



# 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.

## Presidents Letter - Gary Engebretsen

I recently returned from the NAVHDA International Annual Meeting. This was my first time attending the meeting and it was an educational event. Let me tell you a little about what transpired.

First there was a swearing in of the new officers:

- David Trahan – President
- Joe Raia - Vice President
- Joe Dolejsi - Treasurer
- Steve Greger - Secretary
- Tim Clark - Director of Testing
- Chip Bonde - Director of Judge Development
- Wally Richardson - Director of Invitational
- Jason Wade - Director of Promotions
- Tracey Nelson - Registrar
- Jim Applegate - Director of Information Resources
- Marilyn Vetter - Past President

The Director of Invitational is a new position. Of the 75 Chapters in NAVHDA, 28 were represented at the meeting. Membership and test dogs were up slightly for 2013. A trend of slow but steady growth.

### Motions:

#1 – Motion to require a delegate from any chapter submitting a motion to provide reasoning for the motion. Motion approved unanimously by delegates. Rejected by Board.

#2 - Motion to require a delegate from any chapter submitting a motion to provide reasoning for the motion. Motion approved unanimously by delegates. Rejected by Board.

#3 – Motion that all Invitational judges must run a dog in the Invite at least once every twelve years. Motion was not submitted in time so it was a discussion item only.

#4 – Discussion item only – requirements to have chapters supply viewing areas at test sites. The discussions on all items were almost identical to the discussion we had at our Chapters Annual Meeting.

Discussion on the upgrades to the Insurance Plan. Basically all SCHEDULED events that involve dogs and guns by the chapter are covered. The key word is SCHEDULED.

An anonymous person donated \$200,000 to NAVHDA's youth program. EC is studying the best ways to use the money.

Budget – the EC was happy to announce that 2013's budget came out in the black. A small profit was actually gained compared to the past few years of losses.

### Special Points of Interest in 2014

New Members workshop  
March 22 1pm Gary E's home

March 30 training day  
Mead Grounds 8am

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## Secretary's Report - *Sheryle Tepp*

On January 4, 2014 the NCW chapter held its annual meeting. I have a summary of the elections and motions below, but the full minutes are not included in this newsletter.

An election committee was appointed by Gary, to include Joe Lass, Neil Roberts and Steve Hanson. Elections were held for the following offices, with the results noted:

**President** - Gary Engebretsen re-elected.

**Vice President** - Dan Snider re-elected (many thanks to Mike Melotik for stepping up during Dans absence).

**Board members** Mike Melotik and Jamie Kuhn up for reelection. Tim Peeters was elected, and Jamie was re-elected.

The chapter discussed the 4 motions for the International meeting as Gary noted in his letter.

Our calendar of events has been established and shared with the Mead Grounds Association, all dates appear to be in order. The list of dates in on the last page of this newsletter.

Chapter membership dues are recommended to be raised by \$5 to offset the cost of the website manager who has already done wonders with our chapter website. This was accepted by the membership.

Due to the increasing cost of birds the test fees also will need to be increased slightly by \$10/test. In addition for this years spring test a mix of chukar and quail will be used so we can break even. This will take our NA test to \$100, and the UPT/UT test to \$135. Non members will have a \$25 upcharge, and youth will continue with the 50% discount.

Terry Christensen agreed to handle the merchandise table again this year - thanks!

A local veterinarian may be available to conduct an eye CERF test - need to survey membership for interest.

Our NAVHDA sign was stolen during our August test - Joe Lass agreed to make a new sign for our March training day.

Donations to charities will now be limited to \$100 (excluding the MGA), and the following charities were selected: Learn to hunt Waterfowl, Ruffed Grouse Society Youth day.

If anyone has a potential field for the spring test near the Mead please let Gary know.

The Handler of the year was presented by Courtney Schaeffer to Pete Bistis. The Dog of the year was presented by Dan Hochleitner to Cortney.

Membership Information

**NAVHDA International dues:**  
New Member/Renewing member \$60  
Premium Membership Package \$83.50  
Spouse and Jr. \$30

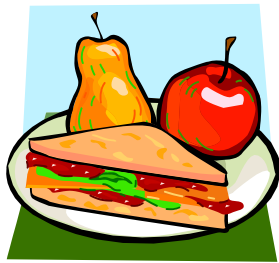
**NCWNAVHDA Dues:**  
Membership dues run Jan-Jan, \$25 for first family member, \$5/additional family member, \$5 additional for newsletter postage if you do not have email. Check the North Central Wisconsin NAVHDA ([ncwnavhda.com](http://ncwnavhda.com)) web site for the application and instructions,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

## MEAD GROUNDS ASSOCIATION NOTES OF SPECIAL INTEREST- *Sheryle Tepp*

The MGA grant is still in process but must be closed by June of 2014. Work remaining is stump removal at pool 5, addition of gravel for the parking area, addition of gravel for the parking on field 1. Finances are in very good shape, we anticipate coming in under budget.

Pool 5 weed control was discussed at the MGA meeting, with the final determination that the pool will be drained fully in mid June (meaning we will have that area for the June UT test) and the pool will remain empty for the remainder of the year and will not be filled again till the spring of 2015 to kill off the water shield and lily pads. This technique was tested by the Mead DNR on a different body of water a few years ago and appeared to do a good job of reducing weed growth. Gary spoke with Woody Gruber and received permission to use his water sites off of Hunter lane for our chapter members for training and for the August test.

The wood harvest is complete around fields 1 and 2. At the MGA meeting a question was raised regarding our ability to keep more area cleared for our use. We have permission to move and pile up the tops and limbs left from the harvesting back into the wooded areas, and if the chapter desires stumps can also be removed before April 15th. We will want to look at the possibility of brush removal at the least during our March training day.



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 Sheryle for details.

**Date**

**Signed up**

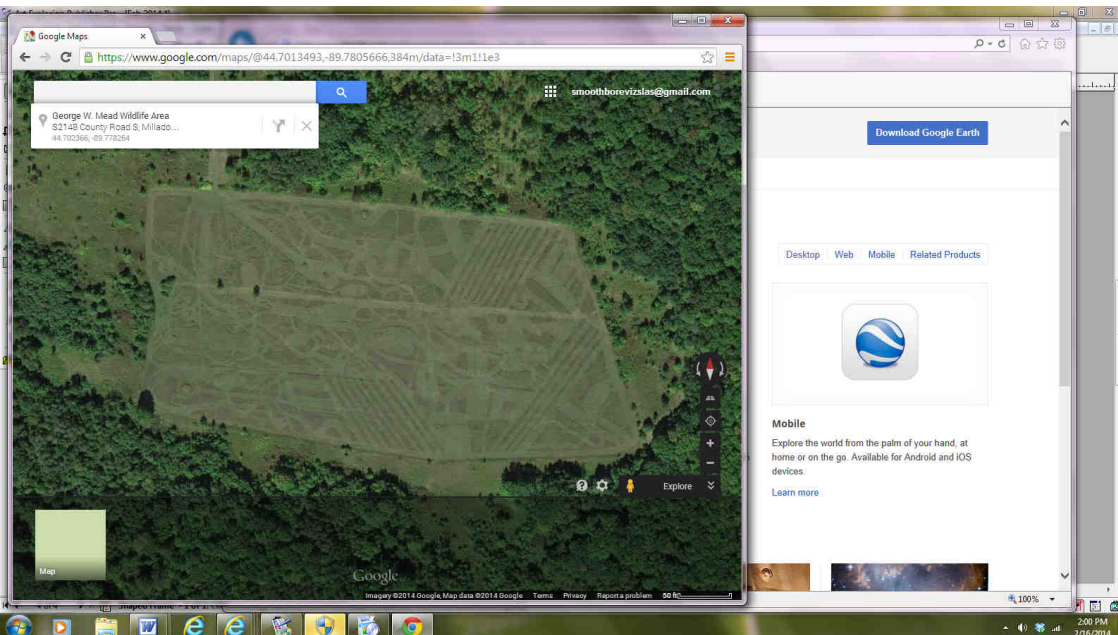
- March 30** - Training Day
- April 27** - Training Day
- May 25** - Training Day Mead
- June 6** - Test Mead (Single)
- June 7** - Test Mead (Double)
- June 8 - Test Mead (Double)
- June 29** - Training Day Mead
- July 27** - Training Day Mead
- August 10** - Training Day Mead
- August 23 - Test Mead (Double)
- August 24**- Test Mead (Double)
- August 25**- Test Mead (Double)



*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 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 - 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 \$12, quail \$6, ducks \$15, pigeons \$4-5. Ducks will not be available until the April training day.

Its funny how your perspective changes - do you know what field this is at the Mead?

Hint - we do not have permission to run dogs on this field until after August 1st.



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## 2014 Important Dates

March 30 - Training Day  
April 27 - Training Day Mead  
??? - Mead Work Day  
May 25 - Training Day Mead  
**June 6/7/8 - Test Mead (Double)**  
June 29 - Training Day Mead  
July 27 - Training Day Mead  
August 10 - Training Day Mead  
**August 22/23/24- Test Mead (Double)**

### Invitational Test

**09/11/2014 to 09/14/2014**

**2014 Invitational Test Location:  
Searsboro, Iowa**

## 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!

