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## **Bales & Tails Barn Hunt Club Barn Hunt Trial**

**January 9-11, 2026**

**5:00 p.m. Friday - 9:00 a.m. Saturday & Sunday**

**Building opens 3:30 p.m. Friday - 7:30 a.m. Saturday & Sunday (closes when trials are done)**

**General Briefing 4:45 p.m. Friday - 8:45 a.m. Saturday & Sunday**

**McLeod County Fairgrounds, Agribition Building  
840 Century Ave. SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350**

**The new rules for 2025 will be in effect at these trials! Be sure to read the updates!**

This Trial will be held indoors in a building with concrete floors. There will be matting under the rings.  
There is crating space. The building is heated.

Open to all breeds and mixed breeds.

Dogs **MUST** to be registered with Barn Hunt to participate in this trial.

### **Three rings! Classes offered:**

**Trial 1 (Event # BHLE-260595): Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master/Championship, Crazy 8s, Line Drive**

**Trial 2 (Event # BHLE-260596): Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master/Championship, Line Drive**

**Trial 3 (Event # BHLE-260597): Novice, Open, Senior, Master/Championship, Crazy 8s**

**Trial 4 (Event # BHLE-260598): Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior, Master/Championship, Line Drive**

**Trial 5 (Event # BHLE-260599): Novice, Open, Senior, Master/Championship, Crazy 8s**

**Judge assignments are detailed on page 7.**

There will be a short lunch break at the judges' discretion.

Trial entry limits: Judges are limited to 8 hours of judging and a maximum run value (MRV 260), which will require this club to limit entries accordingly. Crazy 8s will be limited to 40 runs Saturday and Sunday. The limit may be raised and the class split with another ring depending on entry counts after closing. Line Drive will be limited to 20 runs. The limit may be raised depending on entry counts after closing.

Late and/or Day of Show entries are not a guaranteed entry and will be accepted only up to Judging limits. Confirmations may not be sent for late entries. Judging will be limited to 3.5 hours of judging Friday night. This club **WILL** allow multiple entries per trial.

### **Pre-entry fees:**

**\$15 for Instinct; \$22 for Novice/Open; \$27 for Senior/Master/Championship; \$25 for Crazy 8; \$20 for Line Drive**

**Entries received after early entry date & day of show entry fees:**

**\$20 for Instinct; \$27 for Novice/Open; \$32 for Senior/Master/Championship; \$30 for Crazy 8s; \$25 for Line Drive**

Registration opens December 1, 2025 at midnight. Entries at the above fees will be accepted in the order received until closing date of December 30, 2025, at 8:00 PM with the Trial Secretary or until the maximum entry limit is reached. If the trial does not fill with pre-entries, late entries will be accepted until limits are met. Entries post-marked after the closing date must pay late entry prices. If entering at trial, please come with a printed entry form and waiver filled out. A wait list will be maintained after the trial fills.

Trial to trial move-ups are allowed.

**Judges:**

Andrea Kulju, BHAJ-279A, Longville, MN  
Connie Adams, BHAJ-161A, Cedar Rapids, IA  
Kim Hott, BHAJ-154A, Fort Dodge, IA  
RBJ: Catherine Hoese, BHAJ-197A, Mayer, MN  
RBJ: Brenda Hinkemeyer, BHAJ-203A, Clear Lake, MN

**Trial Chairperson**

Catherine Hoese  
5875 Hwy. 25  
Mayer, MN 55360  
952-270-0724  
catrinathewaves@yahoo.com

**Trial Secretary**

Brenda Hinkemeyer  
9841 – 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE  
Clear Lake, MN 55319  
320-743-3631  
brenda@nikosha.net

**Trial Chief Rat Wrangler**

Jamie Elvert

**Trial Committee**

Don Evers, Sue Evers, Cathy Hoese, Barb Swanson, Marla Richter

**Barn Hunt LLC Rules** can be obtained online in the form of a PDF file at <http://barnhunt.com>

\*Dogs are required to have a Barn Hunt Registration number to show in a Barn Hunt Trial. Register your dog online at: [www.barnhunt.com](http://www.barnhunt.com). Allow at least 48 hours to receive a Barn Hunt number. Handlers are responsible for entering and writing legibly the correct Barn Hunt number for their dog on entry form. An incorrect number may result in any legs earned being forfeited.

**Food & Drinks:** There will be a lunch break at the judge's discretion. At the present time, we plan to have food, coffee, and water available for a fee (free to volunteers) (Saturday and Sunday only).

**Directions to the trial site:**

**From the Twin Cities:** Take Hwy. 7 west to Hwy. 15 in Hutchinson. Take a left on Main Street (Hwy. 15). Take a right onto Century Ave. SW. The fairgrounds entrance will be on your left at the third road. The building is on the east side of the fairgrounds.

**From the North/West:** Take I-94 to Hwy 15 near St. Cloud. Go South to Hutchinson. After crossing Hwy. 7, Take a right onto Century Ave. SW. The fairgrounds entrance will be on your left at the third road. The building is on the east side of the fairgrounds.

The final class order and further scheduling details will be emailed to all exhibitors no later than **Monday, January 5, 2026**, after the actual number of entries is known for each class. If you do not receive an email by Monday night, please contact the trial secretary. Dogs being handled by the same person will be separated into different staged groups.

**Height divisions:** **Small** - Dogs 15" and under, **Medium** - Dogs 15.1 to 22", **Large** - Dogs over 22"

**Awards:** Brown Ribbons for Qualifying scores  
Rosettes for placements in A classes, first through fourth place  
Rosettes for High In Class Novice A, Open A, Senior A, Master A  
Rosette for First place in Novice/Open/Senior/Master B classes  
Flat ribbons for second through fourth placements in Novice/Open/Senior B classes  
Rosettes for second through fourth placements in Championship (Master B) class  
Rosette for High In Class/First place Championship (Master B)  
Rosettes for New Titles



### Emergency Vet:

John Froning DVM, Animal Medical Center  
271 3rd Ave NW Hutchinson, MN 55350 • 320-587-4044  
(turn North off Hwy 7, by Victorian Inn)

BluePearl Pet Hospital  
760 Boone Ave. N.  
Golden Valley, MN 55427  
(952) 942-8272

Allied Emergency Vet  
8301 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445  
(763)\_463-9800

### Accommodations that accept well behaved dogs:

<b>HOTELS &amp; LODGING</b>		
<i>Space is limited at hotels within city limits. We encourage those attending to make reservations early. When making reservations please verify pet policy.</i>		
American Lodge and Suites Pets: \$20/pet/night		1115 Highway 7 E, Hutchinson, MN 55350 320-587-5515 *Continental breakfast available
Cobblestone Hotel and Suites Pets: \$25/pet/night		416 Prospect St NE, Hutchinson, MN 55350 320-587-7777 *Continental breakfast available
Days Inn Pets: <del>\$5/pet/night</del> →	\$25/pet/night	1000 Highway 7 W, Hutchinson, MN 55350 320-587-6030 *Continental breakfast available
Shamrock Inn Pets: \$25/pet/night		1200 Highway 15 S, Hutchinson, MN 55350 320-587-9299 – Closest hotel to show site
Kings Motel		1255 Highway 7 W, Hutchinson, MN 55350 320-587-4737 – Within Hutchinson city limits
Queens Inn		200 Highway 7 E, Hutchinson, MN 55350 320-587-2129 – Within Hutchinson city limits
Sure Stay Plus by Best Western Litchfield Pets: \$20/pet/night		1525 E Hwy 12, Litchfield, MN 55355 320-693-1600 – 17 miles from Hutchinson
AmeriVu Inn & Suites Pets: \$25/pet/night		550 Cherry Drive, Waconia, MN 55387 952-442-8787 – 28 miles from Hutchinson
Waconia Inn & Suites Pets: \$15/pet/night		301 E Frontage Road, Waconia, MN 55387 952-442-5147 – 28 miles from Hutchinson
Grand Stay Delano Pets: \$20/pet/night		395 13th Street S, Delano, MN 55328 763-972-4303 – 31 miles from Hutchinson
Super 8 Pets: \$20/pet/night		303 10th Ave S, Buffalo, MN 55313 763-682-5930 – 31 miles from Hutchinson

## **ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS:**

- E-MAIL entries are accepted. Send entry to [brenda@nikosha.net](mailto:brenda@nikosha.net). A signature is needed (may be electronic). **Email entries add \$4.00 handling fee PER DOG for PayPal payment. Make payment to [balesandtails@gmail.com](mailto:balesandtails@gmail.com) or use this link: [PayPal.Me/balesandtails](https://www.paypal.me/balesandtails)**

**Note that if paying by PayPal, you may not get the PayPal fees returned upon entry cancellation. PayPal is no longer refunding those fees.**

**Day of Show Registration closes at 8:30 a.m.** for the both trials of the day for Saturday and Sunday. It closes at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

**We will have three rings with three judges!**

**Tentative Class Assignments** (see load balancing note regarding judge assignments):

Friday:	Trial 1:	Ring 1 (Connie Adams): Instinct, Novice, Open, Senior Ring 2 (Andrea Kulju): Line Drive, Crazy 8s Ring 3 (Kim Hott): Master/Championship
Saturday:	Trial 2:	Ring 1 (Kim Hott): Instinct, Novice, Open Ring 2 (Connie Adams): Line Drive, Senior Ring 3 (Andrea Kulju): Master/Championship
Saturday:	Trial 3:	Ring 1 (Kim Hott): Novice, Open Ring 2 (Connie Adams): Crazy 8s, Senior Ring 3 (Andrea Kulju): Master/Championship
Sunday:	Trial 4:	Ring 1 (Andrea Kulju): Instinct, Novice, Open Ring 2 (Kim Hott): Line Drive, Senior Ring 3 (Connie Adams): Master/Championship
Sunday:	Trial 5:	Ring 1 (Andrea Kulju): Novice, Open Ring 2 (Kim Hott): Crazy 8s, Senior Ring 3 (Connie Adams): Master/Championship

**Classes in Ring 1 will be run concurrently! Instinct-Novice 1-Novice 2-Open 1-Open 2 on Saturday and Sunday. Ring 2 will run Line Drive-Senior 1-Crazy 8s-Senior 2 on Saturday and Sunday. Ring 3 will be run as Master 1-Master 2 on Saturday and Sunday. Line Drive will be run in the assigned ring before the regular class.**

Judge of Record and Event Official dogs may be judged prior to Event start or as the first dogs of event.

#### **Exhibitor Information:**

All entries must be accompanied by entry fees to be valid. A returned check does not constitute a valid entry. There will be a \$50.00 fee for all returned checks. **Make check payable to Bales and Tails. Send entries & fees to the trial secretary: Brenda Hinkemeyer, 9841 – 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Clear Lake, MN 55319.**

There is **NO SMOKING** in this facility. If you must smoke, you will need to do so outside away from the building and dispose of the butts accordingly. **Dogs must be ON LEASH at ALL times unless they are in the ring.**

The safety of the dogs is our primary concern. By entering this trial, exhibitors acknowledge that they are familiar with the rules and regulations of this sport, and that their dogs are familiar with and able to perform all obstacles safely. It is expressly understood that exhibitors alone are responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) and / or children. Any exhibitor whose dog(s) and / or children create unnecessary disturbances or repeatedly engage in unsafe or disruptive behavior may, at the discretion of the trial committee, may be asked to leave the site. In that case, no refund of any fees paid will be made.

**Dog exercise areas:** Please pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in appropriate containers outside the building. Please be considerate about picking up after your dogs and leaving the grounds as you found them. Any exhibitor failing to do so may be excused without benefit of refund if the Event Committee deems the exhibitor to be in violation of this requirement per BHA regulations. You may exercise your dog anywhere on the grass.

**Collars and Leashes:** Dogs may not be brought to the line in any disallowed collar. Dogs may not be brought to the start box on flexi-leads. Approved collars include flat snap or buckle collars of solid construction and leather or nylon leads. Limited slip martingale collars are allowed. Single piece slip collars/leads are allowed. Harnesses, with the exception of head-halter types, are allowed. Dogs **MUST** run “naked,” without a collar/harness. Dogs should be brought to the ring with collars/harnesses which can be easily and quickly removed and replaced. **All dogs must be on leash at all times except when in the ring.**

**Refunds:** Entry fees will not be refunded in the event that a dog is absent, disqualified, excused, or barred from competition by action of the Event Committee. No entry fee will be refunded if the trial cannot open or be completed by reasons of riots, civil disturbances, fire, acts of God, public emergency, an act of a public enemy, or any other cause beyond the control of the organizing committee. Exhibitors are responsible for complete, accurate and legible information on entry forms; illegible or incomplete entries cannot be entered in the trial. No refunds after the closing date unless a replacement entry is available from the wait list. **If you become symptomatic with Covid after closing, and there is no waitlist run to replace your runs, you will get your entry fee credited toward a future trial minus \$1 per run administrative fee.**

**Bitches in season** are eligible for entry but will be required to be kept separate from all other dogs and will be run in panties at the end of their class. Review the barn hunt rules for other details. *If bringing a bitch in season, please inform the trial committee prior to the trial, and you must inform all exhibitors at the judge's briefing.*

**Loud/Disruptive dogs;** Dogs that are loud and disruptive may be asked to locate away from the rings/crating area and/or staged away from the other dogs getting ready to compete. Any dog behaving in a threatening or aggressive manner toward another dog or a person may be dismissed from the trial if justification is found to do so by the judge and/or trial committee. Terrier sparring is not allowed on trial grounds. Any dog that is sick, injured or lame will be excused from the trial grounds.

**Judging Assignments:** Any Judge of Record at this event may be used as a Load Balancing or Relief Judge in any ring, at the discretion of the Club, under the rule provisions for Load Balancing, Relief Judging, and Splitting. Qualifying scores are assigned to the official Judge of Record for that class.

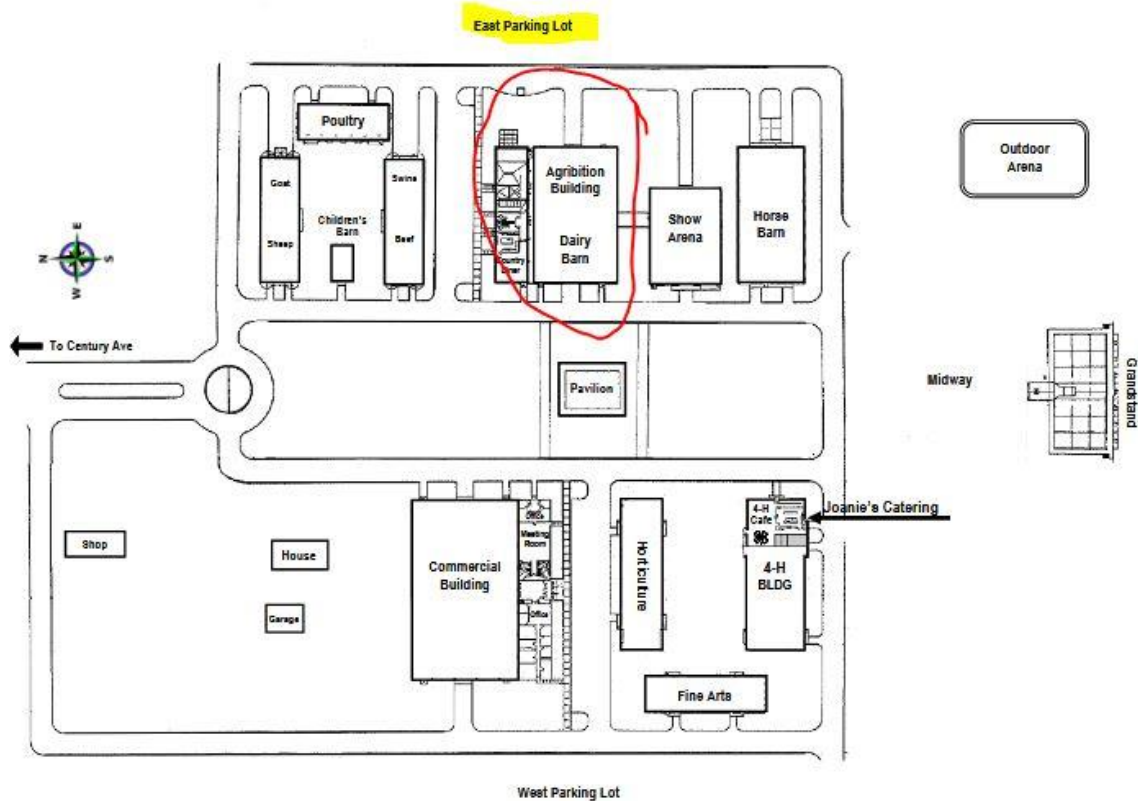
**Crating** should be secure. Dogs can get excited at barn hunt events. Dogs must be securely crated at all times or with owner on a leash. Dogs may not be left unattended outside of a secure crate.

**Blinds:** Blinds will be 15'x15' EZ Ups with sides. They will be located in the building 20' from the ring. Blinds will have 5 dogs assigned per blind (6 for Instinct/Novice/Open if MRV is 260), but may be closed early, as allowed in the rules.

**Ring Equipment Damage:** If your dog intentionally damages any of the ring equipment, you will be charged for the repairs. This does not include bales and tubes (to the extent of the rules).

**Line Drive Rules:** Please read the rules for Line Drive if you are entering. There are some different rules for leashes and praise for this class.

See the circled building. This building and the circled areas around it, including the East Parking Lot event with that area constitutes the trial grounds. That is where the barn hunt will be held. Parking will be in the East Parking Lot. The left side of the drawing is North.





**Official Entry Form ~ Licensed Barn Trial ~ Trial Dates: January 9, 2026 – January 11, 2026**

Make Entry Fees Payable in US funds to: Bales and Tails. See page 5 for electronic entry details.

**ENTRY FEES: Read carefully!**

**\$15.00 for Instinct; \$22.00 for Novice/Open; \$27.00 for Senior/Master/Championship; \$25.00 for Crazy 8s, \$20.00 for Line Drive**

**Late and Day Of Show: \$20.00 for Instinct; \$27.00 for Novice/Open; \$32.00 for Senior/Master; \$30 for Crazy 8s, \$25.00 for Line Drive**

**Mail Entries to:** Brenda Hinkemeyer Trial Secretary, 9841 – 58<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Clear Lake, MN 55319

*Express mail entries MUST include waiver of signature or they will be returned*

Trial Date	Instinct	Novice	Open	Senior	Master/ Championship	Crazy 8s	Line Drive
Trial 1 (Fri)							
Trial 2 (Sat)							
Trial 3 (Sat)							
Trial 4 (Sun)							
Trial 5 (Sun)							

**What class division are you entering (A/B)? \_\_\_\_\_ (A is for a class in which this dog has not titled; B is for a class in which this dog has earned that title.) Not applicable for Crazy 8s, Instinct, Line Drive.**

**Registered Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BH#: BH-\_\_\_\_\_ Handler (if not Owner): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Call Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Dog's height at withers: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Owner(s): \_\_\_\_\_**

**Owner's Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Check box if address, phone, email have changed**

**E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_**

**CERTIFICATION OF AGREEMENT UPON ENTRY OF DOG**

I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner whose name I have entered above. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Barn Hunt Association, LLC in effect at the time of this event, and by any additional rules and regulations appearing in the premium list for this event, and further agree to be bound by the liability waiver enclosed with my entry. I (we) certify and represent that the dog entered is not a hazard (dog or human aggressive) to persons or other dogs. This entry is submitted for acceptance on the foregoing representation and Agreement. I (we) agree to conduct myself (ourselves) in accordance with all Barn Hunt Association, LLC Rules and Regulations and to abide by any decisions made in accord with them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of owner or his agent duly authorized to make this entry date

**Your entry must be complete with BHA number and signed with liability waiver.**

**LIABILITY WAIVER**

I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem sufficient. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to win prizes, ribbons, and/or trophies, I (we) agree to hold Barn Hunt Association, LLC, Bales and Tails Barn Hunt Club, their directors, governors, officers, agents or event secretary and the owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any BHA LLC approved judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for any such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to this dog. Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death, at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death or property damage may be caused, and whether or not the same may be caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any persons.

**MEDIA RELEASE FORM**

I hereby authorize club-appointed videographer and/or photographer to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs and/or video that may pertain to me, including my image, likeness and/or voice without compensation. I understand that this material may be used in various publications, public affairs releases, recruitment materials, Bales and Tails Barn Hunt Club, or the BHA LLC website, yahoo group or face book page, or for other related endeavors. This authorization is continuous and may only be withdrawn by my specific rescission of this authorization. Consequently, the BHA, LLC or Bales and Tails Barn Hunt Club may publish materials, use my name, photograph, and/or make reference to me in any manner that the Corporation or project sponsor deems appropriate in order to promote/publicize service opportunities.

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**By Initialing here, I indicate my agreement with the above Liability Waiver and Media Release.**