

North American Versatile Hunting Dog Southern California Chapter – August 2009



So Cal Chapter News

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And the Winners are: The Hunters that will be lucky enough to have one of these beauties



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The following members are your current Officers

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<i>Training Day Coordinator</i>	Chris Gentner

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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!

NAVHDA PROMOTIONS UPDATE

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Our VHD Staff is asking all Chapters to nominate a special volunteer/person for recognition in the VHD. Just submit a few paragraphs and a picture or two to the International office. Our excellent VHD staff will do the rest. A highlight of a person who contributes to their chapter would be very interesting for all to read.

Several forms on the NAVHDA Registry page of the NAVHDA website are now interactive. This will allow members to quickly fill in the information to increase accuracy when submitting the information to the International Office. The following forms are now interactive: Single Dog Registration, Litter Registration Packet, Leased Dam Notification, and Kennel Name Registration.

In order to welcome new junior members to NAVHDA, a Junior Member Welcome Packet is being assembled that will include training or hunting aide and supplies. If your Chapter or members of your chapter who are trainers or breeders would like to donate to the Junior Member Welcome Packet please contact Jim Applegate at <http://www.navhda.org/http://www.navhda.org/www.navhda.org>.

We sincerely appreciate all the support the local chapters lend to the International organization. We hope you feel the services you get back from the Central Office and the Executive Committee, along with the information provided in the *VHD* and on the website meet or exceeds your expectations. Please encourage

your local members to participate at the international level. The more members we have on both the grass roots and the international levels, the more people we have to defray our costs. Growing the membership would also enable us to provide the services we often get asked for but can't yet afford.

As you know the Invitational is Thursday, September 17, 2009 thru Sunday, September 20, 2009 at the Mingo Sportsman Club located in Bloomingdale. Whether you are handling a dog, or coming as a spectator, working at the Invitational is not only a fun and productive way to see great dog work, it is an outstanding way to learn more about this test. The Invitational is an International event, which means each of us plays a part in its success. To volunteer go to <http://www.duckswild.com/Invitational/volunteerform.asp> <http://www.duckswild.com/Invitational/volunteerform.asp> <http://www.duckswild.com/Invitational/volunteerform.asp> to submit information on where you would like to help. If everyone who handles a dog, volunteers to work at least one day, there would be a sufficient number of workers. This test requires 40 workers per day. Workers need to be on the grounds by 6:30 every morning to meet with their site marshal.

Reminder: Mary Sargeant will prepare a 40th anniversary video that will be presented at the 2010 Annual Meeting. This video may be used by the chapters at clinics, expos, and training presentations. If anyone has pictures of NAVHDA events they would like to share, mail them to NAVHDA, 40th Anniversary Video, P.O. Box 520, Arlington Heights, IL 60006.

At this year's Annual Meeting, the Executive Council passed proposed amendments to NAVHDA'S bylaws. These bylaw amendments will become effective only with a two thirds affirmative vote, by ballot, of the membership submitting ballots. This month of August each NAVHDA member, entitled to vote, has been sent a ballot. This ballot will ask if the voter is in favor of, or against amending the bylaws as proposed by the Executive Council. Members interested in the complete bylaw amendments, as proposed by the Executive Council, can go to NAVHDA'S web site's home page (<http://www.navhda.org/http://www.navhda.org/www.navhda.org>) and click on "PROPOSED BYLAWS" (<http://www.navhda.org/bylaws.html> <http://www.navhda.org/bylaws.html>). Members not having internet access can call the Central Office (847-253-6488) and request a copy of the proposed bylaw amendments be mailed. Specific questions regarding these proposed bylaw amendments should be directed to Joe Dolejsi (952-881-8501). Please vote and return the ballot as soon as possible.

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

The next So Cal NAVHDA Chapter test event is on October 3, 4 and 5 2009, location Prado and Raahaugue, in Norco.

If you have not signed up, you may have a problem if you trying to get in for UPT or UT. However, we still have some spots in NA for Sunday the 4th. Don't forget even if your dog is over the NA age limit, you can still run him/her for NA evaluation – I'm doing it with Cody. Then continue the training until they are ready for UPT or UT.

This is the closest test to our area and it is very convenient, take advantage of it. We are running tests for NA, UPT, and UT.

Please go on our web site and sign up to help if you are not running in a test. These events take a lot of effort and any little bit of help is gratefully appreciated.

[A message from the Board:](#)

Hello So.Cal. NAVHDA Members,

We are planning to run a mock test for our September 20th Training Day. We'd like to have all our members that are handling their dogs in NA or UT in our October test to participate. Because of the preparation involved in running a mock test we request the NA or UT handlers to let us know if they can participate, by September 5th. A mock test should be beneficial for everybody: the handlers for refining the preparation of their dogs before the test and for all other members to get acquainted with the rules of the test.
Guido Dei

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

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.

2009 Training Schedule: Location; Prado

The way we will run our training days this year will be to work each dog - in each activity - at its own level - with the other owners observing and learning. So often it seems like the training day concentrates on things that don't apply to several of the handlers.

The dates are:

March 15 Sunday – Held on schedule
April 19 Sunday - Held on schedule
May 17 Sunday – Held on schedule
June 14 Sunday (Fathers day is on the 21st)
July 26 Sunday
August 16 Sunday
September 20 Sunday
October 18 Sunday

Training day August 2009 (No photo credits = no photos)

Chris set up another set wonderful training sessions for us. I broke off the main group with some friend and AZ NAVHDA members (Larry Friedrichs and Larry Bassom) and their Bourbonnais so I did not get to see much. However, Tracking, Field work and one-on-one advice was definitely going on when I checked in.

Our Lunch continues to be set up by John but has had some set back, not enough takers. If this continues we'll be on our own for lunch.

John also had a great display of NAVHDA hats, other items for sale and raffle items. These along with the lunches are met to put a little extra in the So Cal NAVHDA chapter funds so we can run the best possible test so don't be shy, buy.

A note from our Training Coordinator to the Members of our Chapter:

I would like to thank the chapter members for their support at training day. We all knew the weather was going to be hot, but the turnout was tremendous! I saw new members being welcomed by the chapter with open arms, and veteran members assisting one another and continuing to build camaraderie. We have a really nice thing going here! I urge our more experienced members to continue to reach out to the beginners and let them know that we were all there once, and we love the opportunity to help your dogs achieve the best that they are capable of. It has been such a thrill to see dogs such as Tim Cooper's Gunther, and John Vesely's Rip improve dramatically over the last several months. I mention these two because upon first observing these dogs, they both had some issues. But through the dedication of their owners, and the assistance of more experienced members like Guido, these dogs are now able to shine. Remember we are here for the dogs. We are simply transportation. They LIVE for this stuff. If you're lucky, you do too. I would like to give a special "Thank you" to Dr. Hinebaugh for his presentation, and for his offer to compile first-aid kits designed specifically for gundogs. I hope the chapter realizes what an asset it is to have such a knowledgeable and giving professional as a member of our team. Thanks again. Chris

Members' Corner... Members' Corner... Members' Corner... Members' Corner..

Puppies Update

Chris had his puppies last month and they look just like Mom, as they should. How do you tell the difference? That's a lot of puppies, most have been spoken for but you may still be in time for one or two if you hurry. Good Job Mom!!!



Not to be outdone, our own Guido Dei and his beautiful wife have the privilege of presenting 5 magnificent puppies. Truly on looks alone they would make a great addition to any hunters home. But, I am not so sure that Guido will separate from his 1st litter so easily, this will take some convincing.



Alba



Alexis



Alice



Aristide



Annabelle

WEB SITE

The Web Site is in full bloom, please visit and contribute what you can. You can purchase your own web page to brag about your dog for \$10.

Tournament Update:

One more BDC tournament in Tehachapi took place on August 15th. This was the second of the local tournament set up to get some of the local Tournament Hunters ready for the big tournament in Dayton Nevada, September 17-20th, 2009 (www.wildwestshootout.com).



This was a small event and mostly a make up for dogs going to Nevada but not able to attend the July event. Since I was setting this one up too, I ran Fletcher. Fletcher and I took second place in the Amateur Division. We ran the 10 Acres field finding, pointing, flushing, retrieving our 3 chukars in 7.5 minutes. Excellent, but not good enough for 1st place. A gentleman and his GSP ran the field in just under 6 minutes clean, taking 1st place. That team was on fire that day and also took 1st place in Top Gun.

However, one of my best memories of that trial will be of my new dog Cody. I ran her just for fun and wouldn't you know it she got her 3 chukars in 12 minutes including one very long retrieve. She hunted in range, checked every bush and was a real pleasure to hunt behind. This is amazing progress.

You probably want to know what happened to Fletcher/Claude in the Top Gun event. It started off great with the first bird in the bag in 1 minute (including the retrieve), faster than anyone. We got to the second bird at 5 minutes and by the time I got to the bird it wild flushed and I still had my safety on... Missed shot, 2nd shot barely winged the bird who kept flying higher and higher, I called Fletcher back, he obeyed, Fletcher was on his way back when the bird fell dead out of the air. Fletcher had no idea where the bird had fallen, about 150 yard away and we wasted over 6 minutes on that bird.... Bad mistake...

This event was sanctioned by the BDC.

Please send in your articles to ctrincal1@verizon.net

See you on Sunday September 20th at the So. Cal. NAVHDA Chapter training day

Be kind, your dogs love you unconditionally.



We are not spoiled, we are watching the house.

PS can you see the third dog in the picture, the real watch-dog, at his post – Stormy.

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