



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, NCW Chapter President:

Recap Of Int'l Annual Meeting

The NAVHDA International annual meeting was held over the weekend of Feb. 1st, in Orlando, FL, which I attended as the NCW chapter delegate. There were no motions for the delegates to discuss/vote on, but we did have an agenda of items to discuss.

One topic was insurance. We currently have a one million dollar policy for a little over \$500/chapter. A proposal was made by the EC (executive council) group to make available to the chapters an additional million dollars of insurance for less than \$100/chapter. A letter/questionnaire will be sent to each chapter about this additional insurance. If the majority of the chapters want this extra coverage then we would have a two million dollar liability policy for a little over \$600/year, which is fairly inexpensive. There was much

discussion on how insurance is paid for by the chapters.

Another topic was about the Invitational using dogs that are running in the test to take turns at the retrieve of duck site while one does the remaining portion. No change on this for now, as this was just discussion at this point, though it might happen in future.

No site for the 2010 Invitational has yet been chosen. The EC did propose that the NCW chapter put together a bid for holding the 2010 Invitational at our Mead grounds. If we are interested we would need to put together a bid soon for it.

Overall the annual meeting was not the most organized in comparison to previous meetings but in the end it did get done.

Our chapter did not participate in the basket raffle. Out of about 70 total chapters, there were a total of 15 baskets. The top basket bid went to the Red River Valley chapter in ND for \$860. Their basket included a wild bird hunt, which was a big item of interest to everyone.

Newly appointed judges were announced at the meeting and our member Mike Crosby was elected. So be sure to congratulate Mike on becoming a judge.

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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.

Wolf Shareholders meeting update: Scott Daenike and Marcia Huernefuss are our club representatives for the upcoming meetings, but the general public is also welcome to attend. Both meetings noted in the list of important dates above (April 18th and 19th) will be held at the Days Inn in Wausau off exit 188, Hwy51, behind Walmart. Meeting times are from 10-4 on the 18th, and 9-3 on the 19th. The first day will be spent covering population information. The second day will be focus on the future of the wolf in Wisconsin and what if any changes are proposed. Please contact Scott or Marcia if you have any questions at peerless@newnorth.net.

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 (not from Jan 1st to Jan 1st).

Local dues: check the North Central Wisconsin NAVHDA (ncwnavhda.com) web site for the application and instructions, or contact Dave Spang for more information. A NCWNAVHDA dues form is attached for this newsletter only.

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.

Also note, the International membership dues are coming up March 1st. 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.

Training Permits:

Do not forget to check your training permits before you start this year. The permits run for 3 years and its easy to forget that they have expired - the DNR does check the Mead and other areas to ensure that permits are in hand. Of course - on official Chapter training days the Chapters training permit will cover all members. You can obtain training permits at the Mead Rangers center, or call your local DNR to determine where they will do registry. The fee is \$25/3 years.

Better yet, attend our first training day - Tom Meyers has agreed to attend the March 30th training day between 11:30 and 12:30 and either issue permits or collect them if other Class A training grounds are included in your application (each class A grounds is managed by a different county DNR and they individually must sign off on the permits you submit). I have attached a form that you can print out and have filled in ahead of time. If you intend to train at the Mead dog training grounds you MUST include that legal description as well. If you have more sites for training than allowed on the permit, fill out multiple copies of the permit application.

For each site, you must include the following;

Owners name, address and phone number

Legal description of property (available from platt book)

The Mead training grounds legal description is County Marathon, Township 26N, Range 6E, Section 34.

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

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 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.

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		
May 22	Marcia Huernefuss	
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>.