

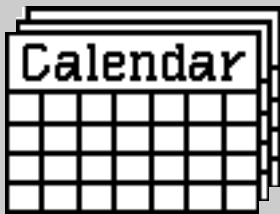


Ruff Notes

January 2003

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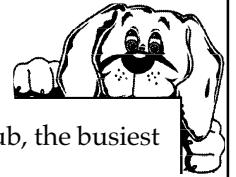
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What's Happening in May?

- 3 VST Test Setup
- 4 VST Test, CSUMB
- 5 Board Meeting, First National Bank, Watsonville, 7:00
- 6 Watsonville classes start
- 7 Pet Pals, Soquel AM classes start
- 8 Capitola PM & Salinas classes start
- 13 Conformation classes start
- 17 General Membership meeting, picnic, Pam's Park
- 20 Ruff Notes deadline

Paws for the President



Dear Members and Friends -

Even though our year-round classes are the backbone of our club, the busiest time of year is upon us.

All of our major events occur about the same time each year - so get ready - break out the sun block, shades and working gloves to join in and help!

May 4 our first VST Tracking Test chaired by **Luane Vidak** - not held in poison oak, hills and mountains but rather on the campus of California State Monterey Bay - just 30 minutes south of here. You are also welcome to come and watch - for us, the ease of putting it together given the new environment but still very difficult for the dogs! Come on down!

Next we have, in another new location, our Agility Trial on June 14 and 15 - need lots of hands for this one to help **Michael** and **Marion Bashista** and **Dale Root** - along with the sun block and shade!

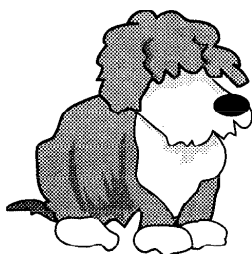
On to our annual Obedience Workshop, which will be held June 28 at our own Santa Cruz Fairgrounds in the livestock grass area - without the livestock I might add! Call **Tammy Del Conte** (or she will be calling you) to help out!

Then our finale on August 3 at Manzanita Park in Prunedale - another 30 minute jaunt just off Hwy 1 and Hwy 101 - beautiful grounds and very often foggy. We are joining together with the Dog Training Club of Salinas Valley, who will have their Trial on Saturday, August 2.

"Joining Together" seem to be key words with all of these events- whether it be with our own club members or members from other clubs - it is important to do just that for the advancement of our club and our dogs!

You must read on in Ruff Notes about the Human Race May 10 and our new Agility Classes!

So, come on out to work and watch - volunteering is a good thing!



Demonstrating Responsible Dog Ownership

Braggs

Mary Nie:

Chester earned another 4-point major at Sierra Dachshund Breeders Club by taking first in Bred By Exhibitor and Winners Dog to complete a championship. *Tigger* at the same show from Bred By took first place, Winners Bitch, and Best of Winners for a 4-point major (her third). *Lexus* at Orange Empire KC went first place in Open and took Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and Best Opposite Sex over Ch. bitches (her third major). *Lexus* at Silver Bay KC completed a championship with first place in Open, Winners Bitch, Best of Winners, and BOS over champions.

Amanda Nie:

With *Gerwood* in Junior Showmanship at Sierra Dachshund Breeders Club **Amanda** was Best Junior Showman. At Orange Empire KC she was second in Junior Showmanship with 10 entries. *Gerwood* at Orange Empire KC was first in Bred by Exhibitor and Reserve Winners Dog to the major. At SCVKC both days *Gerwood* was first in Bred by Exhibitor and Winners Dog.

Debbie Nelson:

Seamus at Yosemite KC was Winners Dog and Puppy Group 4.

Linda Harbertson:

Belle at Golden Retriever Agility in Open Jumpers scored 100 for first place to complete an OAJ. The next day she scored 100 for first place, first leg in Excellent A. In Open at BCOA National *Eclair* scored 187 1/2 for first place.

Sylvia Holderm,an:

Spring scored 193 1/2 in Novice B to complete a CD in three trials at SCKC.

June Laman:

Poppy scored 196 1/2 in Novice B to complete a CD in three trials at SCKC.

Crissy Hastings:

Gracie had four Excellent B Standard scores of 100 (one second place) and four Excellent B Jumpers scores of 100 (one fourth and one third place). *Logan* had four Excellent B Standard scores of 100 (one fourth place) and four Excellent B Jumpers scores of 100.

The Dog

via *Leash Lines*, San Joaquin DTC

On the first day of creation, God created the dog.

On the second day of creation, God created man to serve the dog.

On the third day of creation, God created all the animals of the earth (especially the horse) to serve as potential food for the dog.

On the fourth day, God created honest toil so that man could labor for the good of the dog.

On the fifth day, God created the tennis ball so that the dog might or might not retrieve it.

On the sixth day, God created veterinary science to keep the dog healthy and the man broke.

On the seventh day, God tried to rest but He had to walk the dog.



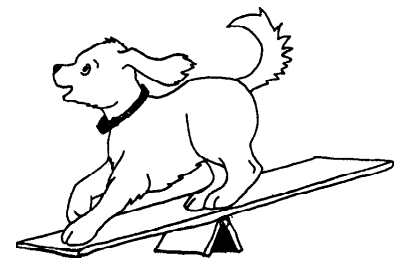
Ch Chester
Ch Lexus
Belle OAJ
Spring CD
Poppy CD



This month's Hot Dog Awards run from March 19 through April 15.

Trial Hot Dog—This month the Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **June Laman** and *Poppy* for their 196 1/2 score at Santa Clara KC.

Agility Trial Hot Dog—This month the Agility Trial Hot Dog Award goes to **Crissy Hastings** and *Gracie* for their 78.92% score at Davis DTC.



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.

AOCNC Report

Luane Vidak

The regularly scheduled quarterly meeting was held in Napa with Napa Valley DTC hosting the event. **Luane** and **Anita Vidak** attended for MBDC.

The Interclub Competition (obedience and JWW agility) is scheduled for Sunday, June 1 at Hayward State University. (MBDC Entries must be sent to **Luane** by Thursday, May 1). Monterey Bay is in charge of an Open Ring. Clubs need only bring a Canopy, 3 stewards for their rings, and pot luck lunch. All else, including judges, is provided by Fremont DTC and AOCNC.

For the Annual February (Sunday the 8th) Workshop, Monterey Bay is sponsoring a Utility Ring.

Bits and Pieces:

The Assn is in contact with GGKC offering to continue the CGC test and Education Table.

Presidents of the clubs of the Assn will be honored guests at a Brunch in October in Santa Clara Valley with Deep Peninsula arranging for the event.

This year one of the Board positions is dedicated as Information System Director. It is working well as the custodial system of all Event computer files. The Director forwards the pertinent materials to the Event Coordinator (Sec/Chm) who uses it and updates it as necessary, and returns it to the IS Director for retrieval by the next person in charge of the event. It reduces the number of out-of-date documents and has all pertinent information ready to be forwarded for the next event. It is proving to be a very open and manageable system.



Passing of the Guard

Luane Vidak

I've learned of the recent deaths of five of our fellow exhibitors over the past month. They are:

- Peter Schuessler** (Fremont DTC)
- Mary Jane Mordell** (San Lorenzo DTC)
- Bobbie Caltabiano** (Santa Clara DTC)
- Pat Dutra** (Golden Gate Labrador Retriever Club)
- LaVerne Ostermeyer** (Del Monte KC)

CGC Results

CGC Test Coordinator **Anne Terry** reports that there are three new CGCs after the February 25 test:

- Annie* (**Kim Sutherland**)
- Sophia* (**Diane Ventresca**)
- Toby* (**Tracy Hunter**)

Thanks to helpers **Christa Cordtz, Lynette Van Eps/Smith, Kim Sutherland, Judy Force, Marion Bashista, Linda Lang, Noreen Silva,** and **Stacey Thompson.**

Membership Renewal 2003 - 2004

Membership dues for 2003 - 2004 are now being accepted. In order to maintain membership, we need to receive your dues **no later than July 31**, though we would very much appreciate receiving them in June. The club year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Check the chart below to determine the amount of dues you need to remit in order to renew your membership.

One-person membership	\$24
Two-person membership (receiving one Ruff Notes)	\$36
Junior membership	\$12

In order to complete your renewal, you also need to complete the attached Directory Information Sheet and Committee Preference Sheet(s). Please also complete the attached Doggie Birthday Sheet.



Happy Birthday



To My
Special
Friend

June 17 Tammy Del Conte
23 Mary Bettencourt
28 Betty Gidding

and to all our furry friends born in June

2	Gemini Bettencourt, CGC (Pug)	age 10
5	Cinco Vierra CD, CGC (Dalmatian)	age 8
6	Ch Twig Holderman (Chesapeake Bay Retriever)	age 3
13	Noah Thompson CDX, MX, MXJ, CGC (Australian Shep.)	age 6
14	Ch Capi Pensinger NAC, NJC, CGC (Jack Russell Terrier)	age 4
20	Jack Flash Slater (Australian Shepherd)	age 2
20	Sophie Nie (Miniature Longhaired Dachshund)	age 7
23	Penny Davis UDX (German Shepherd Dog)	age 12
23	Kelli Bashista CDX, CGC (Labrador Retriever)	age 8
24	Tempe Wick Pensinger (Jack Russell Terrier)	age 4
28	Katelyn Nelson CD, CGC (Newfoundland)	age 8
30	Rumor Del Conte (Doberman Pinscher)	age 7
31	Dot McLeod (Border Collie)	age 4

Nominating Committee News

Kim Sutherland

This year's Nominating Committee is happy to announce the proposed slate for the upcoming board of directors. There is one snag, however. Despite our best efforts, we have not been able to find a Recording Secretary. Is there anybody out there who would be willing to take on the job???? I'm sure we must have overlooked someone. Don't be shy. Let **Kim** or **Pam S.** or **Stacy** know.

The proposed slate is listed below.

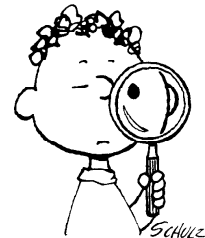
President : **Tammy Del Conte**
Vice President : **Michael Bashista**
Treasurer : **Marilyn Runyan**
Corresponding Secretary : **Margaret Gnehm**
Recording Secretary ??????????????
Dir. of Membership : **Betty Garcia**
Dir. of Publicity : **Jennifer Church**
Dir. of Matches and Trials : **Marion Bashista**
Dir. of Training : **Dani Nelson**

We would like to extend a hearty THANK YOU to all of those who have volunteered to serve!!!



Great Truths About Life That Children Have Learned:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.



Great Truths About Life That Adults Have Learned:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge . . . mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

Date: Sunday, May 4, 2003

Location: California State University Monterey Bay.
 Staging Area: Third Street, Parking lot 72
 Starting time of first tracking dog: 9AM

from Recall Bulletin,
 Deep Peninsula DTC
 Author Unknown

The closing date for VST entries is this coming 23rd of April. To date we have more entries than tracks. We have entries from Arizona and Washington. Additional ones have been promised to arrive before the draw time on the 23rd.

All working positions are filled and ready to get going. Job descriptions have been mailed out. Track layers have prepared by doing practice VST tracks.

Barbara Adcock, our honoree, has accepted our invitation to attend the event and post trial luncheon.

Non working club members are invited to attend and view a VST in action (first dog goes out around 9AM and others following in approximately 45 minute intervals.)

Luncheon reservations may be made by club members by contacting **Anita Vidak**. Lunch is planned at the Embassy Suites in Seaside at the close of the event (2 p.m.-ish). The luncheon items on the menu range in price as follows:

- Salads range from \$7.95 to 9.50
- Sandwiches from \$7.25 to 8.25
- Luncheon entrees from \$6.95 to 9.25

As I attend various VST tests and observe the dogs working, it becomes obvious how terribly complex following a VST scent really is. Watching the dogs' dedication to trying to sort out the complexities of the track is really pretty inspiring. I'm hoping to have **Barbara** share her understanding of how scent travels with the spectators as they follow behind the dogs.

10 Steps to Senior Health

from *Dog Fancy*, November 2000

As your dog ages, get proactive about maintaining its health:

- Note any behavior or physical changes in your dog and report them to your veterinarian. Consider keeping a notebook for jotting down notes between vet visits.
- Adhere to your veterinarian's recommendation for blood and urine tests; they help identify diseases in their earliest and most treatable stages.
- With your veterinarian's advice, consider a change to a senior diet.
- Have your dog's teeth examined regularly, and follow your veterinarian's advice on cleanings and at-home care.
- Maintain vaccinations.
- Brush and groom your dog regularly. You can spot lumps, sores, and parasites as you groom.
- Schedule a regular health examination; these become even more important as your dog ages.
- Provide moderate exercise to help control weight and keep muscles toned.
- Maintain a familiar routine and environment to minimize stress.
- If your dog has not been spayed or neutered, ask your veterinarian about having it done to avoid tumors of the mammary glands or diseases of the prostate.

Source: Pfizer Animal Health

Jane was an obedience trainer and an exhibitor. As the years progressed, she became more and more of a fanatic. Obedience trials consumed her life. One day it occurred to her that Heaven might not have obedience trials. She soon became obsessed with this disturbing possibility. It troubled her so much, it began to interfere with her everyday life.

One day, while returning from a trial, she came upon a sign that read, "Madam Esmeralda's House of Fortune". Jane was so desperate, she decided to try the fortune teller. The mysterious fortune teller asked her, "Why have you come?"

Jane blurted out, "Oh, I just have to know, are there obedience trials in Heaven?"

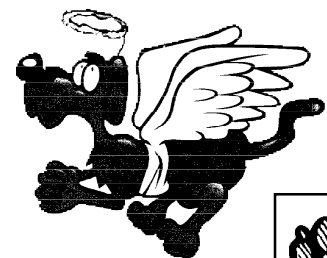
The fortune teller sighed and began to peer into her crystal ball. In a trance-like state, she finally said, "I have a vision. I see good news and bad news."

Jane could hardly contain herself. She said, "Tell me what you see. Are there obedience trials in Heaven?"

The fortune teller said, "Yes, there are."

Jane clapped her hands and began to cry with relief. Then she stopped short and asked, "That's great, but what's the bad news?"

The fortune teller paused for a second and then said, "It seems you entered this Saturday!"



May General Meeting Time !!!

Kim Sutherland

It's time for the May General Meeting at Pam's Park in Watsonville. Please join us for a fun-filled day with the dogs. We'll start around 10:30 a.m., have a pot luck picnic at noon and begin the meeting around 1 p.m. Please bring a dish to share, your own beverage and place settings.

Note: Directions to Pam's Park are located on the inside back cover of the Directory.

Join the Human Race !!!

Kim Sutherland

At the March general meeting, it was decided that in lieu of our annual Morris Animal Foundation walk, this year those who are interested would meet and participate in the Human Race walk on May 10 (dogs welcome). Any money collected would be donated to **Pluis Davern's** search and rescue organization.

There is great info on the walk at www.scvolunteercenter.com/humanrace/walkerinfo.asp. Anyone who would like to participate or pledge a donation can contact **Kim** at kimsutherland@attglobal.net. I will do my best to get you all coordinated. One very important note: you need not complete the entire 10K!!!



Monterey Bay Dog Training Club
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"A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down."

—Robert Benchley



Victorian society rejected the notion that pets were capable of feeling or expressing emotions.

—Golden Retriever Calendar



"Verily there are rewards for our doing good to animals and giving them water to drink."

—The Sunna

**Monterey Bay Dog Training Club
Committee Preference Sheet 2003 - 2004**

Name _____

Please return this form and other documents to Dani Nelson, P. O. Box 3286. Freedom. CA 95019

Membership Activities:

- AOCNC _____ Delegate (5 meetings)
- Awards Dinner
 - _____ Reservations/chair
 - _____ Awards
 - _____ Decorations
 - _____ Program
 - _____ Silent Auction
- Demos
 - _____ Willing to organize
 - _____ Willing to participate
 - _____ Suggested sites for demos:

Directory Preparation
_____ Committee

Dogathon
_____ Chairman
_____ Willing to participate

Fair Demo
_____ Chairman
_____ Announcer
_____ Participate with dog
_____ Helper

Fundraisers (mugs, clothing, etc.)
_____ Chairman
_____ Assistant

Gifts from the Heart
_____ Chairman

Phone Committee (to members)
_____ Gilroy area
_____ Salinas area
_____ Santa Cruz area
_____ Watsonville area

Photographer (separate from Club events)
_____ Photographer/Chairman

Picnic Committee
_____ Chairman
_____ Food
_____ Games
_____ Set up/equipment

Public Education
_____ Director

Ruff Notes
_____ Editor
_____ Assistant (input)
_____ Copying, collating, mailing

Secret Pal
_____ Chairman

Ways and Means
_____ Chairman

Committees:

- By-Laws Committee
Chairman: Vice President
_____ Member
- Matches & Trials Advisory Committee:
Chairman: Director of Matches/Trials
_____ Member
- Membership Advisory Committee:
Chairman: Director of Membership
_____ Member
- Training Advisory Committee:
Chairman: Director of Training
_____ Member

Meetings:

_____ Meeting in my home
Month _____

Suggested program:

Suggested presenter:

Ruff Says:

Sign up for
a bunch.



Training:

- Answering Service (from public)
 - _____ Gilroy area
 - _____ Salinas area
 - _____ Santa Cruz area
 - _____ Watsonville area
- Classes: Conformation
 - _____ Chairman/co-chairman
 - _____ Registration
- Classes: Salinas
 - _____ Registration chairman
 - _____ Registration assistant
 - _____ Culmination chairman
 - _____ Leashes and collars
 - _____ Refreshments chairman
- Classes: Soquel AM (Wednesday), Pet Pals
 - _____ Registration chairman
- Classes: Capitola PM (Thursday)
 - _____ Registration chairman
- Classes: Watsonville
 - _____ Registration chairman
 - _____ Registration (clerical help)
 - _____ Leashes and collars chairman
 - _____ Leashes and collars assistant
 - _____ Educational table chairman
 - _____ Refreshments chairman

Educational Seminar

Suggested topics: _____

Suggested presenter: _____

- _____ Chairman
- _____ Luncheon
- _____ Publicity
- _____ Registration
- _____ Refreshments
- _____ Setup/cleanup
- _____ Where needed

Intersession

Suggested topics: _____

Suggested presenter: _____

- _____ Chairman
- _____ Registration
- _____ Refreshments
- _____ Publicity
- _____ Setup/cleanup
- _____ Where needed

Events:

- Tracking Test 2004
 - _____ Chairman of _____ Committee
 - _____ Assistant on _____ Committee
- Obedience Trial 2004
 - _____ Chairman of _____ Committee
 - _____ Assistant on _____ Committee
- Agility Trial 2004
 - _____ Chairman of _____ Committee
 - _____ Assistant on _____ Committee
- Canine Good Citizenship Test
 - _____ Chairman
 - _____ Helper
- Obedience Workshop 2002
 - _____ Chairman or Co-Chairman
 - _____ Help with _____
- Agility equipment storage _____
- Equipment repair _____
- Trailer manager _____
- Trailer storage _____

Trial (T), Tracking (Tr), Agility (A) Committees:

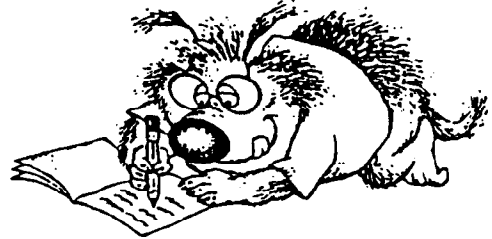
- T, Tr, A Secretary
- T, Tr, A Co-chairman
- T Announcer
- T, Tr, A Awards Chairman
- T, Tr, A Catalog Chairman
- T Catalog Advertising Chairman
- T, A Chief Ring Steward
- T, Tr Decorations Chairman
- T, Tr, A Equipment Chairman
- T, Tr, A Food Chairman
- T, A Grounds Chairman
- T, Tr, A Hospitality Chairman
- T Judges' Hospitality Chairman
- T Judges' Luncheon Chairman
- T, Tr, A Judges' Dinner Chairman
- T, A Labels Chairman
- T Mailing & Card File Chairman
- T Obedience Trial Committee
- T, Tr, A Photographer
- T, Tr, A Premium List
- T, Tr, A Publicity Chairman
- T, Tr, A Raffle Chairman
- T, Tr, A Refreshments Chairman
- T, A Ring Hospitality
- T, A Tote Board Chairman
- Tr Tracking Steward
- T, Tr, A Treasurer
- T, A Video Sales Chairman

Making a Difference—
Together!



2003 - 2004 Membership Renewal

Please provide the following information for updating/correction of Directory information.



Name _____

No change OR Address _____

No change OR City _____ Zip Code _____

No change OR Phone _____ (home)

No change OR Phone _____ (work) optional

No change OR e-mail address _____

No change OR Fax number _____

No change OR Spouse _____

No change!!!! Birth date _____

No change OR Breed(s) _____

Please return to Dani Nelson or Marilyn Runyan ASAP.

