporting Clays Fundraiser

June 15th



\$50 to shoot

Want to Sponsor?

Need Tickets?

Contact: Randy Adkins;

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(716) 913-3413

Enzo Gets High Marks



Vince LeBrosa tested his twelve month old Pudlepointer in a recent VJP test sponsored by the Pudlepointer Club in Ashland, Ill. Vince proudly came home with Enzo II vom Orsoyer Land with a high score of 76 points. The test is for puppies

under 16 months. ***Congratulations!!***

Meet Our Newest Apprentice



Jen Reschke (joined by Ashley Romanowski) travelled down to the DelMarVa chapter and attended the Aims

and Rules Clinic. By attending the Aims and Rules Clinic she made the prerequisites of passing a dog at the Utility level and attending the clinic to enter the apprentice program. The Village wishes her all the best in her new venture of dog training. She joins fellow chapter member Waylon Lunn in the program. If you are considering enrolling in the apprentice program our upcoming Aims and Rules clinic is a must requirement. If you want to know more about judging ask Carey Killion or Jack Hague about becoming a NAVHDA judge, the requirements and benefits.

**Want to know what judges
look for? There's a seat saved
for you!**

Meet the Judges



Don Vanderlip will head up the judging team as the Senior Judge. Don is from Dumbo, Ontario and is active with the Ontario Grand River Chapter. He has German Wirehairs and also hunts with Trig hounds on coyotes. He was also "Meet the Judge" in the January 2024 VHD magazine. Don

was last with us in May of 2019.



Mindy Brown has been with us before and we welcome her back. Like Arnold Schwarzenegger said "I'll Be Back" and she will be. A former Michigan resident now calls Iowa home. She has Weimaraners and tested at the 2023 Invitational.



Our home town Village judge; **Carey Killion** will complete the team of judges. For those that are not familiar with Carey, she is a chapter member, participates in field trials along with NAVHDA hunt tests with her Weimaraner's. She is also run SureShot Weimaraner's.

AIMS AND RULES CLINIC

HOSTED BY: FINGER LAKES NAVHDA

June 29 and 30, 2024

Oakfield Rod and Gun Club
3199 Maltby Rd
Oakfield, NY 14125

To Register Contact Ashley Romanowski
ashleyromanowski@gmail.com
716-861-6225

Member: \$225
Non-Member: \$250



Please note this is a two day event
Limited Spots Available

Do's and Don'ts For Training Days



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Buffalo, NY 14214 [716-688-0361](tel:716-688-0361)
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What is Trained Retrieve?

DO:

- Be on time and have a goal for your training
- No goal? Have questions prepared for your training partners.
- Offer to help plant birds or ask how you can help
- Ask handlers if you can join them when they run their dog
- Mix it up! Training with the same people every week? Mix up who sees your dog for a well-rounded view of your progress.
- Absorb everything that handlers offer as far as advice or even criticism. Gather as much information as you can to help decide the best path forward. Everyone is there to help you be a better team.

DON'T:

- Show up unprepared. Make a list of things you need the night prior and check off the list as you pack for training.
- Be unsocial. Introduce yourself and join in conversations. Our chapter is growing and so help yourself and the other members learn more about you.
- Train your dog and leave. There are always circumstances where this is a necessity, but in general, stick around and learn from other people running their dogs.
- Be afraid to ask questions! Asking the "why" can help advance your training toolbox.



Years ago I was hunting an area when I heard a shot some distance away. Sometime later I walked in on a fellow

that was stripped down to his underwear and about to walk into a pond to retrieve a shot bird his dog refused to retrieve. I graciously sent my dog out the mere thirty five feet to pick up the bird for the distressed fellow.

Game is too important to waste! You have a dog to help you find game, but the importance of making sure that game is taken home with you lies with your dog and your training to retrieve. A dog that will not retrieve to you is a deterrent and could have you in being embarrassed in your underwear.

One of the most difficult training elements we are challenged to is teaching our dog to retrieve to hand. It has been named "Force Fetch" "Trained Retrieve" or what ever. The principle works on applying pressure to the dog to do the task.

The force-breaking of a dog goes back to approximant 1880 and a pointing dog trainer David Sanborn who taught elementary retrieving to dogs with little or no retrieving instinct. In later years retriever trainers took the principle, enhanced it to what we see frequently today. Names like Bernard

Waters, James Lamb Free, Charles Morgan, and Phyllis and Jim Dobbs have authored books on the subject. Since then others have made slight deviations but it all is based on negative reinforcement, where you remove pressure to increase the desired behavior. Some trainers will refer to it as “turning off pressure.”

There are two methods of pressure that are commonly used. The first is the toe-hitch method, where a string is looped over a front toe, and pulled upward applying pressure to the toe. The pressure is released once the dog has performed the task. The second is the ear pinch, where the dogs’ ear is pinched until the dog opens their mouth and complies with the command.

In continental Europe the movement to positive training, using rewards / praise, or clicker training has the task incremental taught while giving timely praise to the dog for correct behavior. This is a totally opposite approach to the common force fetch method. Much of continental Europe has banned the use of E-collars and prong collars for training dogs. E-collars and prong collars are illegal in the province of Quebec Canada, unless you are a professional trainer. It also should be noted that it said breeders in Europe are breeding dogs with more natural retrieve.

The toe hitch method is reported to be the earliest method. Some trainers still like it as the discomfort comes from the foot of the dog on the ground and the dog will have a tendency to reach to where the discomfort is coming from. The dummy is placed on the ground at the foot.

The more popular method used was an enhancement brought forward by the retriever trainers and used the ear as a focal point of displeasure for the dog. It has some dedicated trainers using a table to elevate the dog to a working height to save their back; some add a hitch post to allow two hand training, and some even

add a cable running the length of the table to control the travel of the dog. Others simple use a five gallon pail on the floor and hold the dog’s collar.

Many have developed what they trade mark as their method that have put twists or modifications to the ear pinch. Higgins- West method uses short firm tugs on the pinch training collar to nag the dog into complying. Larry Hillmann – renowned retriever trainer has developed a method using natural prey drive, exciting a pup into wanting to retrieve with no ear or toe hitch. Evan Graham has stayed with the traditional method of using the ear, making it appear easy while sitting on a five gallon pail.

There is a term in the dog training world that refers to Force Retrieve, call Hell Week. This is the period of time that the dog learns to avoid the ear pinch or toe hitch pressure being placed on them, and to accept the dummy in their mouth. To many dog owners this is a difficult task as they do not want to emotionally evoke this type of displeasure on their dog. The timing of the pressure and release with acceptance of the dummy is critical for the dog to understand that if this dummy is in my mouth the pressure stops. Praise for correct behavior must also be used in a timely and calm manner. In fact, if the timing of correction or praise is not correct it can confuse the dog causing a clamming effect where the dog does not understand and shuts right down. Many opt out of force training because of the reasons mentioned. Some send their dog to a professional just for this training.

Not to knock professionals as they should know the job, but get references, understand the program they will use as you will need to maintain it. Those that have force fetch themselves say they have a much closer bond with their dog than previous. The dog understands who their dominant is and works better for the owner.

One issue a trainer must know is the temperament of your dog, and your chosen breed. Not all dogs take to this training the same. There are some dogs that are stronger willed than others. There are some breeds that are very soft in temperament that take very little pressure and the training must go slow or the dog shuts down. Talk to your breeder or others with your breed to fully understand the pressure that might be required.

As with all training, short, well planned out sessions are more productive than long drawn out. The time frame to do a complete retrieving program depends on the trainer, time they have, the dog and surroundings. Two to three months can be expected to complete the program using the ear pinch or toe hitch method. All successful trainers of training fetch will tell you, once you start don't stop the program.

In today's world we have many resources in training videos, articles and chapter members to assist you in training. Review the content; choose wisely one that will work for you. If available, have a mentor.

The trained dog in retrieving has established a building block towards other training. The trained dog in retrieving has the foundation to do multiple marked retrieves, blind retrieves, and being successful doing a duck search.

Conserve game – hunt with a trained dog.

Forceless Fetch

The Hillmann Method



We have supplied some information on the traditional Force Fetch of ear pinch or toe hitch. We mentioned previously Bill

Hillmann offering a different approach. Whether Hillmann was the creator or he derived / modified it from another trainer is irrelevant, however he gets notary because of modern media. Hillman starts his dogs early at 12 weeks by holding a leather glove and telling them "HOLD". Anyone that has a puppy in the house knows that puppies have a love for leather, just check your shoes! He then takes them for a walk on lead reinforcing the hold with praise.

Hillman plays on what many dog owners do with puppies, in that they use a hallway where the dog can not escape. They toss an object, the puppy chases it and picks it up, and with another object they get the dogs' attention to return to them rewarding the dog if he returns with the object.

This is where the Bill Hillmann program kicks in. He calls it "TrafficCop" as he is directing the dog. As your puppy matures they will become reliable at whoa and sit in one location. Your puppy has transformed from a leather glove to a small dummy or paint roller. (Some trainers use place boards to reinforce the location). In addition to instilling WHOA, you are initiating some steadiness work, the puppy is to remain in place on a long lead; you back away about 10 yards and toss the dummy behind you. You are also working on RECAL. The dog is to remain until you send them. You will then send the dog for the retrieve using your command to retrieve and help the dog to be successful. You will have the dog deliver back to you.

The pup returns beside you task completed. Praise/ reward for success are given. If your pup splits out the bumper on return you may need to go back to your training of HOLD. If he drops it at delivery it's unintentional and shows his excitement in the training.

In Hillmann's program the e-collar is eventually introduced at its lowest level. The bumper is tossed,

the command is given and an e-collar nick is applied. The nick is not meant as a correction but a reinforcement of the command. It is also a conditioning for future training.

Some dogs cannot take the pressure of the ear pinch or toe hitch and lends favor to this approach. Some trainers cannot through compassion apply the force fetch program. While others are not physically coordinated to be able to turn pressure off and on it a timely manner.

Force fetch will tend to have the dog's tail go down and ears back until they become compliant, where as the Hillmann approach sees a happier dog throughout the program.

More on this method can be found on You-tube using Bill Hillmann Traffic Cop

TRAINING TIP: When selecting a command to have your dog retrieve many new trainers uses the word FETCH. This can become problematic when running a brace as both dogs could break to retrieve on that command. Try using the dog's name and or a tap on the dogs head or body to release your dog. I know a trainer that each of his dogs retrieve command was a fruit,,,, Apple, Peach , Orange.



Questions about a Forceless Fetch method? Contact Ashley Romanowski or Jen Reschke who have worked through Bill Bastien's "almost" force-less trained retrieve program.

Walking Field Trials



Kyle Paganello enjoying success at last years walking trial

There is an event hosted by the **Western New York Association of Bird Dog Clubs** on **June 8-9** at Darien Lake State park are hosting a Walking Field trial. For most of us that are hunt test oriented we ask the question, what is a Walking Field Trial?

A Trial is a contest, where your dog is braced with another dog in a field with planted birds for 30 to 45 minutes of judgement. During this time the dog is to show desire in hunting, when it locates a bird, point it until the handler walks in to flush it, shoots a blank pistol and moves on. Judges assess the dogs' style, finds, manners on birds, pace and the handling of he dog. The handler is on foot, but the judges and even the galley are on horseback.

Field trials are ways keep your dog (and you) in condition during the off season. Like our NAVHDA hunt tests we gain new friendships. When you spend more time with your dog you enhance the bond between you and the dog.

Classes:

Puppy – 6months to 15 months: trial run 15 minutes – are to show a purpose to hunt, boldness and if an opportunity happens point a bird.

Derby – under 2 years- are not required to be steady or back – dogs may be collared on a flush

Gun Dog- Dog is expected to be a finished dog – if the dog has the opportunity to back it must do so. If the dog has potential for placement after the field runs they will be brought back for a retrieve of a shot bird.

Amateur- must be owner handled

Pro – open

For additional information on this test contact Mark Cross.

To review the rules go to the AKC website and scroll to Pointing Dogs Field Trials



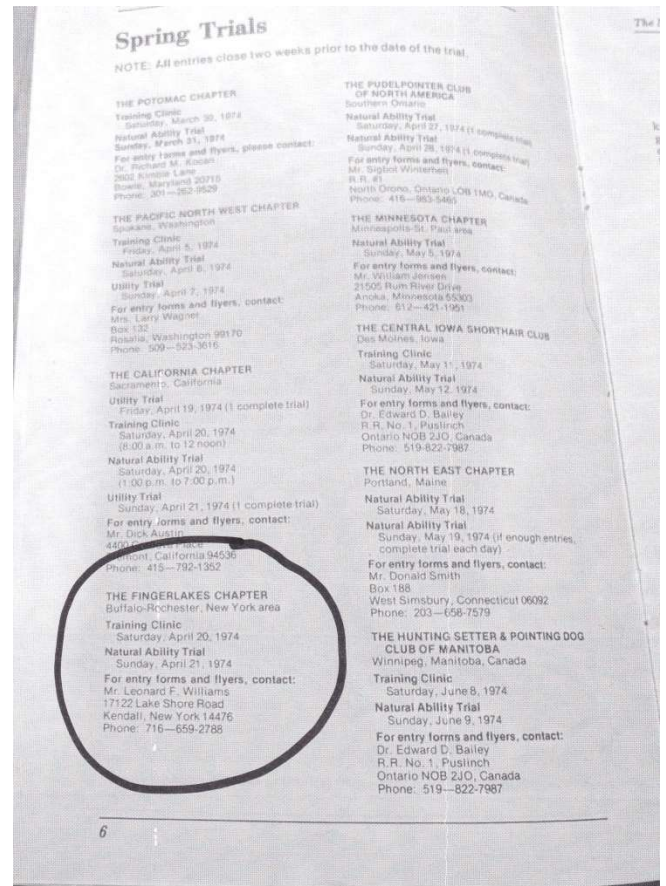
L-R Kyle Paganello, Mark Cross, Carey Killion

Finger Lake NAVHDA Chapter members cleaned up at the recent GSP Club of Ohio Walking Field Trial. (April 6/7) On Saturday, Kyle Paganello with Tango took first place, XO with Mark Cross took 2nd place, Hanz with Mark Cross took 3rd. and Carey handling Charlie, took 4th in Open Gun Dog Retrieve. In open puppy Carey took a 3rd and 4th. Mark Cross also with XO took 2nd in Amateur gun dog. On Sunday Carey got a 2nd and 4th placement. Well done Villagers.

Mark Cross becomes AKC Field Trial Judge

Last year Mark became an AKC Hunt test judge being able to do all levels. This spring he added to his resume judge status on AKC Field trials.

Congratulations Mark!



The photo above is from an Feb 1974 NAVHDA Newsletter and shows the Finger Lakes Chapter offering a Training Clinic on Saturday April 20 1974 and a test on Sunday April 21. Contact was Mr Leonard Williams in Kendall NY. *(supplied courtesy NAVHDA office)*

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FLASH BACK 1981



John O'Brien

The Villager asked former NAVHDA judge and Finger Lakes member John O'Brien about his early testing days with a dog called Heidi. The dog was tested in natural ability on September 19, 1981 and got 85 no prize. The issue was nose ...she received a 2. John; what can you tell us

about that test?

From John: Well that brings back memories. Unfortunately, that test isn't one of them. However this is a classic example of why this NA test is not a true evaluation of a dog's ability. I don't recall what happened at that test or why she failed. But a couple years later she earned a prize 1, 201 points at the Pymatuning chapter in Ohio. I drove down with Paul Grefrath. I have never been as proud as I felt that whole ride back home. This is what got me hooked into NAVHDA Judging. Heidi then went on to be invited to the very first Invitational test in Ontario, Canada. This was when it really was by invitation only. I believe she got Prize II in that event. I ended up breeding her twice. One of those litters I lost in a house fire. Hunting behind Heidi was pure joy. Just ask Dick Hodge who still to this



day remembers how great it was hunting with Heidi. I have had many good dogs since then, but not as good

as she was. My 2nd best dog was Max, out of Heidi. I still have a framed 8 x 10 photo of Heidi on point. So, this story may not be what you were looking for, but it is a nice success story of a dog and handler that did NOT do well that day some 42 years ago.

John also noted to ask Dick Hodge what he thought of Heidi – so the Villager did!

From Dick; I loved her. She was a super dog. She was very cautious and didn't bump birds. I remember one time a judge knocked her nose because of it. John and I had some great hunts together! His wife Barb is a wonderful girl that always made me feel welcome. She makes a great apple pie among several other dishes.

Editors Notes: Judges were still learning in 1981 and Heidi got a two in nose. By todays standards a dog to receive a two in nose is extremely rare. The belief that the dog's nose is better than yours, and to discredit a dog's nose and give it anything less than a three is difficult and requires substantial notes. There must be an extreme reason supporting a two. Times have changed, judging has become more consistent.



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- 5170 Kings Corners Road, Romulus, NY 14541



Fort Erie Outdoors Show Booth – was held March 11
and Tea and Daisy helped answer questions about
NAVHDA ,



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York**

Finger Lakes Chapter NAVHDA

The Finger Lakes Chapter held its first test at Godfrey's Pond, north of Batavia. Do you recognize any of the names? Read the physical attributes that were recorded in 1974 and compare to what we see today.

Our first test

04/21/1974

<u>Natural Ability</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Breed Reg #</u>	<u>Yr-Mo</u>	<u>N S W P T D C</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Prz</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Handler</u>
Winterhelt's Fey	F	PP-NR4372	1-2	4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	112	I	Robert A Whitley	Robert A Whitley
Diana V Schellberg <i>conf; good; butt bite</i>	F	GW-NR3648	1-0	4 3 4 4 3 2 3 2	95	II	Robert K Seeger	Robert K Seeger
Bent Pine's Aberdeen <i>conf; slightly long; slightly overshot</i>	M	GR-002511	0-8	4 4 4 4 4 1 4 4	106	III	Ralph H Nodine	Ralph H Nodine
Matt's Mighty Brier	M	GW-NR4374	1-3	3 3 4 4 4 1 3 4	91	III	Matthew Sands	Matthew Sands
Ter Leas Cricket <i>VERY YOUNG</i>	F	GW-NR4375	0-5	3 2 4 4 2 2 3	82	III	Ronald Sample	Ronald Sample
First Frost Winny <i>very young</i>	F	GW-NR4376	0-6	3 3 1 4 0 3 4	74	none	Elmer McIntosh	Elmer McIntosh
Fredrich First Frost <i>very young</i>	M	GW-NR4377	0-6	3 3 1 4 1 2 4	72	none	Charles Garrett	Charles Garrett
Schatzie V Lindenkruez <i>injured foot</i>	F	GS-NR4378	1-4	3 2 4 0 3 3 3	72	none	Carl Hilebrand	Carl Hildebrand
Waidmannsheil Radbach Heidi	F	GS-008392	0-9	2 3 3 2 0 2 4	66	none	Robert Fischer	Robert Fischer
Doctors Brown Hoss <i>conf in at elbows</i>	M	GW-NR4380	1-0	2 3 2 0 3 3 1	57	none	Wesley Reese	Wesley Reese
Bent Pine's Alpha	F	GR-NR4381	0-5	2 2 3 0 0 2 2	49	none	Donald Delaney	Donald Delaney
Hansel Vom Trommerwald <i>conf eyes light</i>	M	GW-NR4382	1-2	1 0 4 0 2 1 1	36	none	Kenneth Drumm	Kenneth Drumm
Bratt's FK Nimrod <i>conf Monorchid</i>	M	VI-NR4348	3-4	3 4 2 3 2 4 2	84	Eval	Frank Thiebaud	Frank Thiebaud
Kobold V Heiligsepp <i>conf chest slightly narrow</i>	M	GS-008187	1-10	2 4 4 2 1 3 3	80	Eval	Richard Strumpf	Richard Strumpf

JUDGES; Ed.Bailey; John Kegel; Paul Bouchard; Sigbot Winterhelt

Note to Readers

This was the records of the first test in the **FINGER LAKES CHAPTER** and only the 33 test held in NAVHDA. Judges were learning, scores like a nose 1, and search 0, are really never seen in todays testing. The physical attributes as we call them were noted of anything that was not breed normal. Getting a prize of any level was indeed an accomplishment. Owners/ trainers were challenged to this new program; it was also an invitation to learn more about how to train their dogs. The book **Training the Versatile Dog** (*Green Book*) was just being released. The need for the book was identified by Bailey and Winterhelt as a need to teach handlers of what these dogs were capable of and how to do it. Today we see numerous dogs getting prize distinctions, the question is, are the dogs better today than they were back then, or are we better prepared as trainers?