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March 2010 Newsletter

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Mary Sarmiento and Jag at the February Shoot to Retrieve.

Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, March 10th
7:00PM
Animal Medical Center
600 Broadway, El Cajon

Russ Stewart from the San Diego Hunting Retriever Club will be our guest speaker for our membership meeting on the 10th. He is an AKC certified judge and has judged many AKC hunt tests. He is going to explain the Retriever hunt test, how it works, how to qualify, scoring, and the tests in general.

Training Day at Prado

Saturday, March 13th
We will be setting up a mock hunt test so club members can practice and see what the AKC hunt test is all about. We are planning on holding it a Prado. However, right now Prado is under water. If the water recedes, we will go there in order to use the ponds for the water retrieves. If it doesn't, we will go somewhere else. Even though this is a mock test for the Retrieving breeds, pointing dogs can come play too. There are also plenty of fields there in order to do field work.

Ronnie Smith Seminar

March 5-7
Details in this newsletter.

GSP Club of San Diego AKC Hunt Test

March 6-7
[German Shorthair Pointer Club Premium PDF Link](#)

1st Annual COHA Pheasant Hunt

Raahauge' Pheasant Club in Norco, California
Friday, March 19, 2010.
[COHA PDF Link](#)

Trained Retrieve Seminar with Sharon Potter

April 16-17-18
Details in this newsletter.

Upcoming Special Events

Ronnie Smith & Sharron Potter Seminars

by Mary Sarmiento

First let me clarify by saying that the seminars are not geared towards dogs that have a lot to learn, they are geared towards dog handlers that have a lot to learn. Both seminars are geared to teach you how to teach the dog. They are both interactive in that you bring your dog and handle your dog through each exercise under the guidance of Ronnie or Sharon.

The Ronnie Smith Seminar is a 2-day seminar (Friday evening introduction, full day Sat, and full day Sunday). He starts out by teaching you to be the alpha, the chain gang, the command lead, then goes on to check cording and overlaying an e-collar, to the whoa post, and then touches only slightly on the force fetch. It has been held in the past at Rancho Jamul. It is going to be held on March 5th - 7th. The cost is \$350.00. You can find all the info on www.huntsmith.com

The Sharon Potter seminar is 100% the trained retrieve, or force fetch. We set up 3 training tables here in my yard. It's you, the dog, and Sharon. There is a Friday evening introduction then it's all day Sat, and all day Sunday. Cost is \$350.00. The seminar dates are April 16, 17, 18th. The timing is perfect for the summers around here. Since the training is scaled down due to the heat, foxtails, and snakes, we do all of our force fetching during the summer. There is more information about the process on her website at www.redbranchkennels.net

Time is running out - Register today!

Recent Events

Training Day

By Randy Domingos

A training day was conducted by Mary Sarmiento February 13th.



Mary Sarmiento working with Roxy.

The training event was held at Mary Sarmiento's rental property. Handlers and dogs worked on retrieving, check cording, check cording with e-collar overlay, backing a point and the whoa post. Mary demonstrated the proper techniques and answered any questions that came up.

Chris and Cindy Logan, Bryan and Rita Bonas, Steve, Steven and Monica Ramirez, Rick Greenwell, Mike Moran, Randy Domingos and Trevor Niarchos all attended the session.



Backing a point.



Trevor and Brandy work the e-collar and check cord.

We had a variety of dogs there for training, 2 Brittanys, 4 German Shorthaired Pointers, 2 Labs, 1 English Pointer, 1 English Setter, 1 Vizsla and 1 Setador.

Both handlers and dogs learned allot. Yard work teaches new handlers and dogs the fundamentals for enjoying their time in the field together. For the seasoned dog yard work keeps it polished and ready to go.

Look for more training opportunities in the coming months.



Steve Ramirez with Hazel the Setador.

SDSDC Shoot to Retrieve – February 20th, 2010

by Randy Domingos

The San Diego Sporting Dog Club held a shoot to retrieve on Saturday, February 20th, 2010. We persevered through intermittent rain and had a fun event. Several Members stayed afterwards and did retriever training. Thanks to everyone that ran their dogs and helped run the event. Special thanks those who volunteered their time and did not run dogs, Pam Felgenhauer who judged and Donald Flanagan who spent all day planting birds.

Results

Handler	Dog	Birds	Shots	Time
*Wendy Greenwell	Greta	3	3	7:35
Trevor Niarchos	Brandy	3	3	13:02
Jimmie Phillips	Rio	3	3.5	9:38
Biff Ellington	Misty	3	3.5	12:49
Matt Johnson	Buck	3	4	6:45
Ron Dotson	Josie	3	4.5	12:19
Mary Sarmiento	Jag	2	2	15:00
Rick Greenwell	Sophie	2	2	15:00
Jess Roper	Terra	2	2	15:00
John Segoria	Dakota	2	3	15:00
Mike Linville	Kaia	1	1	15:00
Randy Domingos	Wyatt	1	4	15:00

*Jimmie Phillips Shooting.



*Wendy Greenwell, Greta and shooter Jimmie Phillips.
Mary Sarmiento judging.*

Trevor Niarchos and Brandy.



Jimmie Phillips with Rio.

Biff Ellington with Misty.



2010 SDSDC Gun Raffle

2010 SDSDC Gun Raffle - Coming Soon

by Mary Sarmiento

You will soon be getting raffle tickets in the mail for our annual gun raffle. This year we are raffling off the following two guns; one 12 gauge and one 20 gauge. They are as follows:

Remington SPR310
Over/Under
Walnut stock
28" barrel
4 chokes
Auto selective ejector
Chrome lined bore
Vent rib



Additional details will follow.

Congratulations



Biff Ellington and his dog Misty won the Steady Division at Inland Valley Retriever Club's Super Singles on Saturday Feb 6th. Great job Biff and Misty!



General Meeting Report

by Randy Domingos

Bob Smith from the San Diego County Wildlife Federation was our guest speaker. Bob presented a report on the progress of the Honey Springs Sporting Dog Training Facility. Honey Springs is a joint project between DFG Region 5 and the San Diego County Wildlife Federation. DFG is providing the property that will be dedicated to training sporting dogs. The SDCWF is providing Project planning, Funding via grants, and organizing volunteer efforts.

Progress to date includes a fenced parking area, restoration of the well and the installation of a water storage tank and water lines. A topographic survey has also been completed.

The SDCWF meets bi-monthly with the DFG to discuss issues, progress and needed actions. The Project Plan Evaluation has been submitted to DFG. Ongoing discussions concerning the requirements for the dog training facility continue as do negotiations for relief from Title 14 regulatory constraints.

In the future, SDCWF expects to have a detailed pond design by the end of the year. Will begin the regulatory approval process. Will hope to have the facility open for use by September 1st 2010. The pond construction schedule will depend on the regulatory approval process and grant funding.

The SDCWF would like the San Diego Sporting Dog Club to encourage members to volunteer for work days at Honey Springs. Help with the project through occasional small financial donations and forward any information on companies or individuals skilled in engineering, environmental, construction and regulatory expertise.

The San Diego County Wildlife Federation is looking forward to the day Honey Springs is open. And hopes the San Diego Sporting Dog Club will use it once it opens.

The Board of Directors will discuss contributing to the SDCWF at the next Board Meeting, March 3rd at the Greenwell's. All members are encouraged to volunteer at Honey Springs. Go to the [SDCWF website](#) for dates or look for them on our calander. They will be posted as they become available.

New Business

Items brought up for discussion were bird planting at the January Shoot to Retrieve. It was suggested that we train more members to plant so people don't have to be out there all day and all planters be trained to plant the birds consistently.

As of the February 10th meeting 18 members of our 53 members had not renewed for 2010.

Around the Fire Hydrant

E-Collars Information:

If you are thinking about getting an e-collar, go to this link
www.gundogsupply.com/dog-training-collars-buyers-guide.html
for a lot of information.

Training Opportunities:

Pam and Mary are holding obedience classes in Alpine, North County and Lakeside. Basic obedience for puppies and adults, behavior issues, rescued dogs, AKC Canine Good Citizen classes and Puppy Star classes. Also available for private in home lessons. Call for details 619-659-9393 or 619-442-5354 or email muscat54@gmail.com.

Dog Portraits (and other art):

Have your best friend and hunting partner immortalized in a commissioned painting. Visit the website of SDSDC member Ron Dotson.
www.rondotson.com

For your shooting needs:

Hi-Pass Sports 2435 Alpine Blvd #B Alpine, CA 619 445-4039.
www.hipasssports.com

For Sale & Must Have

FOR SALE: English Setter Puppies, only 2 left, males born 8/1/09, Orange and White, current shots, de-wormed, dew claws removed. Field Dog registered. \$100 OBO each to good homes. Contact Cindy Toothacre 858-663-2234 or email - ctooth@sdcca.org

Needs A Home: English Springer Spaniel

I'm looking to find a home for Seis, he is out of my field trial dog Buddy. I'm looking to place him in a great home where he will be hunted and/or trialed. Seis is a finished field springer that works with enthusiasm and is steady to flush. He has successfully ran in two field trials and has completed his water test. Experienced on wild pheasant, ducks, chuckar, grouse, and has even retrieved a goose (lesser). Knows his manners in the blind and in the house. Extremely good natured and sweet with kids and other animals. You won't find a better all-around hunting and family dog. Seis is a four year old intact liver/white male. His pedigree includes multiple SH, MH, FC, FC AFC titles and includes Yankee.

If your interested please contact me for details,
Thanks so much,
Jim Giacobbe
559-577-3364

FOR SALE: Command Leads and Leather Collars – Call Steve Sarmiento for details. 619-701-2089

FOR SALE: Rooster Pheasant training birds for sale \$15.00. Contact Steve Sarmiento at 619-659-9393