

WRC Tales



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First Training Day and Mazo Work Days—Paul Grover

I hope everyone had a great fall hunting season. We are into the month of March and gearing up for our first training day at Mazo grounds. Bird orders are in and I'm going through the trailer, checking supplies and equipment.

WRC held basic dog obedience classes at the UW Stock Pavilion in January and February. There was marked improvement between the handlers and their dogs from week to week. Reflecting on last year's training days, one thing we didn't work on enough was steadiness. This year we will introduce a system that will help our dogs understand the importance of standing a bird and remaining on whoa until released. Basic obedience is the foundation of everything we do with our dogs in the field. If Rover doesn't listen to you in the yard at home, he isn't going to follow your commands in the field. It is important that your dog cooperates and listens to you before you get to the fieldwork. So polish up with the dog in the next couple weeks.

I have someone supplying us with pigeons for the first couple months of training. Pigeons are priced at \$5.00 each. **Please get your bird orders to me by March 22nd.** *My e-mail address has changed since last year. My new address is gsprainer@frontier.com or give me call on my cell at 608-219-4269.*

On a more personal note, some of you know that last year my dog Otis was struggling with an abscess infection. I'm pleased to say that after four surgeries and 10 months of treatment we have been successful at getting rid of a very persistent bacterial infection. I am very grateful to Dr. Morrie Link at Spring Harbor Animal Hospital and the UW Veterinary Hospital for saving Otis' life. After the last surgery it became apparent what the source of the infection was. I can't tell you how lucky we are to have Otis still with us.

From the Mazo grounds Association—Please come out and help

We have two **work weekends** scheduled this spring. **March 19th and 20th, and April 2nd and 3rd.** Our goal is to reclaim acreage back from the encroaching woody vegetation in our fields. We have a window of opportunity to cut woody vegetation in the fields through the end of this year. The DNR has obtained a permit to cut woody vegetation at the Mazo grounds in the fields. There are guidelines we must follow but this is a great opportunity to improve the fields and get rid of wild rose, black berry, willow, poplar, cedar and others that are overtaking the fields. Please try to attend and bring a chain saw or pruning sheers. If you don't have such tools we still need help pulling and piling brush into burn piles. We are trying to get two tractors with mower decks out there to do the lion's share of the big areas. Hope you make it out and pray for good weather!

Paul A. Grover
President Mazo Grounds Association

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

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they are
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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:

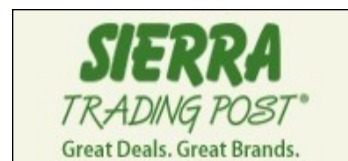
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From the desk of the Director of Promotions:

The NAVHDA'S Annual Meeting in Ottawa Canada has come and gone and I would like to tell you of some meeting highlights. On January 22nd there was a Hall of Delegates meeting with the Executive Committee ("EC"). Twenty-four chapter delegates attended.

I would say it was a good turn-out considering the cold weather as it was from -10 degrees to -15 degrees. It is tradition to start the meeting with a candle-lighting in remembrance of members who have passed away last year. It burns throughout the meeting until it's called to a close Saturday night.

The International Directors and Officer's each gave their reports which can be found in the January VHD so I will not duplicate them. Long-time Sr. Judge and Clinic Leader Bill Jenson announced he is retiring from the judging cadre. Bill judged for 40 years at 200 tests and has judged over 2500 dogs. "Thank you, Bill, for all your hard work and dedication!"

I would like to tell you about some exciting news that will be happening soon in NAVHDA. The Executive Council met with a Social Media Specialist (who is also a NAVHDA member) to learn how the organization could use Facebook to interact with its members. The EC unanimously voted to start an Official NAVHDA Facebook Page. The Executive Council has requested that chapters not contact our international sponsors for donations. Our sponsors donate substantial funds and product to support the organization and its major events like the Annual Meeting and the Invitational as well as giving discount certificates and dog food to the chapters for their tests. Some of our sponsors have heard from many chapters and while they wish they could give to all 76, it's financially impossible for them to do so. Our International Sponsors are Purina, Tri-Tronics, Ugly Dog Hunting, Cabela's, Garmin and Sierra Trading Post. Also we have our Conservation Partners, Ruffed Grouse Society, Pheasants and Quail Forever. Please support the Originations that support us.

If you are looking for local prize ideas, here is an idea. If your chapter regularly goes to a restaurant after a test, see if they'll donate a gift certificate of \$25 to \$50 and raffle it at your test. They know the person that wins the certificate will likely spend more money than the value of the certificate and the chapter helps them by bringing a large group in for dinner.

Soon you will be getting newsletters from the Promotions Department every other month from the Central Office. In the past we have been circulating the newsletters and information to your chapters and then the chapters sends it onto their members. We decided it would be easiest to take the burden off the chapters and do it all from one location. In April, the Central Office will be asking the chapters for their membership lists so they can update the NAVHDA member information including e-mail addresses.

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:

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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Important Dates to Put on Calendar

OBEDIENCE CLASS REFRESHER DATES

Saturday, March 5	Obedience Class Refresher	UW Stock Pavilion 1:00—2:30
Saturday, March 19	Obedience Class Refresher	UW Stock Pavilion 1:00—2:30

FIELD TRAINING SCHEDULE MAZO GROUNDS 8:00 A.M.

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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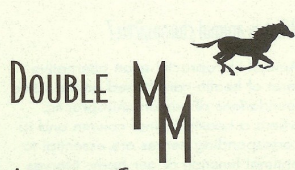
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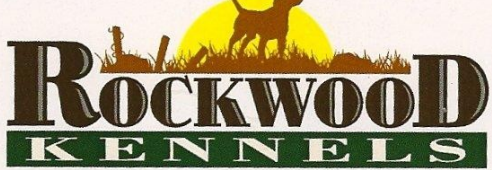
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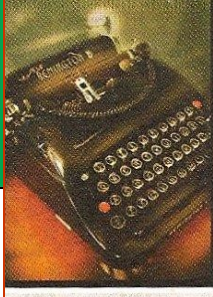


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