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Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Bal 4,500.70

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Deposits \$1,190.00

Ending Bal \$4,647.45

Assets: Boat, Signs,
T-shirts, Hats, Heeling
Stakes, 2 Shotguns, First
Aid Kits, Zinger Winger

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!

April is here and we are gearing up for our spring test. This is the day for which we have been practicing. All the birds and time and dedication will pay off. I think the rain has finally gone away. We are now enjoying a week of sunshine. However, we didn't get a break from the rain in time to save our test location. In case you haven't heard, we had to move our test location from Prado to Santa Ysabel. Prado is still three quarters under water and Rahaguees is washed out. We made the decision after last month's training day and the board sprang into action. Many thanks go out to the board and various chapter members for making quick decisions and putting forth the effort to change our location. Gabby, Lance, Jeff and Gary deserve a lot of credit for making this happen. Tracy Presson stepped up and offered her property and the surrounding areas for our use. Give them all a big thanks when you see them next.



The chapter members who are testing deserve a big "good luck" Juan Hernandez, Ellen Kincaid, Richard Thomas, Brett Marek, Ed Gebelein, Garo Missakian, and Tracy Presson will be there with their great dogs putting on a show. We have a new senior judge, as always. Please welcome Tracy Nelson from the Nebraska/Iowa area. Tracy is a member of the NAVHDA Executive Council. Let's show her what a great test we can put on. Thanks to those folks who have volunteered their time to help. We are a volunteer organization and I am thrilled that we have a full volunteer list.

The annual meeting planning is coming along nicely. We had 4 more people step up and say "put me to work." We sure can and did. We also have a plethora of donated hunts to offer. Jeff Derbes is getting the website up and running this week and we will begin accepting registrations. Our picture and article is in the hands of the VHD Magazine and we should see interest beginning to build. Get ready everyone!

We will be in the back country for the test and the next training day. See you in our local mountains before the foxtails take over.

Ericka Dennis
President
San Diego Chapter NAVHDA

Please send your dues, new membership applications, etc. to:

Alis Anderson
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Lakeside, CA 92040

Single membership \$25 Family \$35

Schedule of Events

April 3rd High On Kennels, Mesa Grande
Mock Test

May 21st Eagle Peak

June 19th McCoy Ranch

July 24th Chapter Picnic

Future Test Dates (West Coast):

April 16th 17th Grand Canyon Chapter AZ

April 22nd 24th San Diego Chapter test

April 25th Pacific Northwest, OR

April 30th May 1st Wasatch Mountain, UT

May 21st-22nd Rocky Mountain, CO

May 28th-29th Big Sky, MT

June 3rd-4th Pacific Northwest, WA

August 27th-28th Rocky Mountain, CO

September 3rd-5th Big Sky, MT

September 24th - 26th So Cal, CA

October 8th-9th Zia, NM

April 2011

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 3 Mock Test | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
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| 24 San Diego Test | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Utah Test |

Versatile Breed: Gordon Setter

Color: Black with Tan Markings

Height: up to 27 inches

Avg. Weight: up to 80 lbs.

Origin: Scotland

Characteristics: A Gordon Setter is a large breed of dog, a member of the setter family that also includes both the better-known Irish Setter and the English Setter. Setter breeds are classified as members of either the Sporting or Gundog Group depending on the national kennel club or council. The original purpose of the breed was to hunt gamebirds. Their quarry in the United Kingdom, may be partridge or grouse, pheasant, ptarmigan, blackgame, snipe or woodcock: whilst overseas bird dogs are worked on quail, willow grouse, sand grouse, guinea fowl, sage hen, francolin and any other bird that will sit to a dog - that is to say, will attempt to avoid a potential predator by concealment rather than by taking to the wing at the first sign of danger. It is this combination of a bird that will sit fast in front of a dog that will remain on point that makes bird dog work possible. The AKC describes the Gordon Setter temperament as "alert, gay, interested, and confident. He is fearless and willing, intelligent, and capable. He is loyal and affectionate, and strong-minded enough to stand the rigors of training." Gordons are intensely loyal to their owners; thrive in an attentive, loving environment; and are good family dogs. Puppies and adult dogs can be quite boisterous, and although they are patient by nature, may not be suitable for households with very young children. Gordons are sensitive and empathic, eager to learn, and need firm but gentle handling. Early socialization and obedience training is important. They are known as great talkers. The breed is one of the slowest to mature, not hitting prime until three years of age or more, and will show puppy-like characteristics well into their older years.



Report on the March 13th Training Day

We found Prado's lower fields where we normally train and test full of water and unusable. Guido Dei in his wisdom had reserved a couple of upper fields for us.

We had probably the best turnout for training day in the last year. I guess hunting season is over and members are back to training their dogs.

We split into three groups. Jeff Derbes led the dogs working toward a UT test, Ericka Dennis led the puppy group, and Gabby Awbrey led those working on Natural Ability.

Gary Willhite handled dishing out the birds and then lead the team of Shawn Anderson and Ellen Kincaid at the UT water.

Those in attendance were: Steve Loeffler and Stella, Guido Dei with Reni, Aristide, and Alba, Victor Ramsauer and Bailey, Jim Hill with Belle and Heidi, Ephraim Ebstein and Storm, Matt Moore with Rody, Tyler Lauricha with Darcy, Richard Thomas with Sarge Jr., Gary Willhite and Sylvia Hansen with Yoli, Greg Smith with Kena, Mark Matteson with Beau, Andrea Ashbaugh with River, Bryan and Beth Palle with Mason, Ellen and Doug Kincaid, with D.O.G. and Gelati, Ed Gebelein with Rocco, Ericka Dennis with Beppe and Regina, Gabby Awbrey with Matt, Bob Smith with Heidi, Greta, and Hanna, Fred Holt with Pearl, and Jeff Derbes with Ace.

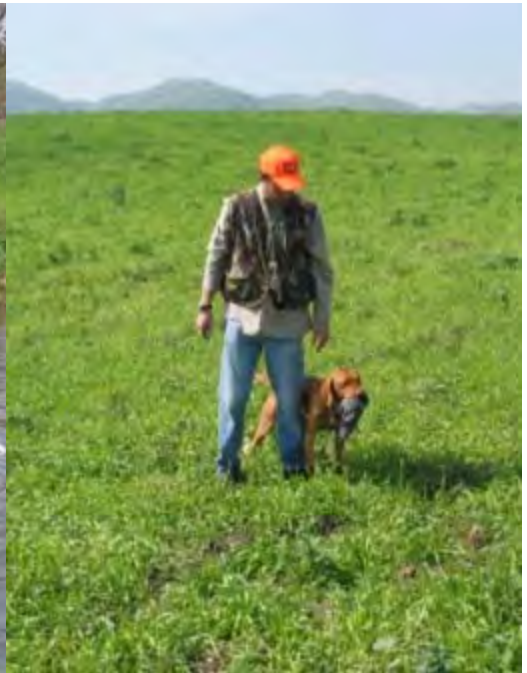


More Training Day Pictures



Please note: If you would like to submit pictures for the newsletter please resize them to less than a megabyte and email them to me as attachments. Be advised that most email servers will not pass an email of more that six megabytes. Please do not send me links to pictures uploaded to sites like Flickr, etc. Many of these sites do not allow downloading of pictures and also require that I join the site to gain access. Right now I'm getting emails from about six of these sites daily. Thanks for understanding.

More Training Day Pictures



Mock Test April 3rd

We will run the Mock Test at High On Kennels in Mesa Grande. Tracy will be off site running a snake break clinic so we will be on our own. Her bottom field is still too short to work dogs, and she has asked us to please stay out of that field. Also, please do not park your vehicle in it. **Starting time is 8:30 A.M.**

We will start the dogs near her house at the top of the hill and work them in the field below, and in the side field Southwest of the pond.

We will then move to the pond, have the NA dogs swim, then do the Steady by Blind and Retrieve of Duck. Lastly we will do the Duck Search.

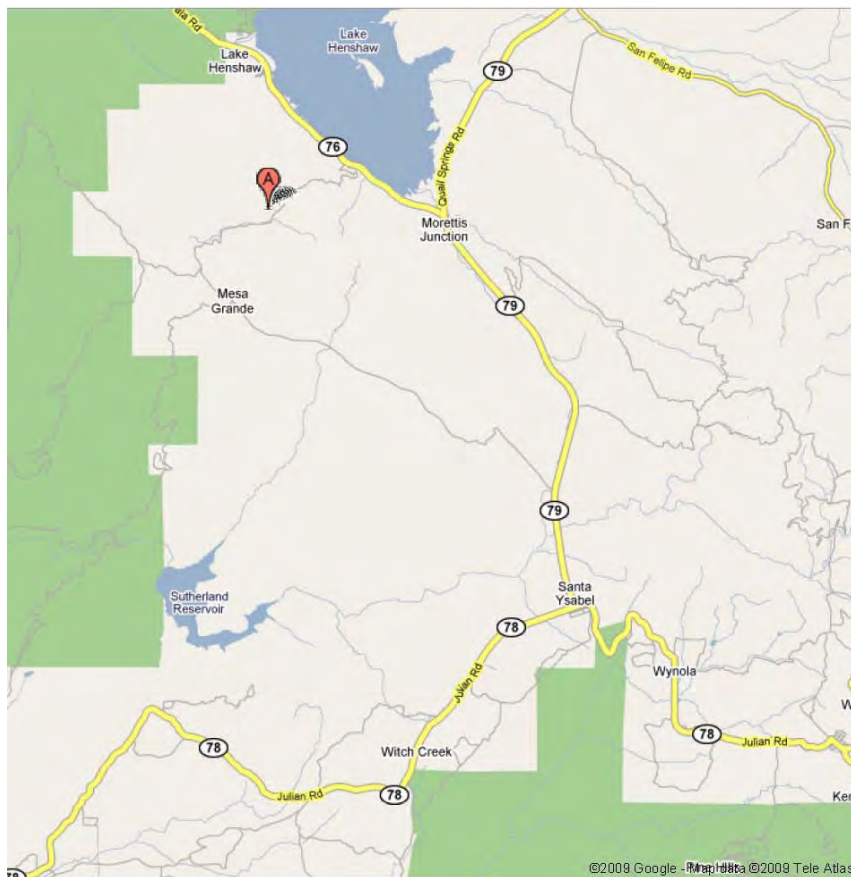
We will be in tight quarters so please keep your dogs under control when they are not working. Please park in a way that traffic can get past your vehicle.

We will have hats and T-shirts for sale. We ordered a few mediums and XXLs.

High On Kennels Directions

Coming from San Diego take HWY 79 North from Santa Ysabel. Turn left on HWY 76 going West toward Lake Henshaw. Take the second left turn onto Center Loop. Turn left on Mesa Grande Road. Stay on Mesa Grande Road up and over the hill crest. On the down grade you will see a sign on the right for High On Kennels at 26920 Mesa Grande Road.

Coming from Escondido take HWY 76 to Center Loop and then turn right on Mesa Grande. If coming from Temecula take HWY 79 to HWY 76 and turn right going West toward Lake Henshaw, take center Loop and turn left on Mesa Grande. Please close the gate behind you.



Spring Test April 22nd, 23rd, 24th - Lake Henshaw

We will be camping and assembling at Lake Henshaw and then proceeding to the field each morning. Be ready to leave by 6:30 A.M.

| JOB | JOB DESCRIPTION | | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| | Edited from NAVHDA Test Packet Job Descriptions* | SD NAVHDA | 22-Apr | 23-Apr | 24-Apr |
| Test Secretary | Responsible for all the paper work. Responsible for overall preparation. Makes electronic application to Director of Testing for Test Dates and for Judges. Assigns test coordinator. Handles test correspondence, Test entries, score cards, etc. Schedule apprentice judges (see notes in Judge and Chapter Obligations section.) Should read all of the "Test Information" section of the Test Packet | Must be present all weekend to take last minute entries | Lance Lauricha | Lance Lauricha | Lance Lauricha |
| Test Coordinator | Responsible for management of the Test. Sees to arrangement for grounds and birds; assigns tasks and stays updated on progress. Should also read all of the "Test Information" section of the Test Packet. | Must be present all weekend | Ericka Dennis | Ericka Dennis | Ericka Dennis |
| Field Marshal* | (1) have the next handler /dog ready when/where the Judges want them, Having dogs in place according to the final running order, and taking instructions from the Senior Judge to facilitate the testing process. (2) have the next event set up and ready, (3) keep the gallery from interfering. | | Ruth Weiss | Greg/Ruth Weiss | Greg Weiss |
| Grounds Arrangement | Call and reserve the hunt grounds with owner. Arrange to see fields and ponds a few weeks before test to be sure they are sufficient. Mark fields as reserved prior to weekend. Arrange for gates to be opened and coordinate with judges about meeting place. | Prado dog Training facility and Rahaguees owners for SD NAVHDA tests. | Tracy Presson | Tracy Presson | Tracy Presson |
| Property Person | Sees to direction signs to grounds, retrieving dummies, blank shells, blinds, decoys, duck boat, heeling stakes, and any other necessary equipment for the site. All equipment should be set up in accordance with the Senior Judge's directions before it is needed. | (Set Up Crew) Water portion of test, provide NA bumpers and rocks; set up UT walk at heel stakes, duck blind, winger-zinger & six decoys | Gary Willhite | Gary Willhite | Gary Willhite |
| Judge Coordinator | Sees to arrangements for travel, meeting, housing and feeding Judges. Arrangements should be discussed with individual judges well before the test. Contact person for judges). | Can be combined with Judge Steward and/or Chauffeur | Gabby Awbrey | Gabby Awbrey | Gabby Awbrey |

Spring Test—Continued

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| Judge Steward | Provides hot or cold (depending on weather) beverages (including cold water) available for judges in the field. Keeps rain or other weather dependent gear close by. Manages transportation in the field if necessary. Sees that the judges' lunch is ready when they are and generally keeps the judges as comfortable as possible during the day. | Provides snacks & drinks in between activities. Can be combined with Food Coordinator | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN |
| Food Coordinator | <i>Makes arrangements for a Test dinner if there is to be one, coordinates plans for lunch on the grounds.</i> | (Lunch Crew) Set up lunch for chapter & clean up area. (Breakfast Crew) Set up morning drinks/donuts. | Ericka Dennis | Ericka Dennis | Barbara Thomas |
| Gunners (Field, UT Water, NA) | Required to read the sections on gun safety in the NAVHDA Aims, Programs, Test Rules book and the sheet On Being a NAHVDA Gunner. Safety and intelligent, accurate shooting are primary concerns. For UT water and NA, Blank Ammo is Used | Read NAVHDA Aims booklet (mandatory for live field), Distraction and NA shoot only when instructed | Doug Streed Jeff Derbes | Doug Streed Jeff Derbes | Doug Streed |
| Bird Steward | Responsible for care of the birds from point of delivery to the field. (May also be responsible for ordering birds). Sees that birds are where they are needed when they are needed. Birds must be kept fed and watered and protected from the elements. Birds must not be weak or fail to fly. Dead birds for drags and water work should be kept cool, dry and covered to avoid attracting flies. | Water, feed & care for birds, dispatch birds for UT drags & retrieve of duck (fresh, chilled) | Dave Awbrey | Dave Awbrey | Dave Awbrey |
| Bird Planters (Minimum 2) | They should be carefully instructed in the proper way to plant the birds. Birds must be planted in such a manner they will be alert and ready to fly when a dog approaches. Bird Planters take direction from the Senior Judge on where to put birds and must watch/listen for Judge's signal indicating they need an extra bird. | Plant field between dogs, 1st dog plant six birds, every dog afterwards receives four birds | Kirt Gilliland Ed Gebelein | Matt Moore Ed Gebelein | Matt Moore Richard Thomas |
| Bird Dresser | All shot birds should be dressed and chilled as soon as they are brought from the field. If birds cannot be dressed, they should be put in a cooler on ice to be dressed later. | Prepare birds for lunch/dinner as appetizer-BBQ | Richard Thomas | Gary Willhite | Lance Lauricha |
| Duck Thrower | Requires a knowledge of operation of the Winger Zinger. | Throw duck during mark retrieve sequence, only when instructed | Jeff Derbes | Jeff Derbes | N/A |
| Duck planter (boat) | | Can be combined with Duck Thrower | Jeff Derbes | Jeff Derbes | N/A |
| Chauffeur | Drives the judges from hotel to field & water | Can be combined with Judge Steward and/or Chauffeur | Ruth Weiss | Ruth Weiss | Ruth Weiss |
| Raffle Person | Sell tickets for raffle and auction off the bird field | | OPEN | OPEN | OPEN |

Snake Avoidance Clinic

We had about 20 dogs run through the course and everyone seemed to go home satisfied that their dog got the message. Here are some pictures Sylvia Hansen took while we waited our turn. Shawn Anderson worked with his dog on the table, and Ace ran the bucket drill.



Reports From The Field

Ericka Dennis took her dog to Colorado to meet some other Braccos and hunt Pheasants at the Kiowa Creek Hunt club and the Quail Run Hunt Club.



Reports From The Field

Sylvia Hansen sent along these pictures of Gary Willhite and Yoli chasing Chukars at Red Mountain.



Breeding Announcement

Sire: VC Garbonita Weissbier Eckhard (aka Ace)

Versatile Champion 200 points OFA Good
NA 110 points prize 1 - UT 199 points prize 1



Dam: Heidi Rose Legacy Fradella (aka Heidi)

NA 112 points prize 1 - UT 202 points prize 1 OFA good



Expected whelp date June 2011

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Litter Announcement



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT



Great Oak Kennel

German Shorthair Pointers



Great Oaks Wild One (Beau)

9
Pups
due
April
4th

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Jamul's Greta of Champagne

AKC Master Hunter

NAVHDA Natural Ability Title Prize 1

NAVHDA Utility Title Prize 1

Will compete in NAVHDA Invitational Sept. 2011

Pups dual registered
AKC & NAVHDA

Both parents from strong hunting lines

Dam is exceptionally calm & sweet

Sire is a pointing & retrieving machine!

Both are loving family pets with no bad attributes

Parents' hips OFA certified

Breeding Points:

All aspects of natural hunting instinct & drive

Naturally points & quarters with nose for game

Calm & sweet disposition; cooperative

Great health & stamina; large, tough paws; strong lungs

Beautiful coat; good conformation

Contact: PJ McAdams 619 997-2257

Iron Mountain Outfitters 610 463-5660

8493 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa, CA 91942

Taking \$200.00 deposits / First two "picks" go to buyers who will
campaign the dog in NAVHDA & AKC Field Trials

Litter Announcement

Great Oak Kennel

German Shorthair Pointer

Litter Announcement
Expected Whelping Date Mid-April

Rattlesnake Creek Sonny X Great Oak's Take Aim

Puppies will possess strong natural instincts:
prey drive, range, perseverance, cooperation, pointing, retrieving



Sonny

Sugar

Sire: Rattlesnake Creek Sonny NA Prize II

Dam: Great Oak's Take Aim UT Prize II/ 185

Contact: Dennis Zamora (951) 375-9276

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We solicit newsletter contributions (stories, photographs, recipes, advertisements) from club members. Please send all contributions to the editor: Jeff Derbes (derbes@earthlink.net)



Training Days

Guidelines & Procedures

- Dogs are to be under control at all times (leash rule is in effect)
- Everyone in the field must wear blaze orange hat, t-shirt or vest and have completed a hunter safety class or have a hunting license
- Children are to be supervised and remain within the designated parking area at all times
- No Alcohol on premises
- Shotguns must be break open only

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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All training site directions can be downloaded from the website.