



Steady On Point

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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.

From the training table of Brent Catura:

Oh the doldrums of winter. A small group of us went grouse hunting between Christmas and New Years. Managed to kill a good number of birds in just a few days. I had some great dog work, which really capped off the year.

Next thing I have going is my Daisy is getting ready to have a litter of pups any day now.

We recently had our chapters annual meeting and since then the NAVHDA International has sent us 3 motions. These will be voted on at the International Annual Meeting on Jan. 23-24th in Portland, OR. I will be attending the meeting as our chapter delegate. I plan on

bringing up the fact that the motions should have been sent out much earlier so everyone had time to review & discuss them.

Then after the annual meeting we have the Pheasant Fest in Madison on Feb.6-8th. Our chapter will be running a booth along with the WI River Chapter. It would be great to see you there. Also we do need more volunteers to man the booth, see Sheryle Tepp on that matter.

Beginning in February I plan to work with my dog Buddy on his force fetch. He has a very strong retrieve so hopefully it's not a huge battle, but who knows.

Then it's time to start planning for our first chapter training day on March 29th.

Did I say doldrums or work load? Seems like there's enough the next few months to keep me busy.

Well till next time, keep those dogs pointing steady.

Brent Catura
NCW NAVHDA Pres.

Editors note: check the Annual meeting minutes (attached) for the election results. Also attached is our revised by-laws.

Sheryle Tepp

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2009 Important Dates

W	January 3 - NCW Annual Meeting/Dinner
W	February 6-8 - Pheasant Fest Madison
W	March 29 - Training Day Mead
W	April 26 - Training Day Mead
W	May 16/17 - Handlers Clinic Location TBD
W	May 31 - Training Day Mead
W	June 6/7 - Test Mead/Carlstroms
W	June 13/14 Allan Burchardt Pro Trainer Clinic
W	June 28 - Training Day Mead
W	July 11/12 - Judges Clinic Chicago IL
W	July 26 - Training Day Mead
W	August 1 - Carlstroms Chicken Day
W	August 23 - Training Day Mead
W	August 29/30 - Test Mead
♦	September 17-20 - Invitational OH

Membership Information

NAVHDA International dues:

New Member \$50

Special Value Package \$73.50 (not \$72.50 as earlier listed)

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.

Etcetera

Invitational Bound!

For 2009 we have the following dogs qualified:

Brent Catura	Autumn Legends Daisy	BS
Mike Melotik	Snowy Oak's Gopher	LM
Cortney Schaefer	Cora vom Illertal	GL
Corey Siegler	Rockwood's Kivalo Gunsmoke	VI
Matt Tepp	Rockwood's Kivalo Super Tramp	VI
Daniel Wall	Dankar's Dakota	GS
Joe Aumann	Ginny Vom Wendigjager	GW
John McKenzie	Soco's Mystic Lady	BS
Dan Gannon	Feldjaeger's Berit Gore	GS

Please note, Dan Gannon qualified Berit but I missed that on earlier newsletters - congratulations to Dan and Berit!

[International Meeting - Basket Challenge and Fundraiser](#)

Brent Catura will be attending the International Meeting in Portland, OR as our representative. The Chapter officers have decided that we will participate in the Basket challenge once again. This year, however, 50% of the proceeds from every basket raffeled off come back to the chapter, so this is a great fundraising opportunity for us.

The Basket includes: a hunt with Brent and Gary (2 day, 3 night guided grouse/woodcock), a fan mount and antler shed/picture frame the Tepp's, bottle of wine and gun case from the Carlstroms, pheasant feather pin from Marcia Huernefuss, and a few other small items.

Thank you all who attended the Annual meeting - it was a good time!

Joe Aumann has some neighbors (Amish) who will bulid pigion coups and quail recall pens , \$500 for pigeon and \$375 for quail. If you are interested call Joe at (715) 613-6868

To fill those new coops, Dave and Julie Carlstrom have some homer pigeons available for sale. If you are interested, please contact them via email at: dejac@wctc.net

Lunch Signup

Yes folks its time once again to fill the lunch signup sheet. We already have the first training day covered - lets see how many sign ups can be filled at the January annual meeting!

Lunch responsibilities -provide the main dish, soda and water, do set up and takedown of lunch. Submit receipts for main dish and beverages to Dave Spang for re-imbusement. Plastic ware and plates are provided by the chapter. A two burner stove is available to heat the main dish.

All members attending a training or test day are asked to provide a dish to pass (salad or dessert) to supplement the main dish.

Lunch funds are a significant portion of our fund raisers and it is an easy way to support the chapter members who volunteer their time and expertise in the field and water or as officers. Please consider signing up for a day - its easy, fun and appreciated by all members!

Lunch Sign Up

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Main Dish</u>
March 29	Carstroms & Brunis	Chili
April 26		
May 16 Handlers clinic		
May 17 Handlers clinic		
May 31	Marcia Huernefuss	
June 6 (test - Mead)		
June 6 (test - Carlstroms)		
June 7 (test - Mead)		
June 7 (test - Carlstroms)		
June 13 (pro seminar)		
June 14 (pro seminar)		
June 28		
July 26		
August 23		
August 29 (test - Mead double)		
August 30 (test - Mead double)		

Election Results

.We held elections for VP (see annual meeting minutes for details), Treasurer and Secretary - all officers remained the same. The proposed changed to by-laws passed, and we now have 4 board members, Sally Peeters, Dan Snider, TJ McKenzie, and Mike Melotik. Congratulations to all, and thanks to those who came to the meeting.

Sheryle Tepp

The 2009 Pheasant Fest will be held at the Alliant Energy Center (next to the Dane Co. Coliseum) in Madison on February 6, 7 & 8. The WR and NCW Chapters of NAVHDA have been asked to set up, take down and staff the NAVHDA booth during the show. Marcia and I helped out last year in Minnesota, it was a neat experience which we would gladly do again. I will be asking for volunteers to sign up at the January meeting. Ideally there would be 2-4 people at the booth at all times. Each shift lasts 2 hours, with the rest of the time free to wander the exhibits or view one of the workshops being presented. The seminar list is not yet published for this year, but last year included Rick Smith, Bob West, and Tracy Harmeyer, as well as Tom Dokken and Jerry Ray Cacchio representing non-pointing breeds. There are seminars on habitat management, a full schedule of youth activities, and more. Of course volunteers receive a pass to the exhibits for the day they are scheduled to staff our booth.

The area that our booth will be located is called Dog Alley, a mix of dog clubs, breed clubs, and pro dog trainers. One big attraction for the thousands of people coming through the exhibits is the chance to view (and pet and talk about) the many different breeds of dogs used for pheasant hunting. Exhibitors are encouraged to bring their dog to the show, and there are facilities provided for to exercise and manage the dogs. For more information check out their website: <http://pheasantfest.org>. Please contact me if you are interested in signing up. **Sheryle Tepp**

Pheasant Fest sign up sheet

I have included two sets of numbers, the first if we run 4 hour shifts, the second is if we get enough volunteers to run 2 hour shifts. Times have not yet been assigned.

Friday 2-4 teams

Matt & Sheryle Tepp
Tim, Sally, Jon Peeters
Dan Snider

Need one more person to run 2 hour shifts

Saturday 3-5 teams

TJ McKenzie, Tom Johnson
Marcia Huernefuss
Ken Pierce
Ryan Rice
Tom Johnson
Donna Cochenet? Possibly

Need 3 more people to run 2 hour shifts

Sunday 2-4 teams

Julie Carlstrom/Kathy Ruenger
Bob Popelka & Rachel
Gary Engebretsen

Need three more members to run 2 hour shifts