



NAVHDA Newsletter

San Diego Chapter

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Our Annual Chapter Picnic at Fiesta Island (actually, the 2002 Picnic)

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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Chapter Picnic – We had a great turnout for our annual picnic on Fiesta Island (see picture above). As usual, the food was delicious. We spent most of our time socializing with old and new friends, and finished the day with our bi-annual elections. The new slate of officers is shown in the box on the left.

July Training Clinic – Our next training clinic will be on Sunday, 13 July, at Cuyamaca Lake. We will start at 8:00 AM prompt to avoid the mid-day heat. We will concentrate on water work (the lake is in good shape for this), and can do some drags and limited field search. We will not be able to fire guns because of restrictions at the lake. See attached article for directions.

Treasurer's Report

Balance (5/31/2003):	\$3,390.91
Income:	
\$410.00	
Chapter Dues:	\$60.00
Training Seminar Fees:	\$350.00
Expenses:	
\$305.19	
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Newsletter Expenses:	\$37.00
Supplies (Picnic):	\$157.50
Bank Fees:	\$1.40

JULY TRAINING CLINIC: Our next training clinic will be on Sunday, 13 July, at Lake Cuyamaca. We will meet promptly at 8:00 AM and get in as much training as possible before it gets too hot. We will concentrate on water work, but can do limited tracking, drags, and field work. We cannot shoot birds at Lake Cuyamaca. Also, note there is a \$6 parking fee at the lake. After paying the fee, you can fish at the lake for free if you wish.

We will meet in the parking lot on the West side of the lake, just South of the office and restaurant. From there, we will walk to the South end of the lake to do our training. Lake Cuyamaca is about 12 miles North of Interstate 8, or 8 miles South of Julian, on Highway 79.

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS: We held our bi-annual election of officers at our summer picnic. The new officers and their phone numbers are listed in the box on the front page. Feel free to contact any officer if you have any questions, suggestions, or complaints. In addition, Mia Unson has volunteered to take over

the responsibilities of preparing the monthly newsletter (for which your current editor is eternally grateful!). If you have suggestions, or more importantly, contributions for the newsletter, please contact Mia via the address or UserID shown on the front page.

We would also like to thank all of our outgoing officers, in particular:

Dave Awbrey, ex-President

Gabby Awbrey, ex-Vice President

Jackie Smith, ex-Treasurer

Bob Smith, ex-Secretary

Tracy Jenson, ex-Training Coordinator

It takes a lot of time and effort to fulfill the obligations of being a chapter officer, and all of our ex-officers gave freely and unselfishly of their time to help make the chapter more effective and help all members train their hunting dogs, which is what we are all about.

FAMILY, JUNIOR AND WOMEN'S PHEASANT HUNTS: The Department of Fish and Game is sponsoring pheasant hunts again this year. Below is the schedule for the Family, Junior and Women's Pheasant Hunts to be held at Rancho Jamul (there are also additional hunts being held in Imperial Valley).

Oct. 4 – Family Hunt

Oct. 5 – Junior Hunt

Nov. 1 – Junior Hunt

Nov. 2 – Family Hunt

Dec. 13 – Junior Hunt

Dec. 14 – Women's & Family Hunt

Jan. 3 – Family Hunt

Jan. 4 – Family Hunt

We have received some very complimentary letters from Pheasants Forever and from DFG, expressing their appreciation for our chapter's support of these events. It is a great way to introduce novice hunters to the joy of hunting upland birds with a well-trained dog.

If you want to participate as a shooter in one of these events, your application must be sent to DFG by 1 September. You can call DFG at (562) 590-5100 to get an application, or you can download one from their website, www.dfg.ca.gov. If you would like to handle your dog for other shooters, let Dave Awbrey know so he can forward your name to the hunt organizers.

RECENT NAVHDA TEST: Mike Vitale recently ran his Weimaraner, Kobe, in a Natural Ability Test held by the Central Valley Chapter. He (Kobe) received a Prize III with 98 points. It is hard to believe this is the same dog that a few months ago would not go in the water. Mike has done a great job of bringing Kobe along in just a few months of training. Congratulations to both Mike and Kobe!

NEW CHAPTER MEMBER (and Breed): We would like to welcome new members Ericka and Bob Dennis, and their Bracco Italiano, Rico, to our chapter. Ericka got Rico from Delor

Kennels in Milan, Italy. Ericka bought Rico primarily as a show dog, but wants to honor the Italian tradition of training them as hunting dogs; hopefully, the chapter can help her do that. You have probably never seen a Bracco Italiano, there are only about 100 of them in the country. They are a beautiful dog, a little hard to describe, but are bred to be a versatile hunting dog. It will be fun to watch Rico develop as Ericka trains him.

UPCOMING NAVHDA TESTS: We have set tentative dates for our next two NAVHDA tests. We are currently in the process of securing judges for both tests. We plan on holding a Natural Ability-only test on 11-12 October, 2003. We plan on holding a full (NA, UPT, UT) NAVHDA test on 21-22 February, 2004. If you are thinking about testing your dog in either test, please call our new Training Coordinator, Dave Awbrey as soon as possible. If you need a copy of the "Aims, Programs, Test Rules" brochure, call Bob Smith. We have several copies available for \$4 each. These booklets are invaluable if you are planning on testing your dog.

POTATO SALAD: One of the dishes that was a big hit at the picnic was Sharon Miller's Potato Salad. As promised, Sharon has provided the recipe, which is shown on the following page.

Potato Salad with Lemon Dressing and Capers

2 ½ lbs. white potatoes
½ cup chopped onions
¼ cup drained capers
4 eggs, chopped
1 cup mayonnaise
grated rind from one lemon
¼ cup lemon juice
2 Tbsp. fresh chopped dill
salt and pepper to taste

Boil potatoes; when cool enough to handle, peel and dice. In a large bowl, toss potatoes with onions, capers and eggs. In a separate bowl, mix together mayo, lemon rind, lemon juice, dill, salt and pepper. Toss dressing with potatoes and serve. Makes 10-12 servings.

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