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President's Message

Members,

I hope you are all excited as I am about the upcoming hunting and training season. This approaching year is going to be a busy one for the club. Along with our monthly training days, we will be holding a fall and a spring test, a pheasant hunt in the valley, a Christmas party in December and a Hanlder's clinic next spring. We also plan to do something fun again for the summer picnic.

As most of you know Ruth and Greg Weiss have headed out on the road (or are about to) and Rachel had a new baby so we had some board positions to fill. Please welcome Wayne Harris and Mike Helms as Training Coordinators. Chelsea Coddington will be our Test Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Lastly, Ericka Ransdell-Dennis will be our Treasure. Thank you to them for stepping up and taking on these roles.

Special thanks go out to Ruth and Greg for all they have done for the club and thanks to Rachel for taking all those bird orders and putting out the newsletter over the last year.

Also a shout out to Amanda and Steve Thom for letting us store the club trailer at their house.

The dogs and I are looking forward to another fun and exciting year. I hope you are too.

Mark Matteson

President

San Diego NAVHDA

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Schedule of Events



September 2018

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Training Day @ Honey Springs

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San Diego NAVHDA Schedule

- September 23rd Training @ Honey Springs

Upcoming Test Dates

October 12th Natural Ability Test @ Prado

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

Your friendly newsletter editor is ALWAYS looking for photos of you and your dogs, show us what you've been up to! I gladly accept hunting, working, puppy, and goofball photos!

You can e-mail me directly at chelscodd6@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report

PayPal - \$5,037.84

Annual meeting fund- \$10779.63

General fund- \$9835.81

Why We Test Our Dogs

By Greg Wentz, Red River Valley Chapter

NAVHDA's purpose is "to protect, promote, and preserve the versatile breeds...". Some dog clubs with the same purpose sanction breeding's only between dogs of proven ability...proven in tests similar to NAVHDA's Utility Test. NAVHDA does not attempt to control breeding. However, NAVHDA members are encouraged to Utility test dogs before making any decision about breeding.

We evaluate our dogs against an objective standard. NAVHDA Judges undergo a thorough education in learning to evaluate dogs against the standard. Presumably the same dog performance would receive the same score whether the test occurred in Maine, North Dakota or California.

NAVHDA does not pit dog against dog in competition as in AKC Field Trials. In NAVHDA every handler-dog team can go home a winner; of course, everyone can go home dissatisfied with their performance as well, but it is all up to them. No dog's performance has any influence on another dog's scores.

When we run a puppy in the Natural Ability Test, we are evaluating the pup's potential to become a "finished versatile gun dog". When we run a dog in the Utility Preparatory Test we are evaluating the dogs progress toward the same goal. When we test a dog in the Utility Test, we are evaluating the questions: is this a finished versatile gun dog? Is this dog breeding stock?

There are several reasons for Utility Testing a dog before breeding. There are latent physical deficiencies which could surface as a dog matures, after a good evaluation at the Natural Ability Test level. All breeding dogs must be x-rayed for hip dysplasia, a defect in the hips is passed on to offspring. There are also personality traits which are better off not passed on. The surly or aggressive dog, the dog that turns mean, the dog with the lazy or dishonest personality are all dogs whose genes are not what we should pass on. There is a certain amount of stress put on a dog during training. Not all dogs are psychologically

robust enough to handle that stress. We would all like dogs which can be trained.

It happens that one can buy a pup from good breeding only to discover that the dog

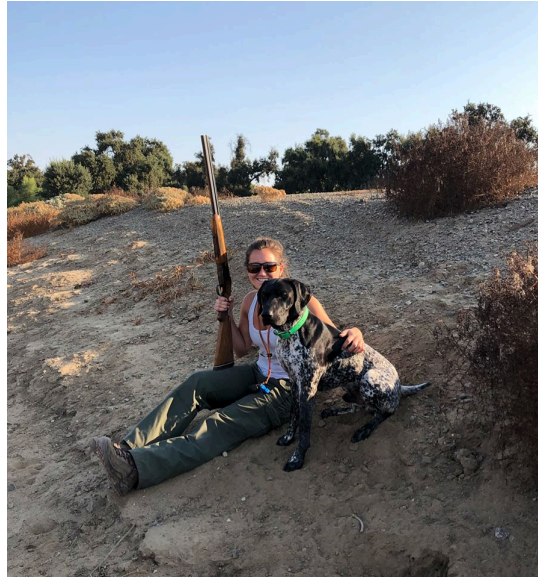
Doesn't have any interest in hunting or has hip dysplasia. In spite of all the precautions we take in buying a pup, this is still a risk. We in NAVHDA work to reduce that risk for ourselves and those who follow by only breeding the "best to the best."

There are other reasons we test our dogs. For those who have no intention of breeding probably the biggest reason is that the training for testing is also training for the hunting season. The Utility Preparatory Test and the Utility Test simulate actual hunting conditions as nearly as possible. Every hour spent training during the summer enhances the hunting experience. Many of the best-intentioned dog owners would never get around to training their dogs if not for the test staring them in the eye. Therefore the dog's performance in the field this hunting season would be much the same as last season.

The wonderful dogs we have today are the work of devoted breeders who conscientiously selected the best pups from litters and only allowed the best genes to be passed on. They didn't have an international organization to support their efforts with standardized tests, test scores maintained in computer databases, and clinics to help us better understand both the standard and our dogs. With all this to help us produce better dogs we owe the early breeders, as well as our children, and grandchildren at least as much conscientiousness.

Dove Opener Photos





Versatile Breed: Large Munsterlander

The Large Münsterländer (or Großer Münsterländer) is a breed gun dog originally from the Munster region in Germany.

The breed is an offshoot of the German Longhaired Pointer, and was officially recognized as a separate breed when the German Longhaired Pointer club chose to deny recognition to the black and white color variation.

The breed first gained official recognition in the Munsterland of northwestern Germany in the early 1900s. However, the forerunner of the modern Large Munsterlander can be recognized in artist's representations of hunting scenes as far back as the Middle Ages. The Large Munsterlander was introduced to North America by Kurt von Kleist in 1966.



Litter Announcement:

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4 Male Pups Available | Born August 30

- Dam: Chukar Guzzlers Dancing Delsa
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 - UT 173 Prize III
- Sire: Mudbone's Nessun Dorma
 - NAVHDA
 - NA 110 Prize I
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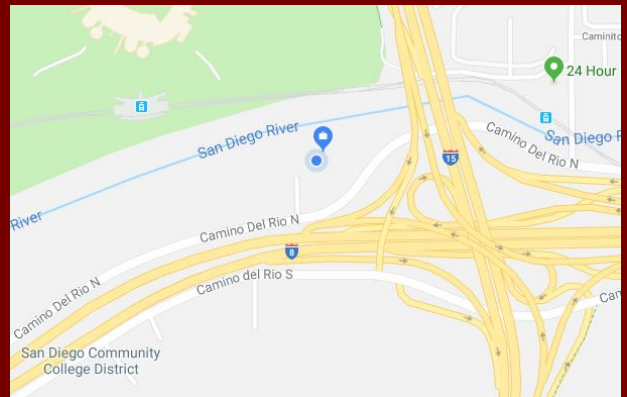
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We solicit newsletter contributions (stories, photographs, recipes, advertisements) from club members. Please send all contributions to the

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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