



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.

A Note From the Training Table of Brent Catura:

Spring training is almost here with our first training session on 8am, March 26th, at the Mead Training Grounds.

Scott Danieck, a senior member with many prize 1's in NA's and UT's for German Shorthairs will be our Director of Training for this first training day.

It looks like I will be there for training day and based on the present weather; we probably will only be doing fieldwork and basic training. With 3 fields we should be able to accommodate everyone.

We should also have pigeons for sale that day. Tim Peeters located someone with pigeons and is picking up 250 for us. His cost for the birds is \$3 each, but we haven't discussed the final sale price yet. If you're interested in buying some of these pigeons, please e-mail me with the quantity and I'll add you to the list. Hopefully we can supply everyone with birds.

On training day, we will also be holding an election for chapter President. So far I'm the only one candidate (yes, I have decided I could be Pres again), but I still have to be elected. The Board of Directors and Officers met Feb. 19th and appointed a new chapter Secretary along with a Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. You can read their articles in the pages following this page. We also finalized our pro-seminar for May 26th and 27th. This is a Fri. & Sat. seminar and we'll have a training day on Sun. the 28th. This looks like a great seminar that I'm planning to attend myself.

The MGA has scheduled two workdays this year. Saturdays April 29th and May 13th. The main project is to complete the fence line along the road (for dog safety).

Our June test is set for Sat. & Sun. June 3rd & 4th with a probable double test on Sat. of NA dogs to run at Dave & Julie Carlstrom's home.

My eight week trained retrieve class is almost done. All of the dogs are making great progress though some of the handlers still need their ears pinched yet to get things done correctly. But I'll stay on that also.

Till next time, keep those dogs pointing steady.

Brent Catura

First Training Day of 2006

We have a special request to those members who have ATV's: we would like one or two ATV's for this first training day to expedite bird planting. If you could bring your ATV, contact Brent Catura so he can coordinate with the training.

Some typical items to remember to bring:

- Bird bag, cage, something to hold your training birds in
- Water bowl for dogs
- Chains/stakes/leashes
- Folding chair (for those that just don't care to sit on cold, hard, backless bleachers)
- Dress for the weather – March is not as warm as February it seems so far
- Dish to pass if you are staying for lunch.
- Hunting stories from the previous year!

A Note From The Chapter Newsletter Editor

I would like to introduce myself, Sheryle Tepp, as your newsletter editor. My husband Matt and I own 3 Vizslas. We have been members of this chapter for about 4 years.

What this Chapter Has Done For Us

The chapter members have been wonderful from the start, helping us learn how to train our hunting companions and to enjoy them in a safe and consistent manner. Although we were not able to make it out of state this year, we were able to get onto pheasants several times. We were also fortunate to find a few grouse here and there this winter which were by far the best educational experience our dogs could have had, and we noticed significant improvement at a chucker hunt a few weekends ago in their points, steadiness, and backing.

Matt & Mojo



Mojo 10 months



Karma on Chucker Point



What We Are Doing For the Chapter

The newsletter will be issued the second week of the month, in time for ordering birds and information for the end-of-the-month meetings. You may see a few more publications early in the training season, as our club meetings are accelerated to permit more training days prior to the June 2nd – 4th testing days.

This newsletter is for you, the chapter member. If there are any articles, brag photos, funnies, or information that you would like to have included in the newsletter send my way. Also send suggestions for material even if you don't have an article built. My email is tepp@g2a.net.

What You Can Do For the Chapter

Even if you aren't the fully experienced, Utility or VC trainer that some of our dedicated chapter senior members are who help us with the hand-on training, there is a way you can help this club during the chapter meetings – and one of the most appreciated is to help with the main dish for the lunches! We are looking for volunteers to sign up for the 13 days when we are hosting meetings.

A sign up sheet is located below with the club dates. Please consider picking a day – you enjoy the meals when they are provided and it is an easy way to give back to the many talented people who are helping you learn. The

lunches can anything from chili to ham sandwiches to hot beefs (of course the hot food goes well early in the year). A large propane 2 burner cook top, coffee pot, table cloth and basic utensils are available through the chapter, and a few permanent grills are located at the shelter should they be needed. Of course, save the receipts and the club will reimburse for materials. All you contribute is the time and organization.

As you can see below, we only have 3 training days covered so far. Email me to sign up – there are only 13 training/testing days in this year and around 90 members – we should be able to cover meals without the same people signing up again and again. If you would be able to provide the main dish but don't want to do set up because you will be out in the field, I should be able to find someone willing to help.

As with the last few years, all other members are asked to bring a dish to pass to round out the lunch, and attendees will be charged \$5 for all they can eat. The funds go back to the chapter to pay for the main meal, and any extras to support clinics, additional training equipment for chapter use and to improve the Mead grounds.

Lunch Sign Up

	Name	Main Dish
March 26	Andy Larson	Chili
April 9	Kara Gannon	Sloppy Joes
April 23	Sheryle Tepp	Hot Beef
May 14		
May 28		
June 3 (test)		
June 4 (test)		
June 25		
July 23		
August 6		
August 20		
August 26 (test)		
August 27 (test)		
GONE HUNTING!		

Thank you in advance for signing up – it's an easy way to show how much you appreciate the efforts of the other chapter members!

A Note From The Chapter Secretary

Hi, I'm Kara Gannon the new Central Wisconsin NAVHDA chapter Secretary. Together with my husband Dan we have three GSPs (Etta, Edge, and Hilde) and plans for two more by summer (our new little girl "Berit" was born the 27th). I volunteered to be the secretary so that I could give something back to the chapter that has helped us so much with our training.

A Note From The Chapter Webmaster

Hello, my name is Ken Pierce and I have been a member of the North Central NAVHDA Chapter for two years (starting the third year). I have a Pudelpointer (Molly) and enjoy time in the field working with her. Like everyone else I am working to get her hunting abilities to the highest level to which she is capable. The Chapter members have been very helpful in recommending ways of training that I was not familiar with. My dog training experience comes from working with Labs (seven) and the training of a pointing dog has many similarities but there are also some issues with pointing dogs that you don't encounter with retrievers and vice versa. Molly and I have tested in NA where she did great. I took Molly to the utility test last fall when she was 22 months and she received a Prize Two in spite of my handling. This has been a great experience for me and I look forward to working with others again this year and further developing friendships with other dog training enthusiasts. I have volunteered to work on the website for our chapter. I am in the process of getting this information on my computer with the help of Mike Crosby who did the original set up and design of our website. Mike has other obligations that are demanding more of his time and he has asked that others perform the tasks he has previously performed. With Mike's help I hope to be able to get the website up to date within a few weeks and become capable of updating items as needed.

Report On the Int'l Annual Meeting From Board Member Mike Melotik

As reported in the last issue of NCW Newsletter, the NCW Board proposed a motion for NAVHDA to consider at its annual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona on January 20-22, 2006. One central theme of several of these motions was to create a "limited registration" mechanism so that offspring of dogs not eligible for breeding would not be registered by NAVHDA. Several NCW members attended that meeting to support these motions, one of which was our own. Our chapter was well represented by our members including Julie and Dave Carlstrom, Brent Catura, John McKenzie and myself.

The NAVHDA annual meeting began Friday morning with the officers' reports from the Executive Council. Upon completion of this report, NAVHDA President Dick St. Amant informed the delegates that the Executive Council had instituted a Limited Registry policy. Initially the E.C. called it a Non-breeding restriction, which implied that it was non-reversible. The delegates objected to this name and following discussion the E.C. changed the name to "Breeding Restriction." When the Executive Council broke for its midmorning meeting, the delegates discussed and considered the motions that were submitted by the chapters. All the motions that dealt with limited registration passed by a margin of 12-2. By late afternoon the discussion was completed and we broke for cocktails.

Although we enjoyed socializing, we did discuss the Breeding Restrictions that NAVHDA Executive Council had passed and all agreed it was good for the club. Indeed, it is far better than just returning to the event number system, which was the alternative. Over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, I had the opportunity to talk with several members regarding the hunting opportunities in Arizona. I had planned on hunting Quail a few days following the Annual meeting. That evening one of our chapter members was appointed a JUDGE for NAVHDA. A big CONGRATULATIONS! goes out to Brent Catura. The dedication and hard work had finally paid off and I hope to have the opportunity to judge with Brent this season.

Saturday morning came early and the NAVHDA meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. First order of business was to read each motion and have the delegates take a formal vote. The motions dealing with limited registration had passed, but the margin was closer; 9 for and 8- against. Why the discrepancy, when the day before it was 12 to 2, I am not sure. However, I believe that since the Executive Council had already passed its own version the delegates were more inclined to be content with that. The remainder of the motions failed. There was very little discussion of new business and that concluded the business. There was time for lunch and a quick run of the dogs before we had to get back for the banquet.

Brent, Julie Carlstrom and I had time to discuss the Breeding Restriction that the E.C. passed and agreed that this was satisfactory with what our chapter motion was requesting. At the banquet I had the opportunity to speak with several E.C. officers including Bob West, Michael Garriott, Tim Clark and Howard Zimmermann. I assured them that we were satisfied with their version of Breeding Restriction. The remainder of the night was very enjoyable spending time with NAVHDA friends and catching up. That evening, I turned in early because I was heading south for some Mearns quail hunting, in the morning. I did come back to Wisconsin with a few Mearns quail. I had a great time, and always look forward to getting together with NAVHDA friends.

Evan Graham Seminar

See flyer attached – scheduled for May 26th & 27th

Upcoming Test Dates

June 3 & 4 - Spring Test
August 26 & 27th - Fall Test

Vice Presidents Report

To the members of the North-Central NAVDHA Chapter: First off, I would like to introduce myself as your new Vice President. I'm confident that most of you already know me, but to those who may have just joined our club, my name is Dave Carlstrom.

I am a charter member of our chapter meaning that my wife, Julie, and I were among the first 8 or 10 people to participate in the very first organized training session that the chapter ever put together. This took place in about 1986 at Doctor Picconato's hunting land in Polonia. With the committed help of Ken Blomberg and his association with the Mead Wildlife Manager, Tom Miers, we managed to make the move to the present location. Our never-ending thanks and appreciation to both of these fine men! If this date is accurate, then this will be the chapters 20th anniversary year. I have already served as the V.P. and Test Secretary for our chapter, but this was a

few years ago. Dale Bruni was the President at the time. Along with both of us having two young kids, working a lot of over-time at our jobs and trying to remodel the old houses, we still had time to climb on rooftops to catch pigeons as well as taking all the test entries so the chapter could have another successful training session as well as run the scheduled Spring and Fall tests. Also, I have to say that none of this would have been possible without the help and commitment to the club by my wife, Julie. I would also like to add that Julie and I are both NAVHDA Judges.

Well, enough of that. I just wanted to fill you in with my association with the organization by filling you in with some of my past history. I would like to welcome all of you to another exciting year of NAVHDA events. I'm sure that after a long winter, you are as anxious as I am to get the dogs out of the house and kennels (and off the couch), and get in some constructive dog work. Above all, I hope we all have some fun too. Not only by spending time with the pooch, but by getting together with old friends for an enjoyable day. I hope you all realize how fortunate we are that Brent has found time in his busy schedule to serve another term as our President. As you know, he has been an excellent President in all ways, and I am proud to serve as a club officer along side of him. Brent was approved as a NAVHDA Judge at this year's annual meeting in Phoenix, AZ. Congratulate him when you get a chance. He'll make a fine Judge. Also, we can't forget to thank Andy Larsen for all of his hard work and time he put in while serving as our former Vice-President. Thank you Andy! A job well done!

Well, I look forward to seeing you at the training sessions and catching up on all the hunting stories. Thank you for voting me in as your new Vice-President!!! I will do the best I can to keep the chapter strong and effective

Oh, one more thing-----PLEASE GET YOUR TEST ENTRIES IN. Just a reminder to all who wish to test their dogs this year: please don't hesitate to get your test entries in ASAP. These openings fill up fast once the test dates are released. We always end up with people on the waiting list and some never can get in. We would like to see our own club members get in before people from other areas start to fill it up but we must accept them on a FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE POLICY. You can print off an Official Test Entry from the NAVHDA web site. This is the National clubs web site and can be found at navhda.org. See the flyer attached to this newsletter – thank you Tajia for pulling this together.

2006 Calender

March 26th - Training Day
April 9th - Training Day
April 23rd - Training Day
April 29th – MGA Work Day (8 am)
May 13th – MGA Work Day (8 am)
May 14th – Training Day
May 26 & 27th - Pro-Trainer Seminar, Smart Fetch with Evan Graham
May 28th – Training Day
June 3 & 4 - Spring Test
June 25th - Training Day
July 23rd - Training Day
August 5th - Carlstrom's Chicken Fun Day
August 6th - Training Day
August 20th - Training Day
August 26 & 27th - Fall Test

NAVHDA International News

As of January 1, 2006 the NAVHDA International dues will increase to the following:

New Member \$50
Special Value Package \$72.50
Renewal \$45
Spouse and Jr. \$22.50

The Lifetime Membership will not change.

In addition, the time period for all International membership dues has been changed to run from Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st of each year.

Chapter Dues

By now each of you have received in the mail a notice for chapter dues. Please fill out the form, place it in the preaddressed envelope and mail it with your dues if you have not already done so.

As a reminder, the revenue generated from membership dues covers chapter business expenses such as insurance, mailing costs, tec. Please print the information, especially your e-mail address. Thanks to those of you who get your newsletter already via e-mail, this has significantly reduced our newsletters costs. If you use e-mail and are not receiving the newsletter electronically, please contact us and we'll take care of it.

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