

## Presidents Letter:

Well, another year has passed. For those of you who don't know our chapter is now 10 years old! What a way to celebrate, hosting the NAVHDA International meeting! I cannot say enough *thank you's* here to cover everyone, but I was so proud of us this past weekend I can't even put it into words. Compliments from all members of the board and the EC, also from just about everyone that attended, and some very nice emails over the past few days from attendees, I will include some here for you to read also. As you all know it took a lot of donation and support from many sponsors to put on this meeting, please check the chapter website, go to their links and buy from them when you need something that they are offering!

Another fact I am proud of is our members passed more UT dogs this year then ever before with 2 qualified for the invitational!

As we talked about at the November meeting, our usual February annual meeting is pushed back to the first Saturday in March. We felt we all needed to decompress a little after this past weekend, and in March our training day usually is kind of a miserable day (or blizzard on some years!).

The meeting will be at Skyline, for anyone that wants to hunt be there at noon, if you are not a member (of Skyline) there will be a \$25.00 guest fee. This will be a hen hunt, or we can throw in some chukar or quail. For those who haven't joined in the is hunt before, we usually split into groups of 4-6, split the cost of birds, and if your dog works your share of the birds, leash, heel them or put them away. This is a *fun hunt*, dogs will be dogs and pups will be pups, so expect some not so stellar bird work, I guess what I am trying to say here, is, if you don't want a dog stealing point or

retrieves leave your dog in the box! But, we have fun and the dogs have fun and that is what it is all about, training will start soon enough! If you are going to join us for the hunt let me know so I can reserve enough fields and birds. You can contact me at: [Quickpup25@wmconnect.com](mailto:Quickpup25@wmconnect.com)

We will meet at around 3 for the business end of this. We have a lot of things happening in the chapter and some changes being made, so please make sure you attend if at all possible, we want to hear everyone's feed back on these subjects. We will have a no host dinner after the meeting, again let me know if you plan to attend so I can reserve us enough space. We will be having a short board meeting that morning, if you have any issues you want addressed by the board, please email them to me before the meeting.

[Quickpup25@wmconnect.com](mailto:Quickpup25@wmconnect.com)

Hope you all had a great hunting season, and I am looking forward to this years training and testing! See you in March!

### Thank you letters

I thought you all would like to see some of the letters we have been receiving. You all have a lot to be proud of!

Hi Tracey,

Didn't get to say goodbye today, so I just wanted to drop a line your way to let you know that we had a blast and your Chapter put on a GREAT annual meeting. We're glad we went, learned a lot, and had a lot of fun. Hope you made some money at the banquet. You've really got a nice group of people there!

Thanks,

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Tamara Jalbert

Tracey and the Heartland Chapter,  
Thanks very much for a great weekend. This was my first Annual Meeting and was an awesome experience. I have been to many DU and other such banquets and yours' on Saturday night was as good as any. You should be proud of what you did for NAVHDA and hopefully you were able to meet chapter goals as well.

**Rick Todd**

**President, Lone Star NAVHDA**

Thanks Darin,  
Sure did. Everybody had a good time no glitches and a great banquet.  
I expect many told you it was the best one yet.  
Thanks,  
Jim (Applegate)

Many thanks. Thanks also to you Heartland folks for putting on a great meeting.  
And, congratulations to Darin on his judgeship.  
Steve Graham  
North Plains, OR  
["http://www.duckswild.com/"](http://www.duckswild.com/)

Again, thanks to every chapter member, we could not have done this without everyone pitching in!

Tracey

### **Treasurers Note:**

I wanted to remind everyone that the Heartland Chapter dues are now due. Single memberships are currently \$20 and family memberships \$25. Please make sure your International dues are current, as stated, you *must* be a member of NAVDHA International in order to be a member of the Heartland Chapter (or any Chapter). At our first meeting in March, I will be requesting your International membership number and expiration date.

Skyline Sportsman's Club is allowing us the use of their grounds for training sessions again this year. There is a \$5 guest fee each training session if you are not a member of Skyline Sportsman's Club. Memberships to Skyline Sportsman's Club can be purchased for \$100 if you are interested.

Please send Heartland Chapter Membership dues to:

**Heartland Chapter NAVHDA**  
**C/O Shari Stueck**  
**5900 Saltillo Road**  
**Lincoln NE 68516-9209**

If you have any questions, you can contact me at: [RufnitKennels@AOL.com](mailto:RufnitKennels@AOL.com)

See you in March,  
Shari