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Special Interests:

May Training Day

June Training Day

Cattail workday

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Bal 5,280.37

Expenses \$3,185.25

Deposits \$2,335.00

Ending Bal \$4,430.12

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

School is out, summer is here and the rain is gone (for the most part). Now our thoughts turn to summer activities. Don't forget your favorite dog friend when making your summer plans. We have a full training day schedule and some fun parties planned so stay tuned.

First, we have some challenges to overcome. The warm summer weather brings the foxtails out so our favorite training fields are inaccessible for the next several months. The weather also may get hot as the summer progresses. The board of directors always plans for such obstacles by alternating our training days. In June we are going back to Prado in Chino Hills. The fields are finally dry enough and foxtail free. In July we have our annual summer picnic at the Thomas' house. August and September will likely be water work or back yard work near the coast. See the website for the latest information.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! The club elections coincide with the summer picnic in July. Currently we are looking for at least two members to step up and offer help. We can make room for any position that interests you. The time commitment is a few hours a month of administrative work and attendance at all training days and the spring test. Think about what the club has done for you and your dog and what you can give in return. Talk to me if you are interested.

THE ANNUAL MEETING! Planning is continuing for the annual meeting. We are asking each member of the club to give one thing for the meeting. That one thing can be any of the following:

Work at the meeting: Sell raffle tickets, work at the check in desk, process the cash payments, track the winners at the raffle, ship merchandise after the meeting, send thank you notes to our sponsors, have your car on site to take members to local hot spots. Find a donation: cash, merchandise or services for the auction or raffle.

Remember, all the proceeds we earn will go towards the Honey Springs Dog Training Facility. Think about having a permanent year-round training facility close by. That would be nice! Talk to me or any of the other officers if you have an idea for the club. We welcome any comments or suggestions!

See you June 12th!

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

June 12th Prado Dog Training Facility

July 24th Chapter Picnic

Future Test Dates (West Coast):

June 3rd-4th Pacific Northwest, WA

August 27th-28th Rocky Mountain, CO

September 3rd-5th Big Sky, MT

September 23th - 25th So Cal, CA

October 8th-9th Zia, NM

June 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Train- ing day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Versatile Breed: Irish Setter

One of the most distinctive Sporting breeds, the mahogany red Irish Setter is an active, aristocratic bird dog. Originally bred to be red and white, the solid red color appeared in Ireland the 19th century and became a mark of quality and superior sporting ability. Over two feet tall at the shoulder, the Irish is known for his style, powerful movement and clown-like personality.

A Look Back

The Irish Setter became popular in the 18th century throughout Ireland and the British Isles. Developed from a mix of Irish Water Spaniel, Irish Terrier, English Setter, Spaniel, Pointer, and a dash of Gordon Setter, the breed was originally used to "set" game, crouching low near the birds so that the hunters could walk up and throw a net over bird and dog. When firearms were introduced, the Irish adapted into a gun dog that pointed, flushed and hunted in an upright stance.

General Appearance

The Irish Setter is an active, aristocratic bird dog, rich red in color, substantial yet elegant in build. Standing over two feet tall at the shoulder, the dog has a straight, fine, glossy coat, longer on ears, chest, tail and back of legs. Afield, the Irish Setter is a swift-moving hunter; at home, a sweet natured, trainable companion.

At their best, the lines of the Irish Setter so satisfy in overall balance that artists have termed it the most beautiful of all dogs. The correct specimen always exhibits balance, whether standing or in motion. Each part of the dog flows and fits smoothly into its neighboring parts without calling attention to itself.

Size, Proportion, Substance

There is no disqualification as to size. The make and fit of all parts and their overall balance in the animal are rated more important. 27 inches at the withers and a show weight of about 70 pounds is considered ideal for the dog; the bitch 25 inches, 60 pounds. Variance beyond an inch up or down is to be discouraged. Proportion --Measuring from the breastbone to rear of thigh and from the top of the withers to the ground, the Irish Setter is slightly longer than it is tall. Substance--All legs sturdy with plenty of bone. Structure in the male reflects masculinity without coarseness. Bitches appear feminine without being slight of bone.



May Training Day

We met at Eagle Peak Road. This was the last trip into the backcountry for the year as the foxtails have now driven us out. We missed the foxtails by maybe a week. It was close. The water was up on the road - a temp pond that usually isn't there. Juan Hernandez and Gabby Awbrey went down to the big pond for Invitational work. Ericka Dennis stayed up with the group and fixed lunch and did some backing with Greg Weiss. We had around 18 people in attendance.

The attendees were: Andrew and Kathy Sundsmo, Karen Hermsen, Gary Willhite and Sylvia Hansen, John Holthaus, Art Shurtleff, Greg Weiss, Jay Jayburg, Ed Gebelein, Mike Belluso, Jess Roper, Juan Hernandez, Matt Moore, Kirt Gilliland, Mark Matteson, John Corcoran, Greg Smith, and Ericka Dennis.



May Training Day Pictures



Thanks to Sylvia Hansen, Mark Matteson, Jess Roper, and Gabby Awbrey for contributing photos.

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 than 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

June 12th Training Day

We have checked McCoy Ranch and the Foxtails will not allow us to train there this June so we are switching to the Prado Dog Training Facility near Corona. The only date we could get there without conflict with another dog club is June 12th.

Please email or call Gabby Awbrey with you bird requests
gawbreysp@gmail.com (951) 473-5589

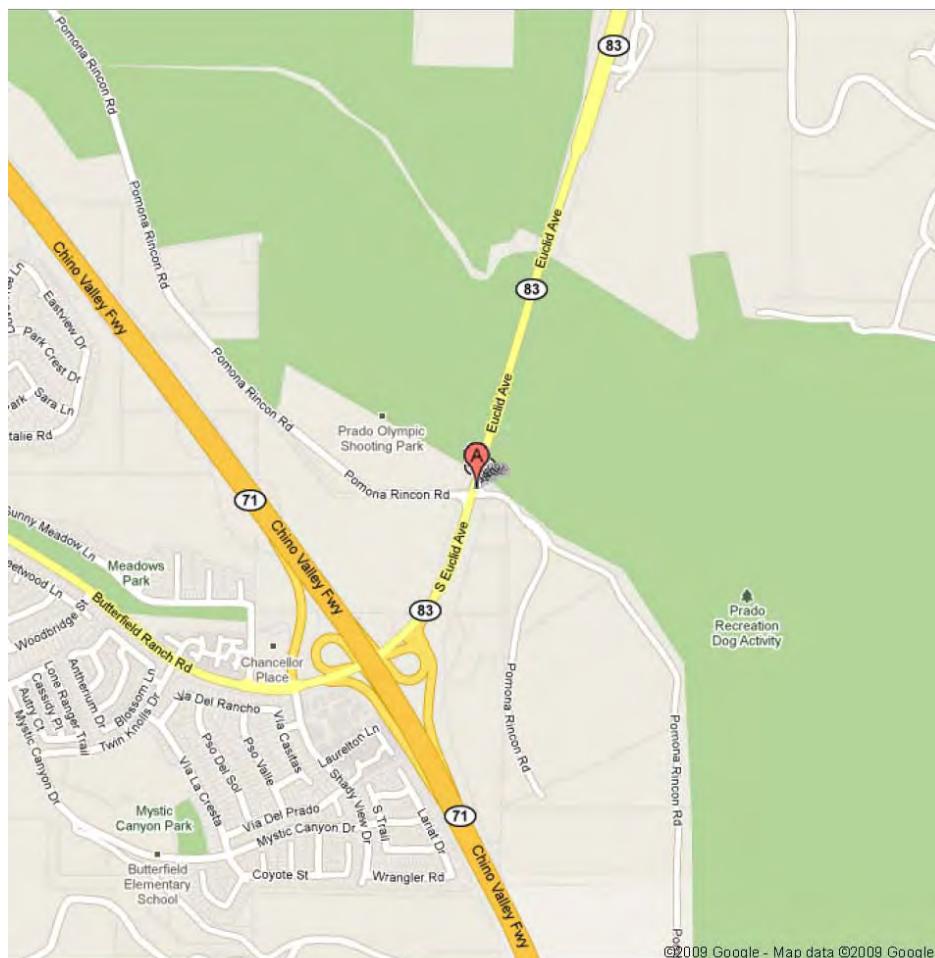
We will assemble at 7:30 AM at the lower field near the front gate.

Prado Regional Park Training Area Directions **17505 S Euclid Ave, Chino, CA 91708**

From I-5 North take SR-133 North (toll road) to SR-241 North to SR-91 East towards Riverside to CA-71 North towards Ontario/Pomona.

From I-15 north take SR-91 West to CA-71 North.

Exit Butterfield Ranch Road/Euclid Ave Turn Right. The entrance to the Dog Training facility is on the right. If you go to the Prado Regional Park Entrance, you have gone too far. Pay \$15 entry fee and take the dirt entrance road until you see San Diego NAVHDA signs.



Letter from the San Diego County Wildlife Federation

Dear California NAVHDA Chapters,

This e-mail is to pass on what may be an opportunity for training organizations of upland game hunting dogs.

First, some background. Last year, California passed a law which mandated that tag fees for big game must be used only to improve big game hunting, and fees from upland game bird stamps could only be used for improving upland game hunting. A citizen committee, called the Upland Game Funds Advisory Committee, was formed to ensure that the upland game portion of this law was followed. The San Diego County Wildlife Federation (which includes San Diego NAVHDA and four other hunting dog clubs) is a sitting member of this committee. Our delegate, Jim Conrad has attended the first two meetings and noted that SDCWF and National Wild Turkey Federation have attended these meetings, but Pheasants Forever and Quail Unlimited have not. More important, the point has been made that dog training organizations who train their dogs for upland game hunting should also be represented on the committee. I believe a coalition of California NAVHDA chapters would be a valuable member of this committee, since this would be the only group who can speak with a State-wide voice.

What would you get out of this? First, you would have some influence about how funds for upland game are spent, with the goal of improving upland game hunting, which would benefit all of you. Second, proposals will be accepted from both non-Government organizations and DFG for projects which improve upland game hunting. The committee will have a voice in the evaluation and selection of these project proposals.

If you have any questions about all of this, or if I can help you in determining whether this is a worthwhile thing for you to pursue, I (with help from Jim Conrad, our SDCWF representative on the committee) will be happy to try to answer them.

Regards,
Bob Smith
President, San Diego County Wildlife Federation
Member, San Diego Chapter of NAVHDA

Reports From the Field

**Alex Hermsen (age 17) and his Wild Boar taken at Bitterwater Outfitters in Paso Robles, April 27th 2011.
One shot at 25 yards with a .308 Sako!**



Reports from the Field

Palomar Hunt Club

(pictures by Gabby Awbrey)

Carlos and Juan Hernandez and Brett Marek were guiding up at Mesa Grande 5/14

Great Oaks Wild One, Sharp Shooter Prima Donna, Mio Vom Beaver Creek



Kirk Gilland and his pup Jager try and steal the show. One day Jager will have his own pile to brag about!

Cattail Planting Work Day

The So Cal and San Diego Chapters are holding a work day at Prado to plant cattails and make one of the ponds usable for Utility Duck Search.

Cattails Planting Workday June 26, 8:00 AM

After we lost Raahauges ponds because the roads and the dikes were washed away in the floods, we do not have a pond with enough cattail cover to be suitable for the UT Duck Search.

We are asking the members of San Diego and our So Cal Chapters to help to transplant cattails from Raahauges and to the big pond at Prado.

The date will be Sunday June the 26th. Jon Vesely of the So Cal chapter is in charge of this workday and will inform all the volunteers on the details.

The San Diego Chapter Board of Directors urges our chapter members to support this event.

There is no publicly accessible water in Southern Calif. other than Finney Ramer near the Salton Sea that is adequate to run a Utility Test Duck Search. Bring your spade shovel and waders. If you do not bring a dog you will not be charged an entry fee at Prado.

The chapters are providing lunch so please let Jon Vesely jonat4kix@verizon.net know if you can participate.



Litter Announcement

Hanson Weimaraner Pups Due June!

Sire: Cosmo Von Hanson JH, CGC, NAVHDA NA-Prize II, 1-leg of AKC SH.

Dam: UKC CH Kiah Hanson, JH, NAVHDA NA-Prize II.

This cross will produce great family dogs and very driven and natural field dogs.

Puppies will only go to approved homes, contact us for a puppy request form.

**To learn more about us and our dogs visit our website <http://www.hansonweims.com>
619-415-5770**

Litter Announcement

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LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT



Great Oak Kennel

German Shorthair Pointers



Great Oaks Wild One (Beau)

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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

Snake Avoidance Clinic

If you missed our Clinic back in March here is another chance.

2011 Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic

The San Diego Sporting Dog Club is conducting it's 2011 Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic
June 4th at High On Kennels in Santa Ysabel.

The cost is \$65 per dog for club members, for non-members, \$75 per dog. If you can stay all day and volunteer your cost is \$55 per dog.

Experienced Rattlesnake Avoidance professionals under controlled conditions conduct both events. The safety of your dog, the dog handlers and the snakes is our utmost concern, so at the discretion of the event organizers aggressive dogs will not be trained. Your Puppy or Puppies are in general too young to learn the lesson and need to be at least 10 months old to complete the course. Some breeds need more time than others so if you have a young dog please contact us so we can make sure it's the right time to train your dog.

Rattlesnake avoidance training can help our dog learn that the smell, sound, and sight of a rattlesnake are dangerous and are to be avoided. This specific training with rattlesnakes is effective and we believe it has saved many dogs. Your dog's safety is our first concern and rattlesnake avoidance training will help to keep your pet safe.

Indigenous rattlesnakes to Southern California include the Southern Pacific, Speckled, and Red Diamond. Rattlesnakes are found in the many canyons, trails and around homes throughout the region. Encounters between rattlesnakes and dogs will eventually occur. The dogs' inquisitive nature makes them vulnerable to the rattlesnake's bite and venom. Despite veterinary care, lasting effects of the venom may still compromise the dog's health. Thus, the best protection is for the dogs to avoid the rattlesnakes all together.

Club Members may pay the day of the event so sign up today!

For more information and to sign up for the events contact:

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OR

Joe Artes, President, San Diego Sporting Dog Club via [Email](#) or (619) 933-2322

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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:

- June 12th Prado Dog Training Facility
- July 24th Chapter Picnic

All training site directions can be downloaded from the website.