



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 – May 2019.

May is here... !!

Despite the weather, the attendance at our first two training days was very good. We are seeing a lot of faces from last year working toward the UT test, as well as a great group of new members dedicating themselves to working with their dog for the NA test. Like I have told the NA group, slow and steady wins the race. Translation, don't skip steps. Lay out a detailed training plan and work hard to maintain that plan. Keep training short and engaging for the dog. Only move forward when you know your dog has a solid concept of the skill you were training for. It's not a sprint, it's a marathon!

As we grow as a club some growing pains come with our growth. One of those is long running lists on training day. I will encourage all members, on training days, after or before your dog runs in the field to volunteer to help or walk along with the group. This is a great way to give back to the club and to learn more about dog training from experienced handlers in the field. I'm disappointed when someone leaves right after their dog runs in the field and loses an opportunity to learn more. As the weather gets better we will be able to use more fields to help with waiting time on the fields.

This is a ALL CALL to all members, we are in need of volunteers to work our spring test. The test will be June 1&2 as well as testing set up on Friday, May 31st. If you can help out any or all of those days we need the help. We need field marshalls, gunners, bird planters, pick up dog, and lunch providers. Contact me if you can help and I will put you down. No experience needed. We

will teach you how to do it!! NCW has a great reputation of putting on great tests, and it is because of the strong support of our membership.

A policy reminder... We only allow a maximum of 10 pigeons to be ordered on training days. We have a crew of dedicated members that work hard to get birds for the chapter. It is NOT easy to find birds, but we feel it is important for our membership to have birds to training with on training days. I can't stress enough that we are NOT a bird supplier. We are asking that you ONLY order birds if you are planning on staying to train on our training day. If an emergency comes up and you cannot get your birds contact me or Brian Werner and we can help you.

If you are interested in learning more about NAVHDA and how the testing system works we are hosting a Handlers Clinic. Contact Jill Werner or check out the website for more information. As we move into May we have one training day before the spring test. May 18th will be a mock test and we will have all dogs that are running the spring test, run the mock test as well. That will mean you should order chukars, (for field work) a pheasant (for the track) . If you are running a UT or UPT test then you would want chukars, and ducks. Please get those orders in as soon as possible on our website.

Good luck to all that are preparing for a spring test as well as all the rest of the season. See you May 18th.

Important Dates

Training dates: 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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