

AWSFA

Training Agenda – August 21, 2010

This is a club. We work for the benefit of everyone not just ourselves. Training day attendees are expected to help one another with the process and stay from **beginning** to **end**. Obviously there will be days when exceptions to this later point need to be made but the point is that people arriving very late or leaving very early are not pulling their weight in the training process. Everyone, whether a duck or upland hunter, a hunter or a hunt tester, a retriever or spaniel enthusiast, needs his or her dog skilled in the things we train for at every session. We need all attendees to help one another in whatever way you can and we hope that we will see improvement along those lines over the next few months.

Training begins at 9:00AM sharp (socializing and setup will occur from 8:00AM – 9:00AM)

If the size of the group warrants it, we will split into two groups. One person will be designated to run the retrieving session and another to run the upland session. Other than that, we will pick up where we left off in May. If your dog had problems last month with the retrieves then you should be spending this time between sessions working on those skills. If you are not sure of how to improve then simply ask and we will give you some ideas. Contact Paul Morrison at (517) 552-1663 or prmaws@aol.com for help.

The August schedule is as follows:

9:00 to ? – Force breaking demonstration if requested.

Basic retrieving skills - Paul Morrison will organize and run this session

- Short marked retrieves with lengthening drills
- Multiple marked retrieves
- Introduction to a lining drill and blind retrieves
- Sight blind
- Pattern blind
- Transitioning

Upland training skills – Paul Chiba or Gary McCullough will organize and run this session

- Basic quartering pattern work
 - Pups/inexperienced dogs – tape winged birds and shaking
 - Intermediate dogs – tape winged birds little to no shaking
 - Experienced dogs – tape winged birds and some fliers
- Steadiness training
 - Inexperienced dogs – training demonstrations
 - Experienced dogs – training drill
- Run and gun