



Steady On Point

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Special Points of Interest

- ü Order your birds for training days at least 2 weeks ahead of time so our suppliers can meet your request. Bird orders are limited to current paid up chapter members only.
- ü Chapter fun day is August 1st at Dave and Julie Carlstroms. A mock NA test is offered - pre registry is required so they know how many birds to order.
- ü Next training day August 22
- ü Final days for the chapter are our fall tests August 29/30.

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NAVHDA is a nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to foster, promote, and improve the versatile hunting dog breeds in North America; to conserve game by using well trained reliable hunting dogs before and after the shot; and to aid in the prevention of cruelty to animals by discouraging nonselective and uncontrolled breeding, which produces unwanted and uncared for dogs.

President's Corner - Brent's Notes

In lieu of Brents article, an update from the recent judges workshop from Sheryle is included.

The weekend of July 11/12 I had the opportunity to participate in the annual Judges clinic held in Chicago, IL. Attendees came from as far away as Ottawa, Florida, and Colorado. The clinic is a key tool used to help our judges maintain consistency and interpretation of the NAVHDA rules and aims

Saturday morning started out with reports from the various committees, membership and Invitational update. Saturday afternoon and the majority of Sunday were spent in evaluating difficult judging scenarios on

video. Six teams of 10 judges rated the various components of the particular performance shown on the video. Examples were provided on NA water, UPT/UT steadiness and UT retrieve of duck. A common statement throughout the workshop was – when in doubt consider whether that particular performance would impact a hunting situation.

Use of the video taped sequences is a useful tool to help ensure our judging is consistent, fair and following the NAVHDA rules and aims. This consistent application of the same standard regardless of breed, personal bias or knowing the handler is what sets NAVHDA apart as the premier North American testing organization. Maintaining that consistency is not easy,

especially since we are a volunteer organization that relies on the judges personal dedication and financial commitment to attend these workshops (at least every three years) to keep their skills and understanding of the subtleties of judging honed and sharp.

Sunday wrapped up with a review of the 2009 Invitational plans. The judges thanked the officers and volunteers who helped put together the videos and workshop as well as our NAVHDA sponsors, including Purina, Avery and Cabelas who helped to defray part of the costs for the workshop and made for an enjoyable experience.



CERF EYE TEST OFFERED

Gary Engebretson has been able to make arrangements for a veterinarian to attend the Chapter Fun day on August 1st to provide CERF eye exams for a very low cost - \$25/dog. Bring your AKC number or NAVHDA number with you to the training day. He will be on site from 1pm until done with dogs. Be aware that once your dog has the test done they may be light sensitive for a short time.

Membership Information

NAVHDA International dues:

New Member \$50

Special Value Package \$73.50

Renewal \$45

Spouse and Jr. \$22.50

The time period for all International membership dues runs for 12 months from date paid.

NCWNAVHDA Dues:

Membership dues run Jan-Jan, \$20 for first family member, \$5/additional family member. Check the North Central Wisconsin NAVHDA (ncwnavhda.com) web site for the application and instructions, or contact Dave Spang for more information.

A CERF exam is a low cost procedure that can help detect certain eye abnormalities, including glaucoma, cataract and PRA. For more information go to the web site <http://www.vmdb.org/history.html> to learn more.

Chapter members puppies for sale

Vom Britt's Callie UT1, UPT2, NA1, JH, SH, WT X VC
Heidlewolf's Benelli

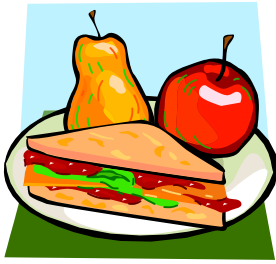
Repeat breeding whose first has hunt, test and show potential
For more information contact Bob at mbritten@tds.net or call 715-238-7691

Brent Catura and Scott Danieke may have a puppy left from their most recent litters (Brittany and German Shorthair).

New Column -Check out the last page for recipies

If you have a favorite method to prepare the game (or side dishes) that you harvest, send it in and I will put it in a format so the recipe can be clipped and placed in the files! We need a few more to fill out this years newsletters.

Lunch Sign Up



Consider managing a

lunch to help out those who are helping you learn about training your pointing dog!



You should be

receiving a confirmatory email when you place a bird order. If you did not notify Mike Crosby at nlcrosby@charter.net.

Our chapter enjoys the benefits of a mid-day meal. Donations from the meals are one of our most important fundraisers. As you can see below there are LOTS of opportunities to volunteer - please consider helping out by signing up for a lunch - it is appreciated by all members. Cost for the main dish will be reimbursed by the chapter - all it costs you is your time. See Sheryle for details.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Signed up</u>
March 29	Carstroms & Brunis
April 26	Tepp
May 16 Handlers clinic	Catura
May 17 Handlers clinic	Catura
May 31	Cochenet
June 6 (test - Mead)	Peeters
June 6 (test - Carlstroms)	Carlstrom
June 7 (test - Mead)	Engebretson
June 7 (test - Carlstroms)	Carlstrom
June 13 (pro seminar)	Carlstrom
June 14 (pro seminar)	Carlstrom
June 28	Marcia Huernefuss
July 26	Zupo
August 23	Snider
August 29 (test - Mead double)	
August 30 (test - Mead double)	

Ordering Birds - Chapter Members Only

There is a saying we like to quote - You cannot train Bird Dogs without Birds. This chapter recognizes the importance of having a ready source of birds for training, and has been able to secure sources of quail, ducks and feral pigeons again this year. Our suppliers, however, require a two week notice prior to pick up. This has been a problem the past few years, with members waiting too long to place their orders, and

birds not being available on training day.

There are two ways to order birds - the preferred method is to **use the on-line function at the NCWNAVHDA website**. If you do not have access to the internet, call Mike Crosby at (920) 475-9031 for pigeons and quail, and Brent Catura at (715) 457-2948 for ducks.

2009 Invitational Participants

Brent Catura	Autumn Legends Daisy	BS
Corey Siegler	Rockwood's Kivalo Gunsmoke	VI
Sheryle Tepp	Rockwood's Kivalo Super Tramp	VI
John McKenzie	Soco's Mystic Lady	BS



The folks listed above have been actively training at our chapter for the Invitational. Our chapter also has at least 4 more dogs qualified from the spring test, and hopefully several more from this upcoming fall test.

Sheryle

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2009 Important Dates

January 3 - NCW Annual Meeting/
Dinner

February 6-8 - Pheasant Fest Madison

March 29 - Training Day Mead

April 26 - Training Day Mead

May 16/17 - Handlers Clinic

May 31 - Training Day Mead

June 6/7 - Test Mead/Carlstroms

June 13/14 Allan Burchardt Pro Trainer
Clinic

June 28 - Training Day Mead

July 11/12 - Judges Clinic Chicago IL

July 26 - Training Day Mead

August 1 - Carlstroms Chicken Day

August 23 - Training Day Mead

August 29/30 - Test Mead

September 17-20 - Invitational OH

Our Sponsors

There are many companies and non-profit organizations who sponsor NAVHDA. Their continued support has helped ensure the stability and future of our organization. Please support them, and be sure to mention you are a member of NAVHDA when you can!



Recipe Corner - Cranberry & Carmel Date Bars

1 cup cranberries, chopped
½ cup sugar
2 Tbsp sugar
2 cups flour
2 cups oatmeal
½ cup packed brown sugar
½ tsp baking soda
1 cup butter, melted
1 ½ cups dates, chopped
¾ cup walnuts, chopped
1 cup caramel ice cream topping

Heat oven to 350°F. In bowl, combine cranberries and 2 tablespoons sugar.

In bowl, combine 2 cups flour, oatmeal, remaining ½ cup sugar, brown sugar and baking soda. Add melted margarine; mix well. Reserve 1 cup crumb mixture; press remainder firmly on bottom of 13x9 inch baking pan. Bake 15 minutes. Sprinkle dates, walnuts and cranberry mixture over crust. Mix caramel topping and remaining ½ cup flour; spoon over fruit and walnuts. Top with reserved crumb mixture. Bake 20 minutes or until lightly brown. Cool. Cut into bars. (Makes 24 bars)

Donna Cochenet