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Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Bal	4,132.70
Expenses	\$0.00
Deposits	\$35.00
Ending Bal	\$4,167.70

Assets: Boat, Signs, T-shirts, Hats, Heeling Stakes, 2 Shotguns, First

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to everyone! I really enjoyed our Annual Christmas Party at Doug and Marilyn Streed's house. What a beautiful setting. Doug was right - he picked that Sunday and it turned out to be perfect. Thank you to the Streeds once again for a great time and to everyone else for the good food.

The next 4 months are some of the most active in our year. We have 4 training days and our annual spring test. Please double check our training days as they are subject to change. We will always try to keep the website the most up to date. Our first training day for 2011 is at Honey Springs on January 15th due to flooding at San Jacinto SWA. We will have mostly field work so please be sure to order birds ahead of time.

In February we will also train at our newly opened facility in Jamul at Honey Springs. A lot of community effort, especially from our own Bob Smith, went into opening this facility. I even heard from Jim Applegate at the Central Office about this. His sister lives in Carlsbad and saw the article. He is notifying the Executive Council about our collaborative efforts. Well done to everyone!

March and April are also full and we have some exciting new members to welcome. Think about volunteering at our spring test in April. A volunteer list is available on the pages 12-13. Contact me if you are interested in helping out. Also we are in the planning stages for the annual meeting for 2012. Stay tuned for information on that exciting event.

Annual chapter membership dues are due January 1st. Please send them to our Treasurer Alis Anderson at the address below. If you are a new member and joined after September 1st you are good to go until next year. We urge everyone to also join the International so you will be covered under their insurance on training days.

Take care and see you on January 15th.

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

January 15th Training Day Honey Springs

January 21st -23rd NAVHDA Annual Meeting Ottawa, Canada

February 6th Training Day Honey Springs

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

January 2011

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 training day
16	17	18	19	20	21 NAVHDA	22 annual meeting
23 Ottawa, Canada	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Duck & Quail close	31					

Versatile Breed: German Longhaired Pointer

The coat is medium length, about 1–2 in. long on the body, with the feathering somewhat longer. The coat is slightly wavy, but must not be curly. It is not silky or soft, but rather firm and shiny. It always has a double coat, with the undercoat being quite dense, but not so profuse as to make the guard hairs stand out from the body. The color is solid dark chocolate with white permitted on the chest, paws, and down the top of the muzzle, or dark brown roan, with large patches of solid brown, especially on the head, ears, back, and base of the tail.

The GLP is between 24–28 in at the withers for males, and 23–26 in. for females. It weighs approximately 66 lbs.



GLPs are a kind, gentle, friendly, and intelligent breed. They are very affectionate, and may experience separation anxiety. They only make good pets when properly exercised, as they need a "job" to do, and do not adapt well to a sedentary life. The GLP is an excellent family pet, as it enjoys playing with children. It is very sociable with dogs.

The GLP was developed in Germany for use as a pointer. It was originally a rather slow dog, and was crossed with setters and English pointers in the 19th century to improve speed. It was very stubborn and temperamental, and has since been bred for a steady, friendly temperament. It was first shown in 1878 in Frankfurt, and at this time the first breed standard was written. Breeders then began to focus their efforts on producing dogs that performed equally well in the field and the show ring, an endeavor that is continued by breeders today. The Large Munsterlander was developed from the GLP after it was decided that GLPs must only be brown-and-white, the black-and-white strain became the ancestors of the Large Munsterlander.

Chapter Christmas Party

We met at Doug and Marilyn Streed's home in Ramona. We had about 30 people in attendance. Everyone including your editor forgot their camera so we don't have a record of the event. Everyone did have a good time, and what happens in Ramona stays in Ramona! Thanks Doug and Marilyn!

January 15th Training Day

We were scheduled to meet at San Jacinto State Wildlife Area, but there is some question as to whether the dog training fields will be usable do to flooding from all the rain. Last report we had was the field is full of ducks. So we are switching to 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.

Directions to Honey Springs: Follow highway 94 East past Jamul. Pass by the Daley Ranch and the Hollenbeck 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.

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



Tragedy Strikes NAVHDA Kennel

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.

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.

Great News—Honey Springs is OPEN!!!!



NEW PUBLIC DOG TRAINING FACILITY OPENS SATURDAY

By [ED ZIERALSKI](#)
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2010 AT 1:57 P.M.

Bob Smith (left to right), Ed Pert and Jim Conrad played key roles in the new dog training facility at the Honey Springs Ranch Unit of the Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area.

JAMUL — The Honey Springs Ranch Unit of the Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area has gone to the dogs, but that's not a bad thing at all.

Opening officially Saturday with a ceremony featuring San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob, the Honey Springs Sporting Dog Training Facility will be open and free to the public to all who want to train their hunting dogs to point, flush or retrieve. The project brought together private and public sectors and included the South Coast Region of the Department of Fish and Game and the San Diego County Wildlife Federation, which is a consortium of sporting and conservation groups that have been doing good things for fish and wildlife in the county for decades. "This is a poster child project, an example of how we as volunteers can augment the Department of Fish and Game at a time when it has budget problems and is short-staffed," said Jim Conrad of the San Diego County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission. "None of this would have happened without all the groups working together. But the public can come here and see the tangible results of that cooperative effort."

Bob Smith, president of the Federation and a member of the local chapter of the North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association, said his group worked closely with DFG regional manager Ed Pert's staff, led by supervising biologist Terri Stewart. Together they made the dog training facility a reality and the first of its kind in San Diego County. "Our goal was to develop a first-class training facility for training sporting dogs," Smith said. "In the process, we helped restore natural habitat and native wildlife by removing non-native plants (particularly foxtail) on this incredible property."

The DFG made the Honey Springs Ranch Unit of Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area available for the facility, and the DFG also provided staff to help on the project.

"It's a matter of finding a balance between protecting resources and allowing for recreation," the DFG's Pert said. "We've done that successfully here. Sporting dogs play a big part in conservation by finding and picking up birds that otherwise might not be found. They are a big part of the sport's ethics, and that's why this facility is so important." A full list of work tasks were done that include signs showing where the training areas are and the other areas that are restricted due to sensitive habitat; restoration of the well on the property with new water lines; removal of several dead and dying eucalyptus trees that were burned during the 2007 wildfire; a fenced parking lot and 40 native coast live saplings, complete with a drip irrigation system, all done by Eagle Scouts; a quail drinker and a detailed plan for training ponds as called for by the original management plan.

Conrad and his fellow commissioners were responsible for much of the grant money, around \$19,000, to cover a bulk of the costs.

At present it's an upland training facility, but ponds will be added in the next phase. It's not for hunting or target shooting, just training dogs.

DFG regulations state dog training may be done at the facility from Sept. 1 through Feb. 28, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

To reach the facility, east of Jamul, take Highway 94 to Honey Springs Road, go north 2.2 miles past a line of white fence. Look for the entrance to the facility 100 yards past the end of the fence.

Pictures from the Honey Springs Opening Ceremonies

There is still a lot of work to do at Honey Springs before it will be ready for a NAVHDA test, but we now have a place to train and fire the shotgun that is a lot closer to home. The gate is open seven days a week 8:30 to 4:30 from Sept. 1st through Feb. 28th. Chukar are verboten.



Regina and Ace did a point and back demo for those attending the opening.



Litter Announcement

Great Oak Kennel

Litter Announcement

German Shorthair Pointers

Expected Whelping Date Mid-February

Garbonita Bugatti X Great Oak's Ricochet

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



Timber



Coco

Sire: Garbonita Bugatti NA Prize I, UT Prize I, MH

OFA: Hips-Good/Cardio-Clear

Dam: Great Oak's Ricochet UT I/204, NA I/112

OFA: Hips-Good/Cardio-Clear

Natural Ability Breeder's Award Recipient '08

Contact: Tim Dalton (714) 904-6281

tmdltd@hotmail.com

Litter Announcement

Hi Dog Friends. I would like to announce that we are expecting pups around Valentines Day from Cosmo and Ziva. If interested in submitting a deposit for a pup please email me for a request form. This cross has proven to be very successful and super popular. They have produced some amazing companions, and talented hunting, agility and obedience dogs. Both Cosmo and Ziva hold multiple titles in multiple associations, and are very healthy happy dogs. More info can be seen on our website at <http://www.hansonweims.com>. We wish you all a fantastic 2011.

Jessica

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At Stud VC Garbonita Weisbeer Eckhard



**Ace is a NAVHDA bred, trained, and tested dog
Natural Ability Prize 1 110 points, Utility Prize 1 199 points, Invitational Pass 200 points
Ace is from a NAVHDA NA, UT, and VC Breeder's Award litter**

**Height - 24 inches, Weight - 65 lbs., Coat - dense medium harsh, Hips - OFA good
Date of Birth - 1/16/2007**

Learn more about Ace at <http://home.earthlink.net/~derbes/>

Or contact Jeff Derbes (858) 490-0191 jeffderbes@yahoo.com

News from the field

Member Jim Hill sends along this report on his duck hunt in the valley.

Here's a picture of me and Belle, my NAVHDA Prize 1 Natural Ability GSP, following this last weekend's duck hunt in Imperial Valley. These 7 ducks were shot on Sunday, Nov. 28th, at the Falling Feather Duck Club just outside of Calipatria, CA. Belle was a great retriever, and improved steadily throughout the weekend with two days of hunting and retrieving. She was on one retrieve, just having grabbed a wounded bird swimming away and was bringing it back when my blind companion's Lab tried to strip it out of her grip. She did not give that bird up, and after what seemed like many minutes of duck tug of war (but was likely just a minute or so), the Lab gave it up and Belle proudly retrieved the bird to hand. I am growing fond of this pup.

All the best.
Jim Hill



More news from the field

Member Jess Roper Sends along this report

Terra, my Portuguese Pointer, relaxing after a successful December mid-week day of hunting San Diego county quail.



Gabby Awbrey sends along these pictures of his duck hunt in the Sacramento Valley with VC Wing Wise Destiny



Venison Chili Recipe from Karen Luchner Hermsen

Ingredients

- 5 pounds ground venison
- 1 pound bulk Italian sausage
- 3 (15 ounce) cans chili beans, drained
- 1 (15 ounce) can chili beans in spicy sauce
- 2 (28 ounce) cans diced tomatoes with juice
- 1 (6 ounce) can tomato paste
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 2 red bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 2 green Chile peppers, seeded and chopped
- 2 tablespoons cooked bacon
- 4 cubes beef bouillon
- 1 cup beer
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce (e.g. Tabasco™)
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 can corn (15 oz)

Directions

1. Heat a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Crumble the ground chuck and sausage into the hot pan, and cook until evenly browned. Drain off excess grease.
2. Pour in the chili beans, spicy chili beans, diced tomatoes and tomato paste. Add the onion, celery, red bell peppers, Chile peppers, bacon, bouillon, and beer. Season with chili powder, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, oregano, cumin, hot pepper sauce, basil, salt, pepper, cayenne, paprika, and sugar. Stir to blend, then cover and simmer over low heat for at least 2 hours, stirring occasionally.
3. After 2 hours, taste, and adjust salt, pepper, and chili powder if necessary. Add the corn and simmer an additional 2 hours. The longer the chili simmers, the better it will taste. Remove from heat and serve, or refrigerate, and serve the next day.
4. To serve, ladle into bowls, and top with sour cream and chopped cilantro or graded cheddar cheese. Corn chips are good too.

Serves - 12

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

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.	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
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 judge(s).	Can be combined with Judge Steward and/or Chauffeur	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN

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	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
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)	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
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	OPEN	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

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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

Next Training Day:

- January 15th Honey Springs Dog Training Facility
- February 6th Honey Springs Dog Training Facility
- 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.