

WRC Tales



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- Membership Application
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Thoughts from Brian White, WRC President

Temperatures are soaring, blue skies, and warm nights—summer must be here. It's been a roller coaster ride this spring but maybe we have come through it all. Hope you are ready for a great summer.

May was a busy month around the WRC and I want to thank all the folks that came out to the training day and showed up to be part of the test days. We saw some great dog work and lots of good people at the May 21-22 tests. Connie Roewer has posted the results on the www.wrcnavhda.com website along with numerous photos from the event. I want to thank Karla Nephew for pulling together the test weekend and for lining up the 3 great judges; Mike Garriot, Jerry Schenck, and Andrew Jennings who led all through the tests. As always there were plenty of volunteers who turned out and gave up their weekend for those testing to enjoy the day. Thanks to all who work behind the scenes with too little appreciation.

June is equally hectic around the WRC. June 11-12 the WRC is holding a Handler's clinic. Curtis Fry is coming in from Pennsylvania with some interesting perspectives on the Navhda system and dog work in general. We will be working out of the DNR facilities on Blackhawk Ridge and using the grounds at Mazomanie. A dozen handlers have signed up and there is always room for chapter members who want to help out over the weekend.

June 18, we have a training day slated at Mazomanie. Contact Paul Grover at gsptrainer@fontier.com for bird needs. Paul has too many birds and would appreciate getting some moved if you are looking for training birds. It may be a hot one so bring plenty of water for you and your dog.

June 25-26 WRC has a test weekend planned at Mazomanie. There are still test slots available and if you are interested in testing contact Karla Nephew at krnephew@gmail.com. Joe Stewart is lining up volunteers and you can get hold of Joe at jjstewy2@yahoo.com if you plan to come out.

Corey Lawson has once again stepped up to chair the WRC cash raffle to offset chapter costs and if you need tickets or have ticket stubs to return contact Corey at clawson@tomotherpay.com.

The days are getting longer and that's a good thing because there is a lot to do in these summer months. Hope you are getting out and finding time to work the dogs. The time spent now on these warm summer days will be paid back on the crisp fall mornings we all look forward to. The heat has just been turned on and already I'm dreaming of cooler days. Enjoy the summer while it lasts,

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

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.

WRC is now on Facebook!

Search for Wisconsin River Chapter - North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association.

Remember to "Like" our page to receive notifications when the page is updated.



Please support the following organizations and businesses that support NAVHDA:



Looking for Advertisers for Newsletter

Are you interested in bringing in NAVHDA members to your business? Do you feel that you have a service that can be offered to members such as: boarding, grooming, training, dog supplies, gear, or other items that would of interest to a dog handler?

If so, please contact either Corey Lawson, WRC treasurer at clawson@tomotherapy.com, or Laurie Vierthaler at vierthal@tds.net to secure an advertising spot for only \$20 a year. Your business card will reach a minimum of 100 dog persons each month. Word of mouth then can spread exponentially to more customers.

Good News from a Fellow Member on NAVHDA Test at North Central Chapter

I ran Shelby in The Utility Test at North Central's tests June 4 and we passed, 204 prize I. I was especially nervous this time wondering if the crazy dog from last year's Invitational was going to show up. She was great! Whew
Donna Cochenet

Now Donna and Shelby have qualified for the Invitational again—September 15-18 in Bloomington, Ohio! Congratulations to both of you.

Host a judge for the June 25 - 26 test

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

We may have out-of-area judges that will need sleeping accommodations for **Friday, June 25 and Saturday, June 26**. 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 (krnephe@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:

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Training Director's Update—Paul Grover

We are now into the month of June and it has been a busy year so far. The Mazo Grounds Association had two work-days in March and April there were 28 volunteers who put in over 200 hours of work cutting brush in the fields. Thanks to all who helped out and provided equipment. Dave Dybdahl again brought out his tractor and brush hog and cleared large areas of brush. If you see Dave, give him a big thank!!!

The spring tests went off without a hitch. The Tuesday night training group has been meeting regularly and has been doing field work. I am thrilled to see improvements in dog handling and steadiness every new training day. The weather has been cool and running the dogs has been easy. We will start to see warmer temps and will do field work early and transition over to the water work later in the day. I would like to work with people on how to get a great duck search from your dog. We will also work on steadiness by the blind, retrieve of shot bird and heeling. I know some people have asked for help on forced fetch work and that will be covered as well.

If you are training to run a dog in the Natural Ability test in June we will do a mock test and pheasant track **on Saturday, June 18.**

We will have chukars available for \$7.00
 Ducks for \$9.50
 Quail for \$4.00
 Pigeons for \$5.00
 And hen pheasants for \$8.00

E-mail (gsptrainer@fontier.com) your bird orders to me or call before noon on Friday, June 17. Chukars and pigeons are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

We hope everyone can make out to training. Let's hope for good weather and few mosquitoes.

May 21—22 NAVHDA TEST RESULTS Congratulations to all the Participants! You are all winners!!!! Saturday, May 21

Corey Lawson	Spring Valley's Shock and Awe	GS	108 Prize I
Todd Fritz	Spring Valley's Mobius	GS	110 Prize I
Rick Keil	Hunting Hill's Niko	SM	80 Prize III
Daniel DeBonis	DeJac's Valley Girl	GR	48 NP
Lynn Reynolds	Stonybrook's Finally Finleigh	GR	100 Prize III
Craig Stanley	Stonybrook's Fritz	GR	110 Prize I

Sunday, May 22

Charles E. Petersen	Petersen's Hobbes 2	GS	198 Prize II
Robert Brearey	Darby's Superstar Jack	GS	122 NP
Paul Grover	Spring Valley's Seek and Destroy	GS	204 Prize I
Diane Dillon	Havenwood Chaos Theory	GR	98 Prize II
Fred Panke	DeJac's Wrap Her Up	GR	99 Prize II
James L. Seefeld	Bedrock's Adele	LM	108 Prize II

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.

Thank you to all the volunteers, handlers and judges who made our May 21 - 22 a great success. Our judging team was: (left to right) Andrew Jennings, Jerome Schenck and Michael Garriott Sr..



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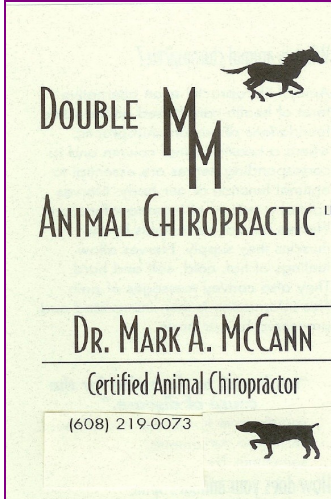
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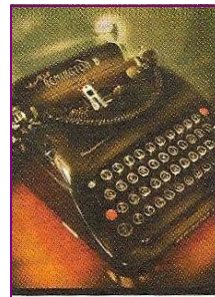
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