



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

President's Message.

It finally came....the first training day!

We had a very nice turn out for the first training day of the year. It was great to see old friends and meet new ones as well. With the large number of members attending our training days it can lead to some waiting around for your turn in the fields. If you find yourself on the sign up list and you have time, use it to your benefit. I suggest you walk along with other dogs and pick up on training tips and tricks that other handlers do with their dog. It is a valuable way to learn. When the weather permits we will be running on 4 training fields, which will help move things along faster.

Remember, when you are training to have defined goals for the day and work to accomplish that goal. Also, don't judge your dog to other dogs in your group, each dog develops and learns differently. If your dog is struggling on a skill then back up and reinforce the skill until your dog becomes proficient with that skill then move on. Training dogs is a marathon not a sprint so pace yourself and enjoy it.

The last thing I'll convey to our members; **DO YOUR HOMEWORK!!** We are giving you skills to work on; it is your responsibility to work on it for the 3-4 weeks between training days. We should see improvement in each dog each training day. If you are struggling, which we ALL do, call me for help or one of the other experienced members.

If you are looking to get into a spring test please get your test entries in as soon as possible. The spring test is near full. We are running a 2day double and only have a few spots open. You can down load an entry form on our website and send it to Test Secretary, Brad Meer. If you're not sure if your dog is ready for a test talk to me or your training leader and we can help you decide. We will also be asking for volunteers for working the test. Please plan to help one of the two spring test days.

Remember bird orders are due two weeks before training day, so get them in early. Pigeons, and chukars should be ordered on our website. Please visit ncwnavhda.org to order birds. Our club policy when ordering is 10 pigeon maximum. All orders must be picked up by 9am unless other arrangements are made with me or Brian Werner. You must be a current NCW club member to order birds.

We are looking for volunteers to provide lunches for training days. If we have NO volunteers to host the lunch we will NOT have a lunch. For those new, if you host a lunch you provide the main course which the club will reimburse you for and the other members bring a dish to past.

We have had a lot of people ask about general training tips or techniques. To help answer those questions we will have a demonstration each training day on one topic. If you have suggestions or topics for the demonstrations, please let me know.

Also, there is a youth day event on April 27th at the Mead Wildlife Education center on hwy S starting at 9am. It is a free event for kids up to 17. It is an amazing opportunity to get a kid to see the great outdoors and to build bonds. I encourage you check it out if you can.

Good Training – Jamie Kuhn

NCW NAVHDA President

Important Dates

Training dates: April 27, May 18, June 29, July 27, August 10

We also have the Mead grounds reserved for unofficial training dates (*bring your own birds and equipment*) on all Tuesdays beginning at 4PM and Saturday, May 25.

Handler's Clinic: June 15-16. Contact Jill Colloton, 715-573-9641 or ultrasoundcow@gmail.com

Test dates: May 30 (set up), May 31, June 1, 2. August 22 (set up), 23, 24, 25. Please do not use the fields on set up days. Test Secretary: Brad Meer, S7160 County Road Z, Eau Claire, WI, 5470, bradmeer@yahoo.com.

Bird Orders

BIRDS MUST BE ORDERED AT LEAST TEN DAYS PRIOR TO TRAINING DAY. Pigeons are limited to 10 birds per training day. We cannot guarantee the availability of pigeons so please source your own if possible.

To order pigeons, pheasants or chukars contact Brian Werner, ncwnavhdabirdorder@gmail.com or 715-573-9642

To order ducks contact Brent Catura at brcatura@gmail.com or (715) 457-948

Training Permits

The DNR requires a dog training permit when using game birds outside official NAVHDA events, <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/hunt/birddog.html>.

Membership Information

You must be a member of NAVHDA International to join NCWNAVHDA chapter and participate in chapter activities. See www.ncwnavhda.org for form.

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