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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 11, 25, Aug.1** SCVBC training day at Four Brooks  
Contact Brian Lange early if interested  
763-434-0713
- August 4** Board meeting at Lindback's
- August** Armstrong Game Fair, Aug. 8-10, 15-17  
contact Mark Dinsmore for free tickets  
MDinsmore@oppenheimer.com
- Oct. 3-4** MNBC field trial at Solon Springs

## FOR SALE

Tracker Collar. Field trial season on upon us. Don't lose your dog, get this tracking collar. It's a two dog collar. Use it for training, hunting, field trialing. \$400 (BO) Contact Nosh if interested at 763-536-9912 or email at nosh\_munar@hotmail.com.

## FOR RENT

Six-place dog trailer for \$25.00 per weekend and \$5.00 for each additional day, \$250.00 deposit. Contact Steve Ralph (651-464-5177).

## MEMBERSHIP

If your club membership is due or has expired, please contact Denise Koslowski at 612-247-3111, e-mail at msharley2@hotmail.com or send a check to St. Croix Valley Brittany Club, 4020 - 131st Ave. NE, Blaine, MN 55449. Membership cost are as follows: Full \$30, additional family member \$5; Associate \$15.

## NEWSLETTER

If you have anything that you would like to share in the newsletter (announcements/news/etc.), contact Nosh Munar at 763-536-9912, or email at [nosh\\_munar@hotmail.com](mailto:nosh_munar@hotmail.com), or send snail mail to 4257 Abbott Ave. No., Robbinsdale, MN 55422.

Also, Keep those photos coming. Share your Brittany experiences with the club by sending photos to be published in the newsletter. It's always fun to see some of the faces and personalities of our club members. Don't be shy, simply reply with photos of you and you ol' pal.

## SPRING DOUBLE HUNT TEST EVENT - BLAZE ORANGE SUCCESS!

What makes a Hunt Test different than other AKC events? Blaze orange. Everyone involved must wear blaze orange. The event involves having dogs demonstrate various levels of hunting skills. Dogs must find birds, honor other dog's points, handle through shot, and perform retrieves to hand.

Please take some time to look at pictures on the Twin Cities Vizsla Club site at TCVC.org ([http://tcvc.org/2009/Hunt\\_Test\\_2009\\_photos.html](http://tcvc.org/2009/Hunt_Test_2009_photos.html) and [http://tcvc.org/2009/ribbons\\_awarded.html](http://tcvc.org/2009/ribbons_awarded.html))

This year, the St. Croix Valley Brittany Club and Twin Cities Vizsla Club partnered to create a new type of Hunt Test venue – a Double Hunt Test weekend the first weekend of April 2009. The two clubs each held two Hunt Test events – one on Saturday and one on Sunday. The tests were held side-by-side. It involved four fields, eight judges, two sets of gunners, and approximately 600 quail. Over 60 dogs participated in each event, including 15-16



Brittanies each day. Each dog entered had the opportunity to run one to four legs in two days, possibly qualifying for a title in a single weekend.

As well as being the first time we had a double hunt test event, we had one of AKC's new categories of participants - we had Junior Hunt Test handlers. Congratulations to the young participants – including Thomas Swanson who handled his Brittany Mc's Fred Bear O'Dee MH to a pass. St Croix Valley Brittany Club also had a HT judge appren-

tice both days.

The Double Hunt Test venue allowed the clubs to leverage purchasing birds, grounds, and lunch. Committee members had several planning meetings, coordinated the running orders and sent out joint club messages to participants. Saturday was a cool, dry long day with approximately 16 Junior Hunter braces and 16 Master/Senior braces for each club. The evaluating braces continued into the evening hours. Sunday morning greeted the crowd with several inches of snow on the ground, which quickly melted by mid-morning. Like the actual hunting season, everyone was dressed in blaze orange, and there were participants and volunteers of all ages.

A very special thank you to all the volunteers that made this event a success ... **secretary** - Wes Harden, **lead gunner** - Doug Lodermeier, **gunners** - Tony Pouliot, John Chejne, Derek Lodermeier and friends, **field marshals** - Gail Satak, Mark Hovey, Millie Frame, Eileen Gust, **lead bird planter** - Jeff Hunter, **bird planter and scorecard runner** - Matt Hunter (our youngest volunteer), **bird delivery** - Mark Dinsmore, **our favorite judge** - Denise Koslowski, and all the family and friends that were gracious enough to support this event

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in participating or if you would like to know more about Hunt Tests

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