

WRC Tales



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- Membership Application
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Thoughts from Brian White, WRC President

Hello to all after a long Wisconsin winter. I hope you enjoyed a great fall afield and kept busy in the long cold days that followed. I managed a few trips north for grouse and woodcock.

I also got to North Dakota for roosters and sharpies. I tried some local duck hunting but it was a poor season in the Wisconsin River bottoms this year. Like the Cubs lament, always next year!

I hope many of you have been getting out with the dogs as winter lets go. It is good to know that some have been taking advantage of the obedience sessions on the UW campus. It was time to get out and stretch out at the first training day on March 26. On a cold and blustery day it was great to see 25 brave souls gather and get the Wisconsin River Chapter moving for 2011.

There were several new faces and many old friends that came out for the day. Corey Lawson was on top of things with the cash box and helped several new members fill out the needed forms and made sure all got settled up on birds. Karla Nephew shared that we have one day filled for the May test and urged members to get entries in soon. Joe Stewart is making plans for a busy testing season and as always is looking for volunteers to help out on test days.

John Mattern, our 2011 vice president, was also out for the day. John intends to follow up on last year's new members' initiative led by Paul Juckem. Look for John at training days as a contact if you are new to WRC and not sure just how things are done. John has been there and knows how confusing things can be as you settle in to a new group.

Training director Paul Grover had enough birds and folks got to the field to train. Paul talked about steadiness as a point of emphasis and got out the training table to work whoa. 3-4 training groups kept busy through the morning serving the diverse needs of all that turned out. It was sure good to see each member involved and supportive of each other's efforts.

WRC 2011 TESTING SCHEDULE

7:00 A.M.

DATE	TEST TYPE	LOCATION
May 21, 22	NA, UPT, UT	Mazomanie Class I Grounds
June 25, 26	NA, UPT, UT	Mazomanie Class I Grounds
September 10, 11	NA, UPT, UT	To be determined

Test entry fees: NA = \$100, UPT/UT = \$140

**Sign up for a
Yahoo! Account
to get
Reminders of
Events, and
Activities as
they are
planned for
YOU.**

Your Executive Council (EC) strives to make sure that all announcements reach every current and recent WRC member via email. Regrettably, mistakes can occur while keeping track of all of our members; additionally, spam filters and other "security features" have the potential of blocking our mass emails. While we will continue to send emails to ensure that everyone is kept in the loop on what your local NAVDHA chapter is up to, we'd also like to give you the opportunity to take more con-

trol over how you receive electronic information from the Chapter. This year, whenever your EC sends out an announcement (newsletter, event announcements, bird order reminders, etc.) to the full membership, we'll also post that message to our recently updated **website** (<http://www.wrcnavhda.com> <<http://www.wrcnavhda.com/>>) and our **Yahoo Group site** (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WRCNAVHDA/>).

Please remember that signing up at the Yahoo Group site

gives you the opportunity to receive every post as an email message (or lump all posts into 1 email per day). So, signing up will ensure that you won't miss an important or time-critical email from the chapter. If you'd like help signing up on the Yahoo Group site, or would like help double checking your account settings, please contact Paul Juckem via email (pjuckem@yahoo.com), at home (608-663-9290), or at one of the training days this year.



Our website is incredible! Check out all the news, dates, pictures of members and their dogs, and more! Just go to

www.wrcnavhda.com

WRC Gear

Do you want to be a recognizable part of the Wisconsin River Chapter on training days and around town? We have good-looking items to wear that will make you look the part of a fantastic group of members.

We have NAVHDA logo hats, and orange T-shirts for a nominal price for you. There will also be bird bags available for purchase to hold the birds that you purchase for field work with your dog(s).

Not only that, we are always purchasing training equipment for use with specific training regimens. These include: bird releases, bird launchers, whoa boards, training tables, heeling courses, etc. The above items are used to help beginning trainers and experienced handlers help our dogs learn the basics of good field manners. Without these manners, a good hunt can go sour very quickly.

The WRC is always looking for the best ways to enhance and enrich the training experience. Your participation in these days is a key to these experiences. We encourage you to bring your friends along to our training days to learn if the WRC way will also help them with training their hunting dog.

Deerskin Dog Trailer for Sale:

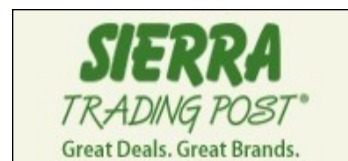
Full size aluminum 4-hole (or six) trailer. Complete with four clothing storage compartments, breezeways and fan. Insulated for winter hunting and summer training.

Has three interior storage drawers, and 6 ft. storage area within. Recently upgraded with new LED exterior lights and suspension springs.

Trailer is 3000 lb. GV weight. Overhead rack suited for hauling 2 duck boats. Equipped with interior lights and electric pump for 20 gal water tank. All doors are keyed for safety of gear and dogs.

Contact Chuck Vierthaler at 608-328-4355 for more information. Asking \$12,500 for a \$15,500 investment., but this is negotiable.

Paid advertisement to WRC



Please support the following organizations and businesses that support NAVHDA:



If you have ideas or needs, feel free to reach out to Paul. Your ideas are welcomed and wanted.

At lunch Laurie Vierthaler really saved the day with some warm and delicious chili. Huddled in the trailer out of the wind she again pulled it all together for lunch. As always, the attending members filled the table with great side dishes and what didn't blow away was enjoyed by all.

I want to mention that we are planning to hold a handler's clinic June 11-12. This is a great way to expand your personal knowledge of dogs and NAVHDA. We have Curt Fry coming in as a lead clinician. We still have slots for interested chapter members. It's been several years since we've held a handler's clinic and would encourage you to think about it if you have not attended one in the past. Connie Roewer has all the needed forms, fees and links on the website at www.wrcnavhda.com. **The form is also on page 6 of this newsletter.**

April is nearly over and we'll hope to see you all soon. **Our May training day is planned for Saturday, May 7. Get hold of Paul Grover with bird needs early.** Think about testing the dog in our May test and get in contact with Karla Nephew with questions. If you aren't planning to test think of coming out and helping over the weekend. Give Joe Stewart a call if you have time. Finally think about the June Handler's clinic as slots are limited and starting to fill.

I also need to mention that Laurie Vierthaler and Connie Roewer are always looking for photos and stories to update and enrich the newsletter and website. Don't be shy, share those fall photos and stories.

Hope to see you all soon,
Brian White

Host a judge for the May 21 - 22 test

If you are NOT running a dog in the May test, have a spare bedroom, and live within 45 minutes of the training grounds, please consider hosting a judge in your home.

We have two out of area judges (Andrew Jennings of Appleton and Michael Garriot of Indianapolis) that will need sleeping accommodations for **Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21**. The accommodations do not need to be fancy. Dinner on Friday night and a light breakfast on Saturday and Sunday morning, would be much appreciated.

Please email or call Karla (krnephew@gmail.com), if you can host a judge. Her number is **608 441-5634**.

**2011 WISCONSIN RIVER CHAPTER – NAVHDA
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

NAVHDA Membership – DUAL MEMBERSHIP

A member needs to be a member of both the Wisconsin River Chapter – NAVHDA and the NAVHDA International for full entitlement to NAVHDA member rights and privileges. Liability insurance coverage for the chapter and international events and activities is one of the principle reasons for the dual membership policy.

A full member’s privileges include member voting at the chapter and international levels, free subscription to “Versatile Hunting Dog” International monthly magazine, free subscription to the WRC monthly newsletter, and participation in WRC monthly training days. We also have an awesome website at www.wrcnavhda.com that will keep you up on all chapter news and events.

Wisconsin River Chapter – NAVHDA is based on the calendar year of January 1 to December 31. NAVHDA International membership is also based on an annual basis. NAVHDA International is a 501(c) 3, a non-profit educational organization. Our federal tax number is 95-3402489.

Regular and Spouse Members have voting privileges; the junior membership does not have voting privileges and is restricted to those under 18 years of age.

NAME(S); _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CELL NUMBER (OPTIONAL) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BREED OF DOG OWNED: _____

DOG(S) NAME (OPTIONAL) _____

I have an interest to serve WRC in one of the following checked areas:

Training Chapter Test Helper Attending Shooting Clinic Lunches Other Talent

2011 WISCONSIN RIVER CHAPTER – NAVHDA MEMBERSHIP

_____ \$30.00 (Includes the collar fees for training at training grounds for members and their dogs)

Optional additional memberships

_____ \$5.00 for spouse WRC chapter membership for 2010 calendar year.

_____ \$5.00 for junior WRC chapter membership for 2010 calendar year.

\$_____ TOTAL Membership Dues and Dog Fees for Wisconsin River Chapter NAVHDA chapter in 2010

NAVHDA INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP (Required Membership)

_____ I am currently a NAVHDA International Member – My NAVHDA International member # _____

_____ Joining NAVHDA International... Online membership is at <http://www.NAVHDA.org>.

Please return check (made out to WRC NAVHDA) and completed form to:

Corey Lawson
120 Marshall Court
Mt. Horeb, WI 53572
clawson@tomotherapy.com
(608) 437-0217

Handlers Clinic

Wisconsin River Chapter of NAVHDA

June 11-12, 2011

**Are you hoping to be more adept at reading and training your dog?
Are you looking to become a better handler in the field?
Are you planning to take a dog through hunt tests?**

This is a two-day seminar developed by NAVHDA to help dog owners and handlers understand the testing system. Trained clinic leaders, all of whom are NAVHDA senior judges, lead the participants through all aspects of Natural Ability, Utility Preparatory, and Utility Tests. The first few hours of each day is devoted to informal classroom instruction covering test mechanics, the scoring system, and NAVHDA philosophy.

After the classroom discussion, the lessons continue in the field as leaders and participants judge and score dogs being run in actual testing conditions. After each dog has run, the groups led by clinic leaders discuss each dog's performance. The discussion includes strengths or weaknesses of training and handling that were observed and how they may have affected the dog's inherited skills.

The clinic will be held rain or shine. We are limited to 20 participants—so sign up early.

What not to bring:

Your dog. A handler's clinic is a teaching tool for handlers and not a training session for dogs. Volunteers, not participating in the clinic, will provide dogs of appropriate skill levels so you can focus on learning without worrying about your dog. This may be the only time we ask you to leave your dog at home.

Seminar registration forms are available in WRC newsletters or on our web site at <http://www.wrchavhda.com>.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone (home) _____

E-Mail _____

* The cost of the 2 day clinic is \$90 which includes lunch and Rules Book.
[Refunds will be 75% of fee prior to June 1st, then no refund].

Youth planning to attend may be able to earn a **Kristin Rieser scholarship to offset clinic costs. Contact navhda.org/clinic.html to learn how.

Send registration form and clinic fee (***with checks made out to WRCNAVHDA***) to:

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Mount Horeb, WI 53572
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(608) 437-0217

Important Dates to Put on Calendar

<i>FIELD TRAINING SCHEDULE MAZO GROUNDS 8:00 A.M.</i>		
DATE	TOPIC/PRESENTER	LUNCH COORDINATOR
Saturday, March 26	<i>Alternate training days with a presenter on some days and</i>	Laurie Vierthaler
Sunday, April 10	<i>keeping some days open for camaraderie</i>	
Saturday, May 7		Jody Jensen
Saturday, June 18		Jean Reece
Sunday, July 17		Brian White
Saturday, August 20		Vic Connors/Jim Moe

On Training Days, members provide the main course of the lunch as a break in the action and to regroup after a morning of training. Lunch is served between 12:00 and 1:00.

We welcome all members to bring a dish to pass to complement the main meal—salads, desserts, chips are all welcome. The meal is intended to be a time for camaraderie and story telling. Many members made arrangements for further training on their own with other members at this time as well.

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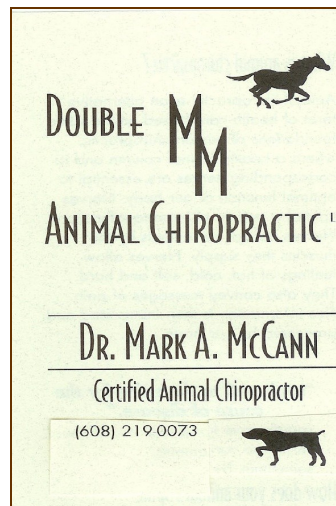
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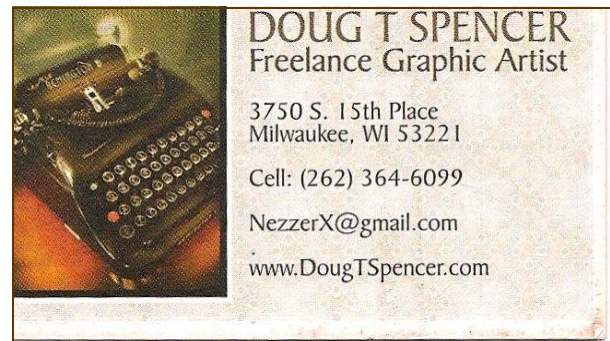
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