



North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association

Southern California Chapter

So Cal Chapter News

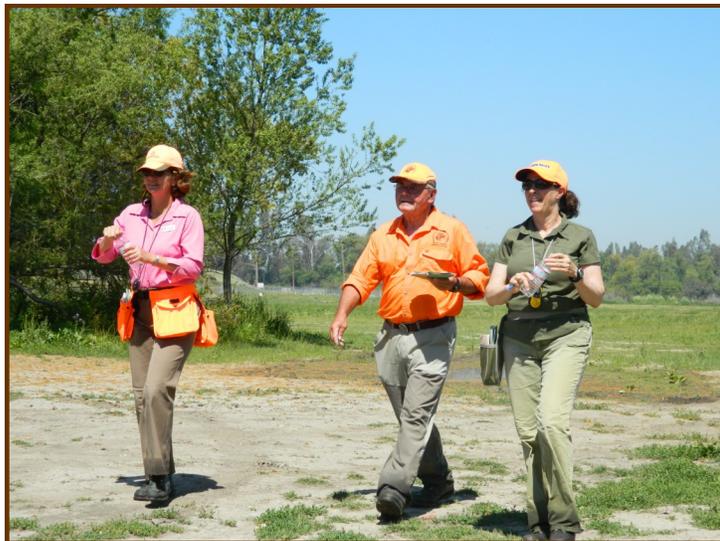
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After countless hours of planning, organizing and hard work done by the members of the San Diego NAVHDA chapter to host this year's annual International Meeting it was just too much to hold the areas Spring Test just two months later. Our Chapter was asked if we would consider holding the area's Spring Test. We obliged with the selection of member Pat Beaver as our Test Secretary. Pat went right to work on this project that culminated in a great NAVHDA test for both NA and UT dogs. Again the Raahauges training area was used for the UT water portion with the rest of the testing done at Prado our home training area.

If you didn't get the chance to make it out to the test, you missed some dedicated handlers that showed their dogs abilities tested within the criteria's of the NAVHDA system. Not to mention some great dining at the evening's pot luck dinners. The event turned out to be great fun with compliments given to our Chapter by Senior Judge Cheryl Agulier; as a chapter that works well together and showed a lot of member comradire. And thank you Cheryl for being Senior Judge along with Ruth Weiss, Herbert Schoderer and Gabriel Awbery as Test Judges. Hats off to these dedicated Judges that spend their time to judge our dogs.



Test Judges Ruth Weiss, Herb Schoderer and Cheryl Agulier

SPRING TEST 2012

From Test Secretary: Pat Beaver

I have received many thanks for the job I did to make our Spring Test successful. While I appreciate the thanks, I feel the real thanks belongs to each of you that volunteered. I might have done a little planning up front, but from the time I arrived Thursday until I left Sunday, everyone just pitched in and got the job done. You are all a great group of people. As I drove Cheryl to the airport she repeated several times what a special Chapter we have. I just want to thank each and every one of you for your help. I am very thankful to be a member of Southern California NAVHDA

A special thanks to the folks at Simple Green for providing our Test Headquarters canopy, tables, chairs and the many raffle gifts they sent along. Thank you to the many members that also provided raffle gifts. To the many volunteers that helped with this test, well what can be said but there would be no test without such great help from these dedicated NAVHDA members:

Pat Beaver– Test Secretary

Chris Gentner, Rodge Fradella and Guido Dei– Test Marshalls

Greg Weiss, Bob Worrell– Gunners

Jason Williams, Kent Williams, Richard Cook, Kirt Gilliland, Steven Loeffler– Bird Planters

Jon Vesely, Ty Mitchell– Bird Stewards

Bob Worrell-Duck Thrower

Rodge Fradella, Kim Gentner– Distraction Shooters

Irene Fradella, Annamaria Dei– Judges Hostess

Guido Dei– Set up Crew

Richard Cook– Bird Cleaner

Irene Fradella, Jon Vesely, Kristin Cook– Breakfast Crew

Rodge Fradella-Postman

Guido Dei, Pat Beaver-Chauffeur

Kristen Cook-Raffle Person

Jon Vesely for pick up of the equipment used from the Simple Green people, and to all the members that helped clean, pick up and pack up the Head Quarters site.

A special thank you to:

Prado Dog Park Management and Mike Raahauges.

Friday Spring Test Entrants
Natural Ability & Utility Test



Steven Loeffler & *Stella*



Sylvia Hansen & *Yoli*



Jon Auer & *Chase*



Guido Dei & *Aristide*



Irene Fradella & *Falco*

Saturday Spring Test
Natural Ability



Vladimir Litvin, Zach Harris, Kim Gentner, Brett Bigley & Fritz



Ruth Weiss & Ava



Jim Briers & Kate



Gregg Hart & Lysee



Josh Van Alfen & Rem

Sunday Spring Test
Natural Ability



Jim McDonald & *Ryder*



Carol Cronk & *Cash*



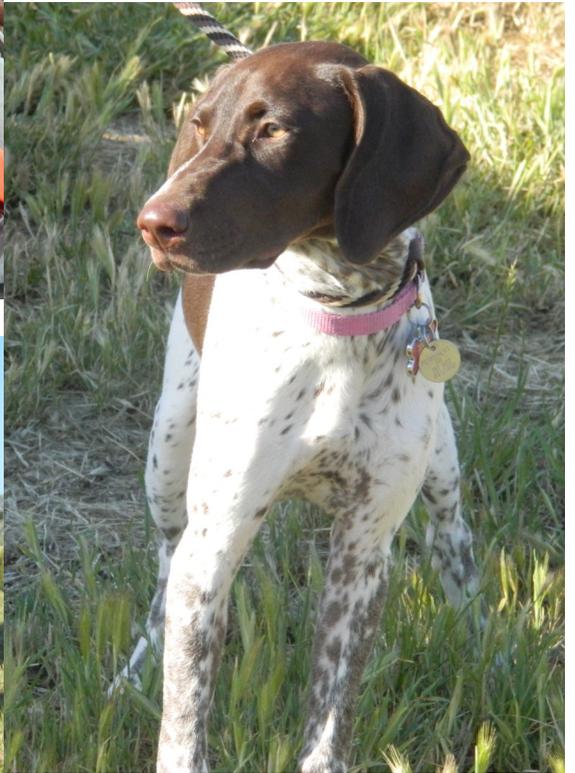
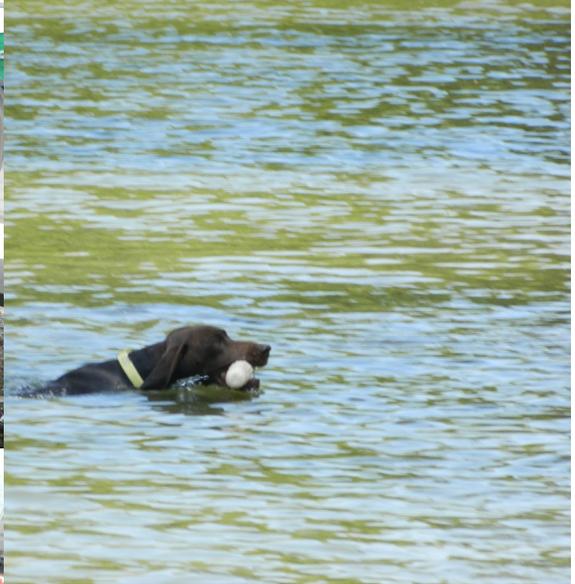
Garo Missakian & *Ouzo*



Mike Fairfield & *Bailey*



Herb & Ericka Schoderer
& *Asta*



SoCal SPRING TEST RESULTS 2012

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

04/20/2012

2012-0018

Natural Ability

Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	N	S	W	P	T	D	C	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
M	GG-013224	0-10	4	4	4	4	1	3	3	100	III	IRENE R FRADELLA	IRENE R FRADELLA
M	GG-013003	0-10	4	4	4	4	1	3	3	100	III	JON AUER	JON AUER

TEETH: BROKEN 206

Utility Test

Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	WATER	FIELD	TICUT	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
M	GG-011826	2-7	4.44.44	4444.4	4444.4	204	I	GUIDO DEI	GUIDO DEI
F	GG-011849	2-7	4.34.44	4434.4	4443.4	196	I	STEVEN D LOEFLER	STEVEN D LOEFLER
F	VI-000787	5-1	1.34.42	4412.2	4342.2	146	None	GARY WILLHITE	SYLVIA HANSEN

TEETH: UNDERSHOT 101,102,103,201,202&203

JUDGES: CHERYL L ASMUS-AGUIAR; HERBERT J SCHODERER; RUTH A WEISS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

04/21/2012

2012-0019

Natural Ability

Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	N	S	W	P	T	D	C	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
F	PP-002828	1-2	4	2	4	4	4	3	3	96	III	GREGG HART	GREGG HART
F	PP-002917	1-2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	112	I	RUTH A WEISS	RUTH A WEISS
F	GG-013383	1-0	4	1	4	1	3	2	3	73	None	ZACH J HARRIS	ZACH J HARRIS
F	GG-013006	0-10	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	106	I	KIMBERLY GENTER	KIMBERLY GENTER
M	GG-013110	1-0	4	4	4	2	4	4	3	102	III	BRETT A BIGLEY	BRETT A BIGLEY
F	GW-008263	1-0	4	3	4	3	1	3	3	91	III	VLADIMIR LITVIN	VLADIMIR LITVIN
F	GG-012982	1-0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	112	I	JAMES BRIERS	JAMES BRIERS
F	GW-008265	1-0	4	1	3	4	2	2	3	78	None	PAMELA WIDOR	HENNING JACOBSON
M	GG-013219	1-0	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	88	None	GARRETT J VAN ALFEN	GARRETT J VAN ALFEN

JUDGES: CHERYL L ASMUS-AGUIAR; GABRIEL D AWBREY; HERBERT J SCHODERER

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

04/22/2012

2012-0020

Natural Ability

Sex	Breed Reg #	Yr-Mo	N	S	W	P	T	D	C	Pts	Prz	Owner	Handler
F	GG-012697	1-1	4	4	2	1	1	3	2	76	None	GARO G MISSAKIAN	GARO G MISSAKIAN
M	GG-012967	1-0	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	105	II	CAROL R CRONK	CAROL R CRONK
M	GG-013003	0-10	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	112	I	JON AUER	JON AUER
F	PP-002898	1-3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	112	I	HERBERT J SCHODERER	HERBERT J SCHODERER
F	GG-012705	1-0	4	4	4	1	3	3	2	90	None	MIKE FAIRFIELD	MIKE FAIRFIELD
M	LM-001131	0-11	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	112	I	JAMES O MCDONALD	JAMES O MCDONALD
F	GW-008232	1-0	4	4	2	4	2	3	3	92	III	GARO G MISSAKIAN	GARO G MISSAKIAN

TEETH: 206 BROKEN

TEETH: UNDERSHOT

JUDGES: CHERYL L ASMUS-AGUIAR; GABRIEL D AWBREY; RUTH A WEISS

House Passes Historic Hunting, Conservation Legislation

Senate Urged to Quickly Take Up Companion to H.R. 4089

For Release: April 17, 2012

Washington, DC – Safari Club International expressed its appreciation to the U.S. House of Representatives for passing H.R. 4089, the Sportsmen’s Heritage Act of 2012. The legislation passed on a bipartisan vote and will now be reported the Senate for consideration.

“The Sportsmen’s Heritage Act of 2012 will preserve the rightful place of hunting, fishing and target shooting on U.S. public lands for generations to come,” said SCI President Kevin Anderson. “Millions of Americans, including thousands of SCI Members, hunt and shoot on our nation’s public lands. By passing this legislation, Congress has helped protect our hunting heritage for the future outdoorsmen and women.”

H.R. 4089 included four separate parts. Title I requires hunting and recreational shooting and fishing to be recognized activities on all Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands; Title II protects recreational shooting on National Monuments under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management; Title III amends the Marine Mammal Protection Act to allow hunters who legally harvested polar bears in Canada prior to its listing under the Endangered Species Act to purchase permits in order to transport their trophies into the U.S.; and Title IV clarifies that the Environmental Protection Agency does not have the jurisdiction to regulate traditional lead component ammunition and lead fishing tackle.

“Sportsmen and women encourage the U.S. Senate leadership to take up H.R. 4089 and quickly pass it,” asserted SCI Chief Communications Officer Larry Rudolph. “Our national heritage of hunting, fishing and target shooting is constantly under attack by eco-maniac special interests who want to lock up our public lands and prohibit recreational uses. Today was a day of action and we look forward to the Senate proceeding forward with this legislation.

“SCI would like to thank those members who drafted HR 4089, Congressman Miller (Fla.) for introducing the comprehensive bill as the Co-Chair of the Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus, and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Hastings for his leadership in the floor debate. Legislation introduced by Congressmen Young (Alaska), Bishop (Utah), Benishek (Mich.), Flake (Ariz.), and Broun (Georgia) also contributed H.R. 4089.”

The Sportsmen’s Heritage Act of 2012 was supported by a coalition that included Safari Club International, National Rifle Association, the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation, the Boone & Crockett Club, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, the U.S. Sportsmen’s Alliance, and over 30 other hunter-conservation organizations.

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Goodbye to My Best Friend



Shared by: Guido Dei

On April 13th just a week before our Spring Test I had to let go of my best friend of 14 years and 4 months. Geedee had endured three surgeries for cancer and after the last surgery the cancer had spread to his lungs. I was with Geedee in Doctor Hinebaugh's clinic where the Doc performed the euthanasia. I hugged and kissed him while he was leaving me. He was very calm and relaxed and he looked at me saying goodbye to me with his beautiful eyes.

Geedee was my seventh dog since I started owning hunting dogs when I was 14 years old. I don't think that I will ever see a dog with a better nose, search and pointing than him. His nose was formidable; Many times during training I couldn't believe the distance from his point to the planted birds. His nose was the best I'd ever seen of any dog and he had that remarkable ability to "pivot" on it. As he ran, he would catch the scent and stop midstride his nose not moving as his entire body would fly around to accommodate his unmovable nose.

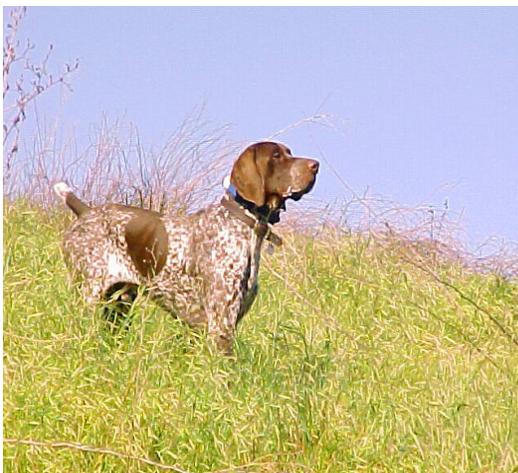
I shot over Geedee more than a thousand wild pheasants and hundreds of quail and chukar. My friends called him the "Pheasant Professor". He always hunted with his nose high and when on point he wouldn't move until I went in front of him to flush the birds. I had to

buy a beeper to relocate him. One time he was on point about 20 yards from me behind a rock and I called him for about 30 minutes, than I walked down the valley and kept calling him to no avail. When I went back to the place where I thought that I had lost him, I saw him on point, he was holding a covey of Huns for over an hour.

Geedee's marking and retrieving was miserable, because for some unknown reasons he had to spin 5 or 6 times before taking off from the point, totally forgetting where the bird fell. Although he was finding all the birds after I directed him because of his nose, but he always took more time than necessary.

Geedee had a spine surgery when he was 14 months old; he broke a disc falling from a ledge when chukar hunting. My wife Annamaria took care of his recovery for months and she became very attached to him, so much so she let him stay in the house with us. He was my first dog that had the privilege to sleep with me in my bed. He would sleep alongside my back keeping me warm at night. I never used a blanket until last April 13th. Every night going to bed I miss him so much, I thought that I was much tougher, but tears come down my eyes and it is very difficult to write this.

I wish all of you could own a once in your life dog as nice as my old boy that has just left me.



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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.**



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