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My View

“My name is Ed Carney and I have a passion for the Deutsch-Drahthaar”. These were the words I used six years ago when introducing myself as a candidate for Vice-Chairman of Group North America of the VDD. This passion remains after six years on the Executive Board, and I again ask for your support, this time for the position of Chairman.

I think many of you know I live in Tallahassee, Florida and I am a retired Obstetrician-Gynecologist. I have been a member of GNA for 15 years, a performance judge for 10 years and a breed show judge for 5 years. I have been privileged to work as a judge in all of our Chapters. I served as GNA’s Director of Testing prior to being elected and serving as Vice-Chairman for the past 6 years. While serving as Director of Testing I initiated the placement of all testing forms and packets online and began the process to transfer testing responsibility to the Chapter Directors of Testing. Chapter Directors of Testing now routinely directly submit our test reports to the JGHV in Germany. I have had several projects while serving as your Vice-Chairman. First, I made an effort to visit all Chapters, usually at their annual meetings, to improve communication with the Executive Board. I appreciate the hospitality shown me by our members at these meetings. Another project was the chapter challenge to produce at least five new performance judges during any three year GNA election cycle. The identification of members, who if encouraged to complete their VGP, is critical to produce apprentice judges. Last year with the help of many authors I was able to edit and

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produce GNA’s forty year Jubilee Anniversary Booklet and celebration.

My wife Hilda is German, and I have had the great good fortune and opportunity to visit Germany many times participating and judging in various tests and breed shows. Also I have made the personal acquaintance and developed a relationship with much of the leadership of VDD and JGHV as well as many members, breeders and judges. Most years I travel to Germany to visit family and renew VDD friendships. Being retired, I have the time for the required executive work. I have spent the last two summers in Nova Scotia and plan to do so again this year. I will return about every 6 weeks to a family conclave in Florida and attend the GNA Annual meeting and again to check on things and attend the Armbruster Zuchprüfungen in South Dakota. I usually return to Nova Scotia for upland game and bear hunting after the Armbruster. Group Canada is a great friend and Atlantic Canada is a great place for dog training in the summer and upland game hunting in the fall. I own three DDs, Nelke 14 years old, Pritzi 7 years old and Gitta who is now 3 years old. I have owned wire-haired hunting Dachshunds as well.

These years have taught me many things. Most importantly I have come to appreciate the role and responsibility held by Group North America in protecting and advancing the Deutsch-Drahthaar Breed. GNA is the largest Group in the VDD and GNA produces the greatest number of puppies. Equally important is our good fortune to live in America where hunting and hunting dogs flourish. These facts grow and strengthen as a group we must better define the mission and vision for our club and the Deutsch-Drahthaar hunting dog. Stated more simply, we need to define and work together toward common goals.

I believe the best path to protect the integrity of the DD is to continue to mature and strengthen as a breed club. To grow and strengthen as a group we must better define the vision we hold for our club and the mission needed for this success. The past six years have presented challenges concerning our growth as well as our relationships with both our mother club VDD, and the testing organization JGHV that certifies the scores for our pups at VJP, HZP, VGP and other events. JGHV also certifies the judges who score these tests as well as the pathway for our members to advance through the apprentice program to become a judge. Lacking a clear vision for our future, GNA’s response is often reactive to a question or problem. We must become proactive. If elected I will initiate a Strategic and Long Range Planning Committee with the goal of defining the steps necessary to maintain our position as the preeminent organization for European pointing breeds. Definition of our vision is essential for GNA to protect and advance the integrity of the Deutsch-Drahthaar hunting dog. Stated more simply, we need to define and work together toward common goals.

The membership of this committee will be representative. All chapters will be represented as well as a spectrum of past leaders and younger members who have shown leadership potential through their work. I will ask this committee to present a plan for GNA’s future at the next annual business meeting with specific goals and metrics to be considered by the Board of Directors. Areas for discussion and consideration will be solicited from the chapters but should include the following:

**GOVERNANCE:** Is the Executive Board appropriate in size and membership? Some members have suggested that the Director of Testing and Director of Judge Development should be members and added to this body. Should the Newsletter Editor remain in this group?

**STRUCTURE:** Are our current eight chapters correctly aligned? Are additional chapters needed? Would our membership and goals be best served by the creation of one or more additional VDD Groups in North America? Should we encourage the establishment of new JGV Clubs in the USA? Would they help or hinder the mission of GNA?

**GERMANY:** How can we better define GNA’s relationship with VDD? GNA sends VDD significant dollars as dues and Hegewald assessments. Does GNA receive appropriate value for these monies? How can we better define GNA’s relationship with JGHV? Recent additional English translations on the JGHV website have added value but progress remains slow in educating JGHV to our unique challenges regarding North American game and geography as well as the seasons when we hunt and test.

**GROWTH:** As we now approach a membership of 1200 the busy work of maintaining infrastructure continues to grow. A discussion is needed regarding GNA’s continuation as a strictly volunteer organization or the transition to an organization supported by administrative personnel.

**MEMBERSHIP:** What do our members appreciate most from their association with GNA? How can we add value to our members to increase their satisfaction and retention? What new programs and services would be most appreciated? How do we best promote recruitment of new puppy owners and retention of our membership?

These are some of the areas needing definition to allow the development of GNA’s mission and vision. I know that many other ideas will come from the chapters. We need to better tap the deep resources of our membership. I remain convinced and optimistic that our membership has the knowledge to set a course with the goals and objectives needed to meet our challenge. I have the energy, passion, and time to devote to these priorities. Please join me in this quest.

Always remember…

*To breed versatile dogs is an art*
*To increase their numbers a blessing*
*To maintain the inheritance a duty*
*To improve it, our biggest wish*

H. Rambusch

Best wishes and Waidmannsheil,

Edward Carney, M.D.
Vice-Chairman VDD-GNA
Tallahassee, Florida
Questions from the Chapter Chairs

1. Should GNA be broken down into several groups?

This represents one of the biggest questions faced by GNA. I am unsure of the answer but I am sure this is a question GNA should carefully consider. Our size gives us particularly high standing in VDD as to membership and puppies produced. This then makes it far more likely for Germany (VDD) to listen to our concerns. However, if we are to remain as a volunteer organization this large size limits the number of members who would have time to serve in executive positions. Despite our large size we have fairly limited numbers of VRs, ZRs, etc. Not having a large enough knowledge base would make the success of additional groups difficult. This question will best be answered through a strategic planning process (please see “My View”). Again, this is one of the most important questions the Strategic planning committee must address.

2. Should GNA consider hiring a national executive director?

Yes absolutely. Administrative assistance for the “busy work” business needs of the organization can be done efficiently at a reasonable cost. I had a management firm prepare a presentation for GNA Executive Board last year but did not find ExB support for this project.

3. Should GNA consider hiring a publisher to produce a newsletter?

Yes. General administrative services provided by a management consultant regularly provide newsletter expertise. The Newsletter editor should remain a part of executive leadership.

4. Should GNA have a standing committee for the Armbruster event?

Yes. We need to examine all possibilities to strengthen this event. We are the only group within JGHV sponsoring an international test. Most international tests are sponsored by breed clubs such as VDD or the DK club. I believe that the sponsorship of such an event it brings prestige to GNA as well as the United States. I don’t believe we have yet figured out the best format for the test and we must explore additional options to help underwrite the expense of the Armbruster. If elected, I will petition VDD to allow GNA’s Hegewald assessment be used to help underwrite Armbruster expenses.

5. Should GNA have a strategic planning group developed? (I recently saw a well conceived projection that included the membership of 2000+ and what it could be in the year 2020).

Yes, absolutely. I presented this plan to the ExB last year and was voted down in its creation. The majority opinion was that strategic planning should come from the Executive Board. If elected, I will form a strategic and long range planning committee to consider many areas of interest to our club. (Please see the attached position paper “My View”). GNA has a great resource in its membership and should tap into this knowledge base to insure a positive future.

6. Should GNA use some of its resources to develop a new modern website?

Yes. General administrative services provided by a management consultant regularly provide website expertise. This area is one of the greatest sources of frustration for our members and the greatest opportunity for us to recruit and retain membership.

7. Should JGV-USA groups be added to all chapters?

No. JGV groups may well develop to meet training and testing needs of geographic areas in our country with a population of mixed JGV breeds. We have limited judging and fur tracking resources and I would hate to see these resources diluted.

Edward Carney, M.D. Vice-Chairman, VDD-GNA

My View

Brandt Hardy, Baton Rouge, LA
Chairman Big Rivers Chapter VDD-GNA
February 2012

I have decided to run for Chairman of VDD-GNA. This is an information sheet on some of my background and my reasons for seeking this position within our organization.

Background

I first joined VDD-GNA in 1991 and tested my first DD, Annastasia vom Herman, through the VJP and HZP in Oklahoma. She was a fantastic hunting dog – much more accomplished than her trainer/handler. “Anna” started my love affair with the DD and my exposure to GNA. In 2001, “Anna” died and the search began for a replacement. My second DD was my “Reese” – Clarice v. tapferen Herzen. I also currently have two other DDs, Gabby vom Sodak and Jessi vom Brundfeld. Our typical hunting season together includes a nice versatile mix of game. While we do a lot of duck and goose hunting as expected being from south Louisiana. We also hunt woodcock locally plus quail and pheasant from South Dakota to the Gulf coast. I will sit on a deer stand for freezer meat and Gabby is always on the ground, at the bottom of the stand, ready to track if needed. Have DDs will travel is our motto.

Since 1991, I’ve had wonderful experiences hunting across the country with my DDs while building some incredible friendships in the US and around the world. I also produced
Gene Kluck has generated questions from the Chapter members at large. Directors so that timely information can trickle down to the Chairman and the Chapter Chairmen/Board of Directors in concert with Executive Board members, Lynn Whiteley and Larry Houck. GNA will benefit BRC members in large and small ways. I was able to attend the 2007 Hegewald and gained a much better understanding of our parent breed club. More importantly, I’ve been a part of an exciting growth process within the Big Rivers Chapter.

In 2006, we had 52 members in BRC. Then we added/merged TX and OK from the WWC, and our membership grew to 94. In 2011, we were one of the largest chapters in GNA, with over 170 members. Now our chapter is focused on developing ethical breeders, future leaders, expanding our educational and testing opportunities and enjoying our numerous hunting opportunities together. We were very systematic in the assessment of our members needs, whether it was training, testing or breeding, then charting a specific plan to make corrective changes/improvements that promoted growth. Communication is vital to our positive outcomes in Big Rivers.

BRC has developed a strong state chairman system and has had a strong presence with national events such as the ‘05 and ‘11 Armbrusters, along with two GNA annual meetings in ‘07 and ‘09. These events have greatly benefited BRC members in large and small ways.

Needless to say, I’m very committed to the chapter system we have operating currently. I’m concerned, though, that we need to improve the effective communication between the Executive Board and the Chapter Chairmen/Board of Directors. I realize how underutilized and uniformed our Chapter Chairmen/Board of Directors has been. It would be a specific goal to more effectively utilize their skills and contacts for specific projects. The best example of this is the recent development of the ABC program and the proposal to update the GNA Public website. These improvements were spearheaded by the Chapter Chairmen/Board of Directors in concert with Executive Board members, Lynn Whiteley and Larry Houck. GNA will require a new level of openness and cooperation between the Chairman and the Chapter Chairmen/Board of Directors so that timely information can trickle down to the members at large.

Gene Kluck has generated questions from the Chapter Chairmen for nominees to respond to. I will answer them in the order he generated:

1. Should GNA be broken down into several groups? There has always been a consideration to allow for GNA to grow, then regionally divide. The chapter system is a perfect vehicle for chapters to mature leadership to the point of new groups emerging.

Currently, I do not support GNA splitting in separate groups. I don’t think enough thought and planning has gone into the best way for this to occur. I am very much in favor of a strategic plan for the future of GNA. This has been missing and stifles any clear purposeful development of this idea within our Group. The next step should be to gather an experienced team of past and current GNA leadership to consider all of the concerns involved including the organized developments of sub-groups. We must consider a large list of issues/concerns. These concerns include, but are not limited to, the geographic division, future volunteerism, financial concerns, inter-group relations, communication with Germany and the long term development of the DD throughout the US.

The time frame should have this committee gathered and working within a year and recommendations by the next. I do have real concerns for caution that should be considered at each step of this process. I strongly believe the only reason to divide should be if it makes the collected efforts of the cooperating groups stronger than that of a single group.

2. Should GNA consider hiring a national executive director? I do not support the idea of a national executive director. I’m concerned about the long-term financial expense, reduction of the volunteer effort and that this would potentially be a deviation from the by-laws of the VDD and the Rules of Procedure of VDD-GNA.

3. Should GNA consider hiring a publisher to produce a newsletter? This could be explored to see if it is both cost effective and time saving for our current NL Board member. This is a key task organizationally. I think we must be creative and attempt to improve our printed and website communication. I’m not being critical of our current Newsletter Editor. I’m saying we need to be fluid and flexible to supply both the membership and public with more timely information going forward.

4. Should GNA have a standing committee for the Armbruster event? Since the 2005 Armbruster, I have repeatedly suggested that we have a standing committee to support the Armbruster. My suggestion has fallen on deaf ears. Sadly, each Armbruster wastes time and money reinventing the wheel. I propose to have the Vice-Chairman be responsible to lead and support a standing Armbruster Committee to make the transitions smooth from year to year. This committee would include past, current and future Armbruster reps from the host chapters, as well as the TDs and TCs. I would also think we need to do the same for special events, such as Annual Meetings and Pheasant Fest.

5. Should GNA have a strategic planning group developed? (Gene recently saw a well conceived projection that included the membership of 2000+ and what it could be in the year 2020) Yes. Please refer to question #1. I also think this planning should extend beyond just the one issue of new groups to include issues of breeding,
testing, finances and judge development, as well as the Armbruster and the development of an International VGP.

We also need to assess our relationship with the VDD. I’m concerned about the apparent drift in our positive working relationship with the parent Breed Club. We represent 10% of the membership and 20+% of the puppies born in the world. We need to have a strategic voice in the process, and make sure that they understand our unique needs. We work hard to be good VDD citizens and we should look to the VDD to be responsive to us when called upon. This ongoing concern extends to the JGHV as well. Regarding the language barrier, I’ve already gotten an unsolicited offer of support from a German friend of GNA to provide any and all support I would possibly need. This was a very encouraging start.

6. **Should GNA use some of its resources to develop a new modern website?**

   Yes, our website needs improvement. Larry has tackled this in part, but more work is needed and it will cost money. Currently, there is a proposal in front of the EB to revamp the Public section of the website. The proposal is less than half of what was charged for the Member section changes from the summer of 2011. This resource is from the same group that re-built the BRC website. The long term benefit will be cost and time savings for GNA and the self management by the chapters as updates need to occur. We must do more to be effectively communicating with those interested in the DD both from within and outside of GNA.

7. **Should “JGV-USA” type groups be added to all chapters?**

   VDD-GNA is a breed organization. We should be developing more along that priority and explore broader avenues for testing. Currently, VDD-GNA hosts about 85% of the versatile dog tests in the US. I would love to see other breed clubs and testing groups expand their testing in the US for the long-term benefit of the versatile dog movement. This can be most cost effective for GNA. The key is genuine cooperation and mutual respect. I support multiple testing organizations whether it is breed clubs, JGV-USA or a new set of emerging regional JGV clubs. I don’t see the need or cost effectiveness for every chapter to support one.

The JGHV requires us to have our apprentices have “out of Group” judging experiences. JGHV does not recognize the VDD allowance for GNA to operate with Chapters. JGHV notified GNA two years ago that they would no longer allow for “out of Chapter” tests to apply for the “out of Group” requirement effective in 2011. We are behind the curve and need to accelerate this requirement. Our German friends such as the Tabel’s and Frank Wagner, who are JGHV leaders, have strongly encouraged GNA to develop other JGV Clubs at least since 2007. We have to have more testing options and spread the testing work to those breed and testing clubs outside of GNA. Therefore, we must support putting our DDs in tests sponsored by these other groups or else we will be unable to develop our judges. We must take the lead in the development of other JGV clubs or it will hurt us quickly.

In summary, I have a strong history of establishing and achieving goals as Vice Chairman and Chairman in BRC. I have worked tirelessly to promote the DD, GNA and the VDD. I have been a positive catalyst for change in our organization on a Chapter and Group level. I see some very demanding hurdles ahead for GNA and the versatile dog movement in the US that will be very challenging. I prefer to be goal and solution focused and a consensus builder to advance our Group. I have had broad hands on experience in working within our organization as a chapter officer, VR and breeder.

Professionally, I am a Licensed Professional Counselor doing mental health counseling in private practice for the last 30 years in TX and LA. Yes, I consider that an asset for us working together. I am able to control my schedule to spend the time for any and all responsibilities of the job ahead. I have been able to manage my time effectively enough to promote, as an officer, the development of BRC over the last 9 + years and be the Test coordinator of the 2011 Armbruster. I intend to bring that same energy, vision and passion to the GNA Chairman’s position. I have 3 grown children but still don’t get to hunt as often as I’d like to. I have always been active in many volunteer organizations in my community.

I look forward to this election process and welcome both your support and participation. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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PERSONAL HISTORY
As an avid hunter of a variety of game, I was in search of the ideal hunting dog and family pet. Specifically, a versatile breed of dog that would suit my style of hunting yet could also blend with my family and pack of dachshunds. In my research, I came across the DD and was instantly intrigued with the breed and so began my addiction. That was in 2009 and I have not been disappointed. My nearly three year old DD, Alison v. Warner a.k.a “Sam”, is a loyal companion, driven hunter, and loving member of our family.

What attracted me to the VDD-GNA and more specifically The Big Rivers Chapter is the sense of service to others and mentoring of new handlers the organization instills. This coupled with the new-found friendships within the VDD-GNA has made my involvement as a “newbie” an enjoyable and enriching experience. It is with this philosophy that I hope to give back to the organization as the newsletter editor.

Fortunately, my career as a small business owner with experience in web design and web-marketing affords me to have a flexible schedule so that I may attend DD events and get in an occasional hunt. Since becoming a member in 2009, I have:
• coordinated training days in my local area;
• volunteered at several VDD-GNA sponsored tests;
• implemented a new design of the Big Rivers Chapter website; and
• worked on the redesign of the VDD-GNA website.

VISION AS NEWSLETTER EDITOR
My vision is to expand the VDD-GNA GNA website so that it reflects real-time sources of current and relevant information that includes:
• on-line test scores data base with searchable features;
• implementation of online payment for membership, membership renewal, and merchandise;
• membership retention function;
• enhanced search functions of stud dog listings and breeders; and
• the potential to generate revenue with advertising possibilities.

In addition, the revised website will be user-friendly, easy to navigate, and scalable. These website additions and adjustments support a sustainable communication tool that is easily maintained and updated to reflect a growing VDD-GNA.

In closing, I am proud to be a member of the VDD-GNA and am much honored that Larry Houck has nominated me to serve as the newsletter editor. Should I be elected, it will be my privilege to serve the VDD-GNA community.

Sean Hicks
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Vice Chairman Candidate:

Hello, my name is Mark Heuer and I am honored and proud to be a nominee for GNA’s Vice Chairman Position.

In 1997 I began my search for what would be my first ever hunting dog. I had grown up hunting, fishing and enjoying the outdoors all my life with my family and friends, but I had never owned and trained my own hunting dog. I looked at many different breeds, but my search lead me to the Deutsch-Drahthaar. I met Roger Green and Frank Wells in 1997, purchased my first Drahthaar in 1998 and my life has not been the same.

What began as simply a search for a great hunting dog has changed my life. The Deutsch-Drahthaar and many of the people associated with it have become the same as family! It is my passion for the breed, the system, hunting and the people that I’ve met that continue to make me want to serve Group North America, The Verein Deutsch-Drahthaar and JGHV.

I became a member of VDD-GNA in February 1999, a Performance Judge in 2003, was Chairman of the Great Plains Chapter from 2004 to 2010, and most recently appointed as GNA’s Director of Judge Development in the fall of 2008. I hold yearly spring and fall tests, training days, coordinated along with a lot of great help the 2009 Armbruster, have been to Germany once in 2007 to judge four VJP tests, and live every day enjoying our great dogs!

I believe in working hard, being fair and balanced, and in doing things the right way. Growing up I was told and taught many things by my wonderful Father, and even to this day a couple things still continue to influence the way I go about my daily life. They are; “If you’re going to do something, do it right and do it right the first time” and “the best place to find a helping hand is usually at the end of your own arm.”

I believe that when my experience of the last thirteen years with VDD-GNA and JGHV is combined with my dedication, passion and work ethic I have the needed skills to serve as Vice-Chairman of Group North America!

Just as there has been over the past 40 year’s group North America is currently, and will continue to face many challenging hurdles. If elected as Vice-Chairman I look forward to working with my fellow Executive Board members, Chapter leadership, and GNA’s membership as a whole to successfully conquer any and all challenges!
Through strong communication, dedication, and the will and desire to do the right thing we can and will continue to carry on the wonderful legacy of the past. However, it is even more important that we look to the future and be open minded to working with all North American Clubs. In doing so, we will continue to improve and move forward with our goal to serve our membership, while at the same time continue to provide and produce the best hunting dog in the world!

If anyone has any questions, or wishes to know how I specifically feel about any particular topic please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you very much, and I hope to serve you for the coming four years as Vice Chairman of Group North America.

Sincerely,
Mark Heuer

Current GNA members who presently hold Executive Positions and have a desire to return to their positions.

Lynn Whiteley- Breedwarden
Fred Turjan- Treasurer
Jim Wion- Business Manager

NOTICE of Motions

Proposals Submitted by Great Plains Chapter
1.) Motion to allow AI in the DD that have had 1 litter by natural conception.
2.) Motion to have a committee on the GNA Executive Board (EB) with 2 members of the hosting group responsible for planning & the execution of the Armbruster.
3.) Motion to have the GNA EB develop a strategic planning for 5 years out. The membership is projected to be 2000+ by the year 2020.
4.) Motion to have the GNA EB establish a “Service Award” for both performance and breed show judges that dedicate their time every year.
5.) Motion for GNA to request that the VDD Executive Board pay GNA a membership compensation for the Armbruster in the same way it pays for the Hegewald.
6.) Motion for GNA to repeal ROP 1.3 Priority of Testing Breeds associated with JGHV.
7.) Motion for GNA to develop a committee to study the feasibility of more than one Deutsch Drahthaar Group in the USA.
8.) Motion to change GNA ROP 13.1 to say that proceeds from any auction at a GNA annual meeting will be retained by GNA.

Submitted by Gene Kluck – GPC Chairman

Below is the one motion/proposal that the Heartland Chapter is submitting for the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Motion: The Heartland Chapter proposes that the VDD-GNA Board request the VDD consider adding a third, separate category for “temperament” to the breed show evaluation of the DD. The evaluated DD would then receive a score for Form, Temperament, and Coat. Currently “temperament” is included in the “form” evaluation. By providing separate scores for “form” and “temperament”, the final breed show evaluation will provide a clearer view of how well the dog matches the breed standard and which area(s) have faults that a breeder or potential buyer needs to consider.

Submitted by Gene Kluck – GPC Chairman

Suggested ROP change submitted by Fred Turjan, Treasurer

The 8 chapters of VDD-GNA will forfeit 10% of their fiscal yearly income to the GNA general membership fund to pay for chapter operating expenses.

Reason: Chapters currently get FREE- banking, checking, deposits, postage, and record keeping from GNA and pay for nothing.

Proposal submitted by Jim Wion, Business Manager:

Add to GNA Rules of Procedure Section 8:

8.1.5) The Annual Membership renewal dues for regular members who are 65 years of age or over AND have been VDD members for 25 or more continuous years shall be 50% of the regular renewal dues, effective FY 2013.

Motions submitted by Midwest North Chapter:

Motion 1: The Midwest North Chapter moves that GNA form a task force to support and advance the goals of the Accredited Breeders Coalition.

Purpose: The purpose of the Accredited Breeders Coalition (ABC) in developing informed, ethical breeders who not only produce healthy, talented puppies but also mentor new handlers is timely and essential to the long-term development of the Deutsch Drahthaar. The Midwest North Chapter wishes to advance the efforts of the ABC by acknowledging the excellent work over the past year and actively identifying ways to further these goals.
Motion 2: The Midwest North Chapter moves to require a cost accounting of the annual Armbruster Zuchprüfung to be published in the GNA Newsletter with other HZP reporting.

Purpose: Midwest North Chapter members recognize that the Armbruster Zuchprüfung is an important HZP and breed show for GNA and VDD. However, members want and deserve to know the costs associated with this event, and such information will serve to squelch rumors about unknown costs.

Motion 3: The Midwest North Chapter moves that 10% of GNA membership dues be returned annually to chapters, based on the number of chapter members (e.g., if MWN has 150 chapter members, $1275 would be returned to the chapter [$8.50/member]).

Purpose: The goal is to help enhance member retention at the chapter level, and ultimately GNA level. By returning a portion of dues to chapters, it will help offset costs borne by chapters to help their members train and prepare for tests, and put on other chapter events. This will give members added value for their membership to VDD/GNA.

Plan to help control costs of VJP, HZP, and VGP tests in Group North America.

Submitted by Larry Houck

The cost of all GNA sponsored tests are to be reimbursed at a rate of not to exceed 110% of the years preceding costs for that group of overall tests example -- VJP to VJP’s etc. - comparing those costs for each test respectively across the entire Chapter system of GNA. If the costs go above the 110% rate, they will either have to be picked up by the Chapters sponsoring that test or shared by those persons testing their dogs.

Rationale: The costs of testing dogs within the GNA chapters have skyrocketed over the last 5 years. Expenses for the 2011 VJP and HZP’s are $18,000 more than income according to Fred Turjan, Treasurer. This plan to control expenses only includes the VJP, HZP, VGP’ tests . The 110% rate of reimbursement still allows for an inflation factor of 10% but allows GNA to be able to budget expenses and know its revenues consistently. At the present time there is no incentive or penalty if those costs are not within line as compared to other Chapter test expenses in comparison. GNA needs to develop a committee to evaluate the expenses of testing and hold accountable those tests and organizers so that expenses can be controlled. This committee will report back to the Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting of 2013 of a plan of action. One of the problems is that It is too easy to just get another judge from 1500 miles away (who may be a friend or do a favor) and have them jump on an airplane instead of look to the chapter next door and use the resources locally. This becomes a very expensive endeavor. If expenses are not better controlled, it may have a very financially devastating future for all of GNA with the loss of membership and underwriting the testing of DD’s within the JGHV system to a much greater extent than it already does. This prohibits GNA from doing other programs for the membership.

Proposals for the GNA ANNUAL meeting From the WWC

Whereas, The website of GNA is the first contact with many/most new members. Whereas, Breeders benefit from having the website and litters list and links on the GNA website. Whereas, The website is the sole advertising mode which many breeders use. Whereas, Breeders also benefit from website listings of forms and training articles for their puppy purchasers and Whereas, web based information will only get more important in the future.

Resolved, The the WWC motions that GNA adopt a $5.00 puppy fee to be assessed with the registration document. Resolved, That this fee is to commence with the breeding year (2012) and is to be spent only for the website (software, hardware, labor for web development or maintenance of the site. Resolved, That this fee collected from breeders is to be matched by VDD-GNA. Resolved, That, this fee will be collected in one breeding year and the total, (fee and match) must be spent in the following breeding year.

Resolved, That if this fund is not spent then it will be refunded to the Breeders in the exact amount contributed.

Whereas GNA has proposed in the past a very workable A.I. proposal.

Resolved, That the membership directs the EC of VDGNA to stay the course and continue to actively explore other VDD groups outside of North America who would be favorable to the rules/regulations that would result in a workable A.I solution for VDD worldwide. Resolved, That if deemed appropriate to bring the same or amended A.I proposal back to the Breedwardens conference and to VDD in 2013.

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On the one hand, the right to exercise the voting privileges of a VDD Group at any VDD meeting is now limited to only the Chairman of the Group, or- a member of the Group’s Executive Board, provided, that the Exec. Board member is designated in writing by the Group Chairman. This is a big negative for Group North America and, in my opinion, one that is inconsiderate of the voting rights of those who pay membership dues to VDD. What it has done is take away the right of Proxy for any VDD Group located offshore of Germany. In the past, GNA (or any VDD Group) could designate someone to represent interests at meetings in Germany. With this new rule, we are limited to sending only the GNA Chairman, or another designated member of GNA Exec. Board, to the VDD Annual Meeting- or any special called meeting for that matter- to Germany to represent our interests and cast our vote. We no longer can designate an individual or sister Group in Germany to represent us….If we do not commit to having one of GNA’s Exec Board members on hand at an official VDD meeting in Germany, our right to vote is forfeited!

- Another Motion that I want to highlight is one that requires motions to the VDD Annual Meeting to be forwarded to the VDD Business Manager by a Group’s Board. The wording that I see as omitted here is that previously, Motions to the Annual meeting could be submitted by either “individuals” or Groups. Sometimes what I hear by way of an interpreter, during the business meeting, or in general discussions after the meeting leaves me with some doubt about all that was included in some of the decisions that were made. After the official minutes of the VDD General Meeting are available we will know whether our Bylaws, permitting motions from either individuals or Chapters will have to be revised.

As I announced at last year’s Annual Meeting, I will not be a candidate for reelection as GNA’s Chairman this year. I’ve been privileged to serve the membership of this club in many official positions during the past 16 years and I sincerely thank you for all of your support along the way.

At this time, I’m aware of two candidates for the position of GNA Chairman: current GNA Vice-Chairman, Dr. Ed Carney, and Big Rivers Chapter Chairman, Brandt Hardy. I consider both of these gentlemen to be a friend and have confidence that both will be dedicated to protecting the integrity of GNA and the Drahthaar if elected. Since the new Chairman will be representing GNA’s interests in the world Drahthaar community, you should become acquainted with what they intend to be the path for our Group’s and our breed’s future. Ask questions, talk to others who have had experience with these candidates and advise your State representative or Chapter Board of your preference.

Be pro-active---- You take the initiative in training your dog; you must also take a degree of initiative in preserving
Group North America’s role in promoting and advancing the Deutsch-Drahthaar!

For our Drahthaars

Bryon

Vice-Chairman’s Report

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We were in Germany for a vacation and visiting family. I became intrigued with a rough coated teckel, a wire haired dachshund guarding the counter at a Frankonia-Jagd hunting store in Stuttgart. Hilda warned me not to get too close as the little dog might well be “sharp”. With some patience and effort I was able to give him a pat. The store owner gave us the name of a breeder in Southern Bavaria and soon we were on the autobahn heading south. Herr Hans Bieberger had asked that we meet him at some dog event near Landschut. We had never heard of the Hegewald but that evening found ourselves crowded in a large tent for the opening ceremonies and lots of toasts and smoke. If my memory is correct this must have been in 1985. The reception was gracious and some days latter we found ourselves in Herr Bieberger’s village and Kennel, Herzogstadt, picking out our new Dachshund puppy! The Biebergers have become lifelong friends but a different invitation from my first Hegewald led to the Drahtaar connection. Another hunter had invited us for a visit and a glass of wine in his house in Esslingen. The Drahtaar was a large brown female. The intelligence in her eyes, her will to please, and the level of obedience seen in a fully trained DD hit me like Cupid’s arrows. I knew that Drahthaars would be a part of my future.

I stumbled through two GWPs before finally getting the full package with a Jägerhütte pup from Jack Mansfield. Even then I didn’t buy into the training and testing system. TN seemed way too far to go for a test in a system I didn’t understand when “my pup” had such strong natural abilities. Fortunately I was converted when I obtained my next pup from our friend Hans Bieberger. A VJP was followed by a HZP and a trip to the Hegewald. A VGP allowed me to become an apprentice judge and has led to my VR and even ZR positions. This participation has brought many wonderful days in the field as well as training and testing days with my friends in GNA.

Oh yes, we did get that teckel pup in ’85. We called her “Hexie” (little witch) and she turned into one deer trackin’, snake killin’, den invader that knew no fear. But that is another story...

Congratulations to handlers and pups that have finished their VJP with a score of 65 or better and qualifications for the Armbruster-Zuchprüfungen. The Great Plains Chapter is always a superior host and the Watertown South Dakota venue will allow you to really show off your dog’s abilities. Please make a time line as there are many tasks to complete before 19-23 of September. A hint given me years ago is to not overlook “obedience”. Also, I hope to see many of you at our annual meeting in Cedar Valley, Utah, (near Salt Lake City) on July 20-21 hosted by our friends from the Wild West Chapter. Our Wild West host is always gracious and accommodating and the meeting will have many opportunities for education as well as fellowship.

Always remember…

To breed versatile dogs is an art
To increase their numbers a blessing
To maintain the inheritance a duty
To improve it, our biggest wish

H. Rambusch

Best wishes and Waidmannsheil,
Edward Carney, M.D.
Vice-Chairman VDD-GNA

From the Breedwarden

Chipping

I know the following is repetitious, but I think there is still misunderstanding concerning the chipping of DD. As you are aware, tattooing of puppies in most parts of Germany has been discontinued early this year. Chalk one up for the Greenies. VDD has implemented a microchip program to identify dogs that can no longer be tattooed. Where tattooing remains legal it is still required. We are required to continue tattooing our puppies here in GNA. Whether or not the puppies are chipped is optional for us. The ear tattoo remains the primary means of identifying dogs at tests etc. We will receive the chips from VDD, and we have paid for them with the puppy registration fee. I think the best policy for now is to leave it up to the individual breeders and puppy buyers. Each breeder can have his veterinarian or qualified person chip the entire litter (if the chips are available). Or the breeder can distribute the chips to the buyers of a new puppy. In either case great care needs to be taken to get the chip with the correct puppy. Each chip has a fifteen digit number, of which the last six digits are the puppy’s ZB Nr. A bar code sticker comes with each chip. If the dog is chipped this barcode should be applied at the bottom edge in the center of the Information side (not pedigree side) of the Ahnentafel.

There continues to be logistics problems in getting Ahnentafeln and chips in time for the tattooing and inspection of litters. Litters are being tattooed on time, and new owners are able to get their new puppies, however there is often a sizeable wait for the Ahnentafel and chips to catch up, hopefully this will be resolved soon.
If any new owners are considering taking their dog to the Hegewald or to Europe for any other reason, it would be a good idea to have the dog chipped. This chip or another internationally recognized chip would be needed for the dog to enter any EU country.

**Litter and Stud Dog forms**

In the member section of the GNA website, the VDD Litter and Stud Dog forms needed to register a litter are available in pdf fillable format. A breeder can fill out the form and print it before mailing it off. This will save GNA from having to print and distribute these forms to breeders. It will also allow breeders to fill out the forms so they are readable!

**Puppy Fee Increase**

With the implementation of the use of microchips to identify DD that can no longer be tattooed, VDD has raised its per puppy registration fee by €5. At the same time international mailing rates have been increased. Because of these factors the GNA per puppy registration fee has been raised from $35 to $40, effective for litters whelped on or after April 1, 2012. At the $35 rate GNA has been losing money on most litters.

**HD**

At the VDD Breedwardens meeting this year Dr. Distl from the University of Hannover gave a report on the study he has been doing on HD and DNA markers in the DD. He believes he is close to being able to offer a test that will offer a breeder a genetic picture of the HD potential of any given dog. It wouldn’t be 100% foolproof by any means, but could be a useful tool.

One table he showed was particularly interesting to me. I have had people ask me if there is a genetic difference between breeding HD-A and HD-B dogs. My short answer is that I don’t know, but I suspect there is a difference. I’m by no means an expert on HD, and don’t pretend to be. This chart showed the expected results when parents whose Phenotypes (HD Scores A, B, or C) are bred with each other. Of course HD-C can no longer be used for breeding. The numbers shown on the chart are a projected genetic score based on his research into the genetic makeup of dogs in the study. They are not a percentage, but the higher the score the better. As would be expected breeding HD-A to HD-A is projected to produce the best results. As you can see breeding HD-B to HD-B is projected to produce results that are significantly lower. If we have a breeding dog that was rated HD-B we should probably be looking for a mate that is HD-A.

In VDD both HD-A and HD-B dogs receive the HD-frei stamp on their Ahnentafel, and both are eligible for breeding. As breeders we don’t always know the HD score of the dogs we breed to. Some of us might be breeding HD-B to HD-B without even knowing it. The only sure way to know is to ask the owner of the dog for a copy of the HD evaluation.

We are breeding versatile hunting dogs, and HD is only one part of a long equation. As breeders it is important to know where we stand on this so we can make the best decisions in the interest of our dogs and the breed.

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### Expected Selection Response in the next Generation using Parents’ Phenotypes from the years 1987 - 2007

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Lynn S. Whiteley  
VDD/GNA Breedwarden

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### Business Manager Report

Election update: To date we have two nominees for Chairman, Ed Carney and Brandt Hardy, one for Vice-Chairman, Mark Heuer, and one for Newsletter Editor, Sean Hicks. I think that Lynn, Fred and I plan to offer our services for another term, but anyone can be nominated for any of the six positions up until close of nominations at the meeting.

There are several proposed motions that will be voted upon so please have a look at these and offer your comments to your Chapter representatives.

I hope that everyone is very successful in your preparations for the fall testing and hunting seasons.

Jim Wion

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### From The Director of Judge Development

The new VZPO is here and hopefully all of you have it! Most of our Chapters purchased the new regulation book for their Chapter VR’s and RA’s. This was greatly appreciated by the Judges and Apprentices, GNA and it expedited the delivery of the new regulations!

Please contact GNA Document Distribution Manager Lona Kluck if you do not have your new VZPO yet. Lona will take your order and get you your new VZPO.

I am very happy to announce that we had five new VR’s in time for the spring testing season. Congratulations and a thank you is in order for our five new Judges! They are: Nate Bailey(WWC), Jon Davis(WWC), Ronald Fry(BRC), Mike Hack(MWNC), and Bill Sands(MWNC).

We also have a new blood tracking Judge! I would like to thank Curt Caldwell for taking the time and effort to become an SW. We have less than a dozen blood tracking Judges so it’s terrific that we now have one more!
We also have a good crop of seven new Apprentices. JGHV did a great job in getting Apprentice applications processed earlier this year so that those submitted would be able to start their apprenticeship this spring! Congratulations to our new Apprentices and we look forward to hopefully having them join the JGHV-GNA Judging cadre within a few years. Janelle Bottorff(GLC), Jim Husband(GLC), Chad Jones(WWC), Brandon Par(WWC), Richard Shell(SEHC), Thomas Weston(AC), Joshua Zigler(AC).

New VGPO

The current VGPO was scheduled to expire at the end of 2011. However, JGHV has extended the current edition through the 2012 testing season.

Hopefully you have read about the two different versions of the VGPO that have been running around for the last year or so. A brown/tan covered book, and then also a red and white version. The red and white is the “official” VGPO. Look for additional information about the changes within it and what to do with your tan/brown VGPO in the coming couple of months!

2012 Seminars

Several seminars have been planned for the summer and early fall of 2012. Apprentices, you are required to attend two Continuing Education Seminars, regardless of when you entered the Apprentice program.

Judges, we are now halfway through the current four year period for attending a Continuing Education (CE) Seminar. If you do not attend a CE seminar by September 2014 you will be suspended by JGHV beginning in September of 2014. You will be in suspended status and unable to judge until you meet the CE requirement.

Judges, do not delay in attending a CE seminar! It is a relatively simple, important, and an easy way to stay active and up-to-date on important rules and regulations! Plus you get to remain an active Judge!!!

GNA sponsored Judges and apprentices are welcome to attend any Continuing Education Seminar, even if it’s held by a club other than Group North America. Likewise, we welcome any JGHV club member to any and all of our seminars!

2012 GNA Continuing Education Seminars.

May 20 – Middletown, PA. Subject, Test Questions and Answers. Contact – Fred Turjan, fturjan@comcast.net

July 21 – GNA Annual Meeting, Sandy, UT. Subject, 3rd Edition/New VZPO. Contact – Mark Heuer, mark@dayweather.com

July 28 – Stillwater, MN. Subject, VGPO Test Questions and Answers. Contact – Dave Swanson, dtswan82@hotmail.com

Sept. 1 – Colonel, IL. Subject, 3rd Edition/New VZPO. Contact – Larry Reeves, wildrucken@mchsi.com

2012 Continuing Education Seminars being held by other N.A. JGHV Clubs.

April 20 – Tilden, Texas – JGV-USA. Subject, VZPO and VGPO Test Questions and Answers. Contact – Leonard Baker 1-580-492-6284

April 27 – Spokane, Wash. – NADKC. Subject, VZPO and VGPO Test Questions and Answers. Contact – Scott Sorensen, 1-509-681-067

2012 Introduction to the JGHV Seminars being held in North America.


April 28 – Spokane, Wash. – NADKC. Contact – Scott Sorensen, 1-509-681-067

Have a great summer, I hope we cross paths soon!

Mark Heuer
GNA DoJD
2011 BreedBooks Available
The 2011 Breedbooks are being printed as you review this article. They should be mailed out in May to those people who purchased one when they sent in their 2012 dues to Jim Wion. If you would like to order one (first come-first served basis–limited number available) you should contact Lona Kluck, Document Distributor to obtain your book. The cost is $17.00 which includes mailing.

You Be the Judge
Ed. Note: These questions were taken from the Jagdbracuhshundverband e. V. on “Questions on VZPO Test Practices and JGHV Performance Awards. The questions were answered in consultation with the Studbook Commission (Stammbuchkommission) and the Studbookkeeper (Stammbuchführer); After much effort and service this book was translated by GNA member Astrid Geisler, and the Translation Company of New York. Additional translations and editing by Nancy Bohs. VDD-GNA January 2009
Mark Heurer Director of Judge Development is responsible for providing these questions to the NL.


Special Blood Tracking Judges in Specialty Judging Groups VGPO: §§ 20, 21(7), 103(2)
Question:
Is it permissible at a VGP where judging is conducted in specialty judging groups that a special blood tracking judge participate in the evaluation of the dog’s work on lead?
Answer:
The answer is affirmative, as long as the special blood tracking judge has been assigned by the test director as a voting judge. Moreover, it makes sense to assign the special blood tracking judge to a specialty judging group at tests with exclusively overnight tracks.

Blood Tracking Work, Evaluation of On-Lead Work When Dog Eats From Carcass
VGPO: §§ 29(1), 31, 126
Question:
Must the on-lead work be scored even when the dog later eats from the carcass?
Answer:
The answer is affirmative. The dog’s behavior at the carcass is an integral part of the entire blood tracking work. For that reason, the symbol of a successful track, the broken twig, shall not be given until the dog has passed the tracking work. However, the on-lead work presents the principal part of the blood tracking work and is finished when the dog arrives at the carcass; it must be evaluated. Naturally, the game eating excludes the dog from the test.

Blood Tracking Work, Repeatedly Putting Dog in a Down Stay Position
VGPO: § 30(3-4)
Question:
When the handler repeatedly puts his dog in a down stay position during the on-lead tracking work, does such action equate to repeated, necessary handler corrections?
Answer:
The answer is negative. The last sentence of § 30(4) VGPO states that repeated, necessary handler corrections lower the predicate as they are an indication of the dog’s lacking reliability. This definition primarily applies to situations when the handler realizes that his dog has gone off track. When the handler is forced repeatedly to take back his dog when it has gone off track, it shows the dog’s lacking reliability and, hence, must result in a lower predicate. The handler is explicitly permitted to put his dog in a down stay position so that he himself can search for proof of blood or to let his dog rest, or calm it down. None of these reasons for putting the dog in a down stay are signs of insecurity; quite the opposite, they reflect proper dog handling. It may be, however, that repeatedly putting the dog in a down stay position enables the handler to search and find blood himself and thereby guide the dog to the carcass. Such behavior would definitely have to be noted by the judges with the appropriate score.

Blood Tracking Work, Handler Correction VGPO: § 30
The dog shows very good tracking work, but once goes off the track in excess of 60 m.
The handler notices his dog’s error and independently casts back to the last blood marker, without the judges making a recall. From this point forward, the dog tracks to the carcass in a very confident and excellent manner. The work on-leash is scored as “good”. The handler expresses the opinion that the dog deserves a “very good” because it was not recalled and not restarted. Is his opinion correct?
Answer:
This question cannot easily be answered with yes or no. It is evident from the facts presented that the dog deviated from the track in excess of 60m. Here, the judges had the opportunity to recall the dog and let the handler restart it. Such action would have resulted in a lower predicate. Additionally, the dog would have had just one restart left for the remaining track. The question itself does not reveal why
the judges did not make use of the recall. It is also not clear whether the handler correctly interpreted his dog's demeanor and concluded the deviation, or whether he himself interpreted other obvious signs, such as the direction leading to a public road or similar indicators. Several situations are possible during the tracking work that would necessitate lowering the score, even if the judges never recalled the dog (see § 29[2], 30[1 and 4]). In the case at hand, it is a singular handler correction. As such, it is within the judges' discretion whether they deem this mistake severe enough to warrant a lower predicate.

If, however, the judges at the time already knew that the mistake made was of a severe nature, they should have recalled the handler at that point and restarted him. When the handler recognizes the deviation based on his dog's demeanor and corrects his dog, the score "very good" is still justified.

Retrieve of Fox Over Obstacle VGPO: § 35
Question:
At the VGP, a male dog is called as the tenth dog to be tested for retrieve of fox over obstacle after nine dogs have been tested already (male and female dogs). Upon a single command, the male dog takes the 80 cm high obstacle. Once inside, he pees against the left inside post, then against the right inside post, jumps out of the box, pees against the left outside post, then against the right outside post. With absolute silence surrounding him, he jumps back over the obstacle, picks up the fox and delivers correctly. How should the work be scored?
Answer:
The work must be scored as "very good". The dog fulfilled all essential requirements of § 35. The provision of § 35 states that the dog should pick up the fox without a prolonged delay and given this wording, one might tend to judge that the dog stayed longer than necessary and therefore should be given a lower score. It can be safely assumed, however, that the phrase "prolonged delay" refers to a demeanor displaying the reluctance to pick up and retrieve the fox. Such reluctance was not present with above dog. It is canine nature, especially with a self-confident male dog, to mark areas that have the scent of other dogs. The dog that, despite such scent distraction which prompt him to mark the area, does not forget the task at hand and then continues to pick up and deliver the fox without additional commands by the handler, is a more valuable dog in this subject than a dog which under the pressure of the task or being little self-confident ignores the scent distraction.

Drag; Dog Retrieves Game Other Than Drag Game VGPO: §§ 37 and 44(1)
Question:
During the furred game drag, the dog works the drag well and finds a dead cat a few meters in front of the drag end and approximately 2 m to the side of and downwind from the drag trail. The dog picks up the cat and returns to the handler where it delivers correctly. How should this case be judged?
Answer:
The dog gets a replacement drag. The dog cannot be faulted for the retrieve of the cat. At the same time, the dog did not fulfill the task of the furred game drag.

Independent Search VGPO: § 52(2)
Question:
At the VGP, the dog is sent to independently search. The dog thoroughly searches the thicket casting widely. It is deemed a very good performance. During its search, the dog reaches the edge of the thicket where the handler remained. Here, a hare flushed in front of the dog which begins to chase the hare without being loud. The handler observes this and blows his whistle whereas upon the dog ceases the chase and returns to the handler. The chase covered a distance of approximately 20 m. Judges’ evaluation: The dog chased silent, hence the score for the independent search is “good” and the dog is marked “st” Zsilent. Is the judges’ evaluation correct?
Answer:
The answer is negative. Whether a dog is loud on the chase can only be determined conclusively when the dog has had sufficient opportunity to become loud. Some dogs, especially the very confident ones, do not develop tongue until they have had a chance to chase for a while. In the above case, the handler intervened immediately and thereby stopped the chase which did not give his dog ample chance to demonstrate loud. The evaluation should have been: independent search “very good”; loud “frg” (questionable).

Ken Hardman, HD Program Coordinator reports that the following dogs have been orthopedically evaluated.

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During the furred game drag, the dog works the drag well and finds a dead cat a few meters in front of the drag end and approximately 2 m to the side of and downwind from the drag trail. The dog picks up the cat and returns to the handler where it delivers correctly. How should this case be judged?
Answer:
The dog gets a replacement drag. The dog cannot be faulted for the retrieve of the cat. At the same time, the dog did not fulfill the task of the furred game drag.
208833 Sabre vom Moorehaus David Chatellier Spring Lake, NC
212160 Adalric vom Totton Adam Zuk Sidney, NY
214628 Abbey vom Drahtbau Roger Totton Middleburg, PA
214746 Samuel III vom Kervinshof Yong Moua Saint Paul, MN
214209 Ulysess vom Wiriedhaus Robert Williams Gulliver, MI
208624 Nudles vom Venusberg Almut Raque Galt, CA
211728 Lutz vom Himmelbogen Charles E. Kuehl Fort Smith, AR
214068 Aja vom Cassell Wood David F. Campbell Blackey, KY
211973 Magda II vom Jagdkönig Flint Brann Lansing, NY
214609 Ali vom Cassell Wood Donna Collier Paducah, KY
212876 Jocke vom Eisbaräteich Robert M. Capuano Alexandria, NH
211784 Kessi vom Wasatch Jason Abbas Perry, IA
213148 Ike III v.d. Jägerhütte Henry Vogt Metairie, LA
211973 Magda II vom Jagdkönig Flint Brann Lansing, NY
211812 Cora vom Red-Rock Preston DeWolf Lawton, OK
215097 Alikie vom Seymour Joe Aumann Loyal, WI
215371 Ginger vom Millerhaus Chris Jones Falls Church, VA

**ED X-Ray Results**

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215996 Amos vom König-Haus Kevin Keown Blytheville, AR

Puppy Litter Registrations Prices Increase

According to Lynn Whiteley, GNA Breedwarden, fees for Puppy Litter Registrations are going up due to an increase from VDD. Fees $40 per puppy on litters whelped April 1, 2012 or later. If you are registering your kennel at the time of your first litter there is an additional $100 fee for that.

2012 Group North America Annual Meeting

Sandy, Utah  July 19, 20, 21, 2012

This year's Annual Meeting is hosted by the Wild West Chapter and will be headquartered at the Courtyard Marriot Hotel, 10701 South Holiday Park Drive, Sandy UT. A room rate of $99.00 per night, plus taxes, will be guaranteed only until Thursday, June 28, 2012. For reservations, call 801.571.3600 or 800.321.2211, Refer to VDD-GNA

* This is a NO PET hotel, if you will need a pet friendly room, please refer to the information listed below. If you have questions please contact Zac White at 801.550.0457 or chukar72@yahoo.com

Meeting Agenda

**Thursday, July 19th**

- Guest Check In at Courtyard Hotel
- No Host Dinner

**Friday, July 20th**

8:00-4:00 at Courtyard Hotel (Hospitality Suite): Board of Directors Meeting
10:00-4:00 at Courtyard Hotel (Canyon View Room): Intro to JGHV Seminar with Roger Green
10:00-12:00 Armbruster/Hegawald Pre-Evaluations at Lee Kay Center ponds **
1:00-5:00 Trap, 5 Stand and Sporting Clay shooting available at Wasatch Wing & Clay ***
5:00-6:00 Cocktail Hour at Wasatch Wing & Clay
6:00 Wild West Style BBQ Dinner (Dressy Casual) at Wasatch Wing & Clay

**Saturday, July 21st**

8:00-12:00 at Courtyard Hotel (Canyon View Room): Continuing Education Seminar with Mark Heuer and Mike Talbot
8:00-12:00 at Wasatch Wing & Clay: Breeder Seminar and Breed Show Judge Seminar with Lynn Whitely and Cal Bambrough
9:00-12:00 Trap, 5 Stand and Sporting Clay shooting available at Wasatch Wing & Clay **
1:00-4:00 at Wasatch Wing & Clay: GNA Annual Meeting
6:00 at Courtyard Hotel (Canyon View Rooms): GNA Dinner (Dressy Casual)

* A meeting program and maps with directions will be available at the front desk at the Courtyard Hotel

* Alternative facilities for pet friendly room reservations: (no rooms have been set aside so reserve soon!)

Residence Inn 270 West 10000 South · Sandy, Utah 1-800-331-3131
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Annual General Business Meeting:
Salt Lake City on 20/21 July, 2012
Wild West Chapter Sponsor

2012 Armbruster, Watertown, SD
September 19-23 2012
Great Plains Chapter Sponsor

2012 Annual Hegewald
Geseke, Wesfalen, Germany
September 26-30th, 2012

Point of View

The Newsletter welcomes “Point of view” letters that have a maximum of 1000 words and are written exclusively to the VDD/GNA Newsletter. Letters are selected for the publication on the basis of pertinent comment and reader interest. All letters are subject to editing and trimming. New writers from the membership receive preference over repeat authors.

For verification purposes: Please include your mailing address and daytime phone number. Only your name and community of residence will be published.

See officer candidates information at front of the Newsletter

New Password for GNA Website
Effective June 1, 2012

User name: SEE PRINTED SPRING NL
Password: SEE SPRING NEWSLETTER
All in lowercase

Chapter Happenings

The GNA Newsletter makes available 2+ pages of newsworthy space for each Chapter to inform their membership of activities that will take place or have occurred within their chapter.

Midwest North Chapter

Presentation from Patricia McConnell, Ph.D. and Training day June 30, 2012 Mazomanie, Wis.

Please join the Midwest North Chapter for a presentation from Patricia McConnell, Ph.D. on dog behavior and positive reinforcement training methods. Patricia received her Ph.D. in Zoology in 1988 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison researching dog behavior and communication between professional trainers and working domestic animals. She is a Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, (CAAB) and has made a lifelong commitment to improving the relationship between people and animals. She is known worldwide as an expert on canine and feline behavior and dog training, and for her engaging and knowledgeable dog training books, DVDs and seminars. Patricia has seen clients for serious behavioral problems since 1988, and is an Adjunct Associate Professor in Zoology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, teaching "The Biology and Philosophy of Human/Animal Relationships." For fourteen years she dispensed advice about behavior problems, and information about animal behavior research, on Wisconsin Public Radio's Calling All Pets, which was heard in over 90 cities around the country. (You can find her full bio at http://www.patriciamcconnell.com/about-us.html)

All GNA members are invited to attend. We will be combining this presentation with a training day at the Mazomanie, Wis. dog training area. Mazomanie is located approximately 25 miles west of Madison, Wis. Ducks may be ordered ahead of time for water work. There is a $3 per dog grounds fee to train. Please contact Faith Wood (fmwood@wi.rr.com, 414.744.1929 or 414.839.5125) to sign up!

Atlantic Chapter Report

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.
-Ben Williams

Is this the year a new pup finds a way into your home?

For the Atlantic Chapter, this was the winter that wasn’t. It was like we went from fall to spring. I think all of us enjoyed more time in the field and timber with our DD.

Spring 2012 VJP Testing Schedule

Two VJP tests have already been completed and the third is scheduled for the last weekend in April.
A VJP sanctioned through JGV has also been completed in Lewisburg, PA.

Elmer, NJ – 16-18 March.
Results and photos from the Elmer VJP are now posted. Twelve dogs were successfully tested over the three-day test, with scores ranging from 65 to 75 points and eleven dogs eligible for the Armbrauser. Many thanks go out to Test Director and Judge Geoff Mathews; Judges Roger Smith, Bob Budin, and Brian Sturgill; Test Coordinator Joe Lowry, both for the use of his grounds and organizing the test; DelSea Beagle Club for the use of their grounds; Nancy Bohs, Mike Flood, Don Amboyer, Bill Hanrahan, and John "Mac" McIntyre for bird wrangling and rabbit drives; and to all of the family, friends and spectators who lent a hand (and stick and foot) with the rabbit drives.

Two dogs tied for hi-scoring honors with a 75: Andreas vom Merkel handled by Jorge Fleming and Adeline vom Drakehaus handled by J. Paul Merkel.

Yank III vom Altmoor handled by Casey Koller scored a 74. Two more vom Altmoor dogs: Yago III handled by Don Amboyer and Yuri III handled by Dave Stow each scored a 73. Two dogs scored a 71: Ginger vom Millerhaus handled by Chris Jones and Christof vom Argos handled by Bill Hanrahan. Yale III vom Altmoor handled by Bill Curtis scored a 69. Xeva III vom Altmoor handled by Mike Flood scored a 68. Artorus vom Merkel handled by Joshua Merkel and Annabelle v.d. Chesapeake Bucht, a DK, and handled by Francois Aldrich each scored a 66. Zar Ilvom Wildflugel and handled by Bob Fabian scored 65.

Newville, PA Test Results:

Ten dogs were entered and nine were successfully tested over the weekend of 24-25 March, with scores ranging from 62 to 77 points and five dogs eligible for the Armbrauser.

Test Coordinator Fred Turjan reports on the first Newville VJP: "Saturday was tough for both birds and bunnies as the weather was torrential rain most of the day and the birds while moving freely could not fly more than a few feet resulting in many birds caught by the puppies. Rabbits were fairly tough also in the downpour, but the view of the tracks was excellent and what would normally be 3-4 tracks in distance in other NE locations was one visible track at a time. Sunday was an excellent day in distance in other NE locations was one visible track at a time. Rain for being the TD and my Neighbor Chris Shaffer who grew up in Newville and secured the grounds for us."

Hi-scoring dog with a 77 was Desiree vom Schlusstein and handled by David Whipp.

Holly vom Millerhaus, handled by William Miller scored a 73. Two vom Fuchsfluesschen dogs each scored a 68: Ulme handled by Fred Turjan and Ulli handled by Timothy Senn. Venus vom Fuchsfluesschen handled by Fred Turjan scored a 66. Anka vom Mackenstein handled by Hans Klein also scored a 66. Xane III vom Altmoor handled by Brad Law scored a 62. A DK, Brocco vom Solilo handled by Dan Myshin scored a 59 as did Vera vom Fuchsfluesschen and handled by Fred Turjan.

For a complete recap with score table breakdown and images, go to the AC website: http://atlanticdd.org/

2012 Atlantic Chapter Annual Meeting

A reminder to pencil in the date for this year's annual meeting with the Atlantic Chapter. The dates are Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20, 2012 near Kearneysville, WV at Prospect Hall Private Hunting and Shooting Club.

Prospect Hall is centrally located less than 20 miles from both I-81 running into Pennsylvania and Virginia, and US 340 going towards Western Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the Metro DC Areas.

Kent Cartridge Company has graciously sponsored the AC to use the facilities at Prospect Hall. http://www.prospecthall.com/

Tentative Schedule for the weekend:

Saturday May 19: Breed Show, Annual meeting and election of chapter officers. Breed Show information is posted on the GNA website. Evening dinner banquet and auction.

Sunday May 20: JGHV Continuing Education Seminar.

Plans and suggestions for the meals and other activities are still being made so if you have any ideas, please email them to the chapter board.

Anyone who would like to volunteer and help out, please contact fturjan@comcast.net

The chapter is seeking donations for a fundraising raffle and auction to be held on Saturday evening. Please contact Josh Zigler with your items. jzigler01@gmail.com

2012 is an election year for chapter officers. If you are interested in giving back to the club and volunteering for a position, please make your nominations to Ana Barrios-Sosa. ana.ddbets@gmail.com

Comfort Suites: $85 plus tax. *NO DOGS* Located in Baker Heights this hotel is about 12 miles from Prospect Hall, and almost a straight shot there. Over Ten is a Group Rate deeper discount. (−$10) (Ask for Kristin or Wendy if we have enough people they will set the group block up) 304-263-8888
Comfort Inn: $89.99 plus tax and offers a full breakfast. *$10 charge non-refundable for dogs.* Located in Winchester, VA this hotel is a little farther south on I-81, but is about 13 miles from Prospect Hall on back roads. 540-667-8894

Cliffside (Quality Hotel) $139 plus tax. *$50 non-refundable charge for dogs in the room.* Located between Harpers Ferry and Charles Town about 18 miles from Prospect Hall. 304-535-6302

Updates and details will be announced as they are established. Make your plans today to attend and support our dogs!

Go to the AC website for any and all updated information. http://atlanticdd.org/

Summer 2012 HZP and VGP Training Days Schedule
Mark your calendars to attend, even if you aren’t training for a test. All of our dogs could use a summer tune-up. What a great way to spend the day with our DD fraternity members. Bring a grill and your family and make a day of it.

May 2012
12 May - Training Day - MD: McKee-Beshers WMA - Contact Chris Jones / chj1961@earthlink.net
19 May - Training Day - NY: Three Rivers WMA - Contact Flint Brann / flintbrann@yahoo.com / 607-280-5652 cell / 607-533-8797 home
26 May - Training Day - NJ: Colliers Mills WMA

June 2012
9 Jun - Training Day - MD: McKee-Beshers WMA - Contact Chris Jones / chj1961@earthlink.net
9 Jun - Training Day - NY: Three Rivers WMA - Contact Flint Brann / flintbrann@yahoo.com / 607-280-5652 cell / 607-533-8797 home
16 Jun - Training Day - NJ: Colliers Mills WMA
16 Jun - Training Day - PA

July 2012
7 Jul - Training Day - PA
7 Jul - Training Day - NY: Three Rivers WMA - Contact Flint Brann / flintbrann@yahoo.com / 607-280-5652 cell / 607-533-8797 home
15 Jul - Training Day - NJ: Colliers Mills WMA
28 Jul - Training Day - PA

August 2012
4 Aug - Training Day - NJ: Colliers Mills WMA
4 Aug - Training Day - NY: Three Rivers WMA - Contact Flint Brann / flintbrann@yahoo.com / 607-280-5652 cell / 607-533-8797 home
11 Aug - Training Day - PA
19 Aug - Training Day - NJ: Colliers Mills WMA
25 Aug - Training Day - PA
25-26 Aug - Training Days (Mock-HZP) - NY: Three Rivers WMA - Contact Flint Brann / flintbrann@yahoo.com / 607-280-5652 cell / 607-533-8797 home

September 2012
1 Sep - Training Day - NJ: Colliers Mills WMA
8-9 Sep - Training Days - NJ: Greenwood WMA

Atlantic Chapter Facebook Page
A “Members Only” Facebook Page has been added for current members of the Atlantic Chapter. If you are not a part of this, but want to be, simply contact Fred Turjan with an email and request to be added. This is an opportunity for you to post images and stories of your DD and to correspond with others within the AC. Fred’s email is: fturjan@comcast.net

Benelli Vinci Gun Raffle
Atlantic Chapter VDD-GNA Gun Raffle - Benelli Vinci Tickets $5.00 each or 5 tickets for $20.00. Winner drawn at 2012 Armbruster in SD. Contact Craig Coble for tickets: CACer@comcast.net

Tickets are being made available to members at all group functions and meetings.

You don’t have to be a VDD-GNA Member to purchase a ticket or present to win.
Ron Figler
Atlantic Chapter

Heartland Chapter
Heartland Chapter Chairman Report
This year’s Heartland Chapter Annual Meeting was held on February 18, 2012 in Colona, IL at the Bi-State Sportsmen’s Association. It was a great success again thanks to the incumbent Heartland Chapter Business Manager, Curt Caldwell, and Deb and Tom Whitmarsh. We had a large turnout and spectacular weather! Everyone present seemed to have a terrific time.

The day started out with two friendly shooting competitions: Sporting Clays and Combined Skeet & Trap. Returning Champion, Chris Strabala, had some tough competition but again took home both prizes (several years in a row). The challenge continues to find someone in Heartland who can take at least one of the prizes from Chris!

During the Heartland Chapter Meeting, the incumbent officers all provided updates to the members. After the updates, the election of the new Heartland Chapter Board was held. The newly elected Heartland Chapter Board members are:
• Chairman: Rhonda Feazel
• Vice Chairman: Jeff Henke
• Director of Testing: Tom Whitmarsh
• Business Manager: Victor Rogers
• Breed Warden: Linda Reeves

Many thanks go to Curt Caldwell, who served as Heartland Chapter Business Manager for two terms. Curt put countless hours of work into this position. Curt’s dedication to the Heartland Chapter and the VDD-GNA is greatly appreciated.
One motion was presented and accepted by the chapter for submittal for consideration by the VDD-GNA Executive Board. **Motion:** The Heartland Chapter proposes that the VDD-GNA Board request the VDD consider adding a third, separate category for “temperament” to the breed show evaluation of the DD. The evaluated DD would then receive a score for Form, Temperament, and Coat. Currently “temperament” is included in the “form” evaluation. By providing separate scores for “form” and “temperament”, the final breed show evaluation will provide a clearer view of how well the dog matches the breed standard and which area(s) have faults that a breeder or potential buyer needs to consider.

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Rhonda Feazel, HLC Chairman
rhonda.feazel@monsanto.com

**Heartland Chapter Vice-Chairman Report**

The Heartland Chapter Introduction to the JGHV Seminar was held on February 25th and was very well attended by not only VDD group members but 3 members of the Munsterlander club and the DK. One gentleman traveled all the way from New York State to attend. Our ‘Thanks’ goes to Mike Schell and Jason Abbas for an excellent presentation. It was our pleasure to be able to host this event. We were also delighted with the number of dogs and handlers who entered the BTR test. See Victor Rogers report for additional information on the BTR.

It is hard to believe the 2012 VJP’s are behind us already. It seems we barely had a winter and now it feels like we skipped spring and went directly to summer and it’s time to train!

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Rhonda Feazel, HLC Chairman
rhonda.feazel@monsanto.com

**HLC Director of Testing Report**

The Spring of 2012 has been a very busy and productive testing season for HLC. Heartland Chapter held the following events.

- **On February 25** we held a BTR in Wapello, Iowa with eight DDs entered.
- **On March 3** we held a VSwP 20 hr. in Carthage, IL, where 2 DDs were entered.
- **On March 4** we held a VSwP 40 hr. in Carthage, IL, where 2 DDs were entered.
- We had a VJP in Carthage, IL on March 10&11 where 8 dogs were entered with 5 DDs and 1 DL were tested.
- We had a VJP March 24&25 in Perry, Iowa where 7 DDs were entered and 4 dogs tested.
- We held our last VJP March 30 & April 1 in Wapello, Iowa where 8 DDs were entered and 8 dogs tested.

A big thank you goes out to the test hosts, brush beaters and judges for their dedication to the breed. Congratulations to each of the handlers.

Tom Whitmarsh
HLC Director of Testing
tom.whitmarsh@yahoo.com
Upcoming HLC Seminars/Events

July 21 – Hegewald/Armbruster Pre-Evaluation – Henke-Benson Farm in Wapello, Iowa

August 25&26 – ABC Seminar in Peoria, IL – Presenter Linda Reeves
RSVP: wildrucken@mchsi.com
309-822-8346

September 1 – Colona, IL CE Seminar – Topic: New VZPO Rules & Regulations
Presenters: Larry Reeves & Mike Talbot
RSVP: tom.whitmarsh@yahoo.com
309-714-1199

HLC Business Manager Report

Heartland Chapter - Bringtreueprüfung (BTR) / Intro to the JGHV Seminar 25Feb2012

The Heartland Chapter held a BTR Test hosted by Bobbi Benson and Jeff Henke in Wapello, IA on 25Feb2012. The test was held in conjunction with an introduction to the JGHV presented by Mike Schell and Jason Abbas, both long time members of the chapter. Mike and Jason did an outstanding job answering questions and providing valuable information to a room full of potential future judges. A big Thank you to Mike and Jason for donating their time and knowledge for the betterment of the Chapter and the VDD-GNA!

The BTR had 8 dogs. The judging group consisted of: Senior Judge - Tom Whitmarsh, Leonard Chase, and Rich Runge.

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A special Thank you to the judges for their time and dedication to this wonderful breed of ours.

The dogs and handlers in attendance were:

The weather for the test was typical of the mid west in late February with temperatures in the low to mid 30’s and sunny with a slight wind from the NW. Bobbi Benson took on the task of drawing names to set the running order for the test. The handlers and gallery were entertained with a sky full of birds coming and going out of the areas surrounding the test ground, with all of us wishing ‘hunting season’ was still here. All of the handlers did an outstanding job preparing their dogs for this event with 7 of the 8 dogs successfully completing the task. I encourage everyone to run their dog through the BTR, this is just a fun test and a wonderful way to continue training after hunting season has ended.

Victor Rogers
HLC Business Manager
vrhunter74@gmail.com

Great Lakes Chapter

Waidmannsheil everyone:

Message from the Chairman

Our chapter needs official training days. Both our new handlers and the experienced ones alike need additional opportunities to train in preparation for association tests and to certify our dogs for ethical hunting. There were only two officially announced training days this spring and I organized them both—others need to follow this initiative and open their activities to club members beyond their immediate circle. Historically, breeders invite their puppy buyers to engage in formal training activities. As valuable as these experiences are, they are limited by being exclusive. I call on our Great Lakes Chapter membership to organize, publicize and conduct training days. As spring merges into summer our club needs more of these activities to prepare ourselves and our dogs for the fall season. If you would be willing to extend yourself for the benefit of our chapter by hosting an open training day, call me and I’ll help.

Christian York, GLC Chairman
Hartland, Michigan VJP

Where have all the rabbits gone? Our chapter is struggling to find test venues with adequate numbers of wild rabbits. A case in point is the recent reassignment of the Hartland, Michigan test, to both Ohio and Indiana. Christian York was the test coordinator for that VJP. It was to be held on property that hadn’t been used by our club before. Last fall Christian physically inspected the area and found it to be large and apparently well suited for use as a test site. Later in the winter months he posted two training days to allow handlers and their dogs to visit the grounds. In spite of the fact that the area was well appointed with rabbit [you know, briar tangles, brush piles, downed timber—that kind of stuff] there were virtually no wild cottontails living there.

In the meantime, 15 handlers submitted their paperwork to participate in the Hartland test—Uh oh! The search began to find a new site to test that would have enough rabbits to fairly evaluate three judging groups. Quickly, we found that there was no place with the right combination of size and available game. Visions of dogs with “not tested” checked on their post-test paperwork filled our heads—a little anxiety visited the test director and coordinator too!

Dan Crusey and Jim Husband to the rescue. We were scrambling to cobble together a combination of small woodlots and sloughs where there would be adequate game and acceptable proximity to one another to allow the test to continue as advertised—it wasn’t going well. Both Dan Crusey and Jim Husband had already hosted tests this spring. When they heard about our problem they both volunteered to host another test on their grounds. Their dedication and generosity saved the day! We split the Hartland test into two parts. We sent one judging group to Plymouth, Indiana where Jim was able to use the St. Joseph Valley Beagle Club grounds and the other two judging groups to Crusey Farms in Marysville, Ohio. Thank you gentlemen.

I want to thank the Hartland handlers who were understanding and complaint-free in accepting this change of venue. In many cases, the change added to their cost and increased their inconvenience—everyone remained cordial and tolerant. Thank you gentlemen.

This experience points out a need in our club. We desperately need new testing grounds; in particular, places with a supply of wild rabbits are at a premium. Please, if you know of an area that would meet the requirements for a spring test (or fall test for that matter) please contact any member of the executive board and we’ll be glad to come out and look things over. Don’t worry if you aren’t sure, contact us anyway—we’ll be more than glad to come out your way. Please.

An observation for breeders
The Great Lakes Chapter conducted three spring tests this year using a total of seven judging groups. The total test enrollment was 31 Drahthaars—but what was most interesting was that 14 of those dogs were handled by GLC members who bought their dogs from somewhere outside the chapter. That is a pretty large percentage of our membership who are choosing breeders outside of Michigan, Indiana or Ohio. That may be an indication that the marketing of our local puppies needs improvement.

Christian York gets frequent calls from new handlers looking for help with their pups. In many cases these people have purchased their dogs from breeders who can’t provide the help that is needed due to the distance between them and their breeders. As we know from the research that went into the proposed breeder certification program, breeder assistance is invaluable to new drahthaar owners and their dogs. Ideas for activities and/or promotions of our fine GLC drahthaar puppies would be welcome.

Pre-evaluations
Handlers, the Great Lakes Chapter encourages you to consider entering qualified dogs in our two signature events in fall testing – that of the Armbruster Zuchtprufung and the Hegewald Zuchtprufung. Both of these wonderful HZPs require official pre-qualification activities in which your dog is observed in coat and confirmation and performance. Please let us know of your intentions. If you are considering participation in the Armbruster or Hegewald, please contact Jim Jones, our chapter director of testing—contact information is elsewhere in this newsletter and on the web.

Rule changes
As most of you know, JGHV is the worldwide organization that sets the rules and regulations that govern our testing program. They periodically reissue the testing regulations and our club is bound by them whenever that happens. There is a new edition of the rules governing the testing of young dogs in their first spring and fall tests. The book is the 3rd edition of the VZPO and it will apply to all of this year’s tests. Club members should familiarize themselves with this document—it is currently available electronically on our website and in hard copy from Lona Kluck [the GNA document distribution director]. The Great Lakes Chapter is making the new VZPO available to all of the chapter judges and testing will be in accordance with it beginning immediately.

Great Plains Chapter
Great Plains Chapter Chairman
Dr. Gene R. Kluck
Greetings from the Chairman of Great Plains Chapter Desk
Where did the rabbits go? For critters that are described as prolific, they sure have turned elusive. Yesterday we drove and scouted places where we normally would find any number of rabbits, we found three jacks. Today we have been in contact with several people in all directions and they tell us the same story, “planted several hundred acres and saw two jacks”. We have found our “ag” people around our area to be very helpful. Today we found cottontails only around the buildings where people reside. I wonder if the fact that people are around and the coyote, fox etc., are not as thick and the fact that cattle are around and there is something to eat.

GREAT PLAINS ANNUAL MEETING:
The 24th of March we had our chapter meeting in Grand Island, Nebraska. Jill Manring and Mikki Vlatch, lined up the motel and eating along with the meeting essentials. Thank you both. What we lacked in numbers was totally
Big Rivers Chapter

Greetings All

Spring has hit a month early in most places within the Big Rivers Chapter. Our testing season is over, and our Annual meeting is right upon us. I wanted to give you a short update so that y'all would have an idea what's going on within the chapter.

Our testing season went very well with all three of our VJPs this year in new locations with tests in Carthage, MO, Sulphur Springs, TX, and Pittsburgh, KS. I want to say thank you to the Test Coordinators and also the Test Directors for taking these projects on and doing a fantastic job. All puppies did well for the most part. We still must work hard to get our handlers to expose their dogs through the fall hunting season prior to the VJP testing season. As we look forward to the fall, I anticipate we'll have a very busy HZP and VGP testing season. Please contact your state chairman to encourage them to have as many training days as possible in order to have our dog prepared for both of these tests.

I also want to thank Fred Turjan for taking the time to come to our annual meeting in Shreveport to put on a VGP Seminar. Our motto for our chapter regardless of your DD's age is: We train for the VGP. What's your goal for training your young pup? Start immediately by preparing and exposing your dog to the training subjects for the VGP and your DD will be able to roll through the tests on its way to becoming a finished utility dog.

I also want to thank the people who have donated to BRC for both our Annual meeting and of course the Armbruster. When we have such wonderful donors who support what we're doing this enables us to make advances in our efforts to train and develop handlers and promote the DD. I'm forever grateful for the contributions that you've made to the chapter. We couldn't do what we've done without you.

This is an election year for the Chapter and GNA. Please be involved in this process. This is your breed, so your voice is important. We face important issues both on the Chapter and Group level as we go forward. I would like to thank Chad Crissup for his years of service as the BRC Vice-Chairman. He has many demands with his young family and business that takes the priority of his time now more than ever. Our new officers will be selected and are ready to serve your needs.

Let's work together to breed, train, test and hunt the best versatile dog in the world, the Deutsch-Drahthaar.

Brandt Hardy
Chairman
Big Rivers Chapter VDD-GNA

Wild West Chapter

Spring is here and testing has already begun here in the West! We have over a dozen new members that will be testing this year as well as a handful with brand new pups that will be in the scene next year. We encourage all new members to attend any of the chapter events to get some insight to what prepare for and meet other chapter members.

Other things to watch for is the VDD GNA Annual Meeting in July and training days popping up in your area. We hope everyone can use these training days to their advantage in gaining training and breed knowledge as they go down the testing path with their DD.

VDD GNA Meeting 2012

The Wild West Chapter is excited to be hosting the Annual Meeting in Utah, July 20-21st 2012! Come on out west and join us for a weekend.

The meeting and some events will be held at Wasatch Wing and Clay in Cedar Valley. There is a comfortable and spacious clubhouse along with trap, 5 stand and sporting clay courses, archery range, and thousands of acres to exercise the dogs.

This facility is located very closely to Utah Lake and a large OHV recreation area. The host hotel is located close to a vast variety of dining, museums, theaters, gardens, and shopping. Cabela’s is minutes away and the beautiful
Mount Timpanogos is only 30 minutes more. We plan on
great food, variety of seminars, clay shoots, and much,
much more! Save the date and bring the whole family,
everyone is sure to enjoy themselves with all that is
available. The chapter website and this newsletter will
have registration and RSVP forms available.

Just some of the fun activities around the hotel and club
include; Thanksgiving Point Shopping, Dining, 15 themed gardens, grass and quarter
million tulips on 68 acres.

Farm animals, dairy adventure, pony and wagon rides, Museum of Ancient Life, 6 story 3D Mammoth
screen, 200 acre golf course, megaplex movie theatre.

Cabelas – 150,000 sq ft, animal and trophy display, aquarium, and restaurant

Living Planet Aquarium – 1250 animals 267 species, sea
animals, otters, penguins etc

Boondocks Water Park – Mini golf, go karts, slick
track, bumper boats, laser tag, batting cages, arcade, kiddie
cove, XD 4D theatre

Five Mile Recreation Area – ATV recreation area, miles of
trails through desert terrain.

Utah Lake – Boating, wave runners, fishing

I hope to see all those that can make it and remind
everyone to check with their chapter officers on the
upcoming GNA elections and proposals as they will be
voted on at this meeting. Good Luck to all with spring
testing and enjoy those pups!

Chazz Holt - WWC Business Manager

Also included was discussion of new merchandise, and
website upgrades. Currently the chapter website,
www.wildwestchapter.com receives 40 to 150 visits a day
with 40 to 300 page views a day. Recently added to the
website is links for test regulation booklets, Armbruster
training manual, drahthaar puppy manual, training articles
and resources, a chapter member directory, test entry
forms as well as HD and OCD forms and info. Also recently
added is a JG HV list of tests in the area for apprentices to
complete their out of group requirements.

Breed Warden Report was given by Cal Bambrough,
Total Litters 24, Total Puppies Registered 176, Braun
m.Brfl pups 0, Brsch pups 130, Schwsch pups 46,
Performance Breeding 7. The Chapter produced the most
litters and registered dogs. Both parents tested in VGP
increases every year.

WWC Breeder Award - rewarding our breeder’s for
helping and assuring many or all pups from their litters are
tested in VJP and HZP. The idea is to provide incentive for
the breeder’s themselves to test throughout the system
and assist their puppy buyers in doing the same. When
accomplished the award is presented to the breeder each
year. There was a discussion of a new award, last year a
ring was made for the award, and this year the idea was
made to present a traveling trophy to the breeder each
year, with a remembrance award when handed off to the
next breeder. This year the award was presented to Shane
Loveland for the “L” litter vom Wasatch. The “L” litter had
10 puppies, 9 tested VJP, 4 dogs tested HZP.

LyNN Whiteley presented us with the GNA Breed
Warden report, big subject was chipping and how it will
relate to us within the states. Chips can be read here in the
US and chipped dogs will be in an international database.
VDD GNA has purchased scanners to have at tests and all
breed wardens will have one also. Also discussed was
some changes to the breed standard and changes within
VDD.

Jason Wilde touched base on testing within the chapter.
The chapter held 4 VJP’s with 68 dogs tested, 3 HZP’s
with 35 dogs tested, and 3 VGP’s with 16 dogs tested and
2 Wild West dogs in the 2011 Armbruster. We have 70
pups scheduled to test this spring.

The chapter congratulated Jon Davis and Nate Bailey
into the judging program, now that both have completed
the judge apprenticeship program.

Paul Trout started the discussion on the chapter VGP
trophy. The VGP separates the true versatility and is
important to breeding and hunting, makes an all around
great dog. To help foster the idea of VGP testing, the
chapter has a VGP traveling trophy for the handler. The
winner is decided on chapter VGP scores and the highest
scoring Prize 1 dog. This year the award was presented to
Nate Bailey who scored a Prize 1 315 TF, Totverweiser
with Ash vom Barenwald.

Shane Loveland presented the 2011 VGP plates to the
handlers that completed and passed the test that year.

Fund raising options was next on the agenda and ideas
of raising money for the chapter was discussed. Ideas for
new and more merchandise, clay shooting tournaments
and raffle/auctions were the major points by members. Also
discussed was an online auction, gift baskets, derby or bird
dog challenge, training clinics. Last fundraising item
discussed was a $10 per puppy fee for the breeder’s.
Breeder’s utilize the club to advertise litters and benefit
most from the testing and club. The idea was motioned and passed. There have already been several donations from current litters had.

New Business was next on the agenda. VZPO’s are new this year that incudes some changes to the regulations. With the encouragement of Mark Heuer, the chapter voted to purchase these new VZPO’s for the current judges and apprentices. GNA elections were discussed and the letters of interest from Ed Carney and Brandt Hardy were read and looked over.

Ideas and location for the 2012 GNA Annual Meeting hosted by the WWC was the last item on the agenda. Included in this newsletter will you find more information, hotel registration info, meal rsvp forms and the agenda. The WWC annual meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Minutes submitted by WWC Business Manager Chazz Holt

Southeast Hunter Chapter

2012 Group North America Annual Meeting
Sandy, Utah         July 19, 20, 21, 2012

This year’s Annual Meeting is hosted by the Wild West Chapter and will be headquartered at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel, 10701 South Holiday Park Drive, Sandy UT. A room rate of $99.00 per night, plus taxes, will be guaranteed only until Thursday, June 28, 2012. For reservations, call 801.571.3600 or 800.321.2211, Refer to VDD-GNA

* This is a NO PET hotel, if you will need a pet friendly room, please refer to the information listed below
  ? If you have questions please contact Zac White at 801.550.0457 or chukar72@yahoo.com

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, July 19th
- Guest Check In at Courtyard Hotel
- Time TBD: Executive Board Meeting at Courtyard Hotel
- No Host Dinner

Friday, July 20th
8:00-4:00 at Courtyard Hotel (Hospitality Suite): Board of Directors Meeting
10:00-4:00 at Courtyard Hotel (Canyon View Room): Intro to JGHV Seminar with Roger Green
10:00-12:00: Armbruster/Hegawald Pre-Evaluations at Lee Kay Center ponds **
1:00-5:00: Trap, 5 Stand and Sporting Clay shooting available at Wasatch Wing & Clay ***
5:00-6:00: Cocktail Hour at Wasatch Wing & Clay
6:00: Wild West Style BBQ Dinner (Dressy Casual) at Wasatch Wing & Clay

Saturday, July 21st
8:00-12:00 at Courtyard Hotel (Canyon View Room): Continuing Education Seminar with Mark Heuer and Mike Talbot
8:00-12:00 at Wasatch Wing & Clay: Breeder Seminar and Breed Show Judge Seminar with Lynn Whitely and Cal Bambrough
9:00-12:00: Trap, 5 Stand and Sporting Clay shooting available at Wasatch Wing & Clay ***
1:00-4:00 at Wasatch Wing & Clay: GNA Annual Meeting
6:00 at Courtyard Hotel (Canyon View Rooms): GNA Dinner (Dressy Casual)

A meeting program and maps with directions will be available at the front desk at the Courtyard Hotel

* Alternative facilities for pet friendly room reservations: (no rooms have been set aside so reserve soon!)
  Residence Inn 270 West 10000 South · Sandy, Utah 1-800-331-3131
** If you are interested in the Armbruster/Hegawald Pre Evaluations, please contact Chazz Holt at 801.915.5780 or fishin4food711@drahthaaraddiction.com
*** If you are interested in the Trap, 5 Stand, Sport Clay shooting, please fill out the trap shooting portion of the meal rsvp form or contact Chazz Holt at 801.915.5780, fishin4food711@drahthaaraddiction.com
RSVP TODAY FOR MEALS AT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING, JULY 19 - 21 2012

MEAL RSVP FORM
RSVP DEADLINE: June 28th, 2012

FRIDAY JULY, 20, 2012

Wild West Barbecue Feast $35 per person: Buffet Style, Slow cooked and smoked brisket, ribs, chicken, turkey and pork along with specialty dishes. Beans, salads, bread and desserts. All prepared, cooked and served on site.

Name: __________________________
Guest(s) Name: __________________________
# of Meals ___ x $35.00 = Total _______________

SATURDAY JULY 21, 2012

Annual Meeting Banquet $40:
Steak and Chicken: 8oz of rib eye with choice of chicken parmesan or malibu chicken, served with seasonal vegetables, garden fresh salad, potatoes or rice, rolls and butter with dessert.
# of Meals with chicken parmesan _______
# of Meals with malibu chicken _______
OR
Baked Salmon Filet: Oven baked salmon filet with choice of ginger-soy glaze or lemon herb sauce, garden fresh salad, potatoes or rice, rolls and butter with dessert
# of Meals _______

# of Meals ______ x $40.00 = Total _______________

GRAND TOTAL $ __________ Please make check payable to VDD/GNA, memo Annual Meeting.
Please mail check and RSVP form to: Chazz Holt, 1546 West 8740 South West Jordan, UT 84088
* If your registration is late (after June 28, 2012) please RSVP by e-mail: Chazz Holt at fishin4food711@drahthaaraddiction.com or call 801.915.5780 with meal reservation numbers.
Without your RSVP we can not guarantee your meal choice or meal, so please RSVP right away!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY AFTERNOON TRAP, 5 STAND, SPORTING CLAY SHOOTING

Number of Shooters __________________________
Names __________________________

Circle all that apply:
- TRAP (25 clays)
- 5 STAND (25 clays)
- SPORTING CLAYS (100 clays)
- VDD-GNA ANNUAL MEETING 2012

Hosted by the Wild West Chapter
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VDD-GNA and the Big Rivers Chapter Thanks the 2011 Armbruster Donors

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**GROUP NORTH AMERICA BREEDING**

**FOR THE YEAR 2011**

| Breed Group | Parents | Neither Parent in DGStB | Litters |  |
|-------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| 29 Litters  | 29      | 31%                     |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | Only Father in DGStB | Litters |  |
|-------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| 21 Litters  | 21      | 22%                 |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | Only Mother in DGStB | Litters |  |
|-------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| 13 Litters  | 13      | 14%                 |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | Both Parents in DGStB | Litters |  |
|-------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|
| 30 Litters  | 30      | 32%                   |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | HD-frei | Litters |  |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 0 Litters   | 0       | 0%      |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | Only Father HD-frei | Litters |  |
|-------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| 0 Litters   | 0       | 0%                 |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | Only Mother HD-frei | Litters |  |
|-------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| 0 Litters   | 0       | 0%                |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | Both Parents HD-frei | Litters |  |
|-------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| 94 Litters  | 94      | 100%                |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | Aus auf Form und Leistung geprüften Eltern (Performance) | Litters |  |
|-------------|---------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 29 Litters  | 29      | 31%                                                    |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | Zuchtverträge (Breeding Lease) | Litters |  |
|-------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| 0 Litters   | 0       | 0%                            |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | Zuchterverbot (Litters stamped Not for Breeding) | Litters |  |
|-------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 0 Litters   | 0       | 0%                                            |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | Color of Puppies | Puppies |  |
|-------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| braun       | 0       | 0.00%           |         |

| Breed Group | Parents | Braun m. | Puppies |  |
|-------------|---------|----------|---------|
|            |         | 48       | 6.51%   |

| Breed Group | Parents | Brsch   | Puppies |  |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|
|            |         | 535     | 72.59%  |

| Breed Group | Parents | Schwbsch | Puppies |  |
|-------------|---------|----------|---------|
|            |         | 154      | 20.9%   |

| Breed Group | Parents | Total | Puppies |  |
|-------------|---------|-------|---------|
|            |         | 737   | 100%    |

Lynn S. Whiteley  
Group North America
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## GNA TEST SCHEDULE

### Eligibility for the VJP and HZP:
Your dog must be born between October 1, 2010 and September 30, 2011, it is then eligible to be test at the 2012 Breed Tests (VJP and HZP). If it was born October 1, 2012 or later, it will be tested in 2013. Any dog is eligible for a VGP or BTR anytime after its first year. VSwP eligible dogs must be 24 months or older.

### OFFICIAL GNA TEST SCHEDULE
Submit ALL paperwork to the TEST DIRECTOR.

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TC: Mark Heuer, mark@dayweather.com 307-778-9510 | w/o hare; provide email |
| 5 -7 | Great Plains Harrold SD Krull Lodge | TD: Lynda Krull, 31848 207th St., Harrold SD 57536, 605-875-3383 lynda@krulllodge.com  
TC: Lynda Krull, lynda@krulllodge.com 605-875-3383 | w/o hare; provide email |
| 7 -7 | Wild West Logan UT Bear River | TD: Shane Loveland, 9445 N. 4400 W., Elwood UT 83337, 435-237-9266 vomwasatch@hotmail.com  
TC: Phil Anderson, huntdd@hotmail.com 435-237-9255 | no hare, email with entry |
| 8 -9 | Midwest North Janesville MN Schmidt Home | TD: Chris Schmidt, 61405 187th St, Janesville MN 56048, 507-245-3070 chris.schmidt@towdistributing.com  
TC: Chris Schmidt, chris.schmidt@towdistributing.com 507-245-3070 | w/o hare track |
| 15 -16 | Midwest North Nekoosa WI Hack Residence | TD: Wendy Hack, 5520 Lynn Hill Road, Nekoosa WI 54457, 715-886-5999 mwhack@wctc.net  
TC: Mike Hack, mwhack@wctc.net 715-886-5999 | w/o hare track |
| 29 -30 | Great Plains Grand Island NE | TD: Jill Manring, 47305 375th Rd., Ravenna NE 68869, 308-380-8419 wildflugel@gmail.com  
TC: Jill Manring, wildflugel@gmail.com 308-380-8419 | w/o hare; provide email |
| 29 -30 | Heartland Wapello IA 6442 - 114th Av | TD: Jeff Henke, 6442 - 114th Ave., Wapello IA 52653, 563-299-4435 entenmoor@louisacomm.net  
TC: Jeff Henke, entenmoor@louisacomm.net 563-299-4435 | Inc. Email - w/o Hare Trk |
| 27 -28 | Southeast Hunter Aberdeen NC Sandhills | TD: Ana Barrios-Sosa, 491 Ferndale Place, Keyport NJ 07735, 843-319-9254 ana.DDbetsy@gmail.com  
TC: Jim Smith, jsmith5705@nc.rr.com 910-574-1129 | w/o hare track |
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### VGP: Test Fee $150, day or overnight track

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**Breed Show: Test Fee $75**

**DEADLINE to ENTER: 30 days prior to test**

**DATE  CHAPTER / PLACE  TEST DIRECTOR and Coordinator  COMMENTS**

**19-19 Atlantic**  
**May Harpers Ferry**  
**WV Twin Ridge Farm**  
TD: Nancy Bohs, 433 Stokes Rd., Shamong NJ 08088, 609-760-6602 nbohs@altmoor.com  
TC: Nancy Bohs, nbohs@altmoor.com 609-760-6602  

**BTR: Test Fee $35**

**DEADLINE to ENTER: 30 days prior to test**

**DATE  CHAPTER / PLACE  TEST DIRECTOR and Coordinator  COMMENTS**

**7-7 Midwest North**  
**Oct Eau Claire WI Swanson Residence**  
TD: Dave Swanson, 5901 North Shore Dr, Eau Claire WI 54703, 715 828 7189 dtswan82@hotmail.com  
TC: Dave Swanson, dtswan82@hotmail.com 715 828 7189  

**Submit ALL paperwork to the TEST DIRECTOR.**

**IMPORTANT!** There have been numerous complaints from Test Directors of **Incomplete test entries**. Keep in mind that acceptance priority is given to entries based upon when they were received, and that incomplete or inaccurate entries may be rejected.

**Important notice to handlers interested in entering a dog in this year’s Hegewald:**

The Hegewald this year is being held in a German state with severe restrictions on duck work. Dogs that have previously performed duck searches under judgment will NOT be allowed to participate in the Hegewald. If you are thinking of entering your dog in the Hegewald, DO NOT run it in an HZP or Armbruster prior to the Hegewald.
# Calendar of Events

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ENTRY FOR THE 2012 ARMBRUSTER

Verein Deutsch-Drahthaar e.V. Group North America
11th International Armbruster Zuchtprüfung 19-22.09.2012 in Watertown, SD

Send completed entries to:
Chris Schmidt…Test Director
61405 187th St., Janesville, MN 56048
507.245.3070 chris.schmidt@towdistributing.com

Entries must be received by the August 6, 2012 deadline and include the following information:

1. Formblatt 1 (Most Recent Version) Standard JGHV test entry form, plus 2 copies (3 forms total).
2. One copy of both sides of dogs Aehnentafel (green pedigree).
3. This form completed and signed by appropriate judges, plus one additional copy.
4. Entry fee, a check in the amount of $160.00 made payable to VDD/GNA.
5. One copy of the dog’s VJP score sheet (s) and one copy of any other JGHV test that the dog has entered (if any).
6. One copy of the dog’s HN certificate. (Entry can be sent before this is completed but all HN must be received by Breedwarden 1 week before test date)
7. One copy of the dog’s HD-frei, and OCD-frei certificates. (Copy of original German forms)

The handler has until the day of the test to confirm a HD-frei and OCD-frei rating to the test director.

8. Please include email address with entry.

Entry Fee refund policy:
If you must withdraw please notify the Test Director ASAP. The GNA refund policy is specified in the GNA Rules of Procedure, however handlers who have submitted their Armbruster Test Entry and whose dog subsequently does not receive a HD- frei or OCD-frei rating, will be eligible for a full refund.

Name of dog ______________________________. Name of Handler ____________________________________.
ZB#(reg#)_________________. Wurfdatum: (whelp date) __________________ Geschlecht (sex): ________.
Owner and handler must be a member of Group/ Chapter (ex: VDD-GNA/Heartland) ____________________.

1. VJP Date ________ Location __________________ 2. VJP Date ________ Location __________________
   Track __________________ pts.  Nose __________________ pts
   Search __________________ pts  Pointing __________________ pts
   Cooperation __________________ pts  Total __________________ pts
   (gunfire sound) yes ____  no _____  (gunfire sound) yes ____  no _____
   (other genetic deficiencies)_________________  (other genetic deficiencies)_________________

2. Pre Armbruster Waterwork Evaluation
   a. Gunfire tolerant while in water: yes_____ no ______
   b. Freely enters water and searches: yes_____ no ______
      (To qualify for the Armbruster, a dog must freely enter water to search without the presence of a duck).

3. Pre Armbruster Form/Hair Evaluation: (solid ‘good’ or better)
   a. Form: yes_____ no _____ Hair: yes_____ no _____ (noticeable beard etc)
   b. Height ________ Length ________ (male: 61 to 68cm / female: 57 to 64cm)
   c. Teeth: ok_____ extra or missing ________

Location __________________ Date __________ Association judge (VR) __________________________
(Approved _____) (Not approved _____)

Location __________________ Date __________ Breed Judge (ZR) __________________________ 
(Approved _____) (Not approved _____)
Are you planning to enter the 2012 Armbruster?

INTENT TO ENTER FORM
Requested by June 30, 2012
Entry deadline: August 6, 2012

For those of you that have completed the VJP with 65 points or more and are considering running in the Armbruster please look over the information below. If you feel that your DD will meet these requirements, please fill out and submit the INTENT TO ENTER form below (or on the GNA website)

Dogs eligible to enter the 2012 Armbruster must meet the following requirements:
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* By approval of a rule change at the VDD Membership in Fulda March 2005, all Armbruster dogs whelped after June 19, 2011 will not be eligible for the Zuchtregister from the 2012 Armbruster Breed Show. These younger dogs are eligible to participate, and will be scored in F H the same as any other dog, but will have to attend another breed show after reaching 15 months of age to be eligible for the Zuchtregister.

FORMS FOR PRE-ARMBRUSTER EVALUATIONS At www.vdd-gna.org.
YOU MAY HAVE YOUR DOG PRE-EVALUATED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, CHAPTER TRAINING DAYS, etc.

INTENT TO ENTER 2012 ARMBRUSTER
It is important that you complete this form as notification of your intention to enter.
This will allow us to plan for the number of judges needed, as well as the amount of fame and countless other details.
(Form also available on www.vdd-gna.org  Submit by June 30, 2012)

Dog’s Name:________________________
DOB:______________VJP Score:___________ZB Nr.:________________Color:_____________
Mother’s Name:__________________________ZB Nr.:_________________
Father’s Name:__________________________ZB Nr.:_________________
Owner’s Name:__________________________Phone:_____________________
Owner’s Address:________________________________________________________________
City:___________________________________ST:___________Zip:_______________________
Email:__________________________________

Send from by June 30, 2012 to:
Chris Schmidt
61405 187th ST
Janesville, MN  56048
chris.schmidt@towdistributing.com

This is not an official entry form. You must submit all necessary forms and payment as listed at www.vdd-gna.org by the August 6th entry deadline.
RSVP TODAY FOR MEALS AT THIS YEARS ANNUAL MEETING, in Utah
JULY 19 - 21 2012

MEAL RSVP FORM
RSVP DEADLINE: June 28th, 2012

FRIDAY JULY, 20 2012

Wild West Barbecue Feast, $35 per person: Buffet Style, Slow cooked and smoked brisket, ribs, chicken, turkey and pork along with specialty dishes. Beans, salads, bread and desserts. All prepared, cooked and served on site

Name:_________________________
Guest(s)Name___________________________________
# of Meals ___ x $35.00 = Total __________

SATURDAY JULY 21, 2012
Annual Meeting Banquet $40:
Steak and Chicken: 8oz of rib eye with choice of chicken parmesan or malibu chicken, served with seasonal vegetables, garden fresh salad, potatoes or rice, rolls and butter with dessert.

# of Meals with chicken parmesan_____
# of Meals with malibu chicken_____

OR
Baked Salmon Filet: Oven baked salmon filet with choice of ginger-soy glaze or lemon herb sauce, garden fresh salad, potatoes or rice, rolls and butter with dessert

# of Meals_____

# of Meals_____x $40.00 = Total_____

GRAND TOTAL $_______ Please make check payable to VDD/GNA, memo Annual Meeting
Please mail check and RSVP form to: Chazz Holt, 1546 West 8740 South West Jordan,UT 84088
* If your registration is late (after June 28, 2012) please RSVP by email to: Chazz Holt at fishin4food711@drahthaaraddiction.com or call 801.915.5780 with meal reservation numbers
Without your RSVP we can not guarantee your meal choice or meal, so please RSVP right away!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY AFTERNOON TRAP, 5 STAND, SPORTING CLAY SHOOTING

Number of Shooters__________________
Names_______________________________________________________________________

Circle all that apply: TRAP (25 clays) 5 STAND (25 clays) SPORTING CLAYS (100 clays)

- VDD GNA ANNUAL MEETING 2012 -
Hosted by the Wild West Chapter
Come join us for a Wild West Style good time, surrounded by Salt Lake Valley with it's plentiful activities and fun filled places to see, fishing, hiking, ATV's, theme parks, Cabela's and fun for the family
May 19th: Atlantic Chapter Meeting, Harpers Ferry, WV  
Contact: Nancy Bohs, 609-654-6005 or nbohs@almoor.com  
*Please note, pre-evaluations will also be conducted at all AC training days.  
Contact Nancy for more information.

June 23rd: Great Plains Chapter Training day, Torrington, Wyoming.  
Contact: Mark Heuer, 307-421-9322 or mark@dayweather.com

July 20th: Wild West Chapter/GNA AM Meeting, Lee Kay center, Utah.  
Contact: Chazz Holt 801-915-5780 or fishin4food711@hotmail.com

July 28th: Brahts and Drahts, Watertown, South Dakota.  
Contact: Gene & Lona Kluck, 605-882-2210 or dac@dailypost.com

July 28th & 29th: Midwest North Chapter, Kelly Farms, Stillwater MN.  
Contact: Kurt Haroldson, 507-276-7127 or k.haroldson@comcast.net

Big Rivers Chapter: Pre-evaluations will be conducted at various Chapter training days. Dates and locations to be posted to web site.

*Additional pre-evaluations will be scheduled across the Country in the coming weeks. Please check your Chapter and GNA events calendar. You may also call your Chapter officers/reps at any time, and or the 2012 Armbruster Coordinator, Gene Kluck.
If you don’t know, the Armbruster is North America’s premiere HZP test, breed show and social event!

The International Armbruster is the fall event you will want to be at!

Now is the time to start preparing for the Armbruster if you meet entry requirements. If you don’t, come anyway and be part of the wonderful experience!

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Deutsch-Drahthaar owners, judges and interested guests; The 2012 Armbruster will showcase the finest gathering of Drahthaar’s in North America and Europe.

Enjoy the camaraderie of North American and European handlers, judges, hunters, and distinguished guests.

Memorable social events, Sharptail hunting, and old and new friendships of a lifetime will complete your 2012 Armbruster experience.

See you in Watertown!

Additional Armbruster details, forms and information are available at www.vdd-gna.com. Also talk to your local Chapter Officers and representatives.
The Best Western Ramkota is your official hotel for The 2012 Armbruster. The Ramkota is a comfortable, reasonable, pet friendly hotel. Large, clean rooms, an on-site restaurant and bar, convenient location, make the Ramkota a great hotel.

Discounted room rates are $84.99/night for single or double occupancy, $139.00 for a suite. Reservations can be made at anytime, our group rate is under “VDD-GNA Armbruster”. Best Western Ramkota: Phone: 1-605-886-8011
1901 9th Avenue SW, Watertown, South Dakota.

WATERTOWN, SOUTH DAKOTA - ARMBRUSTER ACTIVITIES

While in South Dakota and Watertown for the 2012 Armbruster plan on spending a little extra time sightseeing, hunting and fishing! In Watertown you’ll have to go visit the Redlin Art Center with houses over 150 of world famous wildlife artist Terry Redlin's original paintings. Watertown is also home to internationally acclaimed artist Josh Spies, whose gallery is located uptown in the historic Goss Opera House. Historic Uptown also features many specialty retail shops and the Codington County Heritage Museum. Great Walleye fishing lakes surround Watertown, and you can’t come to SD without Sharptail hunting in the grasslands around Pierre! Sharptail season opens September, 15th!!!!!

Additional Armbruster details, entry requirements, forms and information will be forth coming in upcoming GNA Newsletters and at www.vdd-gna.com.