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As we are starting to wrap up the hunting season, I hope everyone has had success so far. If you haven't there is still a month left, so get out there!

Thank you to Ericka Dennis for hosting our annual Christmas party. There was a beautiful ocean view and great food (especially the pheasant enchiladas).

The club will be hosting a spring test again this year that will be held on the weekend of March 16th - 18th at a private duck club in the Imperial Valley. We are still working out the details and will announce the exact location shortly so please keep a lookout for our registration email to sign up for this event. There is still plenty of time to prepare for the spring test. Remember if you're unsure of what to do to get ready, we have a mentor program where we partner you up with a more experienced member.

Remember, volunteers are essential to putting on a successful test and we will be reaching out to all members in hopes that they can help. We have many volunteer positions to fill and most of them don't require any special skills so please consider volunteering.

Our next training day will be Sunday January 28th at Honey Springs. We are also working on holding a training day on February 24th at the spring test location so you'll have an opportunity to train prior to the actual test. More details to follow.

Lastly, don't forget to pay your annual dues, if you haven't already. Dues are \$25 for individual membership and \$35 for a family membership. There are three ways to pay:

1. Pay online @ <https://www.sandiegonavhda.com/join-us>
2. Mail a check to Brett Faber 723 Terra Lane, El Cajon CA 92019
3. Pay at the January training day

I'm looking forward to another exciting year in 2018.

Thanks,

Mark Matteson



# Schedule of Events



## February 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 Training @ Honey Springs	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Training @ Woodland Hunt Club
25	26	27	28			

### San Diego NAVHDA Schedule

- Sun Jan 28 – Training @ Honey Springs
- Sat Feb 24 – Training @ Woodland Hunt Club
- Fri 16 – Sun 18 – TEST DAY @ Woodland Hunt Club

### Upcoming Test Dates

- Mar 16 -18: San Diego Chapter @ Woodland's Hunt Club  
\$170 NA  
\$190 UT/UPT

### 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

### Looking for Your Favorite Photos

Hi Members!

I want to put together an annual album of "The Dogs of San Diego NAVHDA". Please e-mail me one (or many) of your favorite photos of your dog, along with your dog's name! I will compile a yearbook-style newsletter with the 2017 group of dogs for a joyous end to the year.

Thanks for your time!

Rachel Chrissyostomides (newsletter editor, dog-fan)

### Treasurer's Report

Income: \$1005

Expenses: \$785

Ann. Meeting Fund: \$10,779.63

General Fund: \$11,229.67

PayPal: \$1,499.95

# 2017 Annual Hunt

Thank you everyone who joined us in this year's annual Pheasant hunt at Woodlands hunt club! With some minor adjustments form last year's event this year was a huge success. From first timers to veteran club members, good times were had by all levels of experience. Some handlers and their pups shared their first taste of hunting scenarios, while some handled the field together like clockwork. Empty barrels, full game bags (and full stomachs after a great spread for lunch was put out), and great company made this day a great success. Sure some egos were bruised after missing some routine shots, but that just makes for more laughs and memories! Again thank you all who participated, and Happy Hunting in this year's season!



### In Attendance

- Ken Hudson
- Guy and christor
- Mark Vansickle
- Mark Matteson
- Brett and jean Faber
- Ruth and Greg Weiss
- Seth Hollenback
- Dick and Matt Ryan
- Andreas Nilsson
- Patrick Sluder
- Bob Kendall
- Blake Langland
- Mike Helms
- Peter Schmidt
- Ericka Ransdell
- Robert Isley
- Peter Perhach



# 2017 Annual Hunt



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## Versatile Breed: Brittany

Although it is often referred to as a spaniel, the breed's working characteristics are more akin to those of a pointer or setter. Brittanys were developed in the Brittany province of France between the 17th and 19th centuries, becoming officially recognized early in the 20th.



A 200-yard dog—and most Brittanys hunt well within that range—will find birds no matter how open the country. They're typically not strong retrievers. Their strongest trait is their intelligence, and they are fun to watch and can hunt at a brisk pace for two or three hours at a time. Brittanys emphasize thoroughness over ground coverage.

The Brittany is widely regarded as the smallest of the gun dogs, between 17 and 21 inches tall. It is resistant to the cold and damp, and is generally a happy dog.

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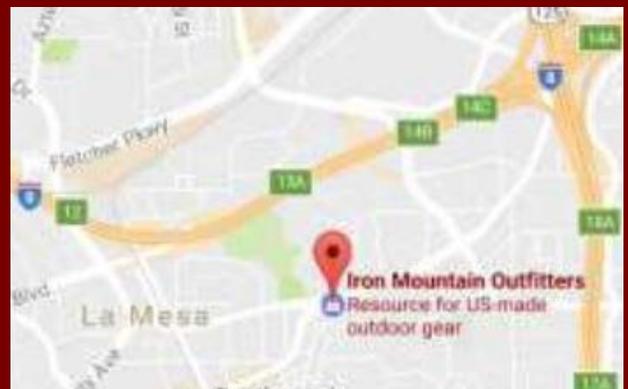
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We solicit newsletter contributions (stories, photographs, recipes, advertisements) from club members. Please send all contributions to the editor: rchryssostomides@gmail.com

**Training/Testing Days**

**Rules and 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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