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Hello San Diego Chapter Members,

Well hunting season is winding down and we are about to switch into training mode. Our first training day of the new year is Sunday, January 29th at Honey Springs State Wildlife Area. Please remember that you need a hunting license and only steel shot is allowed, and for you new members you will need hunter orange clothing above the waist or a orange hat in the field. Also only break open shotguns are allowed.

I want to thank Mark Matteson for taking over the task of recreating our web site! It looks really impressive so when you see Mark please tell him thank you.

I also want to thank Kassie Boozel for creating a Facebook page for the chapter. Please pay it a visit!

Our Spring test is at Prado March 17, 18, 19 2017. As usual we will need lots of help, so if our Test Secretary Kassie Boozel has not contacted you yet please email her at [sd.navhda@gmail.com](mailto:sd.navhda@gmail.com) or call her at (619) 990-9217. It is the volunteers that make our test go so we need your help.

Due to a scheduling conflict we are also running our Rattlesnake Avoidance clinic on March 18th at the Jamul Veterinary Hospital. Mark Miller is again leading this effort and will need four or five volunteers to get through the day. Please remember that this clinic raises about \$4,000 for the chapter that allows us to keep our trailer and training equipment available for the membership, feed our pigeons, etc. You can email Mark at [gano@cox.net](mailto:gano@cox.net) if you would like to volunteer.

If you have hunting pictures or a story about this year's hunts please forward them to Shawn Anderson and Mark Matteson for the newsletter and web site.

Hope to see you all at this upcoming Training Day!

Jeff Derbes  
President





# Jan-Feb 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Training Day @ Honey Springs 8am	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 San Diego Junior Pheasant Hunt	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25

- ### San Diego NAVHDA Schedule
- ◆ Sun, Jan 29th Training Day @ Honey Springs
  - ◆ Sun, Feb 28th Training Day @ Honey Springs
  - ◆ Sat, Mar 18th Rattlesnake Clinic @ Jamul Veterinary Hospital
  - ◆ Sun, Apr 30th Training Day @ High On Kennels
  - ◆ Sat, May 21st Training Day @ High On Kennels

- ### Upcoming Test Dates
- ◆ Mar 17-19, San Diego, CA, San Diego, NA/UPT/UT
  - ◆ Apr 7-8, Ione, CA, Great Central Valley, NA/UPT/UT
  - ◆ Apr 8-9, Chino, CA, Inland Empire, NA/UT
  - ◆ Apr 9, Ione, CA, Northern California, NA/UPT/UT
  - ◆ Apr 22-23, Cordes Junction, AZ, Grand Canyon of Arizona, NA/UPT/UT

### Chapter Assets

Boat, Signs, T-shirts, Hats, Heeling Stakes, 2 Shotguns, First Aid Kits, Zinger Winger, Bird Launchers, Tables, Chain Gang, Training Table, Trailer, Whelping Box

Please send all dues (12/31/2016 due date) and applications to:

Kirt Gilliland  
17898 Corazon Place  
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[Application for Chapter Membership](#)

(Single Membership \$25 Family \$35)

### Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance:	\$ 11,029.57
Income:	\$ 0
Expenses:	\$ 606.08
Ending Balance (12/31):	\$ 10,423.49

# Jan 29th Training Day @ Honey Springs



Honey Springs Dog Training Area  
Honey Springs Road, Jamul CA 91935

Located about 7 mi SE of Jamul. From Jamul take Hwy 94 (Campo Rd) 4.5 mi to Honey Springs Rd (on left). Travel 2.5 mi to a white picket fence on the left and turn left on the dirt road 200 yards past the white picket fence—continue to the parking area.

Shooters at Honey Springs must have a CA hunting license and use only non-lead shot.

## Versatile Breed: Bracco Italiano

The Bracco Italiano is a very dignified dog. The breed is powerful and muscular, but not lumbering. His expression is intelligent and kind. His head is more hound-like and less like that of a gundog. The coat is smooth and dense. They can be any of the following color combinations: white; orange and white; orange roan; chestnut and white; or chestnut roan. They are a large breed weighing 55-88 pounds. The gait is a trot, long and brisk. Brief periods of galloping are tolerated when re-crossing previously covered ground, at the beginning of the hunt or in cases where the dog encounters a new situation. Above all the rule when working scent is the trot, lively movement covering the ground well.

The dog during the hunt should quarter at distances of 100 meters or more from the handler and the spacing of its cast should reflect the terrain, wind and scenting conditions. It is evident that in the Bracco Italiano (as with the other trotters) the preoccupation with the scent is of prime importance. Unlike the lightning reaction of the great gallopers the Italian Bracchi treat the process as a complex mental process that is easily read in his expression, which is one of thought. Upon detecting scent the dog gradually slows and returns extremely prudently towards its presumed origin, head held high as described above, its ears cocked and tail motionless and slightly lowered. If the dog realizes that it is on residual (old) scent then he should resume the hunt as before. If however he decides that the scent is leading him closer to game he should slow and his final steps should be very slow often gently feeling the ground with his paw before putting his weight on it as if afraid to make a noise.

A dog that senses he is suddenly upon the game will stop immediately. He will stay, more often than not, upright, or with the limbs a little flexed with the head turned down towards the game. Exceptionally the dog may halt in a contorted or twisted pose. If the game attempts to escape along the ground while being hunted, the dog should guide the it to wind by its own physical movement, exercising caution not to disturb where possible dry branches or noisy leaves while maintaining contact with it. While the game is moving the dog should track it without slowing or stopping unnecessarily, demonstrating that all its described characteristics do not prevent it from being a tenacious tracker. A characteristic of the Bracco (and the other continentals) is that it should have complete contact with its handler, which the dog should always maintain. The dog's calm and reflective nature is ideal to train for work in all conditions whether in open country or more dense areas where a tighter working pattern is desirable.



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We solicit newsletter contributions (stories, photographs, recipes, advertisements) from club members. Please send all contributions to the editor: [shawn0anderson@gmail.com](mailto:shawn0anderson@gmail.com)

### Training/Testing Days

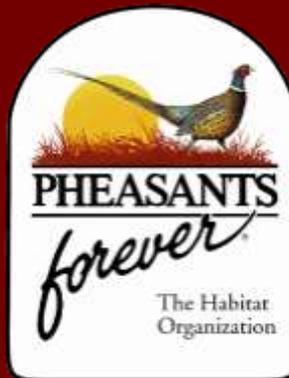
#### Rules & Regulations:

- Dogs are to be under control at all times (leash rule is in effect)
- 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
- Children are welcome at our Training Days. They may enter the training field when accompanied by an adult, and wearing blaze orange above the waist. Otherwise they are welcome to remain in the parking area with a supervising adult.
- No Alcohol on premises
- Shotguns must be break action only

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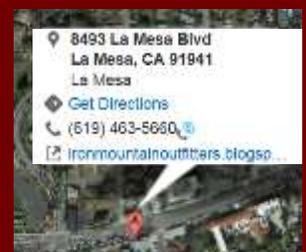
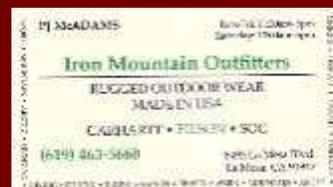
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