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- Training Day**
- Annual Meeting report**
- Rattlesnake avoidance Clinic**
- News from the field**
- Spring test signups**
- Training Seminar**

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Bal	4,167.70
Expenses	\$528.00
Deposits	\$525.00
Ending Bal	\$4,164.70

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello friends and chapter members,

We have so much going on I thought I would divide and conquer:

THE ANNUAL MEETING

We just returned from the Great White North – Ottawa Canada for the 2011 NAVHDA Annual Meeting. It was a long trip and the temperature was below zero most of the weekend but we had a terrific time. Gabby Awbrey, Jeff Derbes, Bob Smith, Jackie Smith and I went to scope out the meeting and gather as much information as possible. I love seeing those folks from other chapters that you only get to see once a year. It's great to connect again.

Our chapter basket sold to the highest bidder for over \$425! Thanks to everyone in the chapter for helping make that basket the best at the meeting!

A lot of folks in Ottawa said they are looking forward to coming here. We have a lot of planning to do, but I am confident we can pull together as a chapter and show everyone how it's done! My sincere thanks to Gabby, Jeff, Jackie and Bob for taking time out of their busy lives to go with me and for donating their frequent flier miles and hotel costs. We, as a chapter, thank you!

SPRING TEST

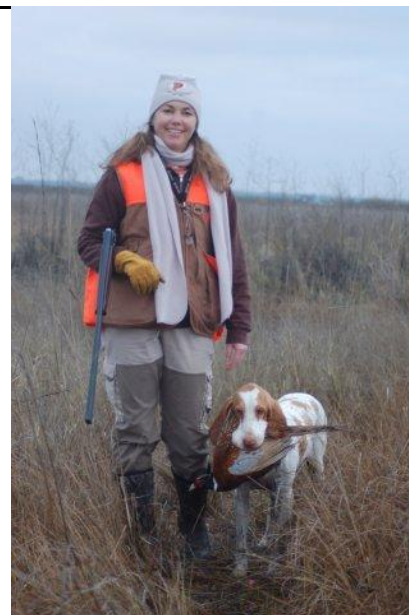
Before we start into the details of the annual meeting, we have a test to conduct. Lance Lauricha, our test secretary, is getting test entries every day so we are filling up fast. We have confirmation from our senior judge, Tracey Nelson. Tracy is from Iowa and is the new Executive Council Member in charge of the Registry. She has never judged out here before so let's show her what a great test we can put on.

We are still looking for test volunteers. Please contact me if you can help. We need bird planters, property/grounds set up, test marshals and food coordinators, etc.

TRAINING DAYS

We have several trainings days coming up. In February we are heading back to Honey Springs on the 6th. I realize that this is Super Bowl Sunday so we will be sure to finish in time for the game. We have a Rattlesnake Avoidance clinic at High On Kennels March 5th. After that we are centering our training on ponds and water holes to practice for the upcoming test. If you are testing, you will get priority at training day in March and April.

Ericka Dennis
President
San Diego Chapter NAVHDA



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

**Alis Anderson
13858 Deanly Way
Lakeside, CA 92040**

Single membership \$25 Family \$35

Schedule of Events

February 6th Training Day Honey Springs

March 5th Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic
@ High On Kennels

March 13th Training Day at Prado

Future Test Dates (West Coast):

April 16th-17th Grand Canyon Chapter

April 22nd -24th San Diego Chapter test at
Prado Dog Park in Chino, CA

February 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Train- ing day	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

Versatile Breed: German Shorthaired Pointer

The German shorthaired pointer (GSP) is a breed of dog developed in the 19th century in Germany for hunting. The breed is streamlined yet powerful with strong legs that make it able to move rapidly and turn quickly. It has moderately long floppy ears set high on the head. Its muzzle is long, broad, and strong, allowing it to retrieve even heavy game. The dog's profile should be straight or strongly Roman nosed; any dished appearance to the profile is incorrect. The eyes are generally brown, with darker eyes being desirable; yellow or "bird of prey" eyes are a fault. The tail is commonly docked, although this is now prohibited in some countries. The correct location for docking for GSP is after the caudal vertebrae start to curl, leaving enough tail to let the dog communicate through tail wagging and movement. The



docked tail should not be too long or too short but should balance the appearance of the head and body. The GSP tail is carried at a jaunty angle, not curled under. When the GSP is in classic point stance, the tail should be held straight out from the body forming a line with the pointing head and body. Like all German pointers, GSP have webbed feet. The German Shorthaired Pointer's coat is short and flat with a dense undercoat protected by stiff guard hairs making the coat water resistant and allowing the dog to stay warm in cold weather. The color can be a dark brown, correctly referred to in English as "liver" (incorrectly as "chocolate" or "chestnut"), black (although any area of black is cause for disqualification in American Kennel Club sanctioned shows), or either liver and white or black and white. Commonly the head is a solid or nearly solid color and the body is speckled or "ticked" with liver and white, sometimes with large patches of solid color called "saddles". Roan coats are also common, with or without patching. Solid liver and solid black coats also occur, often with a small blaze of ticking or white on the chest. While the German standard permits a slight sandy coloring ("Gelber Brand") at the extremities, this coloring is rare, and a dog displaying any yellow coloring is disqualified in AKC and CKC shows. The coloring of the GSP provides camouflage in the winter seasons. When standing next to dead trees and in broken snow, the white and dark brown coat makes the dog difficult to see.

Report on the January 15th Training Day

We met at the new Honey Springs dog training facility. We had about thirty people in attendance.

Those that signed the roll were Bob Smith with Greta and Heidi, Ericka Dennis with Regina, Ed Davidson with Buck, Ian Cecena with Chief, Brad Reily with Case, Phillip Coffeen with Rowdy, Alis & Sean Anderson with Bounty, Hunter, and Magnolia, Eric & Cathy Grinder with Milo and Sadie, Bob Brown with Hans, Bob Kendall, Randy & Jessica Hanson with Cosmo and Kifia, Dave Awbrey with half of Mudbone Kennels, Tom McCart with Colt, Gene Cobb with Julie, Jack Bransford with Kat, Art Shurtleff with Feisty, Matt Moore with Rody, Mark Matteson with Beau, Kirt Gilliland, Ed Gebelein with Rocco, and Jeff Derbes with Ace.

We split into three groups, Ericka Dennis took the young dogs, Gabby Awbrey worked with the group whose dogs were not steady on point, and Jeff Derbes worked with the advanced group. Everyone got a chance to see the new facility. There is a long way to go to install the ponds for water work, and somehow deal with the fox-tails. Please remember that the park closes February 28th.



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.

February 6th Training Day

We will be training at the new dog training area at Honey Springs south of Jamul.

Our plan is to work on obedience and field work. The gate opens at 8:00 AM and we will start at 8:30.

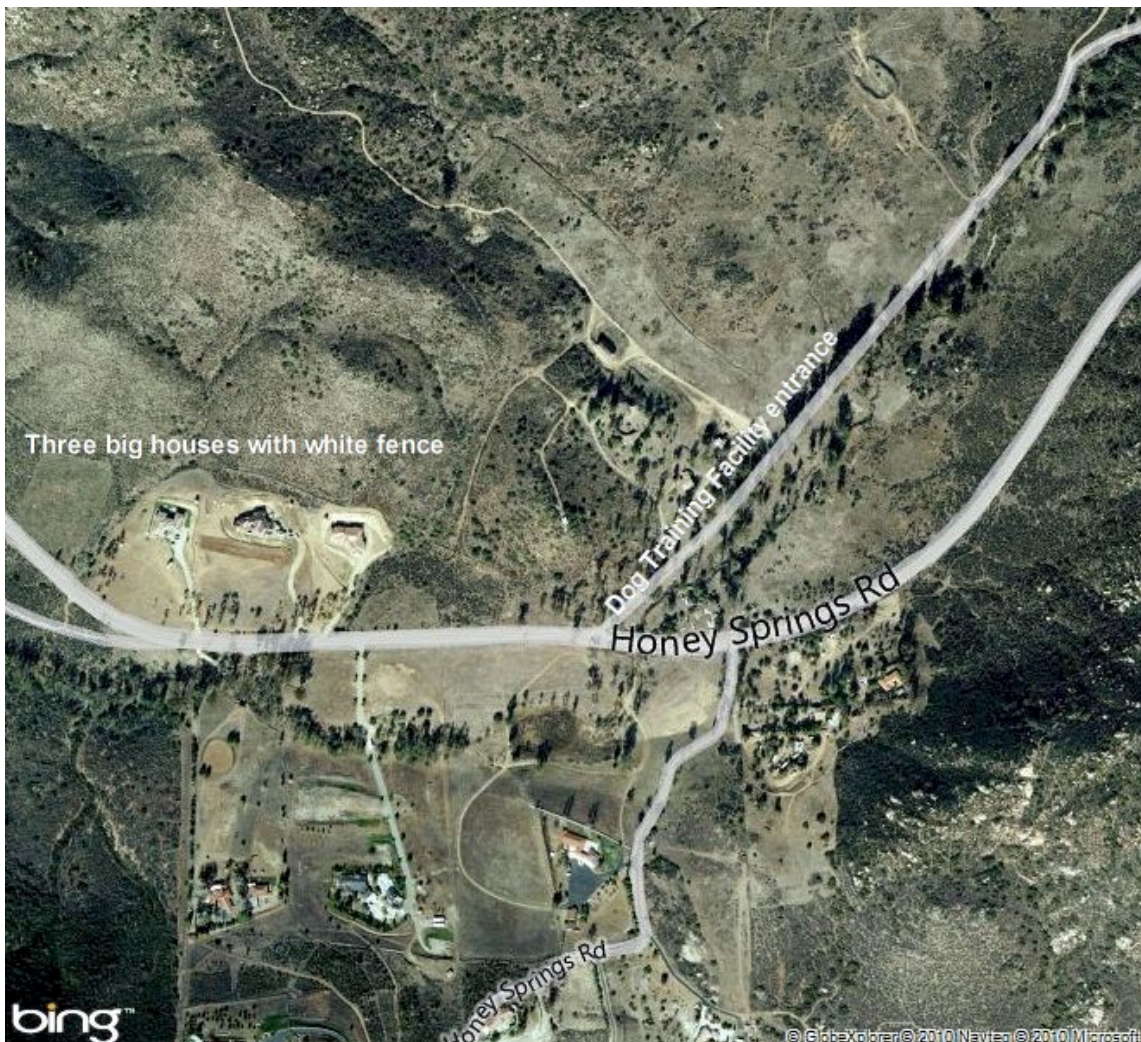
Those members that just want to shoot birds over their dogs to keep them sharp are welcome. We will assign you a separate area. Just let Gabby know during the meeting.

**Please contact Gabby Awbrey by Wednesday February 2nd to place your order for birds.
(951) 473-5589 gawbrevgsp@gmail.com**

Directions to Honey Springs: Follow highway 94 East past Jamul. Pass by the Daley Ranch and the Holtenbeck SWA. Turn left on Honey Springs Road (just before Otay Lakes Rd.). Go North 2.2 miles. Watch for a white plastic fence and several big homes on the left side of the road. Look for the entrance to the facility 100 yards past the fence on your left. Drive up to the parking lot.

Maps

<http://www.bing.com/maps/default.aspx?v=2&cp=pf9z1t580ppb&lvl=17&dir=0&sty=u>



Report on the NAVHDA Annual Meeting in Ottawa, Canada

Your team of Ericka Dennis, Gabby Awbrey, Jeff Derbes, and Bob and Jackie Smith attended the Annual Meeting. Normally only a delegate from our chapter attends the Annual Meeting, but because we are hosting the meeting next year we wanted to get more than one set of eyes looking at the logistics.

It was **COLD** in Ottawa!!! When we arrived the high was 10 degrees Fahrenheit. On Friday it warmed up to a balmy 16 degrees and then the fun started! Saturday it dropped to 5 degrees, Sunday it was minus 2, and on Monday getaway day it was minus 4. Yet there were Mallards flying in the neighborhood! Tough birds!

We put together a chapter basket that was in the silent auction along with other chapter's baskets. We wanted to entice those in attendance to think about coming to San Diego for next year's meeting. Our chapter gift basket got the highest bid so the Ottawa NAVHDA chapter will be returning half the bid price to our San Diego chapter.

Thanks to the following people that donated to the chapter basket:

Bob and Jackie Smith for the Garcia quail print and the tickets to the Zoo, Midway, Maritime and Aerospace Museums

Doug Streed for the Pheasant hunt at Mt Palomar Hunt Club

Nancy and George Hall for the dog vitamins

Randy Miller for the framing the quail print—Randy built the Black Walnut frame and then did the matting, etc.

Your team at the meetings



High bidders on our basket
Dave and Wendy Branson of Cantley, Quebec



Annual Meeting Continued

Here is your Delegate Ericka Dennis' report on the meetings:

We were impressed with the hard work and dedication of the Ottawa Valley Chapter. The meeting was a success and we hope that the San Diego Chapter can live up to the high standard set.

Friday morning was arrival and registration day for most people. The Southway Hotel was very accommodating and provided transportation all weekend. We began the weekend with an Open Forum where all the delegates and visitors could bring up any issue with the Executive Council. It was a great time to talk over any item, good or bad, that the organization may want to address. After that, the delegates meeting began. We discussed 3 chapter motions (see the meeting minutes) and voted per our chapter wishes. Great discussions were had and everyone got to express their opinion in a businesslike fashion. All the motions were carried on to the Executive Council for official voting.

The traditional Friday evening reception was well attended and gave everyone a chance to meet the Ottawa Chapter or meet up with other friends from across the country. The best part of the evening was the moose meatballs brought for everyone to snack on. The hospitality suite was busy until well after midnight culminating with the Duck Poop Board contest. You pick a square on a board and hope the duck poops on your chosen square to win!

Saturday began early with a buffet breakfast at the hotel and then the hall of delegates meeting. The minutes from last year were approved and every member of the Executive Council gave their annual summary. We also took a moment to remember those we lost last year and those who are fighting for our freedom in the military. A candle was lit and a moment of silence was observed. The new Executive Council elected for 2011-2013 was introduced and then the chapter motions were brought up for final discussion and voting. A buffet lunch was provided in the hotel so we didn't have to travel far. Since the temperature was below zero most of the day, we appreciated it!

The afternoon was filled with exciting speakers beginning with Ed Bailey, Co-Founder of NAVHDA. He told stories of the beginning days of NAVHDA starting back in the 1950's. He and Bodo and several other folks put their heart and soul into this organization to get it off the ground. The Green Book was born and the rest is history. He also shared some wisdom about dog training including the 4 things we should look for in a versatile dog: 1) Has a balance of independence and dependence, 2) Can control its temperament (enthusiasm), 3) Has a range of speeds, as needed for the task at hand, and 4) Has an extraordinary amount of cooperation. We should use the NA, UPT, and UT tests as a tool to evaluate these characteristics through searching, pointing, and retrieving. The next speaker was Kevin Bacon, DVM and he talked about field medicine. He was extremely engaging and humorous. He spent most of the lecture going through the basic ingredients in an emergency kit and how to use them. He even brought a dead coyote skin wrapped in foam so we could practice using the staple gun. Fun!

We gathered in the evening for cocktail hour and then headed to the banquet for awards and auctions. The Ottawa Valley Chapter displayed an amazing variety of raffle and auction items including chapter baskets, shotguns, gift certificates and lots of dog stuff. Breeder awards were announced and pictures were taken. We dined on very elegant and tasty food from the Southway Hotel, well done! The silent auction winners were announced and the other items were raffled off. Then we all headed to the hospitality suite for more cocktails and fun activities. The party didn't break up until the wee hours of the morning (so we heard).

We all managed to get up Sunday to attend the final speaker presentations. Lucky for us they were entertaining and engaging speakers. Andrew Sparling, DVM gave a detailed educational presentation of the process of frozen semen and insemination. He started with the collection, described the storage, and then ended with how to time the insemination. It's an exact science in certain parts of the process and an art form in other parts. Andrew was more than willing to accept questions at any time.

The last speakers were Andy Kinstler, Rob Thornton & Pierre Baril, Canadian Champion Goose Callers. It was great fun and there was a prize to the best goose caller!

That event ended the Annual Meeting for 2011. Many thanks go out to the Ottawa Valley Chapter who put in countless hours to pull off a successful event.

Jackie Smith's notes on the Annual Meeting Seminars

Useful Links down load them quick they might not be on the Ottawa Valley Chapter website for long:

[Field Dog First Aid](#)

[Canine Semen: Collection, Frozen, Fresh Chilled, Insemination](#)

[Goose Hunting and Calling Techniques](#)

History of NAVHDA

Presented by Ed Bailey, PhD Zoology, co-author of the NAVHDA Green Book

Ed Bailey described how NAVHDA started as an idea of Bodo Winterhelt's to provide a "forum to test the Versatile Hunting Dog (VHD) [based on the German testing system] because existing test and trials weren't right for **evaluating** VHD". Initially NAVHDA served as a parent organization that set up and enforced the test rules and judging criteria. Testing itself was under the supervision of the breed clubs.

NAVHDA was starting to need some income, so Bodo and Ed decided to write a book about how to train a Versatile Dog. This is the now famous Green Book. All proceeds from the book, then and now, are given to NAVHDA.

The number of tests grew, presumably because people like the idea of evaluating, rather than ranking, their dogs. Eventually the plans of the originators morphed and NAVHDA Chapters formed, the Registry was created, the Invitational Test was introduced, and test criteria changed.

NAVHDA, as Ed envisioned it, is an organization dependent on the ability of judges to evaluate dogs. He taught judges that a VHD is not defined as a dog that simply points, tracks, and retrieves on land and water. Rather it is a dog that displays the following characteristics:

- Has a balance of independence and dependence
- Can control its temperament (enthusiasm)
- Has a range of speeds, as needed for the task at hand
- Has an extraordinary amount of cooperation.

Judges use the test criteria (e.g. pointing, searching, retrieving) to evaluate how well a dog fits those characteristics.

Jackie Smith's notes on the Annual Meeting Seminars

Field First Aid

Presentation by Dr Kevin Bacon, DVM

The viewgraph presentation is available at www.ovnahvda.com/nam.

Here is further description of a few of the items Dr Bacon recommended for your first aid kit (page 11):

Thermometer (Digital, flexible, rectal) – Use it to check for overheating - 103 deg is borderline, 104 a problem, 109 your dog will not survive.

KY Jelly – Use it to clean out wounds. It is water soluble and the crud in the wound will stick to it. Squeeze it in and flush it out. (Punctures should be left alone except for packing with sugar, see below). Also use around a wound before you shave it – the hairs will stick to the jelly. Can be used in the eye for cornea scratches if don't have eye wash.

Shoe Lace – Use as a leash, tourniquet, muzzle.

Sugar – This will draw out water and dry out a wound (moisture promotes bacteria growth). Pack the cleaned wound, or any puncture, with sugar. Repack as necessary (a sugar syrup will ooze from the wound).

Hydrogen Peroxide (3%) – Use to force vomiting. Fill a 60 cc syringe and give 1-2 syringe-fulls. Can repeat dose. You have about 1 – 1 ½ hours before something moves from the stomach into the bowels. Also good for putting on hot spots (after shaving the spot).

Sterile Eye Wash (or contact lens solution) – Can be used anywhere, e.g to flush wounds.

Further description of how to handle common field emergencies (page 3):

Allergies – Benadryl (use dosage given on page 12, it is of no use if use too little)

Hot spots – Shave, peroxide, Benadryl.

Ear problems – These are a symptom of a skin allergy, treat with Benadryl.

Bacterial ear infection (Swimmer's Ear) – Keep it dry (ear wash that are dilute acids serve this purpose)

Torn nails – Cut the nail off at the tear. Infection of between nail and quick is the number one cause of toe amputation.

Best tool for removing ticks – www.ticktwister.com (available online at multiple sites)

Canine Semen: Collection, Frozen, Fresh Chilled, Insemination

Presented by Andrew M Sparling DVM

A self-explanatory viewgraph presentation is available at www.ovnahvda.com/nam.

The most surprising information for me in this presentation was the survival time of sperm after insemination, which explains why timing of insemination is so much more important with frozen and fresh chilled sperm.

Frozen sperm: 12-24 hours (average 65-70% motility)

Fresh Chilled: 24-72 hours

Fresh: 4-6 days (average 85% motility)

Reports from the field

New member Gene Cobb sent along these pictures of his dogs Julie and Patty



Lance Lauricha sends along this picture of his son Tyler's first duck hunt at Wister with his Garbonita GSP NA prize 2 pup



Ed Davidson sends along this Mexico report

My neighbor, Dave & I, got 11 on the Tuesday before closing weekend and the storms, Buck got his first stitches in Mexico on the first bird from some glass in a ditch. Other than that it was a great day of hunting



More from the field

Jerry Newton sends along this report about his senior Vizsla

Copper turned 14 yesterday, we have hunted him gently this year from opening Dove through pheasant and duck season. We took Copper out for a 14th birthday hunt and we couldn't keep him out of the ditch despite being completely deaf and half blind. To compensate I think his nose, which was never bad, has gotten a lot better.

The first picture was of him fresh out of the ditch with green head #1. The second picture is a midday shot with 6 ducks, Kalin (now 8) and Marcia as dog handler. We would finish the day with 9 ducks (7 mallards) for two hunters and two tired ditch dogs.



Ericka Dennis sends along this report

Went hunting in Sacramento yesterday. Great place called the Hastings Island Hunt Club. Here are a few pictures of Regina on her hunt.



Update on Tragedy Strikes NAVHDA Kennel

This story was posted in last month's newsletter

Tragedy Strikes a Fellow NAVHDA Member!

On December 4th, 2010 Abbe Lane kennels owned by Rob and Judy Moerman caught fire. They lost a number of dogs and are fighting to save those that were rescued. Insurance is covering material things but unfortunately the vet expenses that the family is incurring will not be covered. As we all know our dogs are more than pets they are an extension of our family, a companion and friend. Rob and Judy are trying to save those that they can but if the financial burden becomes more than they can take on they will be faced with a difficult decision. If you would like to contribute to a fund to help the Moerman's please contact the Michigan NAVHDA treasurer Ken Weiden at Kweiden1@frontier.com

Your San Diego NAVHDA Board of Directors voted to send these folks a check for \$50.

We received the following thank you note

Dear Members of the San Diego NAVHDA chapter;
Rob and I cannot begin to find the words to thank all of you for your gracious donation to us in the loss of 6 of our precious dogs, 2 large litters of puppies and the Kennel.
The 4 survivors are doing better and your donation will be going to pay down our huge vet bills.
We know that with time as only time can we will begin to heal from our hurt that is so great.
The outpouring of Love and Kindness has truly touched and humbled us and will never be forgotten.
Once again thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and your gift.
Lovingly Rob and Judy Moerman
Abbe Lane Kennel

Junior Pheasant Hunt

8th Annual Jr. Pheasant Hunt

When: Sunday, March 6, 2011

Where: My Country Club

(Approx. 1 mile west of 22,000 Mesa
Grande Rd, Santa Ysabel, CA)

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Open to first time hunters 16 and Under

**With a valid California
Hunting license**

Event includes:

Trap Shotgun Range

.22 Rifle Range

Archery

Demos by Trappers

Actual Field Hunting

Bird Cleaning

Lunch after the Event

(The whole event is FREE to participants)

Contact Doug Streed- ddstreed@hotmail.com

Doug will contact you, this is a first come, first served event.

Spring Test April 22nd, 23rd, 24th - Prado Dog Park Chino

We Still need volunteers!!!!

Your chapter board planned to have a two day test this year. We felt that four days at Prado wore everyone out last April. But, we found the demand for a three day test was high amongst NAVHDA members in Southern California and Arizona. So we arrived at a compromise. We have elicited a commitment from our sister So Cal chapter to assist us in running the test. The plan is for members to spend at most two days volunteering at Prado. We urge all San Diego Chapter members to volunteer now for the positions available (see list below and on following page). After a reasonable period we will open up spots for volunteers from the So Cal chapter. Please call or email Test Coordinator Ericka Dennis with your choice of position and days for which you wish to volunteer. (760) 634-2250 erandsdell@gmail.com.

Our plan as of today is to run a mix of UT & NA on Friday, UT on Saturday, and NA on Sunday.

JOB	JOB DESCRIPTION		Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	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.		OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
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.	Guido Dei	Guido Dei	Guido Dei
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	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
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 April 22nd, 23rd, 24th - Prado Dog Park Chino continued

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	Ericka Dennis
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 Jeff Derbes
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	OPEN Ed Gebelein	OPEN Ed Gebelein	OPEN
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	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Duck Thrower	Requires a knowledge of operation of the Winger Zinger.	Throw duck during mark retrieve sequence, only when instructed	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Duck planter (boat)		Can be combined with Duck Thrower	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Chauffeur	Drives the judges from hotel to field & water	Can be combined with Judge Steward and/or Chauffeur	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Raffle Person	Sell tickets for raffle and auction off the bird field		OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

Training Seminar



Training Clinic

By:

Tim Clark

March 19/20, 7:00 AM

Orme/Dugas Exit 17 Fwy

Tim has been a Navhda member for 20+ years and he is a Senior Judge. He has trained and tested dogs in all levels of Navhda and AKC with Great success.

Agenda

The training will start with puppy all the way thru Utility level. Instruction on basic obedience, trained retrieve, introduction to electronic training devices, steadiness on game, and tracking wounded game. There will also be advanced work on backing for hunt test. **Handlers are instructed to bring their dogs** so they can be used as classroom examples, particularly if they have a problem that needs to be addressed. You'll go home with a better idea of what is expected after actually doing it, not just seeing it.

The cost is \$125.00 for this two-day event. This will include coffee and pastries in the morning both days, lunch will be served sat/sun on site.

Make check payable to: GCC Navhda

Send to:

Erv Comer

19788 E. Del Rancho

Queen Creek, AZ 85142

Directions

Exit Orme/Dugas road off the 17 frwy north of Phoenix or south of Flagstaff, meeting time will be 7:00 am

Motel

Cordez Jct Motel and RV park

19780 E. Hitching Post Way, Cordes Junction, AZ 86333

Motel Phone: 928-632-5186 Fax: 928-632-4186

50's Backseat Diner Phone: 928-632-4440 6:30 am to 3:00 pm

Camping will be allow on the training grounds, bring plenty of water for your dogs and please clean up your dogs stool. Water will be available for the humans.

Contact

Ted Hamilton 928/713-6941 President

Jim Carpenter 602/397-5759 Vice President

Cherie Hendrix 928/279-2938 Test Secretary

Anita Weiss 928/201-1522 Training Coordinator

Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic

March 5th 2011

Mark your calendars. We were fortunate to get a date for this years clinic that is prior to snake season. This is a very important event for your dog. The chapter officers recommend that you have your dog vaccinated against Rattlesnakes by your vet, and that you go through Rattlesnake avoidance training annually.

Last year chapter member Tom McCart had his Shorthair bit in the face by a rattler while walking on lead in a residential area of Lakeside. Colt merely stuck his head in a bush to see what was there. Colt nearly lost his life, and Tom was out about \$4,500 for treatment. The fact that Colt had been vaccinated against Rattlesnake venom saved his life. *A note from the vet: anti-venom can only be given to a dog once. After that they become allergic. So if your dog is bit and needs to have the anti-venom administered, you are out of luck if it is seriously bitten again.*

This clinic is open to anyone you wish to invite, friends, neighbors, etc. Every dog is vulnerable. We will also be doing some training on the training table, whoa post, and water work with dogs while everyone awaits their turn at Rattlesnake avoidance.

Please send me an email and let us know you will be attending so we can schedule accordingly:
jeffderbes@yahoo.com

Location

High On Kennels in Mesa Grande

Directions

[http://www.sandiegonavhda.com/pdfs/training_sites/
High_On_Kennels.pdf](http://www.sandiegonavhda.com/pdfs/training_sites/High_On_Kennels.pdf)

Tom McCart's story:

On May the 4th 2010, Colt my 3 year old GSP, was bit by a Pacific Rattler while returning from afternoon workout. We walk every evening about a mile to a vacant field and foreclosed housing tract near Lake Jennings Park in Lakeside. On the way back from his drills while walking on leash, on the side walk, we passed a heavily landscaped church parking lot. Colt paused and in a blink stuck his head into a ornamental bush next to the sidewalk. He jumped back with a 4' Pacific rattler attached to his lower cheek and jaw. No rattle, no sound at all, just a big snake flipping in the air. I pulled Colt back on the leash and the snake let go. The snake landed on the sidewalk and immediately coiled and rattled. The snake, with amazing speed, quickly slized back into the bush and disappeared. This all happen in about 10 seconds. I could tell Colt was immediately in pain. I examined the bit and sure enough there were two puncture wounds on his lower jaw. I knew we need immediate help. We hurried home got into the car and drove to the Lakeside Vet. They in turn immediately directed us to the La Mesa 24 hour emergency pet center. Total time from the snake bit to arriving at the emergency per center was 45 minutes. The Lakeside Vet had already called ahead and sent all Colts records to the emergency center. When we arrived they were expecting us and immediately began anti snake bite treatment which is far more than I ever realized. Colt was shaved, sedated and given an drip IV with pain killer, anti shock medication, a series of antibiotics and the expensive anti-snake venom. The good news is Colt received two anti-rattle snake vaccines last summer and those helped delay the venoms attack. The emergency Vet treatment cost \$3,800. Anti venom is \$750.00 per vile. Colt only took two. Colt was transferred to my local Lakeside Vet, to reduce costs, the next day and remained with them for another three days. His head had swollen to the size of football and the vet was very concerned the swelling would cut off his breathing and gave him more strong antibiotics. When he came home he had lost 8lbs and the total vet bills were over \$4,500.00. I took two weeks for him to return to good strength. He is getting better every day. We were going to attend the snake break class the week he was bit. The vet told me 60% of the dogs with the anti venom shots can survive a Pacific Rattler bite if they can get treatment within three hours or less. If the snake had been a Mojave Green Colt would not have survived. The vet said we have both snakes her in San Diego County although the Greens are usually closer to the desert.

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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

Next Training Day:

- February 6th Honey Springs Dog Training Facility
- March 5th Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic at High On Kennels
- March 13th Prado Dog Park - Chino
- April 3rd Prado Dog Park - Chino - Mock Test
- April 22nd-24th Chapter Hunt Test @ Prado
- May 21st Eagle Peak
- June 19th McCoy Ranch
- July 24th Chapter Picnic

All training site directions can be downloaded from the website.