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If you're like me, you're ready for grass and open water. It's close, we've made it through first winter, and fool's spring...

We have a lot of stuff to cover and it's coming fast. Like most Alaskans we fit as many activities as we can in the short seasons we have. As we get closer to April please spread the word about our Pointer and Flushers Novice (puppy) class.

Novice Class details Indoors @ (ACT), 549 International Airport Road

- Pointers
 - Indoors, Tues. April 16 & 23 - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
 - Outdoors, **Tuesdays** April 30, May 7, 14, 21 in Eagle River.
- Flushers
 - Indoors, Mon. April 15 & 22 - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
 - Outdoors in Eagle River, **Thursdays** May 2, 9, 16, 23.



Family Fun Day (June 7)	Ohlinger Family
Chukar Challenge (June 22)	Bud Rice
Flushers Hunt Test (July 13&14)	Ryan Mahoney
Pointers Hunt Test (Aug. 18)	Sue Davis
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GM meeting dates for 2024

April 18th

July 18th

November 21st

Hunt Tests

- If you're a Hunt Test Chair, please get your info to Hunt Secretary so we can get judges and AKC approved.
- We're still discussing/planning a "gun clinic" before the Hunt Tests begin. More information will be coming as this develops. In the member-only section of our webpage is the "ARCTIC BIRD DOG ASSOCIATION GUIDE FOR HUNT TEST GUNNERS" document. It will show up in the left hand menu after you go through the User Login page. Please take the time to read this. To be eligible to gun in an AKC hunt test in Alaska you must have watched:
 - (within the previous 12 months) the AKC video for hunt test gunners
 - (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DzL9mHXKmjI>).
 - Completed a State of Alaska (or equivalent) firearms safety course.
- The company that makes the ribbons for us is providing some for our patronage. We're suggesting that we start a "Gunner's Choice" ribbon at our hunt tests. Much like they do at field trials; the gunners will select a dog that they feel is a dog that they'd like to hunt with in the field. I'll try to have an example to look at during the April 18th Membership meeting.

Misc. Topics

- CPR / First Aid Joint Class - We spend a lot of time training our hunting partners and carry first aid care for them. It's been suggested that we look within ourselves and take the time to learn CPR at a minimum. It could save a member, a friend, or even a family member. More to come as we are discussing this as a joint class with other dog clubs.
- Stacy Dean has been doing a great job at responding to questions at our info@arcticbirddog.org. We're looking for a volunteer that can take over this duty. Please let us know.

Membership

- Congratulations! Our business sales account set up is complete with Basspro/Cabelas
- With a Business Sales account we will be offered:
 - 20% discount on proprietary brand items
 - 10% discount for all other brands
 - 5% discount for guns and ammo
- Business Name: Arctic Bird Dog Association
- Customer Number: 119849164
- They offer customization with embroidery, engraving, screen printing, and heat transfer on many items.
- Items can be found by visiting www.basspro.com or www.cabelas.com.
- To receive a price quote, place an order, or obtain customization information, please contact The Business Sales Outfit team:
 - Monday- Friday 7:00 AM- 6:00 PM CST
 - 800-243-6626, option #1,
 - or by emailing sales@BusinessSales.basspro.com
 - Laurie Parsons - Business Sales Account Manager: (417) 873-5818



Remember we have Guido's Pizza reserved for our April 18th General Membership meeting. They have a "party room" that will fit up to 80 people. We'll be on zoom simultaneously, but more import – BEER!

Here are some topics we'll be covering:

April Membership Agenda

- Safety Moment (oilfield habit)
- Minutes from last meeting
- New Board introductions
- Treasurer Report
- Bird Update
- Webpage
- Basspro/Cabelas embroidery
- New Ribbon/Award for Gunner's Choice
- CPR class
- Guest Speaker –Dr. Kevin Snyder, eyes & first aid
- Door Prizes – donations are welcome
- **If there's something else, please reach out to us**

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Check out this handy way to keep your pet's foot bandaged!:



When you can, please check your membership status.

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Never fails....write something up, check it several times. Read it again before emailing and find an error when you read it on the webpage; dang it! Well, here's a quick supplement before April and things start to get real busy.

- **Family Fun Day Date correction: June 8 (Saturday)**
- **Novice (Puppy Class)**
 - Registration is open on the webpage.
 - It says it's limited to 12, however please let me know if you find out you're lucky 13, and we'll discuss.
- **Pointer Hunt Test**
 - I've talked to the Hunt Chairperson and got the details on tests and dates. There will be 4 Hunt Tests.
 - Aug. 16 – Pretest fun match
 - Aug. 17 – 2 Tests
 - Aug. 18 – 2 Tests
- **Chukar Challenge Dates**
 - June 22 – Flusher & Pointer events
 - June 23 – Master Pointers
 - July 27 – Pointer Challenge
 - July 28 – Master Pointers
- **Northern Lights NAVHDA group meeting**
 - Burt Spence is hosting a bird dog get together at Pizza Man, April 4th. I'm planning to attend with stories and lies to tell....LOL.
- **General Membership Meeting – April 18th**
 - For our next meeting, Dr Kevin Snyder from Polar Eyes Veterinary has offered to come and speak. His topic will be field injuries and dog vision. Dr Snyder is a board-certified ophthalmologist Please come and hear what Dr Snyder has to offer, and bring any questions you may have.



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