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## April 2010 Newsletter

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President: Mary Sarmiento  
1st VP: Rick Greenwell  
2nd VP: Pam Felgenhauer  
Treasurer: Wendy Greenwell  
Secretary: Randy Domingos

### Board

Members: Bill Cox  
Joe Artes  
Ernie Lopez  
Ron Dotson



*Decoy at the March Training Day*

# Calendar of Events

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## **Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, April 7th

6:30PM

At the Greenwells

Contact a Board Member if there is an item of discussion you'd like brought up or would like to attend.

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Wednesday, April 14th

7:00PM

Animal Medical Center

600 Broadway, El Cajon

Special Guest Speaker – Doug Norman – Owner of Hi-Pass Sports

Topic - GUNS – GUNS- AND MORE GUNS

He will be going over new gun news. How to choose a gun that is right for you. Buying a gun on the internet. Buying a gun from a family member, friend, or a stranger. Transportation of firearms in vehicles. Common legal traps for California gun owners. Anything else you want to know

## **Training Day**

Saturday, April 24th

Details coming soon.

## **Trained Retrieve Seminar with Sharon Potter**

April 16-17-18

Details in this newsletter.

## **Safety Shoot**

May 2nd

Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club

Details coming soon.

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## **Upcoming Special Events**

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### **Sharron Potter Seminars**

**by Mary Sarmiento**

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](http://www.redbranchkennels.net)

**Time is running out - Register today!**

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## Recent Events

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### Training Day - March 20th

By Randy Domingos

Our focus was on preparing your dog for a Retriever Test. Mary Sarmiento, Mike Moran, Ezekiel Lagos, Donald Flanagan and Pam Felgenhauer all ran dogs. Thanks to Donald Flanagan who brought volunteers to run the bird launchers.



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## 2010 SDSDC Gun Raffle

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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.

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## Congratulations

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Donald Flanagan and Boomer (also known as Creamlevel's Shock and Awe) participated in his first Junior-level AKC Hunt Test March 27th, and passed! Four passes are required to receive the Junior Hunter title. Boomer is Donald's first dog, participated in his first hunt test, and first pass.



Mike Moran's Roxy handled by Mary Sarmiento passed her first Junior leg in the AKC hunt test at Prado on March 27th. Mike Moran's Roxy passed her second AKC Jr. hunt test on Sunday.



Mary & Steve's Franklin passed on Sunday too.



Biff Ellington and Misty got a NAHRA leg MHR (Master Hunter Retriever).



Dan Denhart and Tika got a NAHRA leg for Started.

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## **General Meeting Report**

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**by Randy Domingos**

Russ Stewart from the San Diego Hunting Retriever Club was our guest speaker for our membership meeting on the 10th. He is an AKC certified judge and has judged many AKC hunt tests. He explained the Retriever hunt test, how it works, how to qualify, scoring, and the tests in general. Russ recommends the Smart Work books by Evan Graham to polish your dog into the ultimate retriever.

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## **Board of Directors Meeting Report**

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**SDSDC Board Meeting Minutes**

**by Randy Domingos**

March 3rd 2010

Present were; Rick Greenwell, Wendy Greenwell, Pam Felgenhauer, Joe Artes, Ernie Lopez and Randy Domingos. Mary Sarmiento, Ron Dotson and Bill Cox were unable to attend. Bill Cox will be out of the country for the next six months and will not be able to attend meetings during that time frame. The meeting was held at the Greenwell's home.

## **Minutes**

Reading of the minutes from the February board meeting as published in the February Newsletter was waived.

## **Treasurers Report**

Wendy Greenwell presented the report.

As of 3/1/2010 there is; \$ 952.33 in the Pt. Loma Credit Union account. \$6901.81 in the B of A account.

There were no outstanding liabilities.

\$7854.14 Total assets

Total Income 1/1/2010 – 3/1/2010 +\$4860.77

Total Expenses 1/1/2010 – 3/1/2010 -\$2236.43

Overall Total +2624.34

The new account at Pt. Loma Federal Credit Union has been opened. All issues regarding the opening of the account, signature cards have been resolved. The new checks are in.

## **Membership Report**

Pam Felgenhauer presented the report.

Currently the SDSDC has 48 members. Of the 48, 16 have not renewed their membership for 2010. Pam has contacted those who have not renewed in an attempt to get them to renew. Because of the current economic climate a motion was made to temporarily suspend the March 15th deadline for renewals. All unpaid members will continue to receive the newsletter. Unpaid members will not be allowed to participate in club events do to insurance issues. The motion was unanimously approved by all present.

## **Committees Report**

Rick Greenwell presented the Competition Committee and Safety Shoot Reports.

### **Rules Committee**

As of 3/1/2010 the Competition Rules committee has not met do to time constraints. Rick has received interest from several club members interested in volunteering for the committee. The competition committee will address club members concerns about bird planting at events. DFG requirement that all persons engaged in dog training with live birds be in possession of a hunting license was brought up and will also be addressed by the competition committee.

### **Safety Shoot**

The target date for the Safety Shoot is either the 2nd Sunday in April or the 1st Sunday in May pending approval by the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club. Rick will attend the LGR&GC board meeting and let us know.

### **Picnic**

Wendy Greenwell presented the report.

The picnic will be scheduled for late June this year. Wendy will advise us as to the date.

## **Old Business**

### **Shoot to Retrieve**

Do to ongoing issues concerning bird planting the Competition Committee will address the subject when it meets. The Club did not have enough birds on hand for the Shoot to Retrieve and had to place a small order for birds for the February event. Because of the weather 2 dogs that were scheduled to run did not show for the event. That resulted in 6 birds that have to be housed and fed until being sold for training birds. Recently the club has allowed entry fees to be paid the day of the event. The Competition Committee has been tasked to define the rules

on entries. Suggestions made were an entry deadline and prepayment of entry fees as done in the past. Other concerns to be addressed are cancellations and no shows as they relate to entry fees. Cancellations do to an injury to a dog will also be addressed. Event information and running order will be posted on our website in the future.

## **Website**

Randy Domingos presented the report.

The calendar feature is up and running. Additional features still need to be added to it. (Hunting season info, links from events listed to more complete event information etc) Anyone with information concerning an upcoming event should forward that information to Randy and he will include it in the calendar. The updated website should be complete by the end of March. Once complete the temporary sites usefulness, function and design will be assessed for final design changes. The By Laws posted on the website were incorrect and have been removed. They were the 1986 version. As soon as the current By Laws are passed on to Randy they will be reposted on the website. A third party looking to refer a possible new member to the club had a hard time finding the club using an internet search and suggested it was because of the lack of meta-tags on our site. Although still used to some degree, major search engines now key on the text within our web pages and links in and out of our website. (aka Google Juice) Our search location was checked on major search engines and currently the club comes up number one on Google if you type in our full name (number three on Google's dropdown window when you get to the word sporting). The club is the first non-paying result on Yahoo and Dog Pile. We can only be found on Bing by using the quotation marks with our name. As the temporary website is completed we will have more content for engines to search for. The final version of the site will include some limited use of meta-tags and we will ask those who we link with to post a link to our site to increase our exposure. The domain names "San Diego Sporting Dog Club .com" and "SDSDC.com" are available and cost \$10.69 per year. A motion was made and unanimously approved to purchase "San Diego Sporting Dog Club .com". This will protect our name from being bought by someone else and allow us to redirect traffic from it to our .ORG domain. Randy will arrange the purchase and sync the billing cycle with our .ORG domain.

## **Gun Raffle**

The guns have not been purchased yet. Once the guns are purchased the raffle tickets will go out. With the completion of the bank account changes these issues should be resolved soon.

## **Bird Boxes**

The new bird boxes have not been ordered yet. With the completion of the bank account changes this issues should be resolved soon. Ernie Lopez may have a source for used bird boxes. He will look into if they are useable and if so what the cost might be.

## **March General Membership Meeting**

Russ Stewart from the San Diego Hunting Retriever Club is confirmed as our guest speaker.

## **New Business**

A motion was made and unanimously approved to rejoin the San Diego County Wildlife Federation.

The Mock Retriever Test will probably be held at Prado March 13th depending on conditions there. Pam will let us know when that is confirmed. We will need volunteers for this event.

Retriever training will be held March 20th, probably at La Posta, to follow up on our March meeting and Prado event.

At the suggestion of a general member the B.O.D. discussed the merits of broadcasting the general meeting via conference call to members not attending the meeting. Do to the club being guests at our current meeting location we do not want to tie up their phone system. After discussing the limitations of quality, battery life of using a cellular phone for this purpose and the quantity of minutes needed the B.O.D. has decided not to pursue this suggestion. We have changed the format of the General Meeting by adding presentations and hope to increase attendance in that way.

### **Bird Planter Training**

At the suggestion of a general member the B.O.D. discussed the planting of birds at our events. This was referred to the Competition Committee for inclusion in the rewriting of our rules.

### **Bylaws**

The B.O.D. discussed the Bylaws with emphasis on junior members, members rejoining the club and amending the Bylaws. It was discovered Randy did not have the correct copy of the Bylaws. The correct version will be forwarded to Randy so he may correct the website.

### **Census**

Randy will work on a 2010 club census. The information will be used to tailor the needs of the club and find out how many of what breed of dog is in the club.

### **Brag about your dog**

A page will be created on the website to feature club dogs that win or place well in an event.

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## **Around the Fire Hydrant**

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### **Pending Legislation**

#### **SB 1058 - Protection of Big Game Tag and Upland Game Bird Stamp Revenues - COHA SPONSORED**

Senator Tom Harman (R-Orange) has introduced SB 1058, COHA-sponsored legislation which would prevent big game tag and upland bird stamp monies from being misused for non-game or non-hunting purposes. A similar COHA-sponsored bill, SB 589, was vetoed by the Governor last year.

SB 1058 would mandate that all deer, elk, wild pig, antelope, bighorn sheep and bear tag revenues and upland game bird stamp monies be used to benefit those particular species, their habitats, and the users that generate them. It would also provide much-needed opportunity for sportsman's groups to review and provide comment on proposed expenditures of the funds.

SB 1058 will be heard in the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee in early April.

#### **AB 2223 - Prohibition of Lead Shot on State Wildlife Areas – COHA Opposes**

Assembly Member Pedro Nava (D-Santa Barbara) has introduced AB 2223, legislation which would prohibit the use of lead shot on state Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) operated by the Department of Fish and Game (DFG). Violators of the bill's provisions would be subject to a \$500 fine on the first offense.

COHA must strongly oppose this measure because it would ensure that politics, rather than science, dictates the state's hunting regulations and management of wildlife. The bill would not only undermine the Constitutional authority of the California Fish and Game Commission - the regulatory body tasked with determining the precise methods of take for hunting and the specific public use regulations for each WMA - but also remove any meaningful scientific review and analysis of the effects of lead shot by providing an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

According to the proponents, the bill is intended to reduce the alleged lead shot-induced mortality to mourning doves—perhaps the most populous game bird in North America—as well as to raptors that feed on doves and other small game. Yet, only a portion of the WMAs across the state provide significant dove hunting opportunity and fields that are heavily hunted for dove are typically disked on an annual basis so as to make most lead pellets unavailable to wildlife. In addition, there have been no documented incidents in recent years of raptors succumbing to lead shot poisoning on WMAs.

AB 2223 is sponsored by the Audubon Society, Defenders of Wildlife and the Humane Society of the United States. The first hearing will likely be in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee in early April

**Please take a moment to let your State Representatives know how you stand on these important issues.**

#### **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.rondotson.com)

#### **For your shooting needs:**

Hi-Pass Sports 2435 Alpine Blvd #B Alpine, CA 619 445-4039. [www.hipasssports.com](http://www.hipasssports.com)

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## For Sale & Must Have

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**FOR SALE: English Setter Puppies**, only 2 males, 1 female left, 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 Spinger 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

**Labrador Retriever Puppies:** Our Fox Red Lab, Franklin has fathered a litter with a pointing Black Lab; 2 Female Fox Red, 2 male yellows and 7 blacks. I expect these to be some great multi-purpose hunters, both upland and waterfowl. If you are looking for a lab puppy contact me and I will give you more info. Steve Sarmiento 619-701-2089

**English Springer:** Jess Sekey has a 20-month-old male English springer which he raised and trained after saving the dog at four months of age from a not-so-nice home. "Merlin" doesn't have a strong flush, Jess would like to sell him. Jess says it's a nice dog, medium-sized, with a strong pedigree, mostly Schinderle. If you know anyone interested in a gun/companion started dog, let me know and I can get you Jess' phone number.

John Wright [mailto:spikemt@mcn.net] Or contact Tom Hooker at THooker@psomas.com

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

**FOR SALE:** Training birds for sale. Contact Steve Sarmiento at 619-659-9393