



# NCW NAVHDA NEWS

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## Letter from the President



I want to start by thanking everyone who came to our first training day of 2024. People showed up early and they showed up ready to help and support others. It was awesome to experience the camaraderie and teamwork.

We had 80+ attendees and ran a total of 47 dogs by 2:30pm. We owe a resounding THANK YOU to our experienced members for volunteering their time, knowledge, and energy to walking with the handlers and their dogs.

UT Field Mentors: Gary Engebretson, TJ McKenzie, Sheryle Tepp, Mike Melotek, and Chris Trina.

Gunners: Brian Roth, Taylor Helmuth, Matt Tepp, Jon Yeager, and Daryl Platz.

Puppy Field Mentors: Megan Helmuth & Maddie Schopf.

Hats off to the unsung Bird Planter heroes, as well.

Big thanks to Sheryle Tepp for bringing the fantastic main dish for lunch.

**OUR** club is what it is today because of the dedicated members that continue to show up and the ones who GIVE. I view NCW NAVHDA as a service to our members and supporting our Mead Training Grounds through conservation, volunteering, and monetary support to the Mead Grounds Association. We are not in the business of turning over profits and keeping large sums of cash in the NCW checking account. While there are many costs involved in running our chapter training days, tests, and clinics; profits made go toward a better overall experience for members now and in the future.

I hope that everyone is looking forward to the coming training and testing days as much as I am. If our first training day is an indicator of what's to come, we are on track to an incredible season.

Keep up-to-date with the latest club news and updates, reminders for bird orders and important dates by following the [NCW NAVHDA Facebook](#) page and the new Instagram account [@ncwnavhda](#).

See you all soon!

*Casey Koback*

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# Message from the Secretary...

So many new and exciting things to share from the past month including a partnership that has formed between Autumn and I for all things tech. I have had a lot of these ideas in my head for how the club could improve processes over the last few years and she has been the force to help make it happen.

**Newsletter.** Autumn and I are so excited to share this new format for the newsletter. We hope you like it! We have found a great product that will let us collaborate together, is easy to use, and in just a few short days we completed the new layout of the newsletter.

**Website.** If you haven't checked out the website lately - take some time to see what is new. Lots of new photos, you can now purchase your membership online, and even order and pay for birds online - see the next page to read about the Bird Order Update.

**Membership.** Thank you to all who have renewed their membership, especially those who have renewed online. To date, we have 155 members; 46 of those are new in 2024!! In March, our chapter hosted a new member orientation for 24 new members. We are excited to have them as a part of the club!

**Social Media.** Follow us on Social Media (Facebook and Instagram) for updates/reminders/photos from training and test day - links below in Communication section.

 *Deb Mella*

NCW NAVHDA Secretary

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## Communication | Photos | Social Media

*Behind the scenes...*



Deb Mella is the NCW NAVHDA Secretary and a frequent contributor to Facebook posts with a love for photography. The majority of important and time sensitive updates are sent to members from Deb via the Secretary email (ncwnavhda@gmail.com).

She is also the Administrator of the official [NCW NAVHDA Facebook Page](#). As the NCW Secretary, she manages the detailed Facebook posts that are often shared shortly before training and test days.



Autumn Koback is the interim NCW NAVHDA Treasurer for 2024. Most training and testing days you'll find her walking the fields and crouched in the sidelines snapping photos of handlers and their dogs (and trying to sort, edit, and post them the same weekend!) She manages the new [NCW NAVHDA Instagram](#) page and is the gal behind the new "Don't Forget to Order Your Birds" graphics and posts.



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# BIRD ORDER UPDATE



We've had some big changes when it comes to placing your bird orders online at [NCWNAVHDA.org/bird-orders](https://ncwnavhda.org/bird-orders).

In March, we were able to automate the process so you receive a confirmation email immediately upon placing your order. This update has been an enormous timesaver for our dedicated bird man, Brian Werner — who not only has been volunteering for **THIRTEEN YEARS** to coordinate, manage, and maintain our pigeon sources, but has also been responsible for responding to individual bird order emails/requests for years. Anything we can do to help him is worth it to us!

In April, we took it a step further and now offer the option to pay for bird orders online. You can continue to pay with cash or check at pick-up on training day if you prefer - just select the Offline Payment button during checkout. For folks who choose to pay online, just check-in at the bird pen table before collecting your birds.

These updates also mean you will know what bird prices are and what your total is upon ordering — so you can come extra prepared when training day rolls in.

We hope you are enjoying these updates as much as we are!

*Autumn Koback*

🐾 Autumn Koback  
NCW NAVHDA Treasurer

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## Come Train with Us!

Our training season is under way and we hope you will join us for the next training day on Saturday, April 20 at 8:00am.

As a reminder, in May our training days will start at 7am so that we can start before it gets too hot.

We hope you will stay for the day and have a chance to not only work with your dog, but also walk along and watch or help others train their dogs.

We offer a lunch (main course) for \$5 per person and ask that you bring a dish to pass.

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## Come Test with Us!

We are excited to host tests in June, July, and August this year. At this time all tests are full, however; if you are interested in testing your dog, we encourage you to sign up and get added to our waitlist. We expect that spots will open up in the August test.

If you would like to sign up for a test please send your [test entry form](#) and test registration fee to test secretary, [Jill Colloton](#). (\$150 Natural Ability, \$175 Utility & Utility Prep - checks made out to NCW NAVHDA)

If you and your dog aren't quite ready to test, consider volunteering at a test! It is a great opportunity to learn more about the test day.

Dates and information can be found on the [NCWNAVHDA.org](http://NCWNAVHDA.org) website.



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# NCW NAVHDA is sponsoring two clinics this year!

These are fantastic opportunities to learn more about NAVHDA testing and how the tests are scored.

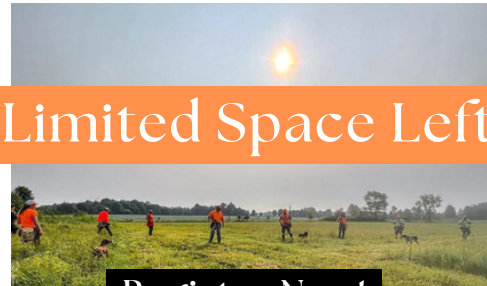


**Register Now!**

## Aims & Rules \$160

Join us for our Aims & Rules Clinic. Here is what you need to know:

- Date: 11-12 May 2024
- Location: Junction City, WI
- Clinic Leader: Keith Kemmer
- Learn about the NAVHDA system and philosophy of judging versatile hunting dogs
- For more details or any questions, contact Desiree Stormont. Call/Text 414.870.3306 or email [toldt@uwalumni.com](mailto:toldt@uwalumni.com)



**Limited Space Left!**

**Register Now!**

## Invitational Handlers Clinic \$250

Join us for our upcoming Invitational Handlers Clinic. Here are the details:

- Date: 22-23 June 2024
- Location: Junction City, WI
- Clinic Leader: Mark Whalen
- Learn about the NAVHDA Invitational Test Segments and Scoring System
- For more details or any questions, contact Desiree Stormont. Call/Text 414.870.3306 or email [toldt@uwalumni.com](mailto:toldt@uwalumni.com)



## Volunteers Needed!

We love our volunteers and they are truly what makes NCW NAVHDA a success! Here are some of the available opportunities:

- **Lunch.** Bring the main course for approximately 50 people. Dates available in May, June, July, and August for Training days or Testing days.
  - Contact [Deb Mella](#) to volunteer.
- **Test Day Volunteers.** Planting birds, or being a Field Marshall are fun, and great ways to learn more about the tests.
  - Contact [Jill Colloton](#) if you are interested in helping.

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# MEMBER FAVORITES

We asked our Vice President, Desi Stormont, what one of her favorite wild game recipes is -- she was quick with her response, sharing this [Hank Shaw recipe for Pheasant Piccata!](#)



*"For anyone looking to venture into the world of wild game, but you're trying to think outside of the "cream of something" box, Hank Shaw's Pheasant Piccata is hands down one of my favorite pheasant recipes. The sauce from this recipe is citrusy and sour, which gives a great balance to the pheasant and compliments it so well. Even those who don't "love" wild game will be impressed by this flavor profile. I love to serve this over some buttery mashed potatoes with a side of green beans. Top it off with a nice chilled white wine and some chat about that fall hunt that brought this bird to the table!" -- Desiree Stormont*

## PHEASANT PICATTA

- 4 to 8 pheasant, chicken, partridge or grouse breasts  
*skinless and boneless*
  - Salt and black pepper
  - 1/2 cup flour
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1/4 cup unsalted butter, divided
  - 1/2 cup white wine
  - 2 tablespoons lemon juice
  - 2 tablespoons small capers
  - 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
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- Put each breast between two sheets of plastic wrap and pound them flat with a rubber mallet, empty wine bottle or meat mallet. You want them about 1/4 inch thin if you can. Better to err on being too thick than thin. Salt and pepper the cutlets well and dust with the flour. White flour is traditional here, but I like to pair darker flours with game, so I use whole wheat, rye or spelt flour.
  - Get the oil and half of the butter hot over medium high heat, and saute to the floured breasts for 3 minutes on one side, 2 minutes on the other. You may need to do this in batches. Move to a plate and tent with foil.
  - Pour in the lemon juice and white wine and scrape any brown bits off the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon. Add the capers and boil this down by half over high heat, maybe 2 minutes. Turn off the heat and put the pheasant breasts on serving plates. Put the remaining butter in the saute pan and swirl it around until it melts. The sauce should be emulsified and smooth. Pour over the pheasant and garnish with the parsley.
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# 2024 NCW NAVHDA Board Members



**Casey Koback**

President



**Desiree Stormont**

Vice President



**Autumn Koback**

Treasurer



**Deb Mella**

Secretary



**Jon Yaeger**

Board Member



**Joe Mella**

Board Member



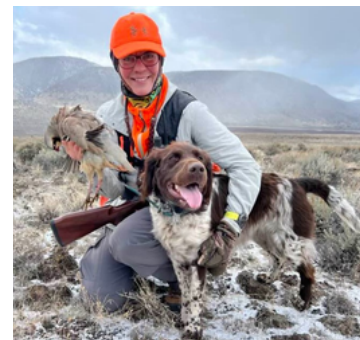
**Mike Duffin**

Board Member



**Brian Roth**

Board Member



**Jill Colloton**

Test Secretary

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## 2024 MGA DOG TRAINING GROUNDS SCHEDULE

| DATE            | CLUB                     | DAY             | START          | END            | EVENT                      |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| <b>04/06/24</b> | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> | <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Club Training</b>       |
| 04/07/24        | DL-GNA                   | Sunday          | 8:00 AM        | 1:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 04/09/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 04/16/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| <b>04/20/24</b> | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> | <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Club Training</b>       |
| 04/21/24        | DL-GNA                   | Sunday          | 8:00 AM        | 1:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 04/23/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 04/27/24        | Muddy Waters             | Saturday        | 8:00 AM        | 1:00 PM        | Work Day                   |
| 04/30/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 05/02/24        | Muddy Waters             | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| <b>05/04/24</b> | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>7:00 AM</b> | <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Club Training</b>       |
| 05/05/24        | DL-GNA                   | Sunday          | 8:00 AM        | 1:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 05/07/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 05/09/24        | Muddy Waters             | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 05/11/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Saturday        | 8:00 AM        | 4:00 PM        | <b>Clinic</b>              |
| 05/12/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Sunday          | 8:00 AM        | 4:00 PM        | <b>Clinic</b>              |
| 05/14/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 05/16/24        | Muddy Waters             | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| <b>05/18/24</b> | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>7:00 AM</b> | <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Club Training</b>       |
| 05/21/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 05/23/24        | Muddy Waters             | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 05/25/24        | Muddy Waters             | Saturday        | 8:00 AM        | 1:00 PM        | Work Day                   |
| 05/28/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 05/30/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Set Up for Test</b>     |
| 05/31/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Friday          | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | <b>Testing</b>             |
| 06/01/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Saturday        | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | <b>Testing</b>             |
| 06/02/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Sunday          | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | <b>Testing</b>             |
| 06/04/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 06/06/24        | Muddy Waters             | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 06/11/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 06/13/24        | Muddy Waters             | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| <b>06/15/24</b> | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>7:00 AM</b> | <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Club Training</b>       |
| 06/16/24        | JGV-USA                  | Sunday          | 8:00 AM        | 1:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 06/18/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 06/20/24        | Muddy Waters             | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 06/21/24        | AKC                      | Friday          | 1:00 PM        | 6:00 PM        | Set Up for test            |
| 06/22/24        | AKC                      | Saturday        | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | Hunt Test                  |
| 06/23/24        | AKC                      | Sunday          | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | Hunt Test                  |
| 06/25/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 06/27/24        | Muddy Waters             | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 07/02/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 07/04/24        | Muddy Waters             | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 07/09/24        | Law Enforcement Training | Tuesday         | 8:00 AM        | 1:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 07/09/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b>        | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |



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| DATE            | CLUB              | DAY             | START          | END            | EVENT                      |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| 07/11/24        | Muddy Waters      | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 07/12/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Friday          | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | <b>Set Up for Test</b>     |
| 07/13/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Saturday        | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | <b>Testing</b>             |
| 07/14/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Sunday          | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | <b>Testing</b>             |
| 07/16/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 07/18/24        | Muddy Waters      | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| <b>07/20/24</b> | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>7:00 AM</b> | <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Club Training</b>       |
| 07/21/24        | JGV-USA           | Sunday          | 8:00 AM        | 1:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 07/23/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 07/25/24        | Muddy Waters      | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 07/27/24        | Muddy Waters      | Saturday        | 8:00 AM        | 1:00 PM        | Work Day                   |
| 07/30/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 08/01/24        | Muddy Waters      | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 08/02/24        | Muddy Waters      | Friday          | 1:00 PM        | 6:00 PM        | Set Up for test            |
| 08/03/24        | Muddy Waters      | Saturday        | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | Hunt Test                  |
| 08/04/24        | Muddy Waters      | Sunday          | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | Hunt Test                  |
| 08/06/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 08/08/24        | Muddy Waters      | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| <b>08/10/24</b> | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>7:00 AM</b> | <b>4:00 PM</b> | <b>Club Training</b>       |
| 08/11/24        | DL-GNA            | Sunday          | 7:00 AM        | 1:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 08/13/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 08/15/24        | AKC               | Thursday        | 1:00 PM        | 6:00 PM        | Set Up for test            |
| 08/16/24        | AKC               | Friday          | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | Field Trial                |
| 08/17/24        | AKC               | Saturday        | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | Field Trial                |
| 08/18/24        | AKC               | Sunday          | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | Field Trial                |
| 08/20/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Tuesday         | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Unofficial Training</b> |
| 08/22/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | <b>Set Up for Test</b>     |
| 08/23/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Friday          | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | <b>Testing</b>             |
| 08/24/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Saturday        | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | <b>Testing</b>             |
| 08/25/24        | <b>NCW NAVHDA</b> | Sunday          | 7:00 AM        | 6:00 PM        | <b>Testing</b>             |
| 08/29/24        | Muddy Waters      | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 08/31/24        | Muddy Waters      | Saturday        | 8:00 AM        | 1:00 PM        | Work Day                   |
| 09/05/24        | Muddy Waters      | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 09/12/24        | Muddy Waters      | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 09/19/24        | Muddy Waters      | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |
| 09/26/24        | Muddy Waters      | Thursday        | 4:00 PM        | 8:00 PM        | Training                   |

| Dog Speciality        | Club           | Contact Information   |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>All Retrievers</b> | <b>HRC</b>     | <a href="http://muddywatersretrievers.com">http://muddywatersretrievers.com</a> |
| <b>Versatile Dogs</b> | <b>NAVHDA</b>  | <a href="http://www.NCWNAVHDA.org">www.NCWNAVHDA.org</a>                        |
| <b>German Testing</b> | <b>DL-GNA</b>  | <a href="http://www.dl-gna.org">www.dl-gna.org</a>                              |
| <b>German Testing</b> | <b>JGV-USA</b> | <a href="https://www.jqv-usa.org">https://www.jqv-usa.org</a>                   |



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 prevention of cruelty to animals by discouraging nonselective and uncontrolled breeding, which produces unwanted and uncared for dogs.



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Remember to tell them you are a NAVHDA member!

