



# 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 un-cared for dogs.

Special Points of Interest in 2015

April 26 - Training Day  
 May 31 - Training Day  
 June 6/7 Spring Test

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## Presidents Report - Gary Engebretsen

The weather wasn't the best but this is the first year in the last 3 or 4 that we actually got to train on the last Sunday of March. I was pleasantly surprised at the good turn-out. It was a little cool but the dogs warmed us up.

Thanks to several chapter members we had a good supply of pigeons. Hopefully our suppliers will get us a large amount for April. Chukars and ducks will be available for April but get your orders in right away. We do not have a supplier of quail and we won't get any pheasants until May.

Because of the lack of moisture this spring, the water site for the duck search for Utility has not yet been determined. The officers will continue to seek out a spot but we are hoping to get some rain to fill up some of the ponds.

For those of you that are relatively new to NAVHDA, the Chapter is holding a Handlers Clinic this summer. Handlers Clinics help people to understand the testing

system. You would participate in learning the scoring system and understanding what the judges are looking for. This is a great way to learn and get involved. It is also a requirement if you ever want to become a judge. Contact the Carlstroms if you are interested.

As soon as the weather does cooperate, we hope to have a "work day" at the training grounds. I will notify all chapter members when a day has been set so watch for an e-mail. Remember that this State land is ours to use but in return we need to somewhat maintain it. We are very fortunate to have these grounds available to us.

I would like to thank Courtney Schaeffer for stepping up and helping out in getting the changes made to the Dog Training Permits. Her DNR status and NAVHDA chapter membership, I'm sure was a big influence on the changes.



## Training Permits - *Sheryle Tepp*

Cortney Schaeffer provided a great update to our chapter with regards to rules changes coming in this year on training permits. I believe I have them captured correctly below - but keep checking the DNR website for updates.

- 1) you can still get a three year permit this spring, but at some point this year the permits will be transitioned to an annual renewal.
- 2) it is no longer necessary to list all of the dog training grounds, or private lands that you have permission to train on.
- 3) when the permits are moved to annual renewal you will be able to purchase them through normal licensing vendors such as Fleet Farm. Tags will still be required for pheasant and quail only and will have to be secured from a DNR station.
- 4) there are over 50 sites in WI that are available to dog trainers - I never realized there were so many. At some point this year these sites will also be available on the DNR website.
- 5) permits must still be kept on your person when training.

**Once you have your permit, keep it with you when training. Use the leg bands on game birds. One easy tip is to place the permit and tags in a sturdy zip lock baggy and keep it with your training equipment (a covered tote bin is a great way to keep your gear organized). I tape the baggy on the inside of the tote bin lid so its always available and not sitting in the wrong vehicles glove compartment.**

### Membership Information

#### **NAVHDA International dues:**

New Member/Renewing member \$60  
Premium Membership Package \$83.50  
Spouse and Jr. \$30

#### **NCWNAVHDA Dues:**

Membership dues run Jan-Jan, \$25 for first family member, \$5/additional family member, \$5 additional for newsletter postage if you do not have email. Check the North Central Wisconsin NAVHDA ([ncwnavhda.com](http://ncwnavhda.com)) web site for the application and instructions, or contact Dave Spang for more information.

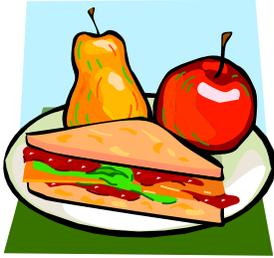
## Canine Influenza Alert - *Jill Colloton-Werner*

The Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association recently alerted veterinarians and dog owners that canine influenza virus (CIV), or dog flu, was diagnosed in a Dane county dog this week. CIV has infected hundreds of dogs in Chicago and five have died. This is the first case in Wisconsin. It is spread primarily by contact with an infected dog, but can live on surfaces for up to 48 hours and on hands for up to 24 hours. A vaccine is available for dogs at risk.

There is no need to avoid training day or other events, but some precautions should be taken:

- Talk to your veterinarian about your dog's risk potential and consider vaccination.
- If your dog is coughing or "not right" see your veterinarian immediately.
- Avoid direct contact with other dogs. At training day we will ask everyone to leave their dogs in the vehicle except when in the field.
- Wash your hands with soap or sanitizer after petting dogs that aren't your own.
- Bleach diluted 1 to 30 with water easily kills the virus on surfaces.

More information about CIV is available at [www.avma.org/KB/Resources/FAQs/Pages/Control-of-Canine-Influenza-in-Dogs.aspx](http://www.avma.org/KB/Resources/FAQs/Pages/Control-of-Canine-Influenza-in-Dogs.aspx)



Consider managing a lunch to help out those who are helping you learn about training your pointing dog!

Our chapter enjoys the benefits of a mid-day meal. Donations from the meals are one of our most important fund raisers. As you can see below there are LOTS of opportunities to volunteer - please consider helping out by signing up for a lunch - it is appreciated by all members. Cost for the main dish will be reimbursed by the chapter - all it costs you is your time. See Jill for details.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Signed up</b>
<b>March 29</b> - Training Day	Deb/Joe Mella
<b>April 26</b> - Training Day	Chris Trina
<b>May 31</b> - Training Day Mead	
<b>June 6</b> - Test Mead (Double)	
<b>June 7</b> - Test Mead (Double)	
<b>June 28</b> - Training Day Mead	
<b>July 26</b> - Training Day Mead	
<b>August 23</b> - Training Day Mead	
<b>August 29</b> - Test Mead (Double)	
<b>August 30</b> - Test Mead (Double)	



*Bird ordering is only available to ACTIVE chapter members. We provide these training birds to our active membership as a service - the intent is to provide enough birds to give members what their dogs need on training days, and perhaps a few extra for the weeks leading up to the next training session.*

*You cannot train bird dogs without Birds! Get your bird orders in as soon as possible. We have Chukar and Quail available for our training days this year. Pigeons are again going to be in short supply this year, we do not know if they will be readily available. Ducks will be available for the training days starting in April - orders must be placed one week prior to the date for pigeons and chukar, two weeks prior for ducks. Place your orders on the Chapter website. We expect the Chukar to be around \$10, quail \$6, ducks \$15, pigeons \$4-5.*

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## 2015 Important Dates

March 29 - Training Day  
April 26 - Training Day Mead  
??? - Mead Work Day  
May 31 - Training Day Mead  
**June 7/8 - Test Mead (Double)**  
June 28 - Training Day Mead  
July 26 - Training Day Mead  
August 1/2 - Handlers Clinic Carlstroms  
August 23 - Training Day Mead  
**August 29/30- Test Mead (Double)**

### Invitational Test

09/10/2015 to 09/13/2015

2015 Invitational Test Location:  
Bloomingdale Ohio

## Our Sponsors

There are many companies and non-profit organizations who sponsor NAVHDA. Their continued support has helped ensure the stability and future of our organization. Please support them, and be sure to mention you are a member of NAVHDA when you can!

