

WRC Tales



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- Membership Application
- Outline of Training Days
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January, 2012

Annual Meeting News—Sunday, January 15

The date and time for the Wisconsin River Chapter Annual Meeting is set for **Sunday, January 15**. The meeting will be held at **1:00 at the Mount Horeb Community/Senior Center, 107 N. Grove Street, Mt. Horeb.**

There is lots of information on the agenda to share with the membership, members to honor and recognize for their service to the club, new officers to introduce to the membership, and plans to be made for the upcoming WRC training year. Please plan on coming out to join us for this important meeting.

**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.



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

www.wrcnavhda.com

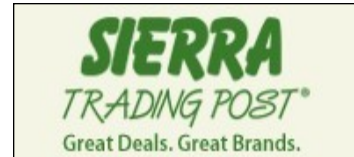
WRC Gear

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.



Please support the following organizations and businesses that support NAVHDA:



Be Sure to Get Your Dog Training Permits

For those members who are training on the WRC training days, or on own their own, it is **imperative** that you secure a dog training permit from the DNR at the Fish Hatchery Road site in Madison. It is a three year permit that allows you to train at class one training grounds **all year long**. It provides you the ability to train with live birds with your dog by providing you with tags to affix to their legs. This prevents you from being cited for killing game birds illegally while training.

You are allowed to select the class one training grounds that you would like to choose for a fee of \$25 for the three years. Such grounds would not only include the Mazomanie grounds, but also other such grounds like Bong near Burlington, Pine Island near Portage, Mead near Junction City to name a few within the state.

This is a necessary requirement by the DNR for all handlers, even on off training days. Our club has a permit that covers WRC members for training days only at our grounds.

**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:

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Friends of Poynette Game Farm – “A beginning for a better tomorrow”

A Special Announcement from Vic Connors, President of the Friends of Poynette Game Farm

The old adage that “numbers don’t lie” should be attracting our attention! It is quite apparent that the number of pheasant stamps, duck stamps and small game hunting licenses are steadily declining. Certainly this trend of less hunters and an increasing presence from others to lessen hunting opportunities demands our immediate attention. Thus the future of our gundogs enjoying what they have been bred and trained for and our gundog sports face inevitable change that may not be attractive. Now is the time for us to provide the leadership for introducing our beloved gundogs and gundog sports to the next generation. From our strong heritage of hunting game birds in Wisconsin, we have a strong foundation for fostering and promoting our outdoor sport of hunting and gundog events. For the past couple of years, Bob Nack, DNR Manager of the WIDNR State Game Farm, has championed the idea to form a friends group to support the state game farm and provided a vision for us to rally around. A group of us came together with a keen common interest and desire to focus our energies and time to making this happen.

This summer this group of leaders, with an intense interest in pheasant hunting and bird dogs, created the Friends of Poynette Game Farm, a charitable not for profit corporation in Wisconsin, 501 (c)(3) IRS status pending, that is dedicated to support and promote the mission of the State Game Farm. The Friends of the Poynette Game Farm is dedicated to raising funds for financially supporting and providing services to the conservation and education programs conducted by or through the WIDNR State Game Farm. In order to accomplish this purpose, the corporation has set the following objectives:

- Supporting hunting and outdoor skills programs, including mentored youth and first-time hunter programs. (i.e., Learn To Hunt Program for youth and novice hunters)
- Supporting hunting opportunities on private and public lands through fund-raising and the development of public support for game bird stocking.

Support educational programming for the conservation and stewardship of wildlife, including; habitat management, safe and ethical hunting practices, gun safety, use of well-trained hunting dogs, and the preparation and consumption of wild game.

The Friends of Poynette Game Farm have established a Donor (for individual giving) and Corporate Sponsor Program for fundraising and in-kind donations which provides the funding and the means for becoming involved in Friends of Poynette Game Farm. All financial donations are welcomed in any size with recognition corresponding to the level of the donation. The details of the recognition are available in the Friends of Poynette Donor and Corporate Sponsor pamphlets.

To date the Friends of Poynette Game Farm has sponsored two ***Learn To Hunt*** Events held at the Mackenzie Environmental Education Center with over 60 participants as students, mentors and dog handlers. The intent is for this flagship *Learn To Hunt* program to provide a template for a Wisconsin outreach program. Encouraging attendees, mentors or dog handlers to initiate a program back in their respective Wisconsin communities.

We want to thank the Wisconsin Association of Field Trial Club's for their generous \$500 donation that help fund the origination and initiation of our Mentored Hunting Program. With your personal and club support and dedication to gundogs and gundog sports we believe Friends of Poynette Game Farm will be successful. We value our new and continued partnerships for promoting and protecting bird hunting in Wisconsin, along with improving and fostering the use of gun dogs for generations to come.

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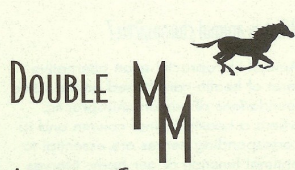
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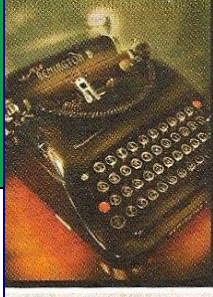
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