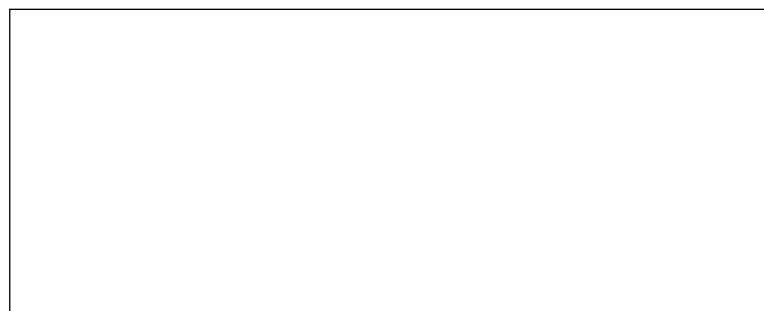




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## July Annual Chapter Picnic

Our annual picnic will be on 14 July at the home of Jim Broderick, starting at 1:00 PM. The address is 13731 Sparren Ave., San Diego, CA 92129

Directions: From Interstate 15, turn West on Rancho Penasquitos Blvd. and proceed about three miles (Note that this turns into Carmel Mountain Road, just keep going on this road). Turn right on Sparren Ave. From Interstate 5, go East on Route 56, then exit at Black Mountain Road and proceed North. Turn left at Carmel Mountain Road. After 1/2 mile, turn right on Sparren Ave. Proceed about 6 blocks North on Sparren Ave.; Jim's house is on the right at 13731 Sparren Ave. If you get lost, Jim's phone number is (858) 484-7028.



# NAVHDA Newsletter

## San Diego Chapter

### July 2007

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#### Treasurer's Report

Balance (1 Jan 2007): \$3,364  
 Balance (24 Feb 2007): \$5,023

We solicit newsletter contributions (stories, photographs, tips, recipes, etc.) from club members. Please send all communications to the editor:

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ERICKA WITH HER BRACCO ITALIANO

## June Training Day

by: David Awbrey

We met as planned at the Elsinore estuary off of Nichols Rd near Elsinore. We broke into two groups, with Gabby Awbrey taking all of those who have passed the Natural Ability and wanted to begin the Utility Test training process with water work. David Awbrey stayed at the first pond affectionately called the "Puppy Pond" with the new people who wanted to get started with Natural Ability and basic yard work. We had a Lab, two Brittany's, a Wirehaired and two Vizslas.

The training went well and the Natural Ability class broke up at noon while the UT group continued until 2:00 PM. We will meet again at Elsinore Estuary at 8:00 AM Saturday, August 12, 2007. Please remember to bring leads, collars, insect repellent, sunscreen, plenty of water for yourselves and the dogs and folding chairs.

## NAVHDA/AKC Hunt Test Schedule

*From: Gabby Awbrey*

Please check these dates out:

Backcountry Chapter @ Santa Ysabel (San Diego) October 6th/7th \$125

Grand Canyon Chapter @ Mojave Valley (Needles) October 27th/28th \$125

GSP Club of Central California @ Rio Vista (Sacramento) August 4th/5th \$50/event

GSP Club of California @ Rio Vista (Sacramento) August 11th/12th \$50/event

Northern Cal. Brittany Club @ Rio Vista (Sacramento) August 18th/19th \$50/event

GSP Club of Northern California @ Rio Vista (Sacramento) August 25th/26th \$50/event

AKC hunt tests are fun and exciting for both dogs & handlers. If you have never participated in one, I highly encourage you to enter in one or more events. There are three levels: Junior, Senior and Master. If you've never been to a hunt test they are fun and AKC Junior events are simple in comparison to Natural Ability test. In AKC, a dog needs "four legs" to complete a Junior or Senior title. A "Leg" represents a pass in any event. A Master's needs "five legs" to earn a title. In general, dogs are scored in six areas with a rubric of 10 points (highest) to 1 point (lowest): Trainability, Hunting Ability, Birding Finding, Pointing, Honoring and Retrieving. Senior and Master are required to honor and retrieve. The dog must average a 7 or higher and receive no score less than a 5 in any one category in order to pass and earn a "Leg".

If you are interested going please contact Gabby Awbrey (951) 764-9329, it would be a good thing to caravan. Team San Diego has always done well at this venue.

## Mandatory Spay/Neuter Bill

The California legislature has proposed a bill requiring the spaying or neutering of all dogs and cats by the age of four months unless you can prove they are used in competition (or a few other exceptions). If you have an opinion on this proposed bill, there is now an easy way to express your opinion. MSNBC is conducting a national poll on this bill. Simply go to the link <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/19122794/> and submit your vote. The web site will then give you the results of the voting so far.

## Game Birds

It's only beginning of summer but all of us have to think about the up coming bird season and AKC and NAVHDA tests. Which means we need to order birds, usually this requires a phone call and verbal commitment to purchase a set amount of birds at a certain point in time. Many of the game farms run very efficient operations and plan down to the last bird and seldom do they have extra. Remember it takes 12-16 weeks for any game bird to be in flight condition and/or ready for our field training or tests. Natural Ability handlers need to reserve 4-6 pheasants per dog in preparation for Tracking event and a dozen or so of Chukar and Quail for the field event. Utility handlers need to reserve a minimum of ten ducks for the Water Search and for Drags, not to mention the unknown amount of birds needed to steady the dogs in field. The big picture is to plan ahead.

### Game Bird Farms

California Game Birds, Temecula (Bobwhite Quail) contact George @ (951) 757-5968

Webber Farms, Ranchita (Chukar) contact Bob @ (760) 500-2312

Bird Solutions, Oceanside (Pigeons) contact Jeff @ (760) 758-9747

Angela's Pheasants, Ramona (Pheasant/Ducks) contact Angela @ (760) 789-1175

## Condolences

Jay Jaburg fine old dog Jake passed away last month. He was two weeks shy of 16 years old. Jay was especially close to Jake as we all get over time. Jake was the first dog in our club to test in Uility and get a perfect score. Jake will be missed. He was an honest gundog and wanted to hunt to the end. Condolences to Jay and Anne for their loss.

## Versatile Breeds of NAVHDA - Bracco Italiano

Country of Origin: Italy.

Special Skills: Field sports dog and family pet.

Size: The shoulder-height is 58-67cm (22 3/4 - 26 1/4in) for dogs and 55 - 62cm (21 1/2 -24 1/2in) for bitches.

Coat: The Bracco Italiano has a coat of short, dense, and shiny hair. Permitted colors are white, white with large or small patches of orange, amber, or chestnut; and white with light orange or chestnut-brown mottling.

Care Required: The coat of this dog does not require much attention. When the dog is shedding you can remove dead and loose hairs by grooming with a rubber brush. Keep its ear passages clean.

Character: This is an equable and compliant dog which is intelligent, has a sense of humor, is thoughtful, gentle, calm in the house, affectionate, and sensitive. These dogs are not fully mature mentally until they are two and a half to three years old. They are used as all-round field sports dogs for game birds.

Training: They need to be trained with a consistent but gently approach. They are very sensitive to and react strongly to the sound of your voice. Praise them if they do well. When trained in the right way, they pick things up quickly. Too tough an approach has an adverse effect which will achieve nothing except to lose the dog's respect for you. Avoid over-taxing them physically during early growth and limit their going up and down stairs and steps as this can be harmful.

Social Behavior: Bracco Italianos get along well with other dogs and do not usually cause any difficulties with other household animals. They become close friends with children. They will always go into action at the hint of danger.

Exercise: It is important for this breed to get sufficient exercise. These dogs are best living with a family which has a large yard - they are definitely not dogs for apartment living. They love to swim and retrieve and once they are physically mature (at about 1/2 years), they can begin controlled exercise running alongside a bicycle. As hunting dogs, they are considered sound workers with an outstanding scenting ability.

## Spicy Grilled Duck Breasts with Orange and Grapefruit

1 cup chicken broth	2 teaspoons cornstarch
3/4 cup frozen orange juice concentrate	2 tablespoons olive oil
3 Tablespoons red wine vinegar	1 cup grapefruit sections
2 Tablespoons Jamaican jerk seasoning	1 cup orange sections
2 cloves garlic, minced	1/4 cup sliced green onions
6 - 8 boneless, skinless duck breast halves	1 tablespoon orange zest

In a non-metallic bowl, combine chicken broth, orange juice concentrate, vinegar, 1 Tablespoon jerk seasoning and garlic. Place duck breasts in a plastic bag and pour half of marinade mixture into bag. Refrigerate for 12 hours. Refrigerate remaining marinade. Combine the remaining chilled marinade mixture with cornstarch. Bring to a boil in a saucepan. Reduce heat and simmer for 2 minutes while stirring. Cool mixture.

Remove duck from marinade and pat dry. Rub duck with olive oil and jerk seasoning. Place on white-hot grill and cook until medium-rare. Just before removing from the grill, baste with thickened sauce mixture. Allow to rest for a few minutes, slice and top with fruit segments, onions and zest.

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The chapter will provide water, soft drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a side dish (e.g., appetizer, salad or dessert) to share. You may bring your own alcoholic beverages if you wish. Hope to see you all there!