



# Pointing Dog Press

Central Dakota Chapter of NAVHDA

April 19, 2010

**Present:** Dan & Julie Dorfschmidt, Tim Klug, Ed Ryen, Joe Wolfe, Jim Borg, Sherry Niesar, Pete Wax, Phil Mastrangelo, Linda Penry. Dan Dorfschmidt called the meeting to order.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sherry Niesar reported on the income for the past month – membership dues, winter training class, 1 paid test entry fee, and a generous \$100 donation from Eric Abraham. Eric is a chapter member and was the senior judge from our 2009 fall test.

## Old Business

**Rummage Sale:** An important fund raiser for our club!!! Please pre-price your items in increments of 25 cents. Sherry will send out a flyer to all members. Dates: Friday, April 30th (12:00 PM – 7:00 PM) and Saturday, May 1st (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM). Contact Jim Borg (223-6499) to volunteer to help set up on Thursday evening and/or to help work the sale on Friday and Saturday. Drop your items off at Jim's house (312 Augsburg, Bismarck – corner of S. Washington & Augsburg). Remember - no clothing unless it's hunting clothing.

**Winter Training:** Sunday, April 25th is the last night of winter (really spring) training for the 11 handlers and their dogs. Dan Dorfschmidt filled in this past week.

**Summer Training:** Starts Tuesday, May 4th at 6:00 PM or whenever you can get there. Jim Borg contacted the landowners and we have been given permission to use the area again this year. Don't forget the summer training schedule has been changed and will now be held on every other Tuesday at 6:00 PM. Look for additional information in the newsletter

## New Business

**Fall Test:** Dates are August 28 & 29. Judges have been approved. So far 8 slots have been filled, but only 1 paid. To enter your dog, contact Pete Wax or Sherry Niesar at 222-8940 or sniesar@msn.com.

**Roland Drew's President's Message:** (see "A Message to New Members" in the April 2010 issue of VHD magazine) – Discussed how can we do a better job as a club to encourage new member involvement and to retain members. Are we too cliquish? One member said "yes" the club was when they joined several years ago. Do we include members in club functions and training days? A suggestion was made as to how to make people aware of what they should expect at summer training sessions. Linda Penry will dig up what was handed out several years ago and put it in the newsletter. We want to make this a better chapter for our new and existing members. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please contact one of the club officers. The list of officers and their phone numbers is included with each newsletter. For their email addresses, please check out the web site - [www.centradakotnavhda.com](http://www.centradakotnavhda.com).

### Next Meeting:

May 17th, 2010 at Capital City Sporting Clays. Shooting at 6:00 PM with meeting to follow at 7:15 PM.

Meeting adjourned.



# Summer Field Training Information

**What should you do before coming to each training session?** You should decide what you want to work on with your dog that night. Depending on the number of dogs at each session, we will try to work through everything you want to accomplish. However, this is not always possible. If you are unsure of what to work on with your dog, talk to the training director or other club members at the training session.

**What can you expect to gain from summer training?** You should expect help with training you to train your dog. This will include help with field work, water work, tracking, retrieving, and obedience. You will also have the opportunity to watch and learn from a variety of trainers and dogs at different levels of training (assuming that you stick around to the very end of the night). Some of the training that you see may be too advanced for your dog right now. However, by watching the more advanced dogs, you can get an idea of training techniques that you could use in the future.

**What you should not expect from summer training?** You should not expect a trained dog if you only train twice a month during the summer training sessions. You should not expect a formal training class in which every dog is doing the same thing at the same time. Since there will be dogs of various ages and at various levels of training, a formal training class is not appropriate for summer field training sessions.

## Rules:

- 1.** You must always wear a bright orange (hunter orange) vest, shirt, or hat while in the field or at the water. Orange must be worn even if you are just taking your dog for a run.
- 2.** If you are not training your dog, it must be on leash, in a crate, or on a tie out to prevent it from interfering with other dogs.
- 3.** Do not let your dog run or swim near another dog that is training or in anyway interfere with the training dog.
- 4.** If you would like to observe a dog while it is in the field, ask the handler if you can walk along. Do not take your dog with you.
- 5.** Live ammunition is sometimes used. All observers should stay together as a group. This will make it safer for you and easier for the gunners to determine their field of fire.
- 6.** Watch for dogs when driving down the prairie trail to the training site. Also if you let your dog run down the trail to the site, be aware that some dogs may already be training in the field so make sure that your dog does not interfere with them.
- 7.** Pick up any litter, including dead birds and used shotgun shells.





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**Rummage Sale**  
**April 30 (12 noon - 7 pm) &**  
**May 1 (8 am - 3 pm)**  
**312 Augsburg Ave., Bismarck**

- For the success of the sale please donate your unused items. Acceptable items include: Sporting equipment, hunting equipment, dog items, household items, furniture, toys, books, boats, lawn mowers, yard equipment, antiques, bedding, cookware, picture frames, bicycles. No clothes will be accepted.
- Pre-price your items in increments of \$.25. This makes for easy cashiering.
- If you cannot donate, consider working the days of the sale or shopping the sale.
- Drop off items at Jim Borg's house at 312 Augsburg Ave., Bismarck on Thursday, April 29th.

Call Jim if you have any questions at:  
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