



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 Sheryle Tepp, Chapter Newsletter Editor:

This is the doldrums time of year, when we do taxes and maybe force fetch training inside, and think (dream) of the training we really want to do outside. We are between HUNTING and TRAINING seasons - could there be any other?

This article is meant for the newer members of our local chapter. We have several new people who joined this year, and hopefully all of you will be able to attend our first training session on Sunday, March 25th.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Rain or shine, we will meet at the Mead Dog training grounds pavillion at 8am. Directions are available on our web site. Needless to say, dress for the weather. There will be a brief (standing) meeting where the days training plans will be discussed and introductions made for new members. The meeting will be followed by bird distribution.

If you have ordered birds (see page 4) be certain to bring something to hold them in. This could be a cat or dog

kennel, rabbit cage or even 5 gallon bucket with a top and holes punched in.

After bird distribution, we will likely break up into groups based on training level needs (dog and handler). Lunch will be somewhere around noon (\$5/pp includes drinks, utensils etc, please also bring a dish to pass). Some people will stay around to continue training, others head out shortly after.

WHAT TO BRING: There is a good list of items to bring to the training day on the internet, but if you have a young puppy you will likely not need most of the items initially. Don't forget a chair for the handler (you) to sit on and dish to pass if you will stay for lunch (in cold weather that is often the best part of the day).

GET INTRODUCED: Prior to the 8am meeting please introduce yourself to a club officer or look me up (I will be the gal wearing a cowboy hat). We will either answer any questions you may have or get you introduced to another club member who can, and help you understand what is happening at that point.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN: This club does not plan on training your dog. However, we will help you learn HOW to train your dog. Many of our members

have been successful within NAVHDA and AKC, as well as being avid hunters, and will have tons of knowlege to share to help you humanely and safely train your gun dog.

Did I say gun dog when I should mention best friend? In my limited experience consistent, firm training (as promoted in this organizatoin) results in a much closer relationship with my dog, beyond what other dogs I have had as pets have been able to achieve. Mutual respect, understanding and reliance is built on the foundation of solid training.

We look forward to meeting you - welcome!

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2007 Important Dates

- January 6th Annual Meeting 3pm Sky Club, 2202 Post Road, Plover, WI
- January 26-28th International NAVDA Meeting Council Bluffs IA
- March 25 Mead Training Day
- April 22 Mead Training Day
- May 5-6th Location TBD Handlers Clinic
- May 27th Mead Training Day
- June 2-3rd Mead Test Days
- June 24th Mead Training Day
- July 7-8th NAVHDA Judges Workshop
- July 22nd Mead Training Day
- August 4 Carlstroms Fun Day
- August 12 Mead Training Day
- August 25-26th Mead Test Days
- September 27-30th Invitational Mexico MO

Check these dates against the calendar if you purchased one. The dates are correct in this newsletter.

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.

Check it out! Our new website is up and running! This is the go to place for bird ordering, old newsletters, training information, maps, schedules, photos and more.

www.ncwnavhda.com

Club Business

Club Calendar Update

There are still a few copies of the club calendar available. If you would like a copy mailed to you, send me a check written to NCWNAVHDA for \$25 (\$20 for calendar, \$5 for S/H). Any remaining copies will be brought to the March training day. You can email or phone your request to:

tepp@g2a.net or call (715) 345-0443.

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.

REPEAT BREEDING- German Wirehaired Pointers

The last breeding with Warren Wissower Klinken received a NAVHDA Natural Ability Breeders Award. Warren is a black & ticked, two time NAVHDA Utility One dog who was imported from Germany. This litter should produce driven bird finders with natural point & retrieve which will hunt for the gun. The last pups in their first full hunting season were pointing & retrieving WI. native game birds. Pups will be registered with NAVHDA & AKC. For more information please contact Bob Britten @ mbritten@tds.net or 715 238-7691

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.

To start this out, I have the following information:

NAVHDA tests around WI

WR chapter May 19 & 20, 2007
September 8 & 9, 2007

WI River chapter June 9 & 10, 2007
September 8 & 9

AKC Hunt Tests (check website for more details)

German Wirehair Club of Illinois and Brittany club of WI
March 24 & 25, Joliet IL
Eagle, WI

Kettle Moraine English Setter Club AKC
April 21 & 22, Eagle WI

German Wirehair Pointer Club of WI
April 28, Eagle WI

West Allis Training Kennel Club
April 28, Big Bend WI

Gordon Setter Club of America, Inc
April 29, Waukesha, WI

Bird orders for 2007

We have been fortunate to secure suppliers for quail, pigeons and ducks again this year. However, there will be some limitations on how many birds each member/family can purchase. If you require large numbers of birds for training (and believe me sometimes you do) you will need to find another source.

For all of the birds the preferred route for ordering is through the club website, on email or last resort a phone call. Bird orders will only be taken in the time period of between 2 and 4 weeks prior to the training day that you are ordering for.

Quail - \$4.25@, limited availability after the June test, no more than 12 birds per order. Kara Gannon is the contact. TRAINING PERMITS REQUIRED if you plan on taking these birds home and train with. While on the Mead dog training grounds on training days you are covered under the club permit.

Pigeons - \$3.50@, no more than 12 birds per order. Tim and Sally Peeters are the contact.

Ducks - \$9.00@ (subject to change). Brent Catura is the contact.

Lunch Sign Up for 2007

I want to thank every one for last years efforts for the lunches – we are a large enough club that having a midday break with drinks and good food makes it easier to work through the day with our dogs and other handlers. However, the cycle starts all over again this spring. If you need information regarding serving the lunch please let me know. Thanks, Chaundra, for that good idea.

Lunch Sign Up

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Main Dish</u>
March 25	Kara Gannon	Chili
April 22	Tim & Sally Peeters	BBQ
May 5 (Handlers Clinic)	Doug Huntrods	Ham/Turkey
May 6 (Handlers Clinic)	Ken Pierce	Venison Chili
May 27	Marcia Huehnerfuss	Ham Sandwich
June 2 (test - Mead)		
June 2 (test - Carlstrom)		
June 3 (test - Mead)	Mary Siegler	Shredded Venison
June 3 (test - Carlstrom)		
June 24		
July 22		
August 19		
August 25 (test - Mead)		
August 26 (test - Mead)		

