



Steady On Point

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From the training table of Brent Catura, NCW Chapter President:

It was so exciting to see all our old friends in NAVHDA again on our March 30th training day. I also was pleased to meet with a number of our new members. Good to have everyone on board. Holding the meeting at the DNR building on the Mead Grounds worked well due to the inclement weather.

Now that most of the snow has melted I'm outside working my pups. I'm working Red, who's 1 yr old, on trained retriever which consist of keeping her steady on point and killing a few birds for her. She's doing great retrieving to hand with no commands from me. Buddy, my 6 month old male pup is just out for runs, trying to figure out what grass is and where did all the white stuff go.

I have ordered ducks for our April 27th training day. To date I only have two orders, including myself, for ducks. Remember to order your birds 2 weeks before training day.

On a different subject, we recently had a member pass away in a logging accident, Gary Bohlman. I believe the Int'l is going to run a picture & article on Gary in the June issue of the NAVHDA magazine. One item of note is that in Gary's Will he stipulated that the proceeds from the sale of his dogs be donated to our chapter. He also made a donation to the Ruffed Grouse society I believe.

The next training day I'm expecting more spring like weather and we'll be meeting at our usual dog training area. Hopefully the weather cooperates and we can work the dogs a bit.

Hope to see you all there. Remember keep those dogs pointing steady.

Brent Catura

Also note we will have a mini work session picking up branches etc that the DNR will trim off on the road to the duck search water.

Sheryle Tepp

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2008 Important Dates

- ~~January 5th Annual Meeting 3pm Sky Club, 2202 Post Road, Plover, WI~~
- ~~January 18-19-20 Pheasant Fest Minn MN~~
- ~~January 31-February 2 International NAVDA Meeting Orlando FL~~
- ~~March 30 Mead Training Day~~
- April 18 Wolf Population meeting
- April 19 Wolf Stakeholders meeting
- ~~April XX MGA Work Day~~
- April 27 Mead Training Day
- May 25th Mead Training Day
- June 7th-8th Mead Test Days
- June 22th Mead Training Day
- July 12-13 Judges Workshop Conn
- July 20nd Mead Training Day
- August 10th Mead Training Day
- August 23rd-24th Mead Test Days
- August 28th-September 1st Invitational Minneapolis MN

First Time Handlers Plaque

We have a fund available for first time handlers who achieve a prize designation on their dog at one of our tests. If you qualify and send in for a plaque, send the receipt to the club treasurer for reimbursement. This fund was set up by a former club member , and so far we have had only one person get reimbursed from it.

Training Permits: Now that you have your training permits updated - how do you intend to keep them on hand? I have a helpful hint that can save you a fine if you should forget!

We use a large rubber tote to pack all our training equipment (use it during hunting season too for shells, vests, water bowls, first aid kit, you name it). I have an envelope taped to the lid of the tote, and keep the training permit and tags in the envelop so its available when we need it.

Sheryle Tepp

Club Business

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:

\$20 for first family member, \$5 per 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.

Membership Renewals

You should have received membership forms for the local chapter in the last newsletter - if you need another form check our internet site or call Sheryle Tepp or Dave Spang.

By joining the parent organization you help keep our insurance rates down as we purchase insurance through the International organization allowing our chapter to use live ammo on training and test days. Also, in order to run your dog in any chapters test you need to be a current member in good standing of the International organization.

We Need Volunteers!

If you haven't yet done so, please consider assisting the club with one of the lunches on our training and testing days. The sign up sheet is on page 5. Email or call me to reserve the date/place you would prefer.

The Spring test in June is rapidly approaching, and we will have sign up sheets at the May training day. If you have never attended a test before volunteering is a great way to learn what its all about, and to see some neat dog work. There are many positions we need to fill, especially as we will be running double tests on both days. Please consider giving your time on one or both days.

INFORMATION FROM THE DNR REGARDING TRAINING BIRDS

A few questions regarding use of training birds at the Mead came up that Tom Meyers was able to answer during our March meeting that would be good information for those who did not attend:

- Ducks are required to be shot or otherwise collected at the end of every training session. Ducks that have had their toe clipped do not require tags.
- Chukar do not require tags. Quail and pheasants however do require the tags issued with your permit.

Club Business

AKC/Breed Accomplishments

I will run a feature column for those people who campaign their dogs outside of NAVHDA. If you have something you would like included in this column I will need the following information:

- . Organization
- . Specific accomplishment (i.e. 2nd leg of the AKC junior hunt test)
- . Age/sex/breed of dog
- . Registered name of dog/owners name/handlers name

Other events

In addition to the NAVDA events that will be covered in our newsletter I will include any information you care to include regarding other key events, including AKC tests/shows in WI and the surrounding area, and any breed specific events/dates you would like to include.

AKC Hunt Tests for this spring:

- ~~3/22 Eagle WI~~
- . 4/12 & 13 Eagle WI
- . 5/3 & 4 Campbellsport WI
- . 5/17 & 18 Ottawa WI

Other NAVHDA Tests in WI

- . 4/17 & 18 WR Chapter
- . 5/31 & 6/1 WI Chapter
- . 6/7 & 6/8 KM Chapter
- . 6/28 & 29 WR Chapter
- . 7/11-13 KM Chapter
- . 8/2 & 3 KM Chapter

Invitational

Teams that have qualified for the 2008 Invitational from NCWNAVHDA Chapter:

Tim Peeters/Peerless Northwoods Jam
Scott Daenicke/Peerless First Light
Dan Snider/Isadora Von Enzstrand
Daniel Gannon/Dankar's Haupt Von Ebenbildt
Daniel Gannon/Grouse Point's Ancel Lear
Scott Daenicke/Peerless Prairie Wind
Matt Tepp/Rockwoods Kivalo Maverick
Gary Engebretson/CoCo
Ken Pierce/Molly
Brent Catura/Emma
Dick Sutherland/Tucker
Jonathan Peeters re-qualified Mags but since they earned VC she will not be running again.

Congratulations all!

Sheryle Tepp

Lunch Sign Up for 2008

We already have about 1/2 of the lunches arranged for - thank you to the volunteers! We always appreciate a solid meal on the training and test days. It would be good to see some new faces put on a lunch - please consider it! There is a bit of work that is required to put on a main dish, but the contributor is compensated for the main dish and drinks. The rest of the chapter contributes thorough donating dishes, and there are lots of hands helping to set up and clean up at the end. If you are willing - contact Sheryle Tepp for more info by email or phone (715) 345 - 0443.

Lunch Sign Up

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Main Dish</u>
March 30	Carstroms & Brunis	
April 27	Gannon	
May 22	Florian Wroblewski	
June 7 (test - Mead double)	Peeters	
June 8 (test - Mead double)	Huntrods	
June 22		
July 20	Schaeffer	
August 10		
August 23 (test - Mead double)		
August 24 (test - Mead double)		

West Nile Virus Study

The West Nile Virus has been detected in dead birds in Wood County. This virus can be passed from birds to humans and equines via mosquitos, results in encephalitis and can have severe consequences including death. The virus can infect a wide range of bird species, and corvids (crows, blue jays, and ravens) are highly susceptible to WNV. Once a highly susceptible bird becomes infected with WNV, death can occur within five to seven days. Dead birds are most often found singly, not in mass die-offs in one place at one time. Other WI wildlife with evidence of exposure to WNV include tundra swan, sandhill crane, goshawk, Coopers, sharp-shinned, and red-tailed hawks, bald eagle, merlin, mourning dove, hairy and downy woodpeckers, chickadee, robin, bluebird, grackle, cedar waxwing, gray squirrel, big and little brown bat, elk, and gray wolf.

Wisconsin has a reporting program that outdoorsmen and women are asked to support. If you should find a dead bird that you think could have this virus, please call the USDA Dead Bird Recording at 800 433 1610. If the bird is not decayed and you have the ability, using rubber or latex gloves pick up the bird, wrap in plastic bag and place in a cooler or refrigerator. The USDA will contact you to arrange for shipping to a test facility.

Information extracted from the WI DNR web site <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/whealth/issues>.

Other Business

I reprinted this from last years newsletter - timely as I picked off 100+ ticks this weekend!

Its Spring (or, fly, flea and tick season).

If you keep birds around your abode for training that quintessential bird dog, you may find the general fly population starts to exceed all other creatures in the vicinity by body weight alone. Fortunately we have many weapons against the flying hordes, and I have had the opportunity to trial several types (more due to the horses I keep around than the birds, but it seems they each attract their own peculiar varieties of flying pests). I have them listed in rank of my own personal preference.

FLIES

Keep animal waste and extra food cleaned up - these attract many of the biting pests.

Fly Predators. This small wasp (non stinging to humans and animals) preys on some, but not all, varieties of flies. I have noticed a significant reduction if not elimination of the larger types of flies (horse fly, bottle fly, bott fly). These predators run around \$120/year to purchase for a smaller operation. Fresh larvae are shipped monthly during the warm seasons (May - October). The larvae need to hatch in their shipping container, then they get spread near or on the fresh manure or guano where the flies are congregating. I used to order enough for a once montly application, but have found that I prefer to recieve the predators every 3 weeks - there was a noticable surge in the fly population after week 3. To order 1-866-227-5517.

Fly Traps. Quite inexpensive, these can be purchased at most farm supply stores. You will accumulate an astonishing number of small flies which are not affected by the fly predators. Simply break the internal vial, hang the trap near your kennels and bird cages and fill with water. The traps may occasionally need some additional water to keep the attractive active. Once the bag is full replace. I have gone through 4 of these fly traps in a year between the horse shelter, dog kennels and bird pens. This option works real well on the smaller biting flies.

- There are various sprays and topical insecticides - check the dog and horse sections in farm supply stores as many of the horse products are approved for dogs. Of course some are 1 month application, others are less. Its a judgement call which route you prefer to go. I prefer the permethin - containing horse sprays which are at a higher concentration than the typical dog sprays and seem to last a bit longer.
- Fly paper - sticky, ugly, messy, not something I prefer to deal with.

WOOD TICKS

- Topical sprays containing Permethin are effective, generally need to be applied at least once a week (daily if the dog gets wet) and are effective at repelling ticks. While these products are readily found in the pet section of varoius stores, I have found the most cost effective products to be lcoated in the horse section - be certain to check the bottle to confirm the products are safe for dogs. Purchase a wooly mitt to more consistently apply hte product.
- There are many commercial once-monthly applications that will repel to some extent, but certainly will kill ticks that attach themselves to the dog.
- And finally, when it comes to disposing of any ticks that may still find their way onto your dog or you, find an old spice jar and fill it 1/2 way with rubbing alcohol. Its a convenient way to kill the ticks after they are picked off.

Sheryle Tepp