

# Drahthaar Chatter



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE GREAT PLAINS CHAIR

**G**ood morning, You know when you get to be seventy plus, the last thing you need is to have your time go more quickly. This year's activities have put our time into time warp. We have tested, trained, had Drahts and Brats and gotten a dog ready for the Hegewald. In our spare time we have been fishing. Have to do something to remain sane. In our other spare moments we have put together the big show – **The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Armbruster, September 19-23, 2012, in Watertown, South Dakota.**

### **THE BIG SHOW:**

**Starts Wed. noon** with sign up. **Bring ALL your dog's documents...**proof of rabies vaccine, the **AHNENTAFEL, a couple of copies.** The documents will be given back to you on Saturday evening.

**All dogs will be checked** by the judging team for tattoo #'s, coat and possibly pull a few hairs off the dog. **You will be assigned a number and a packet** with a lot of needed info. The purpose of this packet is to make your life easier for the next three days.

**Breakfast:** Thurs. morning and Friday morning will be started about 5:30 and is at your own expense. Buffet style.

**LUNCH: HANDLERS, BRING YOUR OWN FOR OUT IN THE FIELD.**

Lunches will be served for the judging crew.

Depending how things go, we may not stop for lunch.

**TIME SCHEDULE FOR**

**TESTING: 6:30 a.m. find your spot in the parking lot of the hotel. There will be two distinct groups to line up. One will be the groups going to field and drags. The second group will be water. The field group will be police escorted through**

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**Watertown to east of I-29. The water group will be escorted to the designated parking lot known as SAILBOAT LANDING. ALL water groups will park there with no exceptions!!! The dogs and handlers will be either shuttled to their site or they can walk. We do not want a bunch of cars behind the handlers to confuse or injure dogs.**

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Start of Test Day

**7 a.m. – We will be leaving the parking lot...Exception, the breed show participants will stay right at the hotel. I would recommend that as soon as you are done with water or breed show, go to your next station, be it water or breed show.**

**8: a.m. – Testing will start.**

**GOOD LUCK TO ALL. BE A GOOD SPORTSMAN AND HANDLER. Try tipping your hat and say "Thanks" to your judging team. They will appreciate it.**

**SEE YOU AT THE ARMBRUSTER!**

Other news: National meeting. Brandt Hardy was elected President of VDD-GNA, Mark Heuer vice chair. Sean Hicks replaced Larry Houck and already has a nice start on the website. I think it will be just shortly and we will be modern with an on-line store for merchandise, pay dues, etc. GPC will be there shortly.

We hope to see you in Watertown along with the 50 plus handlers. Last count we were closer to sixty than 50 so let the BIG SHOW BEGIN!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (Editor's note: We've heard the number is now at 65! Make your reservations soon if you haven't already.)

THANKS for listening....  
DR. GENE R. KLUCK

**Vice Chairman: Tony Johs**

There are just three items on my GPC agenda at the moment. First, a thank you goes to Colorado State Coordinator, Mike McMullan, for an excellent series of training days this spring and summer. Dogs and handlers have benefited from the training and it's great to see the progress the dogs (and their handlers) have made. The social time after the training is also well organized and Phyllis and I have enjoyed the time spent in good company with fellow drahthaar owners.

Second, we welcome and congratulate new officers to the VDD-GNA Executive Board: Brandt Hardy in the position of Chairman, Mark Heuer as Vice Chairman, and Sean Hicks now in charge of the GNA newsletter. We wish them good luck in carrying out their duties.

Third, although our chapter is hosting the 2012 Armbruster, it is the South Dakota team led by Dr. Gene Kluck that has carried the ball in organizing this event. From the very beginning their vision was to provide an experience as similar as possible to the Hegewald in Germany for the American drahthaar handlers/owners at the Armbruster. In Germany, the use of hunting horns plays a prominent role at the test as part of their

hunting rituals. If you hear horns being played at the Armbruster, know that it comes from an ancient tradition of trackers using horns to signal one another during a hunt. These days they are more likely to be used to greet fellow hunters at the beginning of an organized hunt and at the end, to pay their last respects to the animals that were taken. I have read that a different *Jagdhorn* tune is played for each species at the end of a hunt. The phrase *Weidmannsheil*, roughly translated, is a greeting that means either good luck or good shooting. The traditional reply is *Weidmannsdank*, the hunter's thanks. We hope that those who can attend this year's Armbruster will enjoy the event...the closest experience you'll have here to the Hegewald. Good luck to the handlers...and to all, *Weidmannsheil*.

**BUSINESS MANAGER:**

**Larry McNeese**

Fall Report:

2012 continues to be a great year with plans and activities ramping up in preparation for this year's Armbruster. Your Great Plains Chapter officers are busy getting ready with Gene and Lona shouldering the lion's share of the work. Our finances are

stable with expectations of growth as a result of hosting the Armbruster. Our new merchandise manager, Cindy Adkins, is working hard to get ready for the Armbruster. Thank you, Cindy, for taking on an important position which significantly contributes to the financial strength of the Great Plains Chapter. Thank you, Matt/Emily Ptak and Mike McMullan for your past support as GPC Merchandise Managers.

**STATE COORDINATOR  
DIRECTOR REPORT: Larry  
McNeese**

I have great news – Sharon Krull who lives near Missoula, MT has volunteered to fill the role as Montana’s State Coordinator. Sharon, welcome on board. It has been a couple of years since this role was filled for the state of Montana. Woody Woodworth is stepping down as our Alaska State Coordinator and John Haddix is stepping into that role. Thank you, John, for filling this important role for new puppy owners in Alaska. And thank you, Woody, for your outstanding support over many years. In closing, Woody shares a picture from a great day of hunting in Alaska.



Thank you and I hope to see all of you in the field this fall!

**DoJD REPORT: Mark Heuer**

**H**ello Great Plains Chapter Members!

Full testing season is getting underway and this means a busy time of the year for GNA’s judges and apprentices! We currently have 29 apprentices and they will be working hard on fulfilling as many of their apprentice requirements as possible this fall and again next year.

All of our current apprentices were given a provision by JGHV this past July after a couple of submissions by VDD-GNA highlighting the difficulty our apprentices have in fulfilling their out-of-group requirements. JGHV recognized this difficulty and while we currently still don’t have as much latitude as we’d like, our current

apprentices can apprentice their out-of-group requirements in their non-home chapter as long as the Sr. Judge is not a VDD-GNA member judge. While this provision helps to a certain degree, there are only 34 non VDD-GNA member judges currently in all of North America and not all of those are active or qualified to be Sr. Judges. This is what makes the provision not nearly as helpful as if the Sr. Judge didn’t have to be a non VDD-GNA member judge. Anyhow, we are all making the best of the given situation, and will successfully accomplish what is needed for our apprentices through a few different means. One of which is co-sponsoring targeted tests with other JGHV member clubs. We are doing three co-sponsored tests this fall in GNA, one of which is here in the Great Plains Chapter. That HZP test in Torrington, WY is being co-sponsored with Deutsch Langhaar— Group North America. The other two co-sponsored tests are being done with NADKC, one in Iowa and the other in Alabama. We are also working hand in hand with all of our fellow JGHV member clubs to ensure that all North American apprentices and judges can continue to meet the needs of our clubs, and the

requirements set forth by our testing organization, JGHV.

The Great Plains Chapter currently has two apprentices and they are James Newby and Kevin Quast. Both James and Kevin will be very close to finishing up after this fall. We are looking forward to having them, and other GNA apprentices as well, join the cadre of JGHV judges here in North America!

Have a great fall testing and hunting season! I hope our paths cross soon.

Mark, VDD-GNA Vice Chairman and DoJD,

**THE EDITOR'S DESK:**

*This edition of the Drahthaar Chatter is the first e-mail issue of the GPC Newsletter. If you are reading this, it means it worked. If you would simply hit reply with an **ok** to [pnjohs@q.com](mailto:pnjohs@q.com), that would be helpful. Or, please let me know if there was a problem. My apologies if it takes some time to work out the "bugs" in the system. Those members who do not have e-mail access will receive the newsletter by regular mail.*

**Be sure to keep your e-mail address current!**

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*Happy Hunting,*  
*Phyllis Johs, Editor*

**LAST REMINDER!!!**

**2012 International Armbruster Zuchprufung  
Watertown, So. Dak.  
September 19 – 22, 2012**

**Official hotel: The Best Western Ramkota** at 1901 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Watertown, South Dakota. Discounted room rates are \$84.99/night for single or double occupancy, \$139.00 for a suite. Reservations can be made any time; the group rate is held under VDD-GNA Armbruster. For reservations, call 1.605.886.8011.

**2012 Armbruster RSVP Form** (next page) deadline is Sept. 1, 2012. *(If you happened to send your meal reservation and check in early (June and maybe July) then please note that the Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Opening Ceremonies Dinner had to be changed to a paid meal rather than free.)*

**DON'T MISS THE AUCTION ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>!!!**

A chance for a great deal on items such as: a **243 rifle**, a **20 ga. Remington**, a **20 ga. Single, prints**, a **2 man hunt**, hunting related **items that formerly belonged to Bill Shattuck** (donated by his family)...and more...

**SEE YOU THERE!**

**2012 ARMBRUSTER RSVP FORM**

**DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012**

Please mail form and check for needed amount to:  
Larry McNeese, 17510 East Caspian Place, Aurora, Colorado 80013

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> OPENING CEREMONIES DINNER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Children(s) name: \_\_\_\_\_

WESTERN BBQ Theme – Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$17.50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY MORNING BREAKFASTS**

Thursday morning – Rising Star Breakfast Buffet

Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.75=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday morning – The Dakota Harvest Breakfast Buffet

Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.95=\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHT(S) WILL HAVE CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE AT THE  
EVENT CENTER. PAY AS YOU GO THROUGH.**

The Event Center needs to know how many of you will choose to eat at the concessions as to know how much food they should prepare. This will be held in one of the large rooms so that all can sit and visit about the days happenings.

Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ x 2 nights= \_\_\_\_\_

**THURSDAY NIGHT – A FREE BEER & WINE TASTING AT THE REDLIN ART CENTER  
COURTESY OF THE REDLIN FAMILY**

Adult(s) attending (The Redlin family would like to have a minimum of 50 to attend) \_\_\_\_\_

**SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET**

Appreciate everyone dressing up for the evening!

**Authentic German Meal @ \$15.95 per person**

Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.95 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE make check out to VDD-GNA

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**DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012**

*The best thing about a  
man is his dog.*

French proverb

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