



So Cal Chapter News

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SUNDAY, March 16th at Prado is our next training day. We will be concentrating on “whoa” training and force breaking to retrieve

See the schedule of training days on page 3 with a description of the primary tasks for each day. LET BOB WORRELL KNOW IF YOU WANT HIM TO BRING YOU PIGEONS. CALL HIM AT (949) 289-3011 OR EMAIL HIM AT SportingDogsBob@verizon.net.

Steve “Esteban” Woodard is planning on providing lunch for all in attendance for a modest charge. Think cheeseburgers and turkey burgers!

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Training Days Guidelines & Procedures

(1) Please keep your dog under control at all times, particularly when he/she is not working on a drill (2) 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 (3) Children are to be supervised and remain in the designated parking area at all times (4) No alcohol on premises.

Treasurer's Report

The checking account balance is currently \$4294 and the savings account is \$1921.18 or a total of \$6215.18 compared to a total of the two accounts at January 31, 2008 of \$5725.18. The assets at cost remain \$2049. The 2008 NAVHDA insurance premium of \$536 has been paid.

Welcome

Welcome to new members Juan Gabriel Pena and his eight-month-old Weimaraner *Sasha*; Carl and Sheryl O'Day with *Snoopy*, their seven-month-old GSP; and Anne Taguchi and her Weimaraners *Riley* and *Indy*. We look forward to having more pictures of your fine dogs to publish soon.

Thank you, again!

Our thanks to our 94-year-old member James "Jack" Johnson for another donation of \$150 to the Chapter. We appreciate your generosity, Jack!

Notes from Officers Meeting

During the lunch break the February training day, the Chapter officers met and decided or talked about the following subjects:

- (1) We plan to have election of officers after the June Training Day, probably by mailed-out ballots. So think about who you would like to nominate (including yourself) as a Chapter officer. Most of the positions are self-explanatory but we will provide more information on each as we get closer to the election. The success of the Chapter depends on having interested members take on responsibility for its affairs. Make a commitment and have some fun!
- (2) We are distributing this newsletter by PDF file over the Internet except to those that indicate they would rather have hard-copy mailed to them. This will save both the time and significant expense of printing.
- (3) We are undecided as to whether the Chapter will hold NAVHDA tests this Spring. If we do, the date and location will be announced soon. **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN YOUR DOG IN A TEST THIS YEAR, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WE NEED TO KNOW THE LEVEL OF INTEREST FROM OUR MEMBERS IF WE ARE TO DO THIS.**
- (4) **A SPECIAL THANKS TO ESTEBAN FOR PROVIDING LUNCH TO THE MEMBERS LAST MONTH, A KEY FACTOR IN MAKING THE FEBRUARY TRAINING DAY SUCH A SUCCESS.** Be sure to thank Esteban for all his special efforts in doing so.
- (5) There appears to be little interest at this time in starting a Chapter web page and

CHAPTER DUES WERE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2008. WE STILL HAVE 20 MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT MADE THEIR DUES PAYMENT FOR THE YEAR. IF YOU HAVEN'T SENT YOUR DUES IN FOR THIS YEAR, SEND THE FORM ON PAGE 7 WITH YOUR CHECK TODAY!

Training Day Schedule

The starting time for Sunday March 16th will be at 8:00 am and we will go until about 12:00 or so. As we did last month, we will have different stations going on at the same time doing different things but will cover things from a-z. We will be concentrating on a specified task at each training day and having everybody in the group show that their dog can do this.

March 16th Sunday at 8:00 AM

“Whoa” training and force breaking to retrieve. This will be table training work. We will show you how to do these tasks. It takes four (4) weeks to train this into your dog and that’s working it every day for 10 minutes. *(Editor’s Note: don’t listen to me and Sam—she and/or I took about eight months before we had it down, and that’s with twice a day for most of those weeks and months. That’s why you want to have Bob show you how to do this right.)*

April 20th Sunday at 8:00 AM

Dogs that are ready to retrieve get two more pigeons in the field to point. They should be at least steady to flush. Preferably they should be steady to shot and the retrieve should be polished. Your dog should come straight in and present the bird without hard-mouthing.

May 18th Sunday at 8:00 AM

Tracking and drags. Your dog will learn to track a live pheasant and then do a 100-yard retrieve of the drag.

June 22nd Sunday at 8:00 (June 15th is Father’s Day so we changed the schedule to the 22nd!)

The tasks will involve the duck on the water and blind retrieves.

The rest of the year’s schedule will be announced later.

Bob Worrell

Photos from February 17th '08 Training Day

Some of our members and friends at the start of the day.



Chapter President Bob Worrell describing the day's activities and safety rules.



The primary task for this day was searching and pointing pigeons. Here Luis Mendez and Guido work with Luis' *Arnold*.



Steve "Esteban" Woodard and *Simon* when Esteban wasn't cooking lunch.

Courtney and Brad Daugherty with *Bosco*, a young GWP from Raffi Barbarian's litter.



Greg and new NAVHDA judge Ruth Weiss.



Chapter Vice President Garo Missakian with his energetic young dogs.

Photos from February '08 Training



Jorge & Cecelia with their son-in-law Doug Covey.

Watching and waiting for some water work.



Rodge Fradella without Heidi for the moment.



Tom & Kelly White with their small Munsterlander Sierra.



Esteban laboring over a fine luncheon spread.



Scott Burns and Bear Comrie.



Raul Pineda and Ann Taguchi. Ann brought one of her fine Weimaraners, *Indy*.



San Diego newsletter editor Ericka Dennis with her Bracco Italiano and some guy running the Winger Zinger.



New Judge Herb Schoderer with his PP *Zippo*.

SALE OF PRADO

Ron Gibbons of Quail Unlimited has informed us that Janet and Don Richardson have transferred the management of the Prado Dog Training Facility to Reuben and Elena Llamas effective February 11, of this year. Reuben plans to farm more of the land and still have fields available with appropriate cover for dog trials and training. For the time being at least, the prices will remain the same. You can contact Reuben or Elena at (909) 597-6366.

CANINE EUGENICS, AGAIN

The Los Angeles City Council has enacted legislation requiring the mandatory sterilization of all dogs and cats (I'm sure they are really going to get after those pesky cats!) over 4 months of age. Effective June 3rd, the ordinance mandates a significant fine for violation. In addition to being neutered, dogs will have to be implanted with an identifying microchip. Not surprisingly, the price of annual dog licenses will go up from \$15 to \$20 for sterilized dogs and \$60 for unaltered animals. The legislation is similar to AB 1634, the state-wide canine eugenics legislation promoted by PETA that was introduced last year and withdrawn after vigorous opposition from many organizations including the AKC. AB 1634 will be re-introduced this year with its sponsors hoping opponents will have forgotten about it or will have trouble mobilizing opposition again.

The spay/neuter requirement applies to all dogs except those **(1)** registered with an registry approved by the LA Animal Services Department *and* that have competed in at least one dog show or one "sporting dog competition" (a term to be defined in regulations yet to be adopted) in the last year, or is being trained to show or compete (?) or **(2)** has earned (or if under three years of age, is earning) an agility, herding, protection, hunting or other title from an approved registry, or **(3)** that work with law enforcement or the military, or **(4)** assisting the disabled **(5)** that a licensed vet certifies should be neutered later or is unsafe to be neutered because of its health or **(6)** owned by someone who has a valid breeding permit from the City. Supporters wanted to prohibit all dogs from being born until all animal shelters are emptied.

The City asserts that the ordinance would be enforced when a dog is picked up by the dog catcher for having attacked another animal or a person, or for barking or for having been neglected by its owner. I suspect that the principal way compliance will occur is when the owner seeks to renew the dog's license.

All this seems a bit like curing juvenile delinquency by sterilizing all women (or men?) who might be of child bearing age. Now all we have to do is wait for the State to mandate this for all of our dogs.

We solicit newsletter contributions from our members. Please submit all such communications to: Mike Inglis, 724 Via Somonte, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274 *or* email at minglis2@ix.netcom.com

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