

At long last the trek through the permit labyrinth is over and we have a definite schedule. Hope everyone is warming up and drying off. We owe a big thanks to the efforts of Mark Wesner and Ted McEachron for their help in getting us some really good places to train. These lands should round out our needs very nicely.

Attached please find the finalized schedule for this year. You will also find maps for most of the areas that we will be using. An email will be sent prior to each training day to those who are attending as to where and when to meet. I am also resending the Chapter Guidelines and suggested equipment list for those of you who said you didn't get it the first time.

It is time to plan for those of you who would like to come to our first training day for Natural Ability Dogs. Please remember that you have to let us know by the Thursday of the week prior to the week before the training day, if you are coming and with your bird order. For May 6 that would mean notifying me by April 26. You would probably want to order two quail (usually \$5 each) and a pheasant (usually \$8 each). Remember, the clinic fee is \$10. If you have training dummies and hip boots or waders, please bring them. Please bring a long lead. You will also want to bring along something for lunch. Don't forget some water and food for you dog. Post NA people may come, too, if they want to transition from NA to Utility/ Utility Prep.

After considerable false starts, it looks like we finally have a good plan for our New Chapter Clinic. It will be on Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3 at the Eldridge Swamp State Forest and at near by private property. Maps are enclosed. The cost will be \$25 for an individual or per family, for the weekend. Everyone is encouraged to bring their dogs. Solon Rhode has offered to provide a tent canopy and table and chairs. We can all bring something for a pot luck lunch and chip in for a multi-foot sandwich that can be delivered. When we are finished for the day on Saturday, we will take the Judges out for a dinner party. On Sunday, the judges will leave after lunch. We can continue to train all day. By the end of the weekend, everyone should have a good idea of what NAVHDA Testing is all about and have a good idea where they are with their dogs and how to proceed with training. Please get back to me if you are planning on attending and if you will be at the dinner, so I can make reservations for dinner. Where it will be will depend on how many people can make it. This is always a good time and I hope everyone can come.

Jeff