

Southern Tier NAVHDA

Chapter Newsletter

Fall Test and 2007 Schedule

September 23rd, 24th weekend test saw an interesting variety of dogs and handlers who demonstrated their skills in a mixed bag of weather. There was rain both mornings that approached downpour status on Sunday followed by warm, sunny afternoons. The judge team wasted no time and actually got the majority of the test done in-between the worse of the rain. This was only possible because of the remarkable turnout of volunteer workers who gave up their weekend for the Club. **Thank you!** And thanks to test coordinator John Swider for getting the volunteers organized.

Saturday results: Phil Perham and spinone 75 points, NA prize 3; Mark Wesner and large munsterlander 65 points, no NA prize; Bruce Ross and german wirehair 80 points, no NA prize; Michael Trojian and small munsterlander 106 points, NA prize 1; Larry Lawton and Elvis 112 points, NA prize 1; Al Radeck and german shorthair 112 points, NA prize 1; John Swider and Duchess 184 points UT prize 2; Drum Hadley and large munsterlander 146 points and no UT prize.

Sunday results: Mike Hubenthal and Miss Moxley 102 points, NA prize 2; David Arnott and german shorthair 103 points NA prize 2; Anthony Hayes and german shorthair 84 points NA prize 3; Charles Reif and spinone 58 points no NA prize; Tom Snyder and Fritter 96 points NA prize 3; Rob Menotti and Quill 201 points UT prize 1; Larry Lawton and Freebie 201 points UT prize 1.

Larry Lawton handled his dogs on two separate days to NA 1 and UT 1 while helping out with the test in general. Nice. He even went out to the test site on Friday and dragged the field to get the grass down. For me the team of Tom Snyder and 5mo old Fritter stole the show. The gallery was able to watch the entire pheasant track as Fritter boldly stalked the hen into change of cover, then through the cover and on point! This was before the hungry eyes of a large coyote that ran through the tracking field and stopped to watch Fritter. If Tom would bother to feed his dog and let her grow, perhaps the coyote would not have been so interested! Fritter blew through her field work and was not bothered by the deep grass at all. Again, nice.

There are some extra birds left over. If you are interested, contact Larry Lawton.

2007 Preliminary Schedule: Saturday, March 10th game dinner and organizational meeting at Snyder's, March 18th weather permitting, 1st training day, Lawton farm, April 22 Greene and Long Pond, May 6 mock test (Mother's Day is the 13th), May 19, 20 Spring test (conflicting with Binghamton graduation), June 17, July 22, August 19, Sept 16 mock test, Sept 22, 23 Fall test. Larry is working on a Clyde Vetter seminar for 2007, so stay tuned for that information. If anyone wants to host a training day, please let me know. Extra days and different sites are always welcome. Watch for the January newsletter for any of these dates to change.

As the 2006 training season comes to a close, I would like to personally congratulate the members who gave their time to see that the training days were successful. We have a lot of senior experience on tap with people who were willing to share their knowledge and point me in the right direction. Getting it right first prevents a lot of back peddling and wasted lateral motion trying to undo some bad habit either in the dog or the handler. I am looking forward to 2007 hoping we can add to what we accomplished in 2006. Until then, enjoy the hunt!