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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's time to start getting the dog in shape and think of this year's training goals. We have a training day coming up in a couple of weeks which kicks off the season !!!

There are several volunteering positions that need to be filled: Fund Raising Chair Person, Test Chair Person, Chapter Grounds Committee and Test Volunteer Coordinator. It's important for us to fill these positions, otherwise it will be difficult for us to house birds on the grounds or conduct testing. NAVHDA is only as successful as it's volunteers. No experience is required and plenty of helpful guidance will be given by officers of the club. It's also important to remember that people are needed to help volunteer on test days and it's a great way to learn by watching other's dogs. I used to purposely volunteer in the test areas I was struggling with my dog. By the end of test day, I got to see the good, bad and the ugly while gathering tons of ideas on how to move forward with my dog.

I look forward to seeing you at the next training day.

Membership Reminder

Thank you to everyone that has sent in their dues for 2011. Membership Renewal is due by 3/31/11 to retain membership privileges (test discounts, use of Chapter grounds, training days, etc.).



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TRAINING DAY MESSAGE

Five years ago I started my journey with NAVHDA with a young dog with a strong pedigree and tons of potential. The day I bought the puppy I remember the dog professional saying, "the dog has great potential, how are you?" That thought has always stuck in my head; the dog will only become as good as my training. Thus, I am very passionate about the importance of the monthly training days that KM NAVHDA conducts. This training day allows people of all experience levels to get together, share ideas and work with their dogs. With that in mind, I believe it's very important for the current training level of the dog and the aspirations of the handler be known before stepping into the field so we can provide the best possible experience on training day.

In the past, we have had people think we are going to train their dog for them and have it done all in one day. Actually, the focus on training days is to "train the trainer" after watching and assessing your dog. While the experienced handlers who are helping see your dog for a brief period (typically in the field), you are hopefully leaving the day with a wealth of knowledge and ideas on how to train your dog. Here are some typical questions asked on training day: what do I do next?, how do I stop this from happening?, how do I force fetch?, what's the best way to promote steadiness? Questions, like this are the backbone of what this training day is all about. I encourage people with questions or challenges to ask several people and see what different approaches there are to training. It's important to recognize that there are many different ways to train the dog successfully, but only the dog owner/handler who truly knows the dog can select the best approach.

Here are a couple thoughts on the February 19th training day at Ottawa:

- Ottawa charges a \$2 grounds fee per dog run.
- Don't expect anyone's dog to be perfect on training day, that's why it's called a training day. I remember hoping my dog would demonstrate its mistake on training day so I can get the best possible advice from the experts seeing it first hand.
- Make sure to walk along in the field and see other dogs and handlers in operation. It's a great way to gain a wealth of knowledge at what to do or not to do.
- We are looking for bird planters and gunners. Gunners must be approved or mentored by already experienced gunners.
- A 10 question survey will be provided to each handler on training day to help assess the dog training needs. The questionnaire will be very easy to fill out and can be kept by the handler to use in future training days. Basically, in a quick glance the person providing the training assistance can get a snapshot of where the dog is currently and where it's hoping to go.
- One dog will be run in the field at a time and typically for about 20 minutes/3 birds



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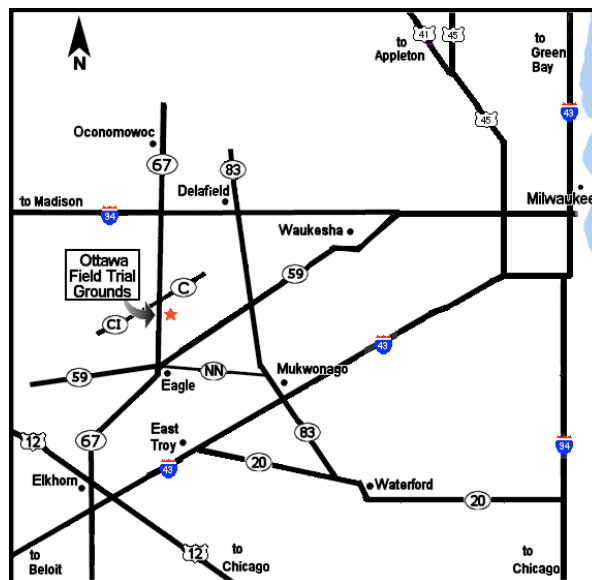
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- Additional talks and demonstrations will be conducted throughout the day to help with your training needs. Plans for February are: Force Fetch, Steadiness, Introduction to the Gun and Heeling. Weather permitting, tracking may also be shown. I and possibly others will demonstrate what it should look like with a finished dog (it's important to see where you are trying to get). Then we will work with a young dogs to further demonstrate the process. Once again, the goal is to "train the trainer" and fill them up with ideas and knowledge.
 - Please bring a dish to pass so we can have some type of lunch
 - Birds must be ordered by February 14th !!! We will not be ordering extra birds because of the inability to house the birds in winter. Only pigeons and quail will be used on this day.

Steve Becker

Map To Ottawa



MARCH TRAINING

Will be held at the dog training grounds on Cty U. More information to come in the March Newsletter.



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KMC Marketplace Guidelines

Ads are run free of charge for current chapter members. The non-member rate is \$10.
Ads run for one month. Recurring "business" ads will not be accepted.
Deadline for submitting an ad is the last day of the month prior to that month's newsletter.
Ads should be submitted to the chapter secretary.

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