

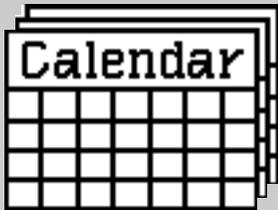


Ruff Notes

December, 2002

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What's Happening in December?

- 2 Board meeting, First National Bank, Watsonville, 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Intersession, Beg.
- 10 Intersession, Beg.
- 10 Dinner Reservations deadline
- 15 Christmas Dinner: Cocktails 5:30, Dinner 6:00
- 17 Intersession, Int./Adv.
- 18 Intersession, Int./Adv.
- 24 Ruff Notes deadline

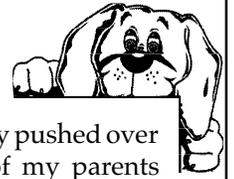
Whoops!

My apologies to those who received *Ruff Notes* via hard copy. I inadvertently left the issue date as *August* 2002 instead of changing it to *November* 2002.

Those who received *Ruff Notes* electronically did not have that mistake.

Paws for the President

Dear Members and Friends:



The Thanksgiving holiday is upon us which seems to be a holiday pushed over by the Xmas holiday decorations. I appreciate the words of my parents teaching us to make every day a day of "thanks"—how important it is in our world today to do just that!

We had another great General Meeting—wonderful food contributed by our members with a great attendance. Good to see you all there!

We also gave birth to a new trailer for the Agility Equipment with its maiden voyage next Tuesday, December 3!

I can never say "thanks" enough to each of you for all you do for the club. Thank you for coming together to make a difference and for all your help.

Happy Turkey and leftovers!

CGC Test Given

Anne Terry

I would like to thank all my helpers for the CGC test given on November 19: **Lynette Van-Epps Smith, Jim Brodrick, Stacy Thompson, Dennis Vierra, Judy Force, Sandi Pensinger, Noreen Silva, and Michael Bashista.**

Twelve dogs were tested, with seven passing. Congratulations to new CGC dogs: *Suzie* (Alexis Landsman), *Fortune II* (Vicky Pierce), *Kelly* (Sherry Reiker), *Dreidel* (Meg McRoberts), *Kaizer* (Thomas Waite), *Macy* (Heather Ferguson-Sims), and *Jasper* (Christine Tarantino).

No November Board Meeting

Due to a lack of quorum (four attended out of nine members), no Board meeting was held in November.

Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership

Braggs

Christa Cordtz:

Harlow and *Deva* earned their first JC legs at the NCWF Lure Test. *Harlow* took WB, BOW & BOS over 3 specials for a 4-point major at Del Valle. *Deva* completed her JC title, and her dad, *Hooligan*, won BOB for another 2 points toward his Field Championship. ??? earned his 6th Master Courser leg.

Jane Devlin:

Riff Raff at Del Valle in Excellent Standard scored 97 for third place and a first leg; in Open jumpers he scored 100 for first place and a second leg.

Dani Nelson:

Jack was Winners Dog at Sacramento Valley Dog Fanciers in 12-18 months for two points. The next day he was Winners Dog and Best of Winners for a 4-point major and a new Championship.

Luane Vidak:

Jiffy received a VCD2 title for having completed a TD, CDX, OA, and OAJ.

Linda Harbertson:

Eclair scored 100 in Open Standard at Del Valle for second place and a second leg. At NADAC Bay Team in Novice Standard she scored 100 for first place and a third leg; she also scored 100 in Novice Standard for a third place and fourth leg. In Novice Jumpers she scored 100 for a second leg.

Denise Panzich:

Monique earned a third leg on her Novice Jumpers title with a score of 100 and first place.

Trainee Sharon Kroeger:

Tracer qualified for his first Senior Courser leg at the NCWF Lure Trial.



**Deva JC
Monique NAJ
Jiffy VCD2
Eclair NA (NADAC)
Ch Jack**



This month's Hot Dog Awards run from October 23 through November 19.

Trial Hot Dog—This month no obedience scores were reported.

Agility Trial Hot Dog—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Jane Devlin** and *Riff Raff* at Del Valle with a 93.80% score.

Note: Agility Hot Dog Awards are based on the score earned. In case of a tie, the dog who completed the course in the fastest time relative to the time allowed will be selected. When reporting agility scores, please include the time allotted for the course and the time in which your dog completed the course.



Obedience Christmas Song

from the Internet via **Dennis Vierra**

Sung to "Walking In A Winter Wonderland"

In the ring are you listenin'?
See that white dumbbell glistenin'?
Your heeling was grand.
You dropped on command.
But will we ever get our C.D.X?

"Hey Mom, look! See that popcorn?"
"Listen, Mom, hear that loud horn?"
Distractions abound.
My pup runs around.
And will we ever get our C.D.X.?

In the Open ring I spend my money!
Entry fees just vanish in the air!
And what's worse, the crowd just finds it funny.

Watching as you clown without a care!

"Take the jump!"
That's a good dog!
"Come to front!"
That's a GREAT dog!"
Will this be the day you go all the way?
And will we ever get our C.D.X.?

Time and time again I throw the dumbbell.
Time and time again you watch it land.
Maybe you're expecting ME to fetch it!
I think I've fin'ly caught onto your plan!

Am I nuts to pursue this?
Why do I want to do this?
The answer, I see
Is Agility!
Because I'll never get our C.D.X.!

(Big Finish!)

BE-CAUSE WE'LL NE-VER GET OUR C.D.X!!!!



Subject: The way it is!

Oil Change instructions for Women:

- 1) Pull up to Jiffy Lube when the mileage reaches 3000 miles since the last oil change
- 2) Drink a cup of coffee.
- 3) 15 minutes later, write a check and leave with a properly maintained vehicle.

Money spent:

- * Oil Change \$20.00
- * Coffee \$ 1.00
- * Total \$21.00.

Oil Change instructions for Men:

- 1) Go to auto parts store and write a check for \$50.00 for oil, filter, kitty litter, hand cleaner and a scented tree.
- 2) Discover that the used oil container is full. Instead of taking it back, go to O'Reilly to recycle, dump in hole in back yard.
- 3) Open a beer and drink it.
- 4) Jack car up. Spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
- 5) Find jack stands under kid's pedal car.
- 6) In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
- 7) Place drain pan under engine.
- 8) Look for 9/16 box end wrench.
- 9) Give up and use crescent wrench.
- 10) Unscrew drain plug.
- 11) Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil: get hot oil on you in the process.
- 12) Clean up mess.
- 13) Have another beer while watching oil drain.
- 14) Look for oil filter wrench.
- 15) Give up; poke oil filter with screwdriver and twist off.
- 16) Beer.
- 17) Buddy shows up; finish case of beer with him. Finish oil change tomorrow.
- 18) Next day, drag pan full of old oil out from underneath car.
- 19) Throw kitty litter on oil spilled during step 18.
- 20) Beer. No, drank it all yesterday
- 21) Walk to 7-11; buy beer.
- 22) Install new oil filter making sure to

- apply a thin coat of oil to gasket surface.
- 23) Dump first quart of fresh oil into engine.
- 24) Remember drain plug from step 11.
- 25) Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan.
- 26) Discover that the used oil is buried in a hole in the back yard along with drain plug. (IDIOT!!)
- 27) Drink beer.
- 28) Uncover hole and sift for drain plug.
- 29) Discover that first quart of fresh oil is now on the floor.
- 30) Drink beer.
- 31) Slip with wrench tightening drain plug and bang knuckles on frame.
- 32) Bang head on floorboards in reaction to step 31.
- 33) Begin cussing fit.
- 34) Throw wrench.
- 35) Cuss for additional 10 minutes because wrench hit Miss December(1992) in the left boob.
- 36) Beer.
- 37) Clean up hands and forehead and bandage as required to stop blood flow.
- 38) Beer.
- 39) Beer.
- 40) Dump in five fresh quarts of oil.
- 41) Beer.
- 42) Lower car from jack stands.
- 43) Accidentally crush one of the jack stands.
- 44) Move car back to apply more kitty litter to fresh oil spilled during step 23.
- 45) Beer.
- 46) Test drive car.
- 47) Get pulled over: arrested for driving under the influence.
- 48) Car gets impounded.
- 49) Make bail.
- 50) Get car from impound yard.

Money spent:

- * Parts \$50.00
- * DUI \$2500.00
- * Impound fee \$75.00
- * Bail \$1500.00
- * Beer \$25.00
- * Total-- \$4150.00

-- But you know the job was done right!

Agility Birthday

Space in the upcoming Agility classes is very limited, so fill out the Agility Forms ASAP and bring them to Intersession (to **Michael Bashista**) or send them to him, with payment at 115 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-3505.

Anyone wanting to register for an agility class (to start in January) needs to download both the registration form we use for obedience and the pdf posted on the web site.

If you have any questions, call or write **Michael Bashista** (426-7316).

Electronic Ruff Notes People: Agility Class Forms

Those of you receiving Ruff Notes electronically need to download the obedience registration form and pdf form (Agility Experience Form—two pages) from our web site.

Idiots at Work

from the Internet via Marji Coe

Know anyone like these people?

IDIOTS AT WORK

I went inside a McDonald's one time and ordered 2 ice cream cones. I was asked if they were for here or to go and said "What difference does it make?" The girl behind the counter said "I can't let you have them if you don't answer my question". I said "One is for here and one is to go". I then paid for the 2 cones and left.



Happy Birthday



To My
Special
Friend

December	1	Carol Davis
	14	Pam Fugitt-Hetrick
	16	Sue Adams
	26	Debbie Green
	26	Judy Nielsen

and to all our furry friends born in December

1	Tristan Martini CDX, TDI (Labrador Retriever)	age 9
1	Julia Slater CGC (Mixed Breed)	age 6
2	Lucy Cordtz UDX, NA, NAJ (Borzoi)	age 13
9	Tucker McCampbell CGC (Norwegian Elkhound)	age 10
11	Michael Garcia CGC (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 8
14	Chloe Majewska (Shih Tzu)	age 12
16	Red Church (Australian Cattle Dog)	age 4
24	Belle Harbertson CD, JC, OA, NAJ (Borzoi)	age 5
24	Eclair Harbertson CD, NA, JC (Borzoi)	age 5
30	Wasabi Howton (Akita)	age 1
31	Harley Strametz CDX (Shetland Sheepdog)	age 14

12 Days of Christmas

from the Internet via Vicki Dudley

On the Twelfth day of Christmas
my true love gave to me

Twelve Dalmations Drumming
Eleven Spaniels Sleeping
Ten Magnificent Mutts
Nine Poodles Prancing
Eight Rottweilers Ringing
Seven Labs a Leaping
Six German Shepherds
Five Golden Retrievers
Four Beagles Begging
Three Dachshunds Dashing
Two Terriers Toasting
and a Pomeranian in a Pear Tree.



Recovered Body of SAR Dog Given to Handler

The Record, April 5, 2002

The body of Sirius, the only search and rescue (SAR) dog killed while working at the World Trade Center after the terrorist attacks on September 11, recently was found and handed over to the dog's former handler, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Police Officer David Lim.

Lim had placed Sirius in the Port Authority's basement kennel in One World Trade Center moments after the first plane collision occurred.

"You stay there. I'll be back for you," Lim told a Record reporter.

He then rushed to help people escape, and worked until he himself was caught in Two World Trade Center when the building collapsed.

Lim was rescued several hours later. He'd suffered only a mild concussion.

Sirius was not as fortunate.

When his body was found, Lim was immediately called to the scene.

"There was a flag over his bag and I carried him out with another officer," he said. "Everyone saluted. All the machinery was stopped—the same thing that is done for human police officers and firefighters."

SAR dogs that worked at both the World Trade Center and Pentagon were honored at the most recent Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. The dogs were introduced one by one, and a check for \$275,000 was presented to the National Association for Search and Rescue.

Sirius' remains were cremated at the Hartsdale Pet Cemetery in Westchester County, NY. Lim has saved the ashes.

A memorial service that will be attended by a large number of SAR dogs and their handlers is scheduled to be held later this month.

"He was my partner," Lim said. "I still step over the spot where he used to sleep in my room because I forget he's not there."



"Buy a pup and your money will
buy love unflinching."
—Rudyard Kipling

Man & the Ostrich

LeVaun Sheetz

A man walks up to the bar with an ostrich behind him; and as he sits, the bartender comes over and asks for their order.

The man says, "I'll have a beer" and turns to the ostrich. "What's yours?"

"I'll have a beer, too" says the ostrich.

The bartender pours the beer and says "That will be \$3.40 please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out exact change for payment.

The next day, the man, and the ostrich come again, and the man says "I'll have a beer," and the ostrich says "I'll have the same."

Once again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.

This becomes a routine until, late one evening, the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the bartender. "Well, it's close to last call, so I'll have a large Scotch" says the man. "Same for me" says the ostrich.

"That will be \$7.20" says the bartender. Once again the man pulls exact change out of his pocket and places it on the bar.

The bartender can't hold back his curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change out of your pocket every time?"

"Well," says the man, "Several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I just put my hand in my pocket, and the right amount of money will always be there."

"That's brilliant!" says the bartender. "Most people would wish for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!"

"That's right! Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man.

The bartender asks, "One other thing, sir, what's with the ostrich?"

The man replies "My second wish was for a chick with long legs."

The Litter Box

Judy Force proudly announces the birth of 12!!! Dalmatian puppies (7 girls, 5 boys) to *Piper*. **Judy** and *Piper* are exhausted!!!

Anne Terry proudly announces the adoption of *Rowdy*, a Chocolate Labrador Retriever.



Debbie Nelson proudly announces that she is keeping two of *Hobbes's* pups: *Seamus*, a male, and *Hattie*, a female.

Breed Specific:

Curly-Coated Retriever

A classic water dog, the Curly-Coat remains the least common of all retrievers, although at one time it was used extensively in Great Britain to retrieve from water. It has a superb water dog's coat, composed of crisp, tight, small, waterproof curls. Hip dysplastic can occur in some Curly-Coats; tight lower eyelids (entropion) also occur with greater than average frequency. However, this is a delightfully old-fashioned breed—calm and even tempered, but very alert when it is working.

Breed History: This is the oldest of the British retrievers, and evidence suggests that it existed as early as 1803. It probably descends from two now-extinct breeds, the English Water Spaniel and the Lesser Newfoundland, which was brought to Great Britain by cod fishermen.



BREED Facts:

Country of Origin: Great Britain
Date of Origin: 1800s
First Use: Waterfowl retrieving
Use Today: Gundog, companion
Life Expectancy: 12 - 13 years
Weight Range: 70 - 80 pounds
Height Range: 25 - 27 inches

Data gathered from:
DOGS (Portraits of over 400 Pedigrees)
Bruce Fogle, DVM
A Darling Kindersley Book
First American Edition, 2000

Editor's Note: Breed Specific is a column in which I will highlight a different breed in each issue. Some will be club breeds, some not.



Christmas Awards Dinner

This year's Awards Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, December 15 at Severino's in Aptos. Deadline for reservations is December 10. Cost is \$35.32 (including tax and tip) for the Holiday Prime Rib Buffet (described at right).

Reservations go to **Betty Garcia** (722-1748). Cocktails at 5:30; dinner at 6:00.

This is a very festive occasion with lovely decorations by Severino's. Annual title awards and special awards will be presented. We may have a program as well covering club activities for the past year(s).

We will also be featuring our Silent Auction. Please make donations to **Judy Force** (768-7148) or **Sue Adams** (688-6867). Bring donations to the dinner or get them to **Judy** or **Sue**—then come prepared to bid! It can be helpful if you call them to let them know you are bringing something so they have adequate supplies on hand.

The Doggie Gift Exchange will also take place at the dinner. Participation is lots of fun but is also optional. You may bring a gift on behalf of one or more of your dogs. For each gift you bring you will receive a gift. *In order to receive a gift for your dog, you must bring a gift to share.* Gifts should have an approximate value of \$7. **At the request of members, no rawhide please.**

Holiday Prime Rib Buffet

Roasted prime rib of beef, hand carved plus Chicken marsala

Hors D' Oeuvres:

Imported Cheese & Cracker Display served upon arrival

Holiday Buffet includes:

Seasonal mixed greens with three dressings, fresh spinach salad with mandarin orange segments and walnuts with a poppyseed dressing, fresh carrots, green beans and broccoli florettes in a garlic butter, fettucine Alfredo, roasted Yukon gold potatoes, assorted rolls with butter, coffees and herbal teas, holiday dessert.



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