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Southern Tier Chapter of New York

March 2009 Newsletter:

Our April Training Day will be the 25th anniversary of the Southern Tier of NY Chapter of NAVHDA. I personally want to thank our active founding members, Larry Lawton, Dick Mider and Tom Snyder for starting this chapter. It's the best chapter in all of NAVHDA!

The Annual Meeting and Game Dinner at the Snyder's was a great time (well except for blowing an oil cooler hose on my Tahoe 2 miles down the road from Tom's house and losing 5 quarts freshly changed Mobile 1 oil) I too had a good time. It was well attended by 21 members and a good time was had by all, including 2 new members.

The 1st training day of the year was a little chilly but not nearly as bad as in the past. It was well attended by 18 anxious members and at least 3 future new members, all equipped with their noble bird dogs. Larry did his force fetch routine / table training introduction for the new members and puppies while I took the "bird ready" members to the upper field for bird work. Amazingly, most dogs did quite well after the long winter down time. The gunners remembered how to shoot too!

News;

- Link Adams dog "Abby" received her AKC Master Hunter title.
- Don Rottman's dog "Wheezy", handled by Mel in an AKC conformation match in received Best of Breed.
- My dog "Cozmo" finished his AKC Champion title.
- There are lots of openings for the spring test, please get the word out.
- Next Training Day – April 19 at Long Pond.

If anyone wants to host a training day, please let me know. Extra days and different sites are always welcome.

Birds for training continue to be an issue. If possible, plan to bring your own. We will have 25 chucker available for the April training day. Cost is \$7 each.



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2009 Chapter Membership Dues

Chapter Membership is currently \$25 per member or \$30 for family.

Greene Rod and Gun Club are an additional \$30.

Make checks payable to Southern Tier NAVHDA and send to Dick Mider, 456 Silk Street, Newark Valley, NY 13811.

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