

North American Versatile Hunting Dog Southern California Chapter
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So Cal Chapter News

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Marcel, Maya & Abbie
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Organization... Organization....Organization....Organization.... Organization

The following members are your current Officers

Position	Nominee
<i>President</i>	Robert Worrell
<i>Vice President</i>	Garo Missakian
<i>Secretary</i>	Claude Trincale
<i>Director of Publications</i>	Claude Trincale
<i>Director of Promotions</i>	Jon Vesely
<i>Treasurer</i>	Guido Dei
<i>Training Day Coordinator</i>	Chris Gentner

The Elections are coming up. Please volunteer to keep this wonderful organization going.

Several positions will be available; it only takes a little time but makes a huge difference.

Don't forget to review our www.socal.navhda website!

Sign up for the handler-dogs team only \$10.00/year subscription to the 'Members Page' so you can brag about your dogs or anything else that you like to brag about!

So. CAL. President message

Well I hope everybody was able to enjoy reading the last NAVHDA magazine. One of the very first things they talked about was how to keep your chapter alive by having new people on the board every year. Bringing new ideas and plenty of energy could only make the club better. Right now some of us have been officers for many years and a fresh change would be wonderful for everybody. Our elections are coming up in August so please give some thought on running for one of the positions.

We have many young dogs in our group now and most are ready to be force broke to retrieve. Right now is a good time to start with the heat of summer just around the corner. We will have the training table set up at the next training day so come on out for a demo. This is probably the most important exercise that you will ever teach your hunting dog. Remember not to give your puppy squeaky toys and don't let them just play with a tennis ball either. It's ok to play retrieve with a ball but put it up after you get done.

Thanks

Bob Worrell

Abridged version of:

2010 NAVHDA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

**January 21 – 25
Bloomington MN**

The Executive Council (EC) Meeting was called to order by Pres. R. Drew at 1:52 PM, Thursday, January 21. Those present were: R. West, M. Garriott, J. Dolejsi, L. Picard, M. Vetter, J. Applegate, H. Zimmermann, Tracey Nelson, Joe Raia, Terry Petro and R. Drew. Chip Bonde later joined the meeting in progress.

Treasurer's Report—J. Dolejsi

The Life Membership fund increased in value by \$25,258.53 over the preceding year, the growth reflecting an improvement in the equity markets in 2009. As of December 31, 2009, there was \$235,960.35 in the Life Membership Fund.

Next was a comparison of 2009 actual expenses with the 2009 Budget. The actual value versus plan comparison was done on each major account area within the budget. Differences and possible impact on the 2010 budget were discussed and changes planned as required.

Total income for 2009 was \$512,841.83 while gross income, after adjustment for cost of goods sold, was \$508,517.61. Total expenses were \$511,073.05. Interest income from savings was \$15,369.64 for a net income for 2009 of \$12,814.20. Copies of the financial reports are available for inspection at the Central Office.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EC MEETING WITH THE DELEGATES

- 1) L. Picard will talk with NAVHDA's legal Counsel, John MacNeal, about softening the wording of the last sentence of the disclaimer statement that NAVHDA has asked each chapter to place on their website.
- 2) Comments were received noting the lack of a general review by the judges and members prior to implementing the change to a double marked retrieve in the Invitational.
- 3) The EC noted that feedback, particularly negative, about judges or judging teams should be sent to the Central Office or to the Directors of Testing or Judging. The EC noted that in order to take corrective action, information needed to be shared. A chapter making a decision to not invite a judge back in the future does not prevent the same problem from happening in another chapter. A suggestion was made that a feedback form could be developed and sent to chapter officers to complete and return after the test.
- 4) Noting concern about lack of membership retention and the feedback obtained in a lapsed member survey, J. Applegate indicated that many drop after the first year due to lack of attention and lack of guidance from their local chapter. Three chapter delegates spoke about mentoring programs that had been implemented in their chapters to get new members off to a good start.

5) R. Drew reminded the group that chapter members who are not International members are not covered under NAVHDA's liability insurance.

HALL OF DELEGATES MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

The meeting was called to order by President R. Drew at 8:15 AM.

(Officers and Directors present: R. Drew, M. Vetter, M. Garriott, J. Dolejsi, R. West, H. Zimmermann, L. Picard, and J. Applegate.)

Opening Remarks

R. Drew welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the Minnesota Chapter for hosting the meeting. He commented that communication between the chapters and the EC had not been what we wanted in the past year but that the Promotions area will be restructured to improve that situation resulting in better two-way communication. He encouraged the attendees to provide input and feedback during the meeting today. He then cited a list of the organizations accomplishments in 2009:

- Changes to the bylaws were overwhelmingly approved, but that only a fraction of the membership had cast ballots indicating a high level of overall satisfaction with, and confidence in the EC;

- A new insurance carrier had been found resulting in an increase in coverage from 1M to 2M without an increase in premium;

 - All chapter websites for 501 (3c) compliance by Peter Wade;

 - Job descriptions were written for each EC position;

- Membership only decreased by 56 during 2009, a small drop considering the economy and thanked the Officers, Directors, and Committee members for keeping the number small;

 - The EC had stayed within the budget;

- Joe Raia was appointed as Manager of the Apprentice Judging Program and had done a great job;

 - Sanctioned two new chapters;

 - Eliminated the shackled duck and its inconsistency from the Invitational test;

 - Developed a new Invitational test site in Iowa;

 - 48 of 87 dogs tested in the 2009 Invitational passed;

- Tim Clark did a great job with the Volunteer program for the Invitational and noted 53 volunteers are needed each day to conduct the test;

 - R. West led an informative Judge Workshop in Chicago;

 - The VHD magazine continues to improve and L. Picard is doing a great job.

He then commented on the strong financial support NAVHDA receives from its sponsors and conservation partners and asked all to support them.

In closing, he encouraged everyone to inform the EC of problems with judges, chapters, etc. so that the problems could be addressed for the overall improvement of NAVHDA.

Members Corner.... Members Corner.... Members Corner.... Members Corner....

Emergency First Aid Kits update:

The kits will be at the next training day ready for pick up. If you have not yet paid bring cash or check and see Claude if Guido is not there.

The chapter is not making any money out of this deal. Your prompt remittance is really appreciated. We really want to **thank our Veterinarian David Hinebaugh** who was responsible for putting together these nice kits.

We also want to thank you, our chapter members, for caring so much and being a good owner to your dogs!!

So. Cal. NAVHDA news!

I had a member tell me once that we need a trailer with training gear in it and keep at Prado for the members to use. That was 1 1/2 yr ago and that member was Luis Mendez. I am sadden to tell you that he didn't re-join this year but the idea was a good one. Lots of time was spent just looking for a good trailer and getting the officers to agree on everything that has happened.

Many of our members have only one hunting dog or this is their first, so having all the equipment you need to train at your convenience is a very nice addition to your membership. The club has always had a pretty high rate of turnover so maybe this will help a little.

There are many people in our group who have been through several tests and are pretty good dog trainers so at the next training day just jump right in there and do what you can to help out the new people. As the chapter continues to grow we will need more and more help from our members on the training days and the testing days so volunteer when you can its all part of the fun.

Here are the rules for the use of the trailer. I hope that we can keep things simple and easy. Keys and locks are expensive to replace but the electrical equipment would be hard to replace.

\$20.00 deposit for a trailer key. Once you surrender your key then you get your deposit back.

Must sign out equipment and sign back in when done.

All equipment must not leave Prado dog park.

Not allowed to hand out your key to someone else.

Equipment belongs to NAVHDA Members for Members' use but you can train with a non-member at Prado using the equipment.

Do your best to keep the trailer organized and put stuff back where you found it.

Be sure to have the trailer locked up at all times.

If having problems with the equipment be sure to tell one of the officers.

Any of these rules are broken you could loose the privilege of the use of the trailer or your membership!

If you would like to donate something for the trailer like training equipment that would be great!

Bob Worrell

Attached please find the list of So. Cal. NAVHDA appurtenances that are going to be in the trailer

Quantity	Items
1	Trailer
2	10'x10' Easy Up canopies
1	Winger Zinger
1	Winger Zinger spare pouch
1	Folding Canoe
1	Canoe Paddle
1	Kayak Paddle
3	Bird crates
3	Bird Bags
1	Heeling stakes
1	Blind
2	So.Cal.NAVHDA Banner
10	So.Cal.NAVHDA Road Sign
1	Dry-eraser board
2	Plastic Pools for dog water
1	Dog bath tub
2	Plastic foldable table
1	Training Table
1	NEF Starting Pistol with 22 blanks
2	Birds releaser (Tip-up)
2	DT bird launchers with transmitter

Testing.... Testing....Testing.... Testing.... Testing.... Testing.... Testing....

So. Cal. NAVHDA Fall test.

Announcing the So.Cal.NAVHDA fall test.

Our Chapter has been approved by NAVHDA Director of Testing for a maximum capacity of dogs for three days: September 24th, 25th, 26th. I've already a commitment from a Senior Judge and one Judge.

Our goal is to give our members the first choice and priority if they enroll their dogs in this test before June 15th.

Depending on the dogs entered, we'll establish a program for the three days for all NA, UPT and UT dogs.

Entry Fees will be as follow:

NA: \$120

UPT: \$135

UT: \$150

Make checks payable to So.Cal.NAVHDA and mail entry and fee to:

So.Cal. NAVHDA

2731 Copa De Oro Drive

Los Alamitos, CA 90720

After June 15th the order of admittance to the test will be by the date in which the fees and the entries are received.

You can download your test entry form from <http://www.navhda.org/testentry.pdf>

I'll be your Test Secretary for this test.

Soon I'll update the So. Cal. NAVHDA website with all the information regarding this test.

Guido Dei

Training.... Training.... Training.... Training.... Training.... Training.... Training....

2010 Training Schedule: Location; Prado

June's meeting is on Sunday June 13, 2010

On Training days, remember to tell the office that you are a member of So. Cal. NAVHDA to reduce your daily fee from \$15.00 to \$10.00. This is a direct benefit from your membership.



Tracking, anyone... anyone...

Our training coordinator, Chris, will be on hand to assist you with any and all questions. Here is a training tip from Chris:

Training Tip #1

It drives me crazy! It seems every time I'm in a grocery store I hear a young mother telling her son "Put it back!" and then counting "1, 2, 2 ½, 2 ¾". At that point the whining brat of a child will put the candy bar back where he grabbed it from, knowing that "Three" and the dreaded "Timeout" were next. If you are giving a command to your dog more than one time before enforcing it you are setting yourself up for this same situation. If your dog knows that you will give the command five times before enforcing it, he will MAKE you give the command four times before performing the command. *The single most important factor in creating a responsive dog is to enforce the command the FIRST time it is given.*

Tournament Update.... Tournament Update.... Tournament Update.... Tournament Update....

Good news, there is a tournament happening right in your backyard. It is a one day event on June 26th and the response has been great. It is filling up quickly and promises to be the 1st Major BDC tournament in So. Cal. Here are a couple of reminders:

1. Each dog can only run once
2. Each handler can only run two dogs in the Open (Top Gun) Division
3. Each handler can only run two dogs in the Puppies Division (in addition to 2 in Open)
4. Shot size is limited to 7.5, 2 3/4in. shells
- 5 There is a \$15 entry fee to get in the tournament grounds (Prado Dog Park) payable separately at the Prado office, no exception
6. Camping is available for small fee

You do not need to be a member of the BDC to participate. If you want to become a member please join on their Web Site (www.NBDCA.com). Since the BDC year is June to June you'll get a full year of membership and if you pay before August you'll get \$10 off the \$45 membership.

If you have any questions please call Ryan (number on the flyer) or contact me (Claude)

SoCal
Tournament Hunter Series
BDC Sanctioned Event
Saturday June 26, 2010
7:00 am
Prado Dog Park
17505 Euclid Ave Chino, CA 91710
\$15 entry per car

Open Pointing \$110 entry fee 1 Run (class divided into two fields, Top 3 finishers in each field advance to the finals) \$20.00 of each entry goes to PAYBACK for Top 3 Finalists 22 Dog Limit	Puppy Pointing \$80 entry fee 1 Run 15 Dog Limit
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****2 dog limit per handler in each division

Open Pointing Lucky Dog Raffle
Win a chance to run in the finals!

Any questions contact
Ryan Byler (909) 605-3281

1st Place from each division wins a year supply of CANIDAE dog food
Top 3 finalists from each division will receive an awards certificate

Entry Form and fees must be received by June 19, 2010



And in September we have “the big show” in Dayton, NV, four days of fun:

WILD WEST SHOOTOUT
Gun Dog Championships
September 16th - 19th, 2010

Dayton, Nevada

WILD WEST SHOOTOUT



**For more information and entry forms on this hunt and other events
including our Belt Buckle Series. Visit our web site**

www.wildwestshootout.com

or call (775) 246-8198

Be kind, your dogs love you unconditionally.



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