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June 2010 Newsletter

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Board
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Ron Dotson



Donald Flanagan's baby Boomer

Calendar of Events

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, June 9th
7:00PM
Animal Medical Center
600 Broadway, El Cajon

Our Topic - "How to buy a new dog" and "Puppy Development"

Turner's Outdoorsman Shooting Sports Fair

June 4th, 5th & 6th
at Raahauge's

[Click to view flyer](#)

Training Day

June 12th at Prado
Look for details via e-mail

SDSDC Padre Game - Tentative July 17th

Look for details via e-mail or contact Steve Sarmiento for details.

SDSDC Picnic - Tentative July 31st

Look for details via e-mail or contact Wendy Greenwell to see how you can help out.

Snake Avoidance Clinic - Date TBD

Doggie Happy Hour - Sarmiento's - Date TBD

Recent Events

Training Day, May 15th, 2010

By Mary Sarmiento

In attendance were :Trevor Niarchos, Pam Felgenhauer, Mike Linville, Chris Logan, Rick Greenwell, Steve and Mary Sarmiento. The group worked allot on bench work with the Trained Retrieve. Steve put a pigeon on the maypole and everyone worked on keeping their dogs steady. A couple of people worked on the whoa post too.

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 28 gauge. They are as follows:

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



Additional details will follow.

Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Welcome New Members

Andy & Diana Hauber and Brad Fenton and Mark Scott's memberships were voted on and approved at the May 12th board meeting. The San Diego Sporting Dog Club welcomes our new members.

The Board of Directors and General Meeting Report

SDSDC Board of Directors meeting minutes, for May 12th 2010. Present were Mary Sarmiento, Ron Dotson, Wendy Greenwell, Pam Felgenhauer, Joe Artes, Ernie Lopez and Randy Domingos and Steve Sarmiento. Bill Cox and Rick Greenwell were unable to attend.

New members voted in were Mark Scott, Andy and Diana Hauber and Brad Fenton.

Old Business

Picnic

The date for the picnic is still to be decided pending a decision on the Safety Shoot.

Safety Shoot

The Safety Shoot date has not been decided on because of conflicting events at the Lemon Grove Rod and Gun Club.

Committees

There was no update on the Competition Committee as Rick was unavailable.

Gun Raffle

The shotguns have been ordered for the gun raffle. Both are Remington SPR 310's, one 12 gauge and one 28 gauge. Mary will order the raffle tickets and once they arrive Randy will distribute them to the club for sale. Trevor was asked to do a flyer for the raffle.

Insurance

Pam has submitted our application for our club insurance. Our previous carrier will not renew our policy, which expires July 8th 2010. A policy through the NRA or AKC will not work out due to high costs and lack of proper coverage.

Bird Boxes

No update on the availability of the used bird boxes Ernie has a source for.

Birds

A correction to the April minutes – The Pigeons bought by the club were \$3.50 each not \$2.00 as reported in last month minutes. The increase was due to delivery from the Imperial Valley to Alpine. The club will sell them at \$4.00 each.

Census

The census will be out shortly pending the sorting out of technical issues regarding the submit button.

New Business

Snake Break

The club is looking into conducting one or two snake break clinics as a fundraiser. One may be held at the Sarmiento's while the other would be held in North County. Dates, cost, liability and training technique will be reviewed prior to a decision being made.

Treasures Report

As of May 12th, 2010 the club currently has \$4958.15 in the Point Loma Credit Union account and \$719.66 in the B of A account. We dropped below our minimum balance on the B of A account and were charged a fee from B of A. Pam got the fee waived. The B.O.D. will discuss if we are happy with PL Credit Union and if we should close the B of A account at our next meeting.

General Membership Meeting Report May 12th 2010

The San Diego Sporting Dog Club would like to thank Shelly Dell from the Animal Medical Center, for volunteering his time as our guest speaker. Shelly answered questions concerning dog first aid and rattlesnake vaccine and bites. A first aid kit was raffled off to those in attendance and Mary Sarmiento was our winner.

The Sporting Dog First Aid Kit should contain:

- EMT Gel
- Skin Stapler
- Staple Remover
- Skunk Odor Remover
- Tick Remover
- Dog Re-hydration Drink Mix
- Digital Thermometer
- First Aid Book
- Benadryl
- Nail Trimmer
- SAM Splint
- Emergency Thermal Blanket
- Penlight
- pill gun,
- hydrogen peroxide,
- PVP Iodine,
- instant cold pack,
- locking hemostat forceps,
- bandages,
- ointments,
- eye wash,
- styptic pencil.
- scissors

What's a Brittany?

The 2010 SDSDC Census is here!

by Randy Domingos

The response to the census has been very good. Thanks to all of you that have taken the time to complete it. The information provided will help the club plan for the future. By providing your dogs information we will be able to integrate that into the newsletter and website. We had some technical difficulties in getting the submit button to work properly and it took several meetings over several beers to get it to work. I would like to thank my technical advisor Verland Nolta for his time in getting this to work. Of course I had to include a trick question. "Should the club be more Brittany oriented? What's nice about the club is the wide variety of dogs we have. Of course most members selected "What's a Brittany?". I guess I'll have to write an article for the newsletter on this rare unknown breed. So maybe there were two trick questions in the census.

Product Review

A1 Dog Boots

By Randy Domingos

Wyatt and I have been through allot of different dog boots. Many of which are still lost out in the desert somewhere. I finally broke down and bought a set of Bark-n-Boots. They were good quality with a nice vibram type sole. Unfortunately they're low top design didn't offer a good enough fit to keep them on his feet in hunting situations even though the boot was properly sized. Not wanting to give up on my new pricey dog boots I ordered some blaze orange cordura and velcro cinch straps and modified them into high-tops. They worked good after that and I never lost a boot. My poor seamstress and cobbler skills only lasted two hunting seasons until the boots just couldn't be repaired any longer. I figured I could buy another set of the Bark-n-Boots and modify them new or look for something else.



I went searching on the internet and found the A1 Dog Boot Company based out of Colorado. Their boots are well thought out and made of high quality materials. The lowers are cordura and have a zipper that runs the length of the boot. The zipper is protected by a flap that closes with velcro. The upper section has a neoprene collar that closes with velcro then cinches tight with velcro straps. The boots are different in length for front and back. They come in two versions of sole, the no slip and heavy duty rubber. For the harsh terrain of quail and chukar hunting I chose the heavy duty rubber sole. The boots fit great, the uppers stop right at Wyatt's elbows front and back. The only time they come loose is if I didn't get them tight enough putting them on. They've never come off. The only thing I'm not real pleased with is the heavy duty sole. The smooth bottom offers zero traction. They work fine for open desert wash conditions while hunting quail. Chukar hunting on steep slopes with loose rocks not so well. I tried to epoxy some ribbed rubber on the sole with no success. Because of the lack of traction I also would not recommend heavy duty sole for Labs or other breeds that are prone to leg problems, try the no slip sole. I will try the no slip sole next time and hope that the cactus we run into the desert doesn't go right through them. That being said there is no better dog boot out there that I've found. On a scale of 1 - 10 I give them a 7.5, they'd be a 10 with a better sole. Prices vary by size. Wyatt's ran \$55 and I had no problems with the order.



If you've never used boots before here are some tips. Boots in most cases are not for swimming, most are too heavy. Proper fit is very important, follow the manufactures sizing chart for a proper fit. To condition your dog to boots get the dog up and out for a walk as soon as the boots are on. Don't leave your dog to sit there and obsess on what's on his feet. When your done with your walk get the boots off right away. After the dog is used to the boots you can leave them on and he won't try to pull them off. The extra weight and loss of cooling from the lower legs will wear your dog out sooner. Inspect your dogs feet for any thorns that may have penetrated the boot or hot spots from rubbing and treat as needed. Do not use vet wrap or a sock under you A1 Boots, it negates the gripping affect of the neoprene. To go to the A1 Dog Boot company website use this link.

[A1 Dog Boot Company](http://www.a1dogbootcompany.com)

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The Food Bowl

Slow roasted Jack Rabbit on a hickory plank with mango salsa. by Randy Domingos

I haven't had any recipe submissions in awhile so I thought I'd share an old family recipe. You can hunt Jack Rabbit all year long and properly prepared it can be quite delicious.

You need to plan ahead with this meal as it takes a couple days to prepare. Obtain your hickory planks from a culinary store; don't buy them at your local home improvement store. In a large sealable container place your planks and cover with water. Add 1 whole lemon sliced in half, a tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce, a tablespoon of Tabasco sauce and a pint of Jack Daniels. Seal the container and set aside for 48 hours. As with all Jack Rabbit recipes you will need to parboil your whole rabbit for 10 minutes. Mixing in kosher salt and vinegar will enhance the flavor by extracting the taste of whatever the rabbit last ate. Prepare your barbecue as if you're cooking a turkey. The charcoal should be on each side of the barbecue and not directly underneath. Use only enough charcoal to cook and not burn the planks and rabbit. You'll be cooking for 6 hours so keep an eye on your temperature. Prepare for cooking by stuffing the body cavity with lemon, cilantro and onion. Place planks all the way around the rabbit and secure with a piece of wire. Use a rotisserie or turn often. With a basting brush mop the planks and rabbit often with Jack Daniels mixture you soaked the planks in as it cooks, don't let it dry out. As it's roasting prepare your mango salsa.

Mango Salsa

- 1 1/2 cups chopped peeled mango
- 1 1/2 cups chopped tomato
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped seeded jalapeño pepper
- 1 teaspoon minced peeled fresh ginger

After the 6 hours remove from the barbecue. Unfasten your wire holding the planks in place. Discard lemon, cilantro and onion stuffing. Discard the rabbit. Serve the hickory planks under a large quantity of the mango salsa with a side of cheese grits and corn bread. The meal is high in fiber and is much better than most jack rabbit recipes.

Bon Apatite.

Around the Fire Hydrant

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

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

AB 1810 (Feuer) - Firearms Registration

On April 5, 2010, Assembly Member Feuer (D-Los Angeles) amended AB 1810 to require the Attorney General of California to permanently keep and maintain a firearms registry that includes extensive personal information of all firearms purchasers - including individuals who purchase firearms for hunting and target shooting. Under AB 1810, those who purchase a firearm will be required to register that firearm by submitting their name, address, place of birth, phone number, occupation, and sex to the California Department of Justice.

AB 1810 is little more than an extreme invasion of personal privacy masked as an important crime fighting tool. At this point, it is unclear whether or not California's existing handgun registration law is helping to fight crime in any meaningful way. Therefore, it is unnecessary to greatly expand the handgun registration law to include all firearms, particularly given that traditional sporting arms make up less than 10% of all firearms related homicides in California each year.

AB 1810 is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2186 (De Leon) - Loaded Firearms Violations/Loss of Firearms for 10 Year Period

Assembly Member Kevin De Leon (D-Los Angeles) introduced AB 2186 to prohibit a person from owning, purchasing or possessing a firearm for 10 years for violating the state's "loaded firearms" laws. Current law generally prohibits the possession of a loaded firearm not only in a

vehicle on a public road, but also on one's person in many public places—including restricted areas of unincorporated lands.

COHA opposes this legislation because it imposes an overly harsh penalty on hunters who may unwittingly violate loaded firearms laws, including accidentally leaving ammunition in a firearm after hunting or unknowingly entering public roads or other restricted public areas while hunting.

Loaded firearm violations are one of the most common hunting-related violations. According to 2008 data from the Department of Fish and Game, there were 274 loaded firearm violations statewide, representing the 3rd most common type of hunting violation.

AB 2186 was heard in the Assembly Public Safety Committee on April 13th, and passed on a party-line vote. However, due to concerns by COHA and other sporting groups, the author did later amend the bill to remove the loaded firearms penalties and instead focus AB 2186 only on increased penalties for misdemeanor concealed carry violations.

AB 2186 is currently on the Assembly Floor.

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

E-Collars Information:

Steve Sarmiento is now a Tri-Tronics representative and can help you with information and purchasing Tri-Tronics collars.

If you are thinking about getting an e-collar, and want to do some research, 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.

Steve Sarmiento is accepting dogs for training. Cost is \$650 per month and includes birds. Take advantage of the off season and get your dog trained up. Contact Steve at 619-659-9393 or sssarmi@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

Labrador Retriever Puppies: Our Fox Red Lab, Franklin has fathered a litter with a pointing Black Lab. 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

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

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