



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 Report - Gary Engebretsen

We've been waiting for the weather to break and finally it did. Here we go into the dog training season. I'm excited to get started. I saw so many nice dogs last year and can't wait to see how they have matured and learned their lessons. I'm also anxious to talk with friends that I haven't seen.

I've been preparing for the "new member orientation" set to be at my house on Saturday March 21st at 1:00pm. In the May issue of Versatile Hunting Dog magazine, there will be an article about the orientation. This is a unique program that our Chapter introduced a few years back and has become a big hit with new members. If you know of a person who is not a member yet but is interested, please forward the information to them.

We are working hard to try and find pigeons. Thought we had a good amount and the guy backed out. Hopefully we will have at least some, so place your orders soon.

The web site has been updated. If there is anything that we have missed or you want added, please contact Sheryle Tepp.

For those of you that haven't heard, our duck search area is drained and will remain that way all of this year. We are looking at different sites for training and testing and will notify everyone once a decision has been made. Our decision will have a little delay since we need to see the waters once the ice melts off.

Training tip: Always end your training session on a positive note, even if it takes some extra time

Special Points of Interest in 2015
 March 21 - New member orientation
 March 29 - Training Day
 April 26 - Training Day
 May 31 - Training Day
 June 6/7 Spring Test

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Training Permits - *Sheryle Tepp*

New members should be aware that Wisconsin requires a training permit in order to shoot game birds during the off season. Bring a copy of the permit to the Mead Grounds DNR station on Cty Hwy S to receive the leg tags you will need for allowable game birds (chukar, quail, pheasant, duck).

As a reminder, training permits must be renewed every three years. Be sure to have the legal descriptions and landowner signatures completed and bring \$25 for the licence fee.

For rules and regulations on training permits go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/wm/wm0444.pdf>.

For the training permit itself go to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/forms/9400/9400-167.pdf>.

There is some question whether the Mead Dog training grounds must be included on your permit - I suggest you ask the warden on duty. There have been rule changes over the past year that we are still trying to catch up on.

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

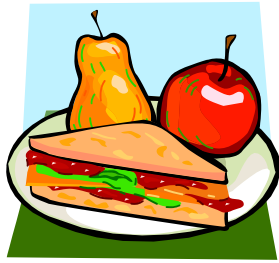
NAVHDA International dues:

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) web site for the application and instructions, or contact Dave Spang for more information.

Is Spring here yet?



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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Signed up</u>
March 29 - Training Day	
April 26 - Training Day	
May 31 - Training Day Mead	
June 6 - Test Mead (Double)	
June 7 - Test Mead (Double)	
June 28 - Training Day Mead	
July 26 - Training Day Mead	
August 23 - Training Day Mead	
August 29 - Test Mead (Double)	
August 30 - 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 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!

