

North American Versatile Hunting Dog Southern California Chapter – May 2009



# So Cal Chapter News

ClaudeTrincale, Secretary/Editor



*Training day May 2009 – Visitors at work*

**Organization... Organization....Organization....Organization.... Organization**

**The following members are your current Officers**

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

**CHAPTER DUES & other Money**

**It's that time of year to pay chapter dues. Dues are the life blood of our non-profit organization and allow us to conduct training days, pay insurance and hold special events.**

**And by the way of where our money is coming from we owe a large debt of gratitude to **Jon Vesely** for the outstanding commitment to the chapter and the whole job that he did at the last training day. He cooked a very nice lunch with barbecued Cornish hen and had a very profitable raffle. He bought various hunting and dog goods for the raffle and he sold 10 subscriptions for the website member's page.**

**The chapter received a \$100 for the website subscriptions; Guido's wife sold 2 T-shirts and 2 magnetic signs for a total of \$80.00. \$111 was the total that we've got from the lunch and raffle. Chris Gentner got the 1st raffle prize (\$40) and Darin Nohl the 2nd prize (\$20).**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting.**

**The Board meeting was held on April 19 at 1:30PM at Prado Dog Training Area  
The following officers attended the meeting:  
Robert Worrell President  
Garo Missakian Vice President  
Chris Gentner Training Coordinator  
Guido Dei Treasurer**

- 2009 So.Cal.NAVHDA test:**

**Bob Worrell has offered to be the Test Secretary. The test for NA, UPT and UT to be held at Prado (Field) and Raahauges (Water) around the end of September or beginning of October. Doug Kincaid has offered to contact Mike Raahauges for the permit.**

- **Utility Trailer:**

**Bob Worrell proposed So.Cal. NAVHDA to buy an utility trailer to store the chapter appurtenances. The trailer would be stored at Prado with a key given to every member for their personal training. Guido opposed the purchase because it will be impossible to account for any missing or broken part and also because at one time So.Cal. NAVHDA owned one which ended as a donation to the San Diego Sea Scout. Bob will be looking for the cost of a used trailer.**

- **Website Vote:**

**Bob Worrell would like to see voting on any organization's business held in a standardized fashion. The vote for the Website was done by Email was not appropriate. Guido was asked by Bob at the Fun Hunt to have a vote done, because numerous members were asking for a Chapter Website, however it was Bob's intention to have a discussion with the membership before having to vote.**

- **Newsletter Articles:**

**Bob Worrell emphasized that articles on the newsletter should be reviewed before being published by the newsletter editor. One article written by Guido caused a member to be offended. Nobody could tell Guido what caused the member to be offended; the offended member has then told Guido that the article was misinterpreted.**

- **Bank Account:**

**The So. Cal. NAVHDA Bank account has still only one signature. Guido requested to have Claude Trincala being another authorized person to sign checks.**

- **So. Cal. Bylaws and Constitution**

**Guido proposed to change some articles of So. Cal. Bylaws and Constitution. One regarding the membership dues and the other regarding Section 7: Seven Steps Program Verification. Nobody seems to understand what this program is all about.**

- **Website Master:**

**Guido will be the first Website Master. Website to be done with "E7sports". See attached vote for the website.**

***Testing ... Testing ... Testing ... Testing ... Testing ... Testing ... Testing ... Testing***

The next So Cal NAVHDA Chapter test event is being worked on as we speak the tentative date is early October 2009, location probably Raahaugue, in Norco.

Our President, Bob Worrell, will be finalizing the date shortly and we should make the final announcement in next month's newsletter. So get things going on your side and get those dogs trained. Bob, Guido, Chris, Garo and all the other members are there to help you.

Usually we run all tests in 2 or 3 days with each dog being tested only in one day for either NA, UPT, and UT. This year will be very convenient to at least some of us that live in the area. Many of our members had great success at the San Diego Chapter's Test last month so let's do even better at the So Cal Test.

***Training.... Training.... Training.... Training.... Training.... Training.... Training....***

## 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**  
June 14    **Sunday (Fathers day is on the 21<sup>st</sup>)**  
July 19    Sunday  
August 16    Sunday  
September 20 Sunday  
October 18 Sunday

*Our next training day will have an emphasis on Forced Retrieve. This seminar will be taught by our own President and Professional dog trainer, dog handler, Bob Worrell. Don;t miss it, if you want your dog to retrieve every single time to hand. This is just good dog work and will make you the envy of your friends, at least those that own hunting dogs.*

**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.**

*Training day May 2009*

















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

**PUPPIES ON THE WAY ....**

Dolce had a most beautiful litter. Anyone interested please contact Jane Coletta



**WEB SITE or No WEB SITE ????**

The Web Site has been approved and Guido Dei will be our WebMaster.  
Please send in your pictures to Guido to enhance the quality of the Web site being designed.  
Many thanks.

## **Braggins & other news items and articles**

### NADKC News Highlights

#### 2009 Annual Meeting

The 2009 NADKC Annual Meeting was held on April 24-26, in Muskegon, Michigan, hosted by the Great Lakes Region. The Meeting held a flurry of activities not soon to be forgotten.

Thursday's seminars were held at NADKC Vice President Butch Grover's wonderful countryside place in Coopersville. Although the brisk morning air may have been the first to greet, it did not hamper the warm smiles of members and hand shakes of those whom had come from all over the country to participate. President, Rob Engelking, started with a seminar on breeding basics that he brought years of experience and practical knowledge to while the afternoon ended with a very informative session on force fetching basics by experienced trainer Doug Campeau.

Continuing on the following day, Friday's seminar was the completion of breeding information, and a conformation seminar using some of our four legged DK companions help. Following, was a short blood tracking example of a technique used by Rob Engelking. Everyone watched with interest as a young male DK successfully completed his first blood track. The excitement continued as more members arrived and greeted each other at the host hotel's parking lot, to the evening's dinner, and following Judge's Continuing Education seminar, the last event of the evening.



- 1. Bessie vom Sparta-Gr., Handled by Manny Boutsikakis  
Prize 1 with a score of 320  
Receives the GOLD MEDALLION.**
- 2. Reni Erdmannshausen, Handled by Guido Dei  
Prize 1 with a score of 312  
Receives the SILVER MEDALLION.**
- 3. Kora vom Strepfenstrich, Handled by Joerg Kaltenegger  
Prize 1 with a score of 310 Receives the BRONZE MEDALLION**

Saturday was a big day starting with a JGHV seminar in the morning following by the well anticipated Zuchtschau in which nearly 40 dogs were entered. The weather's turn for the worse did not put any damper on dog or handler and the event alternated from indoors to the outdoor ring as weather allowed. It was an impressive show to see so many Deutsch Kurzhaar's in one place. Dinner and auction time quickly arrived with people warming to raffle wins and fun bidding for items.

Many thanks go out to the Great Lakes Region for all of their hard work. It is always great to meet new members and see old friends, and it was definitely a meeting well worth attending. See you next year! – Lisa Sorenson



## **What are other organizations doing to train Versatile hunting dogs? Blood Tracking**

Blood Tracking should be a requirement for a true Versatile Hunting Dog.

NAVHDA committee voted on a Blood Tracking motion on the last NAVHDA National Meeting. It didn't pass just by a few votes.

I've been involved with training my Deutsch Kurzhaar Reni Erdmannshausen for blood tracking to pass the very difficult VGP test.

Being new to train for blood tracking I started gathering information from anyone that was familiar with it, I bought books, search on the Internet etc. etc.

Being very unfamiliar with this type of training, at the beginning I hated it at the end I loved it!

Blood Tracking is the apex of a handler/dog teamwork

When your dog learn how to track blood, you need to learn how to read your dog.

Your dog is constantly telling you when he is on the track and when he lost it; you need to decipher his communication with you.

In testing your dog for blood tracking in the German system under the Jagdgebrauchshund Verband (JGHV, German Versatile Hunting Dogs Association) there is no allotted time for this test, the team handler/dog can take as long as needed to find the dead deer.

Judges can restart the team twice if it is more than 60 meters (198 ft) out of the track. With each restart you lose one point, the third time you are out of the VGP.

The dog is kept on a long tracking leash of which 19 ft must be always available to the dog.

The dog should work it calmly, concentrated and confidently, excessive speed lowers the predicate.

After a successful work the dog will be left unleashed at the carcass with two judges hiding downwind so that the dog cannot see them. All other persons have to stay completely out of sight.

After 5 minutes the handler can pick up is dog.

The handler can choose a Day Track or an Overnight track. In the Day Track the blood is laid down by the judges from 2 to 5 hours before the tests; in the Overnight track the blood is laid down at least 14 hours before the test.

There are other two types of ending the blood tracking that the handler can choose to gain more points: the Dead Game Baying (Totverbellen) and the Dead Game Guiding (Totverweisen).

After the 400 meters of leash work the dog is unleashed, the Dead Game Bayer must stay at the carcass after he has found and must start barking to call his handler for at least 10 minutes.

After the 400 meters of leash work the Dead Game Guide must leave the carcass he has found in order to return to his handler and must lead his handler to the carcass in free guiding.

Maximum achievable point scores:

Day Track: 112 with additional 16 points for the Bayer or 12 additional for the Guide

Overnight Track: 124 with additional 16 points for the Bayer or 12 additional for the Guide.

At the successful end of the blood tracking there will be a traditional ceremony in which the judges congratulate the handler with two oak branches one for the dog collar and one for the handler hat.

Reni Erdmannshausen ended with a 112 points for a perfect daytrack.

On next newsletter I'll let you know how I trained her.

Guido dei



**Please send in your articles to [ctrincal1@verizon.net](mailto:ctrincal1@verizon.net)**

***See you on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> for the So Cal  
NAVHDA Chapter training day***

***Be kind, your dogs love you unconditionally.***