

# **Delaware Valley Chapter North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association New Member Information Packet**

## **Introduction**

The Delaware Valley Chapter of the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association is located in Central New Jersey. The Chapter meets for regularly scheduled training sessions and NAVHDA sanctioned tests at the Colliers Mills & Greenwood Wildlife Management Areas which is located near Jackson, NJ (Great Adventure Amusement Park).

## **Meeting Site and Times**

For all of the Training Clinics, the meeting site will be the front parking area at the entrance to either the Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area or Greenwood Wildlife Management Area (see Directions). The location of each clinic will be available from the website and will be announced sometime in February of each year. Each clinic will begin promptly at 7:30 AM. It is strongly advised that you arrive at the meeting site at least one half hour before the start of the clinic. For our tests, we will use the same meeting area. The tests will begin promptly at 7:00 AM. Again, it is strongly advised that you arrive at the meeting grounds one half hour before the start of the test. Please note, we may utilize any number of areas on the Colliers Mills tract. Given that this WMA is approximately 11,000 acres, it will be difficult for you to find us once we leave the meeting site. Please be on time.

## **Directions to Colliers Mills WMA**

1. Take the New Jersey Turnpike to exit 7A.
2. After you pay the toll, take Route 195 east to exit 16.
3. At the exit ramp, make a right onto Route 537 West.
4. You will pass a Wawa and a McDonalds on your right. Continue on 537 past the entrance to Great Adventure on your right. After you have been on Route 537 for approx. 3.3 miles, you will see a sign for the Timberland Lake Campground on your right.
5. Just past this sign, make a left onto Hawkins Road. Please note that if you cross Route 539, you have gone too far.
6. Proceed approx. 2.8 miles to a stop sign.
7. Go straight at the stop sign for another 1.4 miles.
8. At this point, make a left into the entrance to the Colliers Mills WMA.
9. Proceed on this road approx. 100 yards or so. There will be a lake on your left and the Front Parking Area will be on your right.

## **Directions to Assunpink:**

1. From 195 east or west, take Exit 11 and turn north on Imlaystown-Hightstown Road.
2. Go to the second stop sign and make a right.
3. Go past the stables and the Activities building is the second building on the right-hand side with a gravel driveway.

## Directions to Greenwood WMA

1. Take the New Jersey Turnpike to exit 7A.
2. After you pay the toll, take Route 195 east to exit 16A.
3. At the exit ramp, make a right onto Route 537 West.
4. You will pass a Wawa and a McDonalds on your right. Continue on 537 past the entrance to Great Adventure on your right. Look for the light that intersects with Rt 539 and make a left onto rt 539 south.
5. Continue down rt 539 for about 20 minutes.
6. Once rt 539 intersects with rt 70 you will see a WAWA on the left, after that light you will need to bear right where rt 539 and rt 530 meet. Continue on rt 539 south.
7. The area is heavily forested so there are no great landmarks. Look for brown WMA signs for Greenwood WMA. The main parking lot is a large dirt parking area on the right hand side about a quarter-mile south of mile-marker 18. If you pass the intersection for rt 72 you went too far.

## Chapter Training Days

The Delaware Valley Chapter holds regular training clinics at the Colliers Mills WMA. These clinics are designed to help each chapter member train their dog. These clinics are not designed for someone else to train your dog. There will be experienced people there for you to request help and advice from. These people are not there to train your dog for you. Please come prepared to work and to help out as needed. The procedure to use to attend one of the Delaware Valley clinics is as follows:

If you want to attend a clinic you are required to fill out the online form at: <http://www.delvalnavhda.com/form.html>, or call Steve Clements at 215-913-7657, BY 9:00pm THE MONDAY BEFORE THE CLINIC. **No bird orders will be accepted after this time.** Training birds must be ordered at this time. We will do our best to fill your order, but there are no guarantees. IF you are not ordering birds, Steve still needs to know you are coming!

## Delaware Valley Training Clinic Rules

1. All participants must call/submit online bird order form to designated contact person by 9:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date. All bird orders are to be placed at this time. Our best effort will be made to fill your order. Failure to call the designated person by 9:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date means that you are not eligible to participate in the clinic. No Exceptions!
2. Individuals who are not doing bird work or individuals that are bringing their own birds must call the designated contact person by 9:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date. Failure to call the designated person by 9:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date means that you are not eligible to participate in the clinic. No Exceptions!

3. All guests and visitors, who will be working a dog, must call by 9:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date. Failure to call the designated person by 9:00 PM on the Monday before the clinic date means that you are not eligible to participate in the clinic. No Exceptions!
4. The chapter reserves the right to limit or modify bird orders. The chapter will not accept orders for more birds than can be used at a single training session.
5. You will be charged a \$5.00 fee for each clinic you attend. Birds will be available at cost plus a small handling fee. Please note, the clinic and handling fees go to the chapter to help defer other costs associated with the clinics.
6. All bird orders and clinic fees must be paid in full before the start of the clinic. No checks will be accepted. No Exceptions!
7. If you are not able to attend the clinic, you will still be responsible for the cost of the birds. The chapter will make no effort to hold your birds until the next clinic.
8. You should bring a carrier for any field birds that you may have ordered. Birds will be divided up at the start of the clinic.
9. Pigeons may not be shot at Del-Val training clinics.
10. All dead game must be removed from the grounds at the end of the day.
11. All trash and debris must be removed from the grounds at the end of the clinic.
12. No Alcoholic Beverages are permitted on the training grounds.
13. Guests and visitors will be allowed one free clinic. After this complimentary clinic, the guest or visitor must join both the Del-Val Chapter and NAVHDA International. No Exceptions!
14. Hunter orange hats or clothing must be worn by all participants and spectators at the clinics.
15. Keep in mind that we do share these grounds with others (hikers, fishermen, bird watchers, etc.). Be aware of their presence and respect their rights to access the property. Safety First!
16. Shooting at a Del-Val clinic is an honor reserved for chapter members in good standing who: (a) posses a current valid NJ Firearms Hunting License (b) have demonstrated safe gun handling skills at a prior Del-Val event (c) have been active in the NAVHDA system and have an understanding of dog training that will allow them to know when a bird needs to be shot.
17. Under no circumstances may a guest or visitor shoot at a Del-Val event.
18. If you are not eligible to shoot at a training clinic, bring a box of 12 & 20 gauge field loads #8 shot. Someone will shoot for you, and you can supply the shells.

19. Del-Val clinics are not an extension of your hunting season. No extended field or duck searches are permitted. Keep your field and water sessions short and productive. Individuals training for the Invitational are exempt from this rule.
20. All chapter members will be limited to two dogs per clinic. All guests and visitors will be limited to one dog.

### **Chapter Contacts**

<b>President</b>	<a href="#">Jill Fabel</a>
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<b>Director of Testing</b>	<a href="#">Emery Mersich</a>

### **Membership**

Please note, that you must be a member of the National organization in order to be a member of the local chapter. <http://www.delvalnavhda.com/forms/member.pdf>

### **Test Entry**

For latest test information please visit:  
<http://www.delvalnavhda.com/test.html>