

WRC Tales



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- Membership Application
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Thoughts from Brian White, WRC President

On May 21-22, the WRC will hold two days of NAVHDA Testing. Test Secretary Karla Nephew krnephew@gmail.com has a very knowledgeable group of judges; Mike Garriot, Jerry Schenck, and Andrew Jennings, to lead us through the weekend. There are still slots available if you are looking to test a dog and Karla can help you to expedite registration for the tests. Joe Stewart is pulling together volunteers and it's a great way to spend the day. Send Joe a note jjstewy2@yahoo.com if you can come out and help. Joe is always welcoming help—the next test date is June 25 and 26. Let him know if you are interested in planting birds, gunning (must be a good shot), and overall setups.

Coming up June 11-12, we have a NAVHDA Handler's Clinic planned. Curtis Fry is coming in to lead us through what promises to be a great weekend. Handler's Clinics serve members in so many ways; you can gain greater understanding of NAVHDA philosophy and performance standards, you get a great opportunity to better read and understand dog behavior, and you get to share ideas and questions with knowledgeable and experienced handlers. Corey Lawson clawson@tomotherapy.com has been the contact on slots for the Handler's clinic and there are still slots to be had.

If anyone has photos or stories from the past couple training days or recent adventures with the dogs, Laurie Vierthaler vierthaler@tds.net and Connie Roewer connieroewer@tds.net are always looking for ideas and info for the newsletter and website. Be great to see some new faces and hear some new stories! Again the website is at www.wrcnavhda.com <<http://www.wrcnavhda.com>> and has all the latest info and links for what's going on with the WRC.

With all the April showers the Mazomanie grounds are greening up, the ponds are filled and with some good weather we are set to have a some great days together in the month ahead. I appreciate the sacrifices everyone makes with the bite of \$4 gas and the crunch for time in busy lives. I look forward to seeing folks turnout and I am sure the dogs will enjoy it.

Brian White

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).

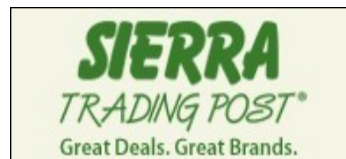
Not only that, we are always purchasing training equipment for use with specific training regimens. These include: bird releases, bird launchers, whoa boards, training tables, heeling courses, etc. The above items are used to help beginning trainers and experienced handlers help our dogs learn the basics 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.

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 more customers.

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 (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:

Corey Lawson
120 Marshall Court
Mount Horeb, WI 53572
clawson@tomotherapy.com
(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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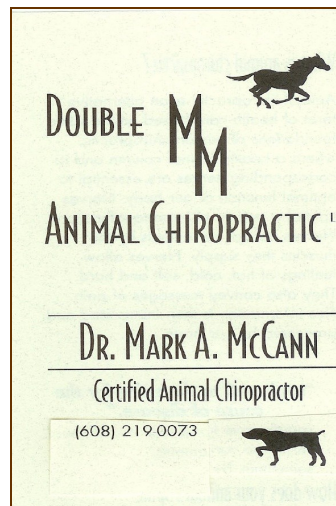
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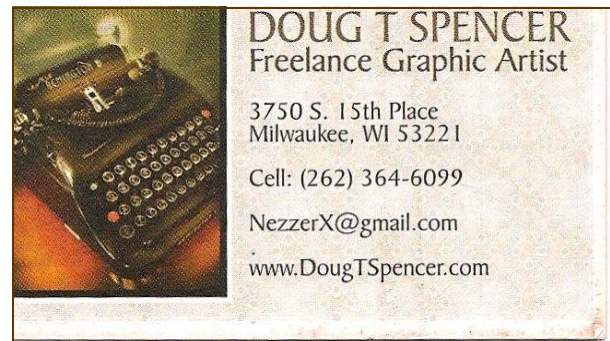
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