



# THE UTILITY SOURCE



Volume 4 Issue 10

May, 2011

**Special Interests:**

- Spring test
- Training Day
- Fun Hunt
- Cattail workday
- Passing
- Litters

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Bal	4,647.45
Expenses	\$1,174.65
Deposits	\$1,807.57
Ending Bal	\$5,280.37

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

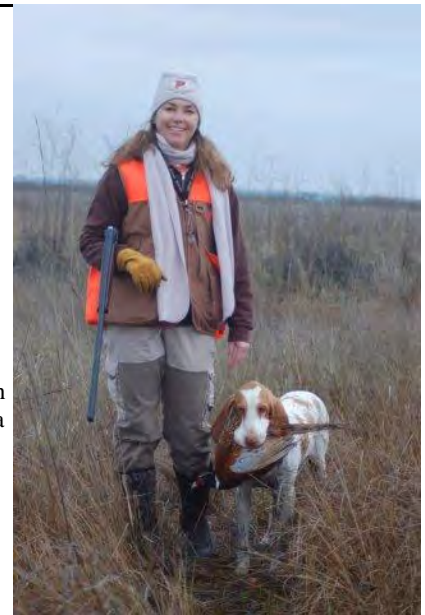
**Inside this issue:**

Schedule of Events, Versatile Breed	2
Spring Test	3-6
May training day	7
Invitational	8
So Cal Fun Hunt	9
Cattail work day	10
Passing	11
Litters	12-16

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This is the time when I can stop and take a breather. The test is over and we all did a fantastic job. I am so proud of our chapter. We got a good score from the senior judge and she praised our volunteers. I would like to do the same.

Thank you to: Lance Lauricha - Lance took on several jobs including n/a gunner, tri-tip cook, bird clean up, dog holder for Tracy P. and the most difficult job, Test Secretary. You were always available and you always remained calm when the running order got flipped around. You were one of our super volunteers being there for all three days. I salute you. Gary Willhite - Not only was Gary there for all three days but he took on several jobs. His main job was the Property, finding it, securing it, setting it up and making it available. He also stepped up to help with the food, dog holder on Sunday and bird clean up. Always with a terrific attitude. I appreciated every moment! Ruth and Greg Weiss - not only did Ruth and Greg do Judge duty, they were also the Field Marshall when they were not judging. They kept the test running smoothly and came up with ideas to help the handlers and the bird planters. Jeff Derbes - Jeff was the UT and NA gunner for Friday and Saturday and helped with the various needs for ice during the weekend. He also got the Potties delivered after some difficulty. Doug Streed - Always entertaining with his stories, Doug was also the gunner for Friday and Saturday. Richard Thomas - Richard had a successful test day on Friday and then continued on during the weekend to help with bird planting and dressing and various other tasks. Barbara Thomas - Barbara was there when I needed help with the food on Sunday. She also was willing to go to the store whenever I ran out of anything. She and Richard were super volunteers for all three days. Matt Moore - Matt is a quiet guy but always gets the job done. He did a great job planting birds for Saturday and Sunday. Bob Kendall - Bob was great when we needed someone to pick up the Senior Judge on Thursday night. He stayed on for Friday and Saturday to be Judge Steward. The Judges commented he was the best ever! Kirt Gilliland was a great bird planter on Friday along with Ed Gebelein. Bob Dawson came up from the So Cal Chapter with his ATV to plant birds on Saturday. He saved us a lot of time! Jerry and Marcia Newton came out on Saturday and they helped with the raffle and duties at the water. Jay Jayburg also showed up to help on Friday. Thanks to Dave and Angela Awbrey for the birds all weekend. Thank you to our excellent Judges: Tracey Nelson, Jim Carpenter, Herb Schoderer, Ruth Weiss, Greg Weiss and Judge Apprentice Gabby Awbrey. Gabby also helped go get the birds on Saturday night after a long day of judging. Congratulations to our chapter members who tested: Ed Gebelein with Rocco, Ellen Kincaid with Gelati, Juan Hernandez with Cora, Richard Thomas with Sarge, Garo Missakian with Ace, and Tracy Presson with many dogs.



Stay Tuned for training day notices. We may have to move depending on the foxtails. They are going to be awful this year. Take care with your dog. See you on May 21!

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

May 21st Eagle Peak

June 19th McCoy Ranch

July 24th Chapter Picnic

#### Future Test Dates (West Coast):

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 23th - 25th So Cal, CA

October 8th-9th Zia, NM

# May 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Train- ing Day
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Versatile Breed: Irish Red & White Setter

Color: mostly white, with deep red patches

Height: 22 to 26 in Avg. Weight: 50-70 lbs

Origin: Ireland

#### Characteristics:

The Irish Red and White Setter is a breed of dog, more specifically a setter. It is virtually identical in use and temperament to its cousin, the Irish Setter, but is more often found as a working gundog. Originally all Irish Setters were mostly red, or red and white, but from around 1880 breeders began to prefer the solid red variety. Consequently, the breed came close to extinction. Thanks to the efforts of an early 20th-century Irish clergyman, Noble Huston, the breed survived but only in small numbers in Ireland. From around 1970 there was a planned revival of the breed, and the numbers began to increase slowly. In 1980 the first IRWS were imported into the UK, where the breed was developed more as a show dog. In Ireland the breed has continued to be primarily a working and field trial dog. The Irish Red and White Setter is a pointing bird dog which originated in the eighteenth century in Ireland where they were particularly associated with the Rossmore family. They can take longer to train than other gundogs, but once trained they are a loyal and reliable companion. They need firm, decisive but not harsh training. They can be the most devoted and affectionate of dogs, and are extremely intelligent. Irish Red and White Setters thrive best in active families, where they have outlets for their high energy, and require space to run freely.



## Report on the Chapter Test

We camped at Lake Henshaw and ferried to the test grounds each day. Your editor had a cold so I drove from home each day. Consequently I cannot report on any shenanigans that occurred in camp. So “what happened at Lake Henshaw stays at Lake Henshaw”.

We had nice cool days ideal for field work. We want to thank all the volunteers that took time out of their busy schedules to contribute their time to a successful test. We also want to thank our judges; Senior Judge Tracy Nelson that came all the way from Iowa, Ruth and Greg Weiss, Jim Carpenter from Flagstaff, Herb Schoderer, and Apprentice Gabby Awbrey.

We also thank Tracy Presson for arranging the grounds. We had good cover and great water, and those in attendance were not charged an entrance fee!

We had several members run in the test, and their scores/prizes are listed below. The scores are not on the International's web site as of press time so there are some scores not reported to me. Once the International posts scores we will post all the scores on the chapter web site testing page.

- Juan Hernandez with Cora UT 200/prize II
- Richard Thomas with Sarge NA prize II
- Ellen Kincaid with Gelati UT 200/prize II
- Ed Gebelein with Rocco NA 84/ no prize
- Ericka Dennis with Beppe NA 112/prize I
- Garo Missakian with Ace NA 100/prize III
- Tracy Presson ran seven dogs in NA and I do not have any of their scores.

The So Cal chapter had four members run in the test.

- Rick Jordan with Belle UT 166/prize III
- Rick Jordan with Jaegar UT 191/prize II
- Christopher Larrison with Garbonita Brave Little Indian NA 112/prize I
- Vicki Lepenske with Magnum, I do not have a reported score

For those of you looking forward to testing in the future get ready for the So Cal chapter test in September.



# More Test Pictures



**Thanks to Sylvia Hansen and Robert Kendall for contributing photos of the test.**

**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 Pictures



# More Test Pictures



## May Training Day

The foxtails are upon us. Training areas that are safe today may be unusable in a few weeks. Historically the chapter has evaded this problem by scheduling our late Spring training days at higher altitudes, but with this year's crop of foxtails we are concerned that those areas may be usable in May and June.

So the plan is to stick to our schedule of going to Eagle Peak on May 21st and McCoy Ranch on June 19th. Greg Weiss will check the usability of Eagle Peak the week prior and if it is not usable we will switch to McCoy Ranch and notify the membership by email.

### May 21st Training Day at Eagle Peak

Even if you are not training for a test come out and shoot some birds over your dog.

**We will start at 8:00 AM**

Please contact Gabby Awbrey with your bird requests [gawbreygsp@gmail.com](mailto:gawbreygsp@gmail.com) - (951) 473-5589

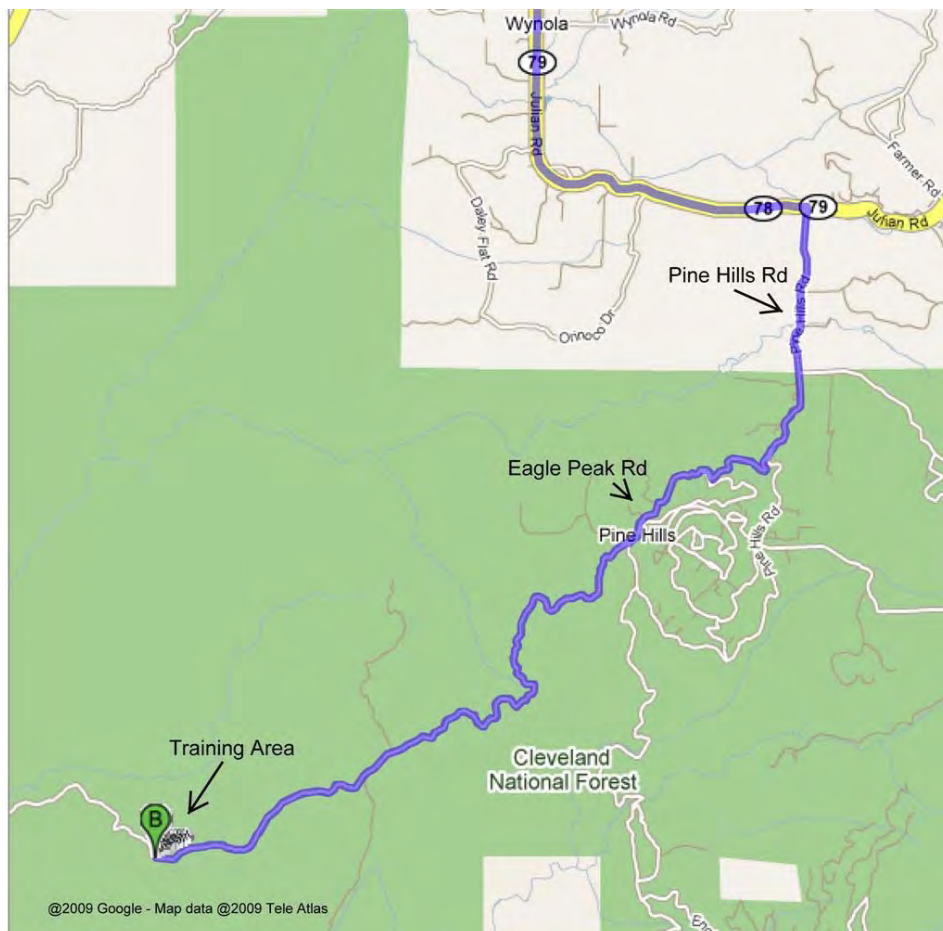
#### Directions

**East on 78 Hwy to Pine Hills Rd (5.8 miles E of Santa Ysabel)**

**Right on Pine Hills Rd to Eagle Peak Rd (1.6 miles)**

**Right on Eagle Peak Rd**

**Follow Eagle Peak Rd to Mile Marker 6 (about 6 miles)**



## Request for Invitational Volunteers



### NAVHDA

North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association  
*Buckeye Chapter*

Dear NAVHDA Members,

The training season is upon us and before you know it, the 2011 Invitational will be here as well. As you know, NAVHDA has always relied on volunteers to promote and support our organization. The Invitational is no different – we need volunteers to make this event happen. As a member of NAVHDA, we hope that you will spend one or more days volunteering your time with this event.

Whether you are handling a dog, or coming as a spectator, working at the Invitational is not only a fun and productive way to see great dog work, it is an outstanding way to learn more about this test. The Invitational is an International event, which means each of us plays a part in its success. At the least, if everyone who handles a dog, volunteers to work at least one day, there would be a sufficient number of workers. This test requires a minimum of 40 workers per day. If you would like to volunteer please go to the NAVHDA website <http://www.duckswild.com/Invitational/voltest.asp> and fill out the form.

Thank you.  
Timothy Clark  
2011 Invitational Volunteer Coordinator

## So Cal Chapter Fun Hunt

**So. Cal. Chapter 6th Fun Hunt May 22, 2011**

**Go to the So Cal Chapter web site to download an entry form.**

**Come join us at the Prado dog training facility in Chino Hills for a day of fun and getting ready for the upcoming hunting season.**

**All proceeds go to the So. Cal. NAVHDA Chapter. Non-members welcome.**

**Lunch will be available at the site for a small charge**

**Raffle prizes**

**Field cleaning option**

**Bird cleaning available (\$2 per bird)**

**Bob Whites will be used for the Fun Field**

**Trophies in each Division**

**You must be at the gate by 7:30AM, the managers will open the gate and let us in (\$15 fee applies as usual) then the gate will be closed. The Dog training facility is closed that day and they are doing this as a favor to the So Cal NAVHDA. If you are late you will not be able to get in.**

**The Teams running order will be determined at the field side.**

**Volunteer if you can**

**Three events: Fun Field, Fun Water Retrieve, Fun Blind Retrieve**

**Questions? Call Claude 714 290 7500 or Guido (562) 481 6897**

**Fun Field:**

\$60 per run

3 birds (Bob Whites), 15 minutes runs

Dog must point for 3 seconds after the handler calls point (voice or hand raised) 10 points

Hunter shoots the bird, you start with 6 shells -2 ¾", 7.5, no magnums. Only hinged frame break-open shotguns of conventional gauges can be used.

Dog must retrieve to within 1 step of the pivot foot

Team (Hunter-Dog) may enter/run twice

**Fun Water Retrieve:**

\$20 per run

1 bird in auto launcher across the pond

Dog on whoa/sit/down/stay by the blind

Hunter gives command to launch the bird (time starts)

Hunter shoots the bird

Dog releases on its own or by command

Swims across pond to fetch and retrieve the bird to 1 step from pivot foot

Time is started by the judge upon launching the bird

Time is stopped once the bird is in the hand of the Hunter

Time is called – lowest time wins – ties broken by re-runs

Team (Hunter-Dog) may enter up to 3 times

**Fun Blind Retrieve:**

\$10 per run

5 minutes

2 dead birds, 50 yards one at 10 o'clock and one 2 o'clock

Hunter brings the dog to the start area releases the dog (time starts)

Time is stopped once the two birds are in the hand of the Hunter

Time is called – lowest time wins – ties broken by re-runs

Team (Hunter-Dog) may enter up to 3 times

## 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](mailto:jonat4kix@verizon.net) know if you can participate.**



## Huntress Hanna von Champagne 8/7/1996 – 4/5/2011

Editor's note: Jackie Smith sends along this story about their dog Hanna. If you have been to our training days you have seen Hanna there on the chain gang with her pals Heidi and Greta.



We had to say good-bye to Hanna this month. She was 14½ years old and suffered from dementia\*, arthritis in her back, weight loss, and poor hearing and eyesight. She still enjoyed her walks (I think), her food, and smelling dogs and dog scent, but her quality of life (and ours) was diminishing.

Hanna was Bob's first hunting dog and our first dog together. Bob decided, after only one quail hunt, he needed a dog to point and retrieve quail in order to enjoy the sport. He found NAVHDA on the Internet and talked to John McManus who recommended we join the San Diego Chapter to see what a versatile dog could do and what breed was best for us. We decided on a GSP and found a local field trial breeder (Jim Derson) who had a litter on the ground. We brought Dave Awbrey along to help us pick a puppy. While Dave and Bob were looking at the litter, I saw an older liver puppy prancing around the yard. I decided she was the one I wanted. After some negotiation, Jim consented to sell us that puppy, whom we named Hanna.

NAVHDA and the San Diego Chapter were a big part in Hanna's development and training. Bob followed the NAVHDA green book, sought advice of other Chapter members, and spent hours working to help her become the best hunting dog she could be. There were innumerable missteps on our part along the way, but she overcame almost all of them. The end result was she and Bob hunted as a team, for quail in SD County and Pheasant in Iowa, with Hanna seeming to sense where Bob wanted her to go even before he would command her.

We tested Hanna in our local tests and in what were then the closest Chapters to us: Zia and Rocky Mountain. Whether she prized or not, we were always proud of her performance and have fond memories of every test. I was especially proud of her duck search (albeit only for a dead duck – a lesson learned) because I knew the hours, and miles, Bob had invested developing her desire and ability to search any water she was presented.

As she got older Hanna was joined by Greta, and then Heidi. She continued to hunt until a few years ago when her disorientation got really bad. Thank goodness for the Garmin Astro, which kept us from losing her more than once.

I will always remember Hanna prancing in the water at Dog Beach, looking for fish; watching her swim for the first time after sliding down a waterfall; running far up hillsides looking for quail; and ... Hanna has a special place in our hearts and we miss her.

\*Dog Dementia aka Canine Cognitive Dysfunction (CCD) is not normal aging, but is like Alzheimers in humans. Some of the symptoms Hanna exhibited were disorientation (e.g. forgetting all her commands and compulsively walking in circles), confusion, and deep sleep. Once we realized she was suffering from CCD, we put her on the only drug prescribed for CCD, selegiline. It didn't cure her but it did seem to stabilize her symptoms.

## Litter Announcement

### Legacy Kennels

#### Sire: VC Garbonita Weissbier Eckhard (aka Ace)

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



Height - 24 inches, Weight - 65 lbs. Coat - dense medium harsh, whelp date 1/16/2007.

Ace is a hunter first, and an excellent family dog. His great desire is only overshadowed by his cooperation and willingness to be a team hunter. Ace is a very easily trainable dog. He excels both in the field and the water. He has hunted wild Pheasants in the Dakotas, quail in the Southwest, ducks from the blind, and dove.

#### Dam: Heidi Rose Legacy Fradella (aka Heidi)

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



Height 22.5 inches, Weight 47 lbs. Coat: medium dense medium harsh, whelp date: 7/11/2006

A truly versatile hunting companion with a history of hunting ducks, dove and Upland birds She is a very good community member with daily down town city walks that demonstrate her polite and obedient manner. She is a true desert-hunting machine with drive and determination to find game.

#### Expected whelp date June 6, 2011

Contact Rodge Fradella [delta@tstonramp.com](mailto:delta@tstonramp.com)

Phone: 909-625-7264 Mobile: 909-399-5810

More info. - <http://home.earthlink.net/~derbes/>

## 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

### 5 MALES AND 1 FEMALE LEFT



LITTER ANNOUNCEMENT



## Great Oak Kennel

German Shorthair Pointers



Great Oaks Wild One (Beau)

9  
Pups  
due  
April  
4th

X



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****Two males left (liver & liver roan)****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](mailto:tmdltd@hotmail.com)**

Litter Announcement

Two females left - Liver

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 III/ 185**

Contact: Dennis Zamora (951 ) 375-9276

**NORTH AMERICAN VERSATILE  
HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION  
SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**

Jeff Derbes  
3772 Balboa Terrace Unit F  
San Diego, CA 92117  
Website: [www.sandiegonavhda.com](http://www.sandiegonavhda.com)

Primary Address label

**San Diego Officers**

President: Ericka Dennis  
(760) 634-2250  
Vice President: Lance Lauricha  
(760) 749-1937  
Treasurer: Alis Anderson  
(619) 561-1769  
Secretary: Gary Willhite  
(619) 672-3264  
Training Coordinator: Gabby Awbrey  
(951) 473-5589  
Newsletter: Jeff Derbes  
(858) 490-0191

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

- May 21st Eagle Peak
- June 19th McCoy Ranch
- July 24th Chapter Picnic

**All training site directions can be downloaded from the website.**