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## NORTH AMERICAN VERSATILE HUNTING DOG ASSOCIATION, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

### President's Message

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#### San Diego NAVHDA Links

- ◆ NAVHDA International
- ◆ Inland Empire Chapter NAVHDA
- ◆ So Cal Chapter NAVHDA
- ◆ Grand Canyon Chapter NAVHDA
- ◆ San Diego County Wildlife Federation
- ◆ San Diego Sporting Dog Club
- ◆ High on Kennels

Hello San Diego chapter members,

Well hunting season is in the bag except for Mexico. I'm hoping everyone was able to get out and enjoy yourself with your hunting pals and your dogs. Time to put the decoys, etc. away and dust off the bucket of retrieving dummies. Also a good time to get your dog steady again.

There are two tests this Spring. So Cal is an NA only test March 18 - 20 and the combined San Diego/Inland Empire test is April 22 - 24. Both will be at Prado Recreation. On April 9th we will have our training day at Prado and will be conducting a Mock Test. For those of you that are running in NA this is a valuable training day so please mark your calendars.

Our Rattlesnake Avoidance training is scheduled for Saturday March 26th at the Jamul Veterinary Hospital on HWY 94 in Jamul (same location as last year). This year when you make your reservation with Mark Miller the guy in charge of our clinic you will also have the opportunity get your dog the rattlesnake vaccination at the clinic on the same day. I highly recommend the vaccination. I have a friend whose dog was bit at Martinez Lake on the Colorado River and because there was no anti venom available in Yuma or El Centro he had to drive all the way to the emergency clinic in Mission Valley to get his dog treated. The dog survived because it had received the vaccination.

Mark will need some volunteers to help run the clinic so if you plan on being there to get your dog trained please volunteer to help Mark. His contact information is listed at the end of this newsletter. I will be emailing the clinic flyer out soon, please print it out and ask your vet to post it in their office. If you have questions about whether this training works speak to our Test Secretary Bob Kendall. His dog alerted his wife to the presence of a Rattlesnake in their back yard. The Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinic is important to our chapter financially, last year it raised twice the amount of our annual dues.

The pond at High On Kennels is full of water! This is a great place to train your puppy to swim, and as soon as the cattails mature you can get your dog started crossing the water and preliminary work on the Duck Search. I trained my dog there to do the Double Mark for the Invitational. Because the chapter donated funds to help defray the cost of enlarging the pond all chapter members are invited to train at High On Kennels. Just call ahead and talk to Ruth Weiss our Vice President. Her contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Training Day on February 28th.

Jeff Derbes  
President







# Schedule of Events



## February 2016

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Junior Pheasant  
Hunt

14 15 16 17 18 19 20

21 22 23 24 25 26 27

Guido Dei  
Celebration of  
Life  
Good Fellas  
Café @ 2pm

28 29 1 2 3 4 5

Training Day  
8-11am  
Honey Springs

### San Diego NAVHDA Schedule

- ♦ Feb 28th Training Day @ Honey Springs
- ♦ Mar 13th Trng Day @ High On Kennels
- ♦ Mar 26th Rattlesnake Avoidance @ Jamul Veterinary Hospital
- ♦ Apr 9th Trng Day / Mock Test @ Prado
- ♦ May 22nd Trng Day @ High On Kennels
- ♦ Jun 11th Training Day @ Prado
- ♦ Jul 24th Training Day @ Fiesta Island

### Upcoming Test Dates

- ♦ Mar 18-20, Grand Canyon of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ, NA/UPT/UT
- ♦ Mar 18-20, So Cal Chapter Test, Chino, CA, NA/UPT/UT
- ♦ Apr 8-10, Great Central Valley, Ione, CA, NA/UPT/UT
- ♦ Apr 22-24, San Diego, Chino, CA, NA/UPT/UT

### Chapter Assets

Boat, Signs, T-shirts, Hats, Heeling Stakes, 2 Shotguns, First Aid Kits, Zinger Winger, Bird Launchers, Tables, Chain Gang, Training Table, Trailer, Whelping Box

**Please send all dues and applications to:**

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**Application for Chapter Membership**

**(Single Membership \$25 Family \$35)**

### Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance:	\$ 6896.70
Income:	\$ 2234.00
Expenses:	\$ 0
Ending Balance:	\$ <u>9130.70</u>

Many thanks to Ruth Weiss for acting as the chapter delegate to the annual meeting, and many thanks to PJ McAdams from Iron Mountain Outfitters, for donating items for our chapter basket which went for \$170 in the raffle! The annual meeting summary can be found here:

<http://www.navhda.org/news-events/whats-new/%C2%A02016-navhda-annual-meeting-summary>

Additionally, Ruth had this to report:

The annual meeting was well attended and held in conjunction with the Judges Workshop that all active judges are required to attend every three years. There was not much to discuss at the delegates meeting. A discussion was brought forth about using wild birds at the Invitational. There was a scare this year about bird flu and they had to substitute Dokken trading dummies for the retrieve portion of the test. It was a temporary move, one the Executive Council made in order to not cancel the test. They wanted to reassure members that live birds will be used in the future barring any other unforeseen circumstances.

The Midwest Tristate Chapter did a very good job hosting this event. It was well run and well thought out. My hats off to the members for such hard work. There is talk about Arizona hosting the next annual meeting. I understand they may be proposing to host it in Las Vegas—nothing official yet. There are two new western Sr Judges, Mark Krueger from New Mexico and Larry Stone from Oregon. They are both fine judges and an asset to those of us in the West. Dan Wittman was named a judge as well. He is a member of the Arizona Chapter.

I would like to remind every San Diego Chapter Member that High On Kennels is open for you to train at year round. Our chapter has invested \$ to make these grounds useful to us. We have a full pond. It is set up for UT water retrieves and puppy work. You could get a dog started here on duck search. There is not enough cover for a full UT duck search. The main field was planted and should be useable in a couple of months if our El Niño keeps providing us with water. Please call or e-mail me if you would like to train here. I can make the equipment in the NAVHDA trailer available to you and maybe even supply a few birds.

I am once again offering a beginning bird dog class here at High On Kennels. I will be joined By Kassie Boozel and Mike Helms as my assistants this year. They both were part of the first class last year. They both went on to run their pups in NA this year. Class begins March 5th. It will run for 8 Saturday's. The cost is \$600 and includes the birds we use. Class time is 8:00AM til 10:00. There is no limit to how long you stay after class. You are also welcome to come early to air out your dog. I will be limiting class to 10/12 dogs to keep things manageable. Please contact me for any questions or to sign up. Hope to see you there!

-Ruth

Even though local hunting season was still in progress, we had a big turnout at the Jan 18th training day. We tried something new—pairing each NA handler with a UT handler with the idea to impart knowledge to the NA handlers about planting birds, etc. Ruth Weiss led the puppy group—we had a bunch of new puppies and 5 new members!

**Attendees:**

David Arienti and Rilee  
Paul Sawyer and Heidi  
Judy Norton and Scout  
Bryan Bonas and Bo  
Rob Rainney and Gus  
Rachel Chrissyostomides and Charlie  
Chris Emison and Sadie  
Matt Lowe and Ardell  
Blake Langland and Lucy  
Larry Malter and Edie  
Troy Peters and Kate

**Attendees:**

Gary Willhite and Yoli  
Mike Helms and Wyatt  
Tony Dray and Sage  
Ed Radley and Lilly  
Adam Flock and Scout  
Bob Kendall and Jaeger  
Mark Matteson and Beau  
Mike Morrell and Tessa  
Thomas Fint and Trigger  
Jeff Derbes and Ace



Above: Pre-training gathering & brief in the Honey Springs parking lot.



Thanks to K. Woody Brickley for taking these pictures of the 18 January Training Day!



Above: These two pups clearly weren't paying attention to the opening remarks and training day instructions...

Below: 'Nice to meet you!' - Training day is a great place to meet new friends with common interests.





Thanks to Mike Morrell for taking pictures of the 18 January Training Day!





# Feb 28th Training Day @ Honey Springs Dog Training Area



## Honey Springs Dog Training Area Honey Springs Road, Jamul CA 91935

Located about 7 mi SE of Jamul. From Jamul take Hwy 94 (Campo Rd) 4.5 mi to Honey Springs Rd (on left). Travel 2.5 mi to a white picket fence on the left and turn left on the dirt road 200 yards past the white picket fence—continue to the parking area.

Shooters at Honey Springs must have a CA hunting license and use only non-lead shot.

# Versatile Breed : German Shorthaired Pointer

In less than 50 years the German shorthaired pointer has become one of this country's most popular gun dogs. He earned that reputation gradually—without fanfare or ballyhoo—on his own merits. Despite the popularity and 150-plus-year history of the German shorthaired pointer, the origins of this breed are somewhat vague according to Craig Koshyk, author of *Pointing Dogs: The Continentals*. However, documents do support a fairly definite starting place and time for the beginnings of the breed. In the mid-19th century breeders in Germany set out to deliberately create a gun dog so versatile that it would hunt all species of upland gamebirds and waterfowl as well as all kinds of small game. In addition, this all-around canine would also scent track big game such as wild boar and wounded deer and find and dispatch predators like fox and feral cats when necessary.

The shorthair is capable of a finished performance in a variety of hunting situations. He has a great nose along with much desire and ability, coupled with speed, stamina, style and guts. Intelligence and desire to please are two of his most valued assets. He is a near-perfect all around gun dog for the foot-hunter as he adapts his range to the cover and the terrain. His versatility in no way interferes with his companionship around the home. His affectionate and playful nature make a big hit with the kids, his intelligence and shorthaired cleanliness is appreciated in the house.



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## Training/Testing Days

### *Rules & Regulations:*

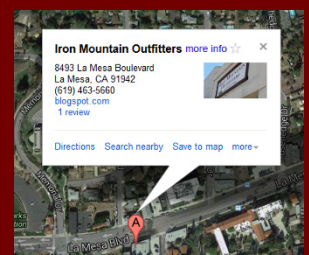
- Dogs are to be under control at all times (leash rule is in effect)
- Everyone in the field must wear blaze orange hat, t-shirt or vest and have completed a hunter safety class or have a hunting license
- Children are welcome at our Training Days. They may enter the training field when accompanied by an adult, and wearing blaze orange above the waist. Otherwise they are welcome to remain in the parking area with a supervising adult.
- No Alcohol on premises
- Shotguns must be break action only

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